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COVID-19 Booster Shots Available At Health Department

By Tracy Brookshier
Marketing Coordinator

All COVID-19 booster doses will be available at the Pike County Health Department beginning Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The CDC recently released a statement recommending COVID-19 booster shots for certain populations. There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine-type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Booster Basics:

• Must qualify under at least one of the following conditions:

• 65 years of age and older and/or residents in long-term care settings

• 18–64 years of age with underlying medical conditions

• 18-64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting (e.g. frontline medical workers, teachers, and first responders)

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• For previous Pfizer OR Moderna recipients, you must wait 6 months since your 2nd dose before receiving the booster.

• For previous Johnson & Johnson recipients, you must wait 2 months since your 1st dose before receiving the booster.

• Please bring your COVID-19 Vaccine Card.

Getting your COVID-19 Vaccines:

- Pfizer: Mondays by appointment

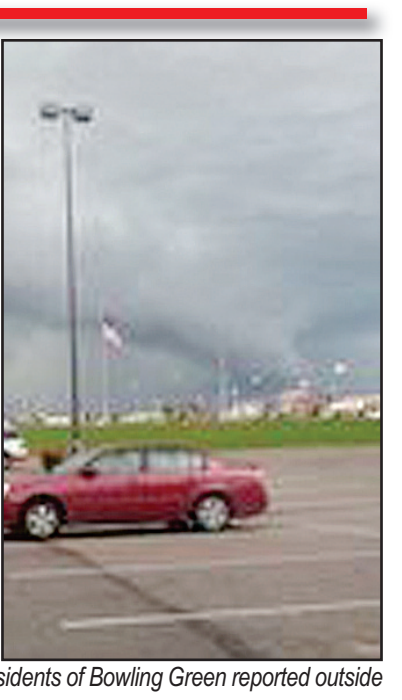
- Moderna: Wednesdays by appointment and Special Booster Clinic held on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

- Monday-Friday: Johnson & Johnson no appointment necessary

Available data right now show that all three of the COVID-19 vaccinesapproved or authorized in the United States continue to be highly effective inreducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant.Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and reduce the spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging.

We encourage the public to decide which vaccine is right for them and contact us with any questions.

Visit our website at www.pikecountyhealth.org to schedule an appointment, read the CDC's full press release, and find more resources on the COVID-19 vaccines.



Pictured are some of the rotations that residents of Bowling Green reported outside of Bowling Green.

Photos by Kierly Moore & Stephanie Boyer

Rotation Spotted Outside Bowling Green

By Brice Chandler
Editor

Severe storms swept through Missouri on Sunday, Oct. 24 weather giving area residents a scare.

The weather prompted a tornado watch for Northeast Missouri and severe thunderstorm warning being issued for Pike County with the sirens eventually going off.

While no tornados were confirmed to have touched down in the area, multiple people reported sighting a funnel cloud just outside of Bowling Green. Pictures of the cloud flooded social media on early Sunday evening as the storm moved into the area.

The cloud was reported by other sources as a rotating wall cloud and prompted the National Weather Service to issue a tornado warning in Eastern Pike County and a large portion of Pike, Ill.

The St. Louis office for the National Weather Service did however confirm a tornado touching down near Farmington which is about 75 miles southwest of St. Louis. Other tornados were also confirmed around 9:10 p.m. on Sunday near Fredericktown and St. Mary causing significant damage there.

Vandalia Chamber Welcomes The Secret Garden

Members of the Vandalia Area Chamber of Commerce, relatives, and friends gathered Saturday, Oct. 23 at The Secret Garden in Vandalia to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured cutting the ribbon are owners, Cory and Silvia McFadden.

City Of Paynesville Holds Annual Homecoming

The City of Paynesville held its annual homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The day started with a parade at 11 a.m., led by the American Legion Riders Post 226, Elsberry and several other motorcycle riders from the different communities, along with Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein from the Clarksville VFW Post and Auxiliary, along with several other participants. Mayor Joanne Hammuck was driven in the parade by Mr. and Mrs. Rossevelt Burse. Opening ceremony was held with Mayor Joanne Hammuck, welcoming everybody, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Herbert Everett and National Anthem led by President Mary Tarpein.

Craft and food vendor booth's filled the ground along with youth games by Amy Cooke, cornhole tournament by Fred Johnson. Heather Swope and Terry Redd were in charge of the drink and soveneirs, entertainment was by Mary Jane Morrow and Patty Chandler and PUSH Band from St. Charles.

It was really an enjoyable day.

Plans are already being set for next year, hopefully we will get to hold it on the annual day the first Saturday in August, it was changed because of COVID-19 this year.

The town board was happy to see as many people come and support them.

Louisiana Woman Gets To The Heart Of Titanic Tragedy

By Brent Engel

It's been 80 years since the death of a Louisiana seamstress who got the scoop of the century with firsthand accounts of Titanic survivors.

May Birkhead passed at age 59 on Oct. 27, 1941, and is buried in Louisiana's Riverview Cemetery.

Almost three decades earlier, Birkhead had been in the right place at a horrible time. On the way to Europe aboard Carpathia in April 1912, she was thrust headlong into history. The ship was among the first to respond to Titanic's distress call.

Newspapers were desperate for first-hand accounts of the disaster. A reporter from the New York Herald had earlier visited May's family in Louisiana to do a story on Champ Clark's 1912 presidential aspirations, and he remembered May saying that she and an aunt would be aboard Carpathia.

The reporter wired the ship and convinced May to send back reports from rescued Titanic passengers. Little did the paper know that its readers would be treated to exclusive, not to mention riveting, accounts of the ship's fate.

May was awakened at 4:30 on the morning of April 15, 1912 – just hours after Titanic plunged into the icy depths of the North Atlantic.

"I got out and on deck by 5 and was greeted with a most beautiful sight of icebergs on every side – some of much greater dimensions than the ship, and some baby ones – all beautiful white in the calm sea and glittering sun, a most impressive view, but one that turned from gorgeous beauty to sickening pangs when I learned the great disaster one had caused," she said.

May soon saw lifeboats dotting the sea. Carpathia's crew brought Titanic survivors on board one at a time. Many were chilled to the bone, but May noticed that the shock had left some in a state of disbelief.

"I have not yet found anyone among those rescued ones who was frightened when they started out to sea in the small boats, or who had a thought of its being anything but a temporary arrangement," she noted.

Titanic stewards summoned weary passengers on deck. No one seemed alarmed at first.

"There was absolutely no panic in getting into the lifeboats," May wrote. "The women, of course, were put in first. They kissed their husbands goodbye, thinking they were going out to sea for a short time only by way of precaution, and would return as soon as the ship was sighted."

Reality soon set in, however.

"There were only 16 lifeboats, not nearly enough to accommodate half the passengers," May's account read. "So, at the very best, there must have been some heart-sickening scenes among the men when they learned there was nothing in which they could be put to sea. They simply had to go down with the ship."

With lifeboats in short supply, desperation set in. A group of 25 women and two men made a raft out of Titanic's deck chairs. Both of the men died of exposure and only eight of the 25 women survived. Making the tragedy even more horrifying was how quickly it all took place.

"Not one vestige of Titanic could be seen when the Carpathia came into sight of the lifeboats at dawn – not even one mast sticking up, as might have been expected," May observed. "That unsinkable boat was out of view in just those two-and-one-half-hours."

May proved to be an astute reporter, providing insights and testimony that the world wanted to hear. "I am told the band was playing as the big ship went down and the last heard of it was playing 'Nearer, My God to Thee.'"

Some of the people in the lifeboats were singing.

"This was in part to keep their ears and minds closed to the awful cries for help which came from Titanic when it became clear that the ship was going down," May said.

The stories might have been overwhelming, but May had an innate fortitude that kept her going. While most of Titanic's passengers realized the magnitude of the disaster, there were others who seemed oblivious.

"One woman whose husband was drowned never mentioned him, but never ceased to bewail the loss of her jewels, which she repeatedly assured all who would listen to her were worth $30,000," May reported.

Instruction on being vivid was not really necessary. It was painfully obvious.

"These poor souls say after leaving Titanic in the lifeboats that the cries for help of those left to go down were the most harrowing." May said. "They will never forget them if they live for a thousand years, and some can't sleep at night for hearing those awful cries."

May called the crew of Carpathia noble and remarkable, and made note of the unselfishness exhibited by the ship's passengers.

"Every cabin has been filled and women and children sleeping on floors in the dining saloon, library and smoking rooms," she wrote. "The passengers of Carpathia have divided their clothes with the shipwrecked ones until they have at least kept warm. Some children were entirely without clothes in the second cabin, but the women joined together and made warm clothes out of the blankets belonging to Carpathia, and with needles and thread they could pick up from passenger to passenger."

Most of the rescued passengers were unfamiliar, but May did recog-

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NECAC Awarded $75,000 For Healthy Homes Program

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has been awarded a $75,000 grant by UnitedHealthcare for its Healthy Homes initiative.

The grant was part of $500,000 in funding UnitedHealthcare awarded to 10 community-based organizations in Missouri to expand access to care, support maternal and child health, and address social detriments to health for people and underserved communities.

"We're honored to be supporting local organizations that offer essential resources to address social and economic factors that have a profound impact on people's health," said Jamie Bruce, chief executive officer of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Missouri. "These organizations play a vital role in providing greater access to care and essential services in high-risk and high-need communities throughout Missouri."

"This is a wonderful partnership between people who do remedial work and healthcare," said NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick. "There's a natural link between housing and health, and this grant will help NECAC's Healthy Homes initiative provide more services that will improve the well-being of many people."

Healthy Homes began in 2015 and has been nationally-recognized by NeighborWorks America, a Congressionally-chartered organization that supports community development through grants and technical assistance. Homes are weatherized by NECAC crews. The idea is to create healthier living conditions by upgrading ventilation systems while removing environmental hazards and contaminants such as mold and lead paint

"Our homes can make us sick," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts. "This grant will help to make homes safer and healthier for families."

To qualify, applicants must place their names on the waiting list for the NECAC weatherization program. To do so, call NECAC Housing Development at 573-324-6622 or the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Bus. Hwy. 61 North in Bowling Green at 573-324-2207.

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

Helen B. Carr, 90, Louisiana
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Vandalia Area Historical Society Plans Tree Display

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Those attending were Vicki Wright, Paul Ray, Ann Kohl, Kevin and Teresa Wenzel, Andrew Bartison, Pete Nasir, Linda Klug, and Joy Davis. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read. The financial report showed the paying of the building insurance bill and the air conditioning repair bill. A bill for the Scavenger Hunt prizes for Prairie Days was allowed. An estimate of over 60 people visited the museum and about 30 enjoyed the Scavenger Hunt for the event.

A donation was made to the Trunk or Treat event at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce is planning a Halloween event for Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m. The museum will participate. The museum closes for the regular season on that day as well.

The Chamber of Commerce Home Town Christmas event will be on Saturday, Nov. 27. The VAHS will host the decorated Christmas Trees display from 2-4 p.m., that day.

The 2022 annual card party and soup/sandwich supper will be Saturday, Jan. 29. Further plans will be made at future meetings. Tickets will be available after the Nov. 20 VAHS meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m., at the Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Plans For Veterans Day

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The September minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for audit. A thank you note was read from the Bobby Foree family for the memorial donation to the Farber Christian Church.

During the business meeting a donation was made to the Hospital Fund and the Adopt-a-Vet donation was increased. Vets in this program are Ed Parks, Bill Ehrlich, Kenneth McDonald, Wayne Pease and Alvin Fowler who reside at the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico. Lydia Vogt's application for membership was accepted. She is the granddaughter of VFW member P.A. Hull.

Buddy Poppy donation canisters will be out for Veterans Day, Nov. 19. Members Val Galloway and Judy Hull will be working at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Museum on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 1-3 p.m. There was a graveside memorial service at Evergreen Memorial Garden for Eddie Hall on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

Closing ceremonies were observed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The five members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, and Ann Wasson.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Eastern Missouri Conference Softball Selections

FIRST TEAM

PITCHER

Tanner Turner, Bowling Green, sr. *; Taylor Howard, Silex, sr.

INFIELD

Abagail Mooney, Silex, jr., Devyn Keller, Van-Far, sr.

OUTFIELD

Gwen Gilbert, Silex, sr., Sydney Charlton, Bowling Green, soph.

UTILITY

Tori Mudd, Silex, jr., Shana Yates, Clopton, jr., Kaelynn Wommack, Bowling Green, jr.

*Denotes unanimous.

SECOND TEAM

Kelsey Shuford, Clopton, fresh., Jeaneya Bazan, Clopton, soph., Alli Jenkins, Louisiana, soph., Emily Powell, Louisiana, soph., Mara Jensen, Van-Far, jr., Rita Thoroughman, Silex, jr., and Karlie Ellis, Silex, soph.

Class 3 District 6 All-District Softball

Bowling Green High School senior Tanner Turner was named to the Class 3 District 6 All-District team. Turner is a pitcher for the Lady 'Cats.

Class 1 District 8 All-District Softball

PITCHERS

Taylor Howard, Silex, Shana Yates, Clopton, and Mara Jensen, Van-Far

CATCHERS

Sara Grateke, Silex, Brooklyn Glasgow, Community R-VI.

OUTFIELD

Gwen Gilbert, Silex, Madilyn Ingram, Van-Far, Jeaneya Bazan, Clopton.

UTILITY

Tori Mudd, Silex.

INFIELD

Devyn Keller, Van-Far, Abagail Mooney, Silex, Rita Thoroughman, Silex, Sarah Angel, Community R-VI, Kelsey Shuford, Clopton, and Carmen Wilburn, Van-Far.

EMO All-Conference Cross Country

BOYS

FIRST TEAM

Ben Chance, Trenton Griffith, Elija Henningfeld, Bowling Green.

SECOND TEAM

Colton Hearn, Bowling Green; Josh Harvey, Clopton, and Jose Soto, Bowling Green.

GIRLS

FIRST TEAM

Megan McMillen.

SECOND TEAM

McKenna Claborn, Silex, and Abbie Waddell, Bowling Green.

Offender Death

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, offender Jonathan Harris, No. 163742, was pronounced dead at the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green.

Harris was a 57-year-old male serving a 10-year sentence for two counts of first-degree burglary, stealing, stealing $750 or more, first-degree tampering with a motor vehicle, stealing a motor vehicle and second-degree burglary from Jackson County.

He was first received in the Missouri Department of Corrections on Nov. 7, 2000. Harris died of apparent natural causes.

We Welcome Your Local News

Cuivre River State Park To Host Community Trunk Or Treat

Staff members at Cuivre River State Park invite the public to a community trunk-or-treat event from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the equestrian camping area.

Organizations from the Troy area will decorate campsites and trunks following the theme "75 Years of Making Memories at Cuivre River State Park." Participating trunks and campsites are encouraged to portray the decorators' favorite things about the park.

Street Beanz, a local food trunk, will be on-site with refreshing Halloween-themed drinks and treats. Participants are invited to join park staff at site 301 to enjoy a campfire and s'mores.

This is a family-friendly event. For more information about the event, or to sign up to host a trunk, call the park office at 636-528-7247.

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1902 Marion Dr. Louisiana - 3BR/ 2 BA home. Many updates have been made throughout, including flooring, bathrooms, windows, and roof. The full walkout basement has additional living space, as well as plenty of room for a workshop/hobby area. Located on an oversized corner lot, property has plenty of shade trees so you can enjoy the yard. Located on a quiet street. **List Price: $118,000**

1002 Texas St. Louisiana - 1 Storyhome with 3 BR, 1 BA has newer vinyl siding, a metal roof, and new windows. Underneath all the carpet is hardwood flooring that is in great condition! The shed has been freshly painted and is a great place for extra storage or a workshop. **List Price: $35,000**

422 North 7th St. Louisiana - INVESTMENT PROPERTY!!! This home has 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, kitchen, gas fireplace, detached garage and cellar. Seller recently has put all new siding on house. Nice fenced in yard to keep your pets. Currently rented for $550.00 a month. **List Price: $36,000**

520 S. Main St. Louisiana - Properly includes 3 lots. Has Mississippi River view. Home has no value. Ground is in the Flood plain. **List Price: $30,000**

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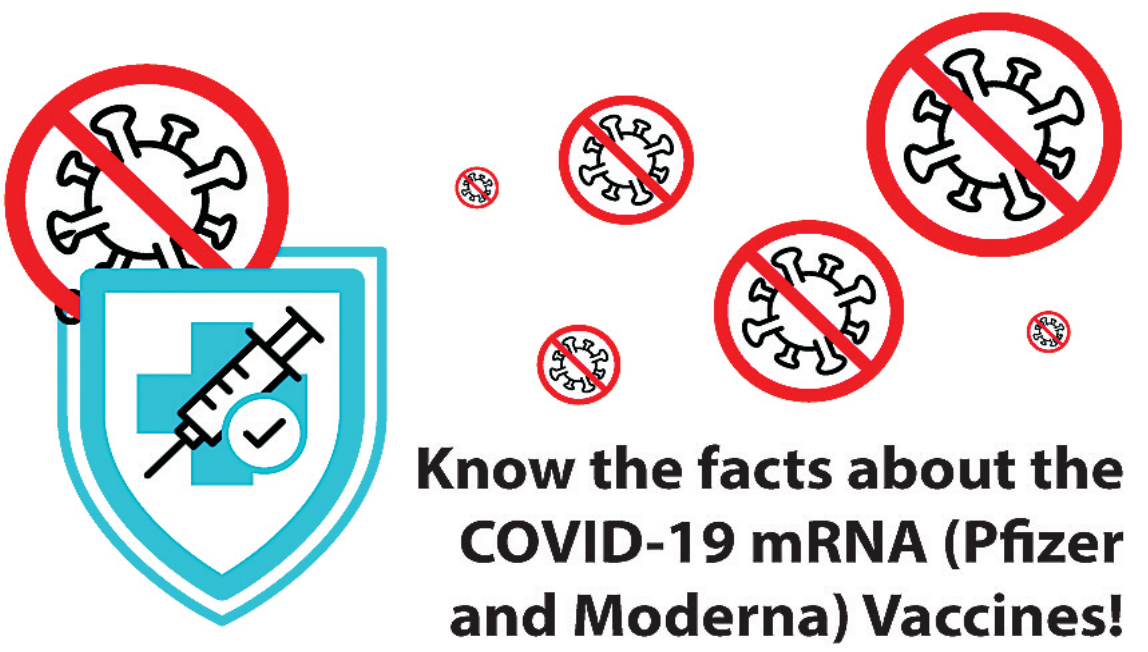

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Bobcats Slug It Out With Cardinal-Ritter

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Bowling Green juggernaut marches into post-season play with an undefeated record after edging out Cardinal Ritter 24-20. Leading up to the game, many fans considered the Cardinal Ritter the toughest challenge for the Bobcats this season.

The Lions lived up to that expectation as one of only two teams to keep Bowling Green under 30-points.

The Friday, Oct. 22 kept fans on the edge of their seats after Cardinal-Ritter imposing defensive lined knocked free the ball on the Bobcat's opening drive, scooped it up, and ran it in for an early lead in the first quarter. They made good for the extra two points taking a 8-point lead in the first two minutes of play.

On the Bobcats battled into the Lion's end of the field before another fumbled ball game it back to the visiting team.

Bowling Green's defensive line denied Cardinal Ritter ground as they forced them to punt from their 20-yard line, but the high punt bounced back to the Lion's 38-yard line.

Charlie Bowen, Dylan Dalton, and Marcus Starks made small gains edging the ball towards the endzone, but another fumble kept them from seizing advantage of Ritter's bad punt.

The Bobcat's continued slugging it out with Cardinal Ritter into the second quarter when it looked like the visiting team would extend their lead.

Bowling Green's defense pressured the Lion's quarterback, forcing him to make a long throw for the endzone but Owen Niemeyer was there making a huge jump to intercept the ball and reinvigorate the Bobcats.

After denying the Lions another touchdown, the offensive line gave Starks and Bowen room to push out of Bobcat territory.

Starks finally got the opportunity he needed to break away for a 47-yard run before being chased down at the 2-yard line.

Dalton carried it in for the touchdown with under six minutes left of the first half. He followed that up with another run to tie-up the game leading into the second half.

Not to be outdone, the Lions scored again early in the third quarter after a big 45-yard pass on their first play after the kick-off return brought them to Bowling Green's 11-yard line.

Two plays later, Cardinal Ritter pushed through the middle to add another touchdown on the board.

It was another battle on the field as the Bobcats gained yardage in short bursts working to within 10-yards of the goal.

Starks burst through the middle and flew into the endzone to tie up the game once again. He ran the ball in again for the two-point conversion to give the Bobcat's their first lead of the night.

The Lions came close to adding answering it on their next play but turned over possession on downs within scoring distance.

The Bobcats burned off the clock and carried their next possession into the third quarter before extending the lead with another Starks touchdown. Dalton followed it up with a connecting pass to Starks in the endzone for the extra points putting Bowling Green ahead by 10-points.

The Bobcats defense continued turning up the heat on the Lions by holding them off into the final minute of play when Cardinal Ritter's quarterback made a big connecting pass for a touchdown with less than 10 seconds left. Unable to make the extra two-point conversion, it wouldn't be enough unless they could recover possession on the kick-off.

Cardinal Ritter kept the home crowd on the edge of their seat as a Lions player dove onto an onside kick attempt, but he touched the ball just before it passed 10 yards and the Bobcats controlled possession and claimed the victory 24-20.

The Bobcats face the (1-8) Missouri Military Academy for the first round of district play at home this Friday with opening kickoff at 7 p.m.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636 or e-mail to: peoplestribune@sbcglobal.net

On Oct. 31: Eolia Community Fire Protection District will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the fire station located at 105 S. Main St, Eolia, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come set up on their lot.

On Dec. 4: There will be a Light Up the Night Eolia event held from 10 a.m.-?. Things will kick off with a Santa Run at 10 a.m., reindeer games in the park, quilt show at the Eolia Methodist Church. Santa will be making the rounds during the day, a cake auction to raise funds for repairs to the gazebo, local businesses will be open, food stands, craft vendors, a lighted Christmas parade beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by fireworks

Call 324-6111 To Place An Ad

Agape House Receives Grant

In the Tuesday, Oct. 19 Agape House of Vandalia meeting board members learned the guest house has been awarded a grant of $1,000 from Cardinals (St. Louis) Care.

The grant will be used for gas cards for visiting families with children. The grant has been renewed now for several years and is appreciated by all the recipients.

Board members conducted the quarterly review of the house and its management. Aside from two areas needing repainting, the house was found to be in excellent condition.

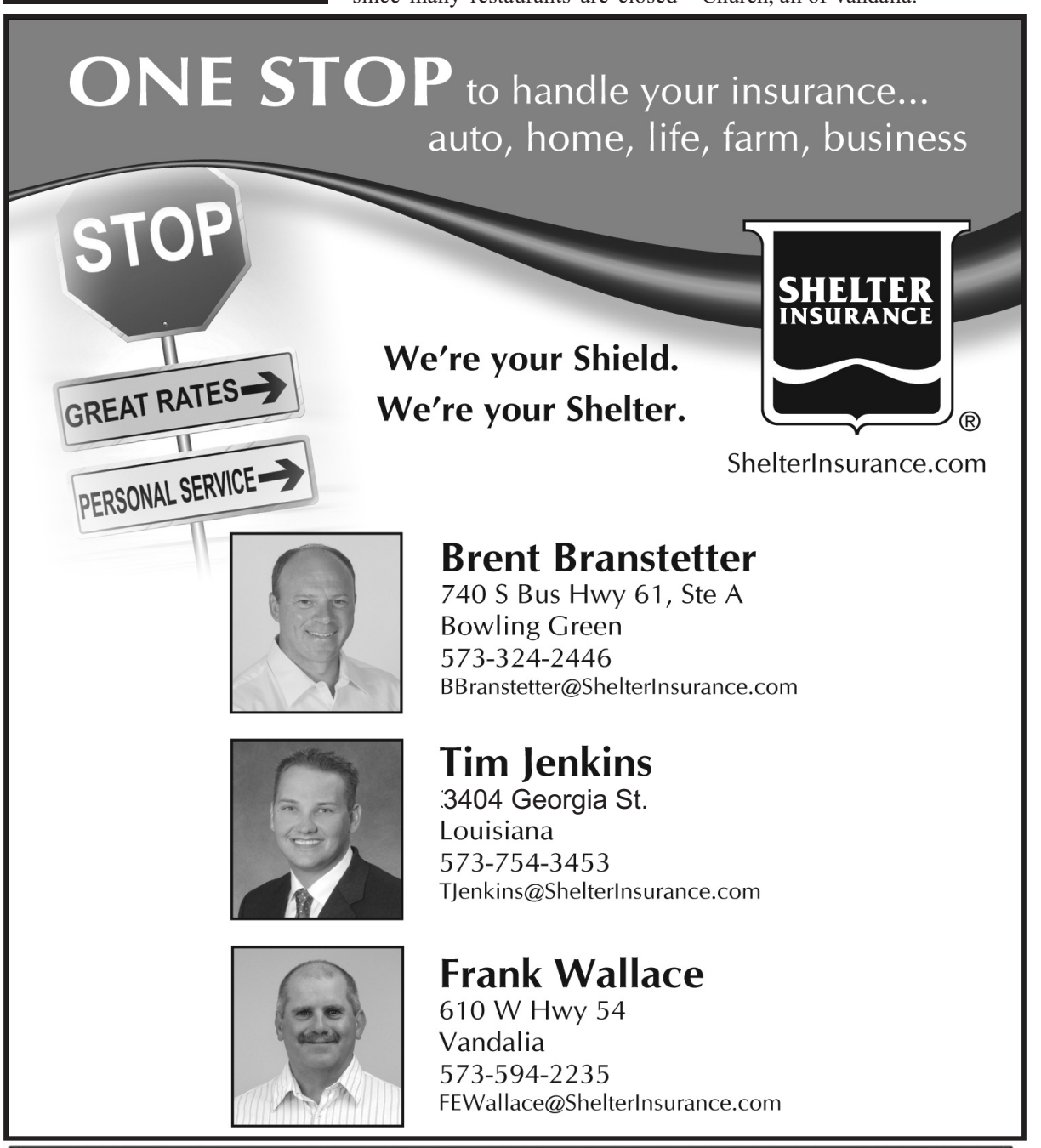
Discussion was held concerning the present requirement to make advance reservations. Board chairman Rich Duffner will discuss this with the house manager and this restriction may be lifted so that walk-in guests can be accommodated while maintaining social distancing. The house provides overnight accommodations for families visiting loved ones in the correctional centers in Bowling Green and Vandalia.

A meat and cheese tray will be provided for guests on Thanksgiving since many restaurants are closed then.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 when Christmas decorations will be placed.

Board members attending were Jane Duffner, R. Duffner, Janet Heim, Eldora Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, and Mary Thomas.

Monetary gifts received in September include the following: Adiel Baptist Church and Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Trinity Lutheran Church of Center; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; David and Julie Talley of Laddonia; Grand Crossings Baptist Association and Lockewood Park Baptist Church of Mexico; Women's Fellowship Emmanuel United Church of Christ of St. Charles; Hopewell Church and John Yost of Thompson; Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus of Troy; and First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Spencer Creek Baptist Church and Southside Baptist Church, all of Vandalia.



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Obituaries

Helen B. Carr

Helen Bernice Carr, 90, of Louisiana died Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 at her home in Louisiana.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana. \Visitation was held from 12 p.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

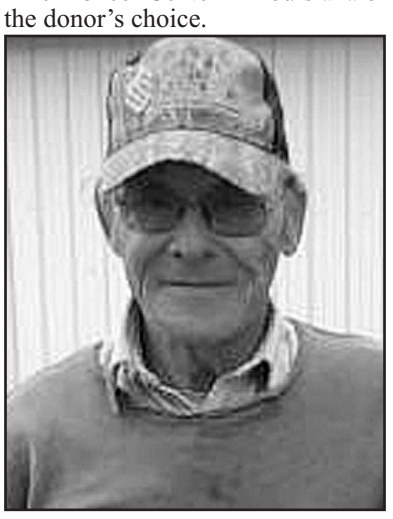
Helen was born Jan. 12, 1931 in Pike County to George and Myrtle Colvin Williams. She was married to Glenn Eugene Carr on Jan. 15, 1949 in Louisiana. He preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2017.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Sterne and husband, Geoff of Clarksville; a son, Michael Carr and wife, Geri of Huntsville; eight grandchildren, Vivian Kirk and husband, Spencer of Lee's Summit, Alisha Hubbard and husband, Michael of Hot Springs, Ark., Daniel Carr and wife, Jamie of Madison, Kathryn Kelly and husband, Darrin of Nebo, Ill., Laurie Leger and husband, Bert of Katy, Texas, David Carr of Moberly, Benjamin Sterne and wife, April of Eolia, Eric Sterne and wife, Jessica of Clarksville; and several great-grandchildren; a nephew, Jeff Pate; and a niece, Joyce Jesse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Price Williams, and a sister, Georgia Pate.

Helen had lived in Louisiana most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Louisiana. She was a homemaker and capable of all the duties that go with it. She loved working in her garden, enjoyed cooking and sewing and needlework. She had babysat for many children over the years and she held them dear to her heart.

Memorials may be made to the Pike Pioneer Center in Louisiana or the donor's choice.



James Patrick Ryland

James Patrick Ryland died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

James was born March 26, 1950 at home in Clarksville. His parents were William and Edna Zumwalt Ryland.

James is survived by a son, James Ryland Jr. and Tammy Gibbons, and granddaughter, Erin Ryland on Louisiana. He is also survived by a brother, Charles of Tipton, Iowa, and Billy Joe of Keokuk, Iowa; and sisters, Sally Ryland of Fresno, Calif., Rebecca Cooper of Custer, S.D., Berneta Wood of Ft. Madison, Iowa, Sharon Page of Sedgewicksville, Alta Olmsted of Lakeland, Fla., and Janice Ryland of Brownsville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Ruby Ruggles of Hamilton, Ill., and Cathleen Johnson of Louisiana.

James was a United States Navy veteran and proud of his service to his country.

He had a great appreciation for life, and a preference for "out-of-doors" work and recreation. He was an "ace" mechanic, and enjoyed gardening, hunting, and fishing.

A private memorial service is planned by his family.

James 'Jim' Lester O'Hanlon

James "Jim" Lester O'Hanlon, 78, of Silex died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 at his home.

A Rite of Christian Burial was held Friday at 10 a.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood- with Fr. Charles Tichacek officiating.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Silex.

Jim was born March 14, 1943 in Troy to Lester and Ann O'Hanlon. He was united in marriage to Clara Mae Standfast on Oct. 31, 1964. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2012.

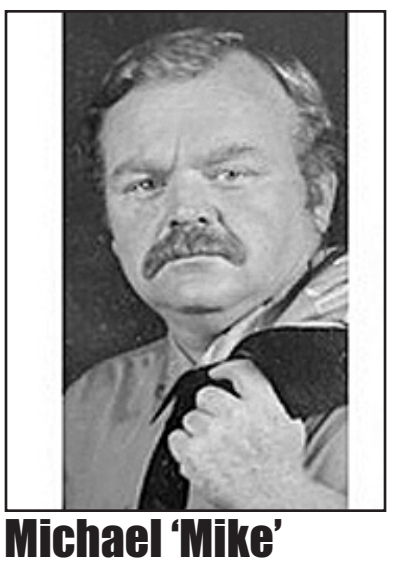
Jim grew up in Silex. He resided briefly in Troy and St. Louis, but eventually moved back to Silex in the 1970s to live on his Granny's farm, where he remained the rest of his life. Jim was employed at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing for 30 years, retiring at the age of 54. While working there, Jim made many lifelong friends. In recent years, Jim enjoyed going out to eat and he really loved visits from his daughter and his friends and neighbors.

Jim is survived by a daughter, Angela O'Hanlon and husband, Glenn Hooker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and son, Shawn on April 30, 2018.

Memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.com.



Michael 'Mike' Zeiss

Michael "Mike" Zeiss, 75, of Silex died surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021.

Visitation was Thursday from 2-8 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Visitation was also be held at funeral home on Friday from 9- 11:30 a.m., then family went in procession to St. Alphonsus in Silex for the funeral Mass. Last Call and Flag Ceremony from Blackjack Fire Department was at the funeral home before leaving for Mass. Interment was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Millwood, with full military honors

A Celebration of Life was held after burial from 3-6 p.m., at Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Troy.

Funeral Mass was held Friday at 1 p.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Millwood. Fr. Chuck Tichacek officiated.

He was born Sept. 25, 1946 in St. Louis City to Frank and Margaret Meyer Zeiss. He attended the local schools along with his siblings. Mike enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1964-67 and was honorably discharged. He went on to become a firefighter/EMT for the Black Jack Fire Department and served for over 30 years.

Mike was a brave protector to everyone he served. He was an asset to his firehouse and many of his fellow employees went to him for advice, earning him the nickname "The Preacher".

He was married to Karen Van Winkle and they were blessed with Dolores. He was later married to Mary Lou Mintman and they were blessed with Matt, Emily, and bonus children, Kathy and Mandy. Later in his life, Mike was married to Carol Miller, this added to more to the family, Mike Chandler and Lisa Chandler. Six months ago Mike was blessed to learn he had a son that was never known. Steve and wife, Tanya Soos came into his life and with him an addition of eight more beautiful grandchildren.

Mike was a kind and loving man, who considered everyone family and treated everyone the same. Some of his hobbies were traveling , hunting, fishing, camping, and basically anything involving family. Mike was very brave and always a protector, he had the love and respect of his family and also his co-workers. He could be stubborn and strong-willed, this is what allowed him to get things done. Mike had a big heart and was always willing to forgive and forget. He was a man of strong faith who attended St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood while he lived in Silex. Mike really enjoyed his time spent once a month on Tuesdays at Zadock's (his favorite place) with his firefighter friends.

He is survived by his children, Dolores Zeiss and Tim Runyon of Salem, Ill., Steve Soos and wife, Tanya of St. Louis County, Matthew Zeiss and wife, Jenni of Troy, Emily Peggs and husband, Scott of Silex, Kathy Leach and Tab of Fulton, Mandy Brunnert and husband, Chris of Troy, Mike Chandler and wife, Shannon of Maryland Heights, and Lisa Chandler of Fulton; 28 grandchildren, Kylee Pitts and husband, Shawn, Carly Rust, Hunter Rust, Garrett Rust, Avery Rust, Jillian Zeiss, Noelle Zeiss, Ethan Peggs, Evan Peggs, Elliott Peggs, Alexis Brunnert and Nathan Knox, Chad Brunnert, Nathan Chandler and fiancé Claire Dettmer, Nick Chandler, Hailey Chandler, Hannah Kluczny, Dustin Niffen, Charles Reef III, Anna Reef, Kelsey Drewel and fiancé Brett Ward, Krista Jones and husband, Nick, Jaedon Soos, Kayleah Soos, Keira Soos, Colten Soos, Caden Evans, Savannah Evans, and Logan Evans; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald Zeiss and wife, Carol; a sister-in-law, Barb Zeiss; his ex-wives and friends, Karen Schneider of Salem, Ill., and Mary Lou Gregory of Troy; many, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carol, grandchildren, Joshua Albert and Stephen Soos Jr., and siblings, Donald Zeiss and Mary Reeding and husband, Dave.

Pallbearers were Ron Zeiss Jr., Jeff Zeiss, Ethan Peggs, Evan Peggs, Elliott Peggs, Steve Zeiss, Gary Brummet, and Larry Harden.

Memorials may be made to Backstoppers or Responder Rescue c/o the funeral home.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @www.mccoy-blossomfh.com

Ralph Gregory Presley

Ralph Gregory Presley, 62, of Hannibal died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at Willow Care in Hannibal.

Arrangements for cremation are under the direction of the James O'-Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

There will be no services at this time.

Ralph was born Feb. 8, 1959, in Louisiana to Vernon Ellis Presley and Helen Virginia Taylor Presley Kottwitz.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Kottwitz of Louisiana; two sisters, Kathy Hilton and husband, George, and James of Louisiana, and, Romona Otterson and husband, Randy of Atlanta, Ill.; a brother, Steven Presley and wife, Charlotte of Clarksville; one son, Greg Presley and wife, Debra of Mexico; two daughters, Michele Presley of Moscow Mills, and Brittany Walmur and husband, Timothy of Eolia; one granddaughter, Serenity; one grandson, Dominic; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Ellis Presley, a brother, Tony Presley, grandparents, father, and stepfather, Walter Kottwitz.

Professionally Ralph worked for the railroad and worked as an over the road trucker.

Ralph loved holidays at his mom's house, enjoyed his mother's cooking, loved to hunt and fish, and most of all loved spending time with his family.

Ralph was Baptist by faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to donor's choice .

Online condolences may be shared at www.JamesODonnellFuneralHome.com.

Deborah Kay Carr Schulz

Deborah Kay Carr Schulz, 69, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield.

Her wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

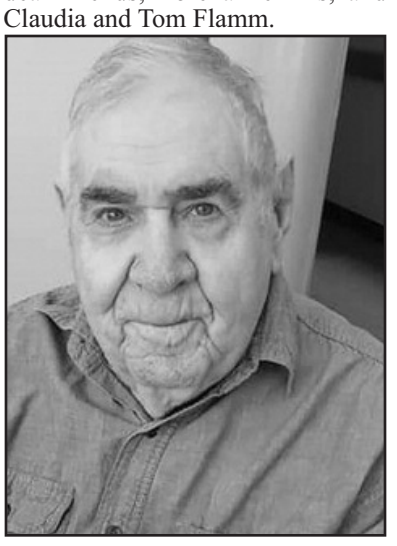
Debby was born Jan. 21, 1952 to John Ed and Willa Mae Baker Carr of Bowling Green. She was united in marriage to Michael Schulz on March 27, 1989. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 2020.

She is survived by her mother; one sister, Phyllis Sisson; a niece, Mitzi McCormick and Derrick Reading, whom she cherished; a great-niece, LaCosta Hays; a great-nephew, Joseph McCormick; two great-great-nieces, Elisabeth and Lillie Hays; a great-great-nephew, Leland Hays, whom she thought of as her own and spoiled often; and two step-grandsons, Dillon and Brandon Mathias of Minnesota.

Debby was a graduate of Bowling Green High School. Mike and Debby have resided in Lake Crystal, Minnesota and Vandalia; finally settling in rural Bowling Green. She had been employed at Wil-Lo Café, Bankhead's Chocolates, Moon Winks Café, sold combined insurance, Moore-Pike Nursing Home, and later drove a tractor-trailer truck.

Debby's hobbies included cooking, flower gardening, and crafting, as her health allowed.Debby was also preceded in death by her father; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sam and Helen Schulz; brother-in-law, David Sisson; and a step-daughter, Rachel of Minnesota.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends; along with three dear friends, Lorena Perkins, and Claudia and Tom Flamm.



Henry Everly Clark Jr.

Henry Everly Clark, Jr., 95, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana.

Funeral services for Henry were Monday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m., at Antioch Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green with Richard Biggs officiating. Burial was at Antioch Cemetery.

Visitation for Henry was from 10-11 a.m., Monday at the church.

Henry was born Nov. 15, 1925 in Bowling Green to Henry Everly Clark, Sr. and Ruth Lloyd Robinson. He was united in marriage to Lulu Lee Colbert on Aug. 14, 1948 in Hannibal. She preceded him in death in 2013.

Henry is survived by daughters, Myrna Trower and husband, Wilby of Troy, and Karen Cover and husband, Joe of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Teresa Reynolds and husband, Corey, Bill Cover and wife, Ginna, Jeff Trower and wife, Kristy, and Roy Cover; great-grandchildren, Kyle Brewster, Kory Brewster, Tami Reynolds, Mealiea Cover, Bridgett Cover, and Brandt Cover; along with many nieces and nephews.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; sisters, Barbara Pennewell and Anna Gene Colbert; and a brother, Lloyd Clark, who died in infancy.

Henry grew up in Pike County and lived here his entire life. He was a 1943 graduate of Bowling Green High School. He was drafted into the United States Army as an MP and a truck driver, and served from Sept. 9, 1946-April 16, 1947. He was a member of the Vintage Machinery Club and loved antique tractors and farm machinery.

Henry loved going to farm auctions and showing his tractors in Elsberry at the Old Trasher's event. He enjoyed spending time with his family and going to MeMe's for coffee in the mornings. When his daughters were younger, Henry made sure they learned to play softball, and he was always a big Bowling Green Bobcat supporter.

Henry was a member of the Antioch Presbyterian Church; as well as an Elder, a deacon, and a cemetery board member. Henry was known as an honest and simple man. He will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Pallbearers were Kyle Brewster, Kory Brewster, Joe Cover, Bill Cover, Jeff Trower, and Corey Reynolds. Honorary pallbearer were Roy Cover.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Cemetery or Antioch Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.com.

Master Gardener Club To Meet

The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

There will be a presentation on making wreaths from fresh greenery by Janet Miller and Margaret McKay.

All SRMG club members and guests will be asked to please social distance and wear masks at all times due to COVID-19 guidelines in place at this time.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information contact MU Extension Marion County Office 573-769-2177 or Michael Powell 573-248-4425.

Call 324-6111 To Place An Ad In The Trib

Celebration Of Life

The children of Jim and Velma Rentfro invite you to join them in a Celebration of Life for their parents on Saturday, Nov. 6. A gathering of family and friends will be held at St. Pat's Hall in Vandalia from 10-11:30 a.m., with a service immediately following.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Pike County Hospice.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

These "spooky" sponsors join The People's Tribune in wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday by following a few simple tips.

Clip & Save

MOTORISTS

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

PARENTS

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

COSTUME DESIGN

- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retroreflective tape should be used to make children visible.

CHILDREN

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

SAFE TREATS

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

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Community News

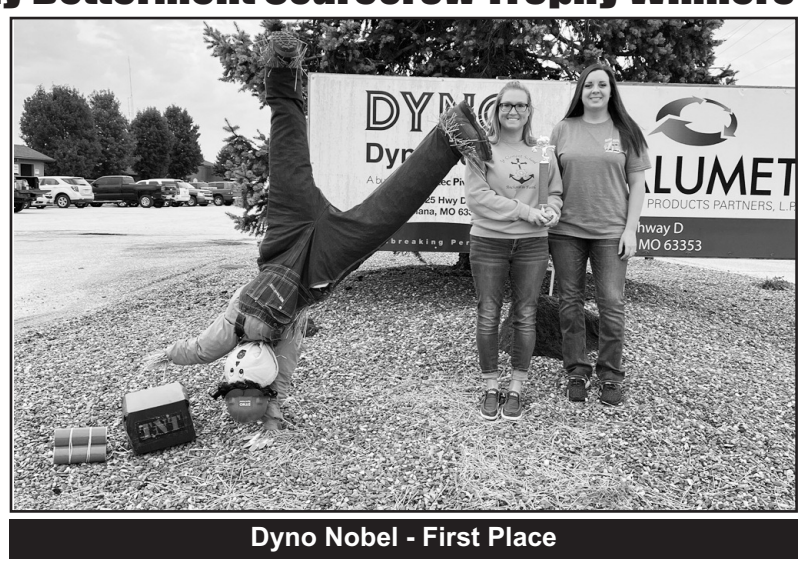
Louisiana Community Betterment Scarecrow Trophy Winners

A scarecrow decorating contest was conducted by the Louisiana Community Betterment Association. Judging began Monday, Oct. 4 and trophies were awarded on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

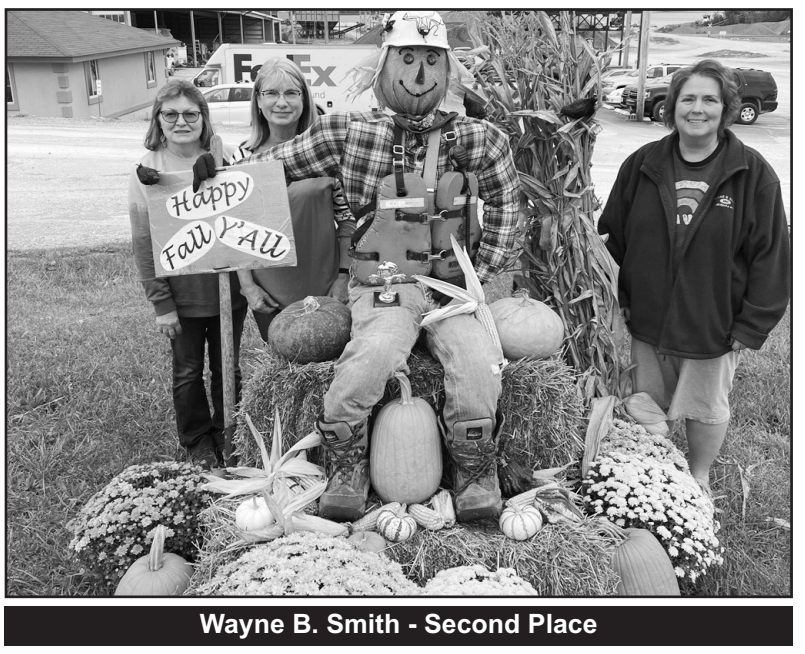
A total of 14 scarecrows were entered by businesses in the Louisiana area. "The judges had a very difficult time picking the first, second and third place winners. The judges told me that the competition was very stiff and that each one was so unique," stated Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson.

The first-place-trophy was awarded to Dyno Nobel, second place to Wayne B. Smith, and third place trophy was awarded to Mercantile Bank.

Businesses that participated in the scarecrow contest are: Abel Oil, Joe's Jug, Ayerco, Cindy Blaylock State Farm Agency, Crazy Ladies Garden Center, Dyno Nobel, Handmade Harvests, Hen House Restaurant, Hop's Restaurant, Mercantile Bank, The Eagle's Nest, and Wayne B. Smith.



Dyno Nobel - First Place



Wayne B. Smith - Second Place

The Mercantile Bank - Third Place

Titanic

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nize a couple of them.

Hannibal native Molly Brown was aboard one of the first lifeboats that reached Carpathia. And a pregnant 18-year-old Madeleine Astor was in another, still upset that her husband of less than a year – the richest man in the world and almost 30 years older – had been left behind, last seen quietly smoking a cigarette and watching his young bride's lifeboat push off from the doomed ship.

"In the boat with Mrs. Astor – who wanted to put back toward Titanic to rescue men, who after plunging overboard were struggling to save themselves – were other women who wanted to keep going forward," May reported. "Mrs. Astor was inclined to return to the men. Her own husband had been left behind, and she was urged to offer the oarsmen any amount of her wealth if they would put back. But the will of those who were opposed prevailed and the oarsmen rowed onward."

May didn't pull any punches.

"Such loss of life has never before been known on the sea, and who is to be blamed can scarcely be told," she said. "All seem to have done what could have been on board Titanic after she started to sink. The explicit confidence of her passengers seems to have been their undoing. From all that I gather, the truth of the Titanic seems to be that it was not completed. It seems that the workmen were pushed very hard to start her on the day she was booked and, consequently, left numerous little things undone."

A wireless operator on Carpathia sent the stories to New York. It took the ship, which rescued 710 Titanic passengers, four days to reach the port.

"One can realize what horror might have been added to the already too great disaster had our ship not received the message, it being the only ship that did receive the message," May wrote. "Those people would have been left to drift the seas."

The Herald was so impressed with May's reporting that it gave her a full-time job. During World War I, she reported from Europe and later worked for the Chicago Tribune. May never married and never had children.

Carpathia wasn't as fortunate. It was sunk off the coast of Ireland during the last months of World War I by three torpedoes from a German U-boat.

Like Titanic survivors, May never forgot what she witnessed, and her Pike County neighbors always remembered her.

Birkhead "is considered a heroine by the folks back home and all her country people, including Champ Clark," the Washington Post wrote.

Tri-County Saddle Club Appoints Committee To Audit 2021 Books

By Beth Traynor Gilbert

Members met at the Tri-County Saddle Club grounds for a monthly meeting Saturday, Oct. 16.

New members were discussed and the treasures report was given. It was voted that the Saddle Club will have our annual Christmas party at Spare Time Bowl & Grill in Vandalia Saturday, Dec. 18. The meal will be catered and we ask that each attending family supply a dessert. We are excited for the laughs and entertainment this event will bring. Christmas cards and invitations will be mailed to current paid members.

A committee was organized to audit the 2021 books, board members were discussed, and suggestions were made for 2022 officers.

There will be no meeting planned for the month of November, however it was concluded that members will gather together to burn brush and tidy the grounds before winter comes. This is planned for 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19. All that are available are encouraged to come and bring horses.

As always the Tri-County Saddle club is grateful for our members and officers, those that volunteer their efforts and time to keep the organization thriving, and all the people in the community that support our events. As we near the close of 2021 we thankfully celebrate 60 years with appreciation and high hopes for future possibilities. Long live cowboys!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bowling Green R-I School District is inviting General Contractors to submit sealed bids for the Bowling Green High School and Frankford Elementary School Entrances Project for the Bowling Green R-I School District, 700 West Adams Street Bowling Green, Missouri 63334. Bids are due by 10:30 a.m., central standard time on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at the District's Central Office, 700 West Adams Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Instructions to Bidders and Project Specifications can be obtained from Drexel Technologies, 135A Weldon Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63043 / www.drexeltech.com / (314) 872-0900. A non-refundable fee will be charged by Drexel Technologies. Plans and specifications are also available for viewing at the school district's office. Any questions on the project can be emailed to Dr. Stephen Hunter at shunter@bgschools.k12.mo.us.

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A Message From The Pike County Assessor's Office:

Our office recently had the opportunity to attend the Missouri Assessor's Association Conference in the Lake of the Ozarks along with the rest of the Assessors from 114 counties throughout Missouri. During this conference the main topic of discussion was increasing real estate and personal property values across the state.

If you have been considering purchasing a new or used vehicle over the past year, then you have an idea of what is going on in the market currently. Our office has compiled some statistics and data from across the state that we thought the public would appreciate being informed of.

We feel the following bullet points have the most informative information regarding how Covid has affected the automotive and RV market.

•In April and May of last year, US Automakers were forced to close factories for eight weeks to help stop the spread of the virus. This cut production, limiting inventory even as demand remained surprisingly strong.

•The lack of new vehicles has sent more people into the used vehicle market, driving up the demand on used vehicles and higher prices.

•Even though fewer cars were sold in 2020, dealer profits are up by 48 percent per NADA.

•Used car prices were rising faster than new car prices, that being said, the spike is a double-edged sword. Dealers are trying to snatch up as many used cars as they can to satisfy customer demand, this means anyone looking to sell or trade-in a used vehicle can get top dollar for it.

•In February 2021, vehicles with higher mileage were selling for more than what we ever could've imagined. The average amount paid for autos with mileage between 100,000 and 109,999 in February 2021 was up 31% ($16,489) from February 2020 ($12,626).

•According to Cox Automotive (parent company to Kelly Blue Book), used vehicle sales were up 117% in March 2021 compared to March 2020.

•In June 2021, trucks with higher mileage were selling for 49 percent more than what they were in June 2020.

•The RV market exploded during the COVID-19 pandemic causing the demand for self-sustaining travel to kick into high gear in 2020. With record numbers of travelers buying RVs and with pandemic induced shutdowns, including RV industries, it led to supply shortages and increased pricing.

•The demand for RVs is so high these days, the vehicles are doing something virtually unheard of; they are increasing in value. Every financial advisor in the USA, Canada, or anywhere in the world will tell you that RVs decrease in value, not increase. They decrease so quickly that the general rule is when a brand-new RV leaves the sales lot, its value drops 25%. Eric Lawrence, at Black Book, a company that monitors values of used RVs sold at auction, reported recently that while motorhomes had decreased slightly in value in January from December, they had jumped over the past year from an average of $43,854 to $59,092. Towables increased in January by 4.1% from the month before but increased in a year's time from an average of $14,462 to $20,371.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact us directly at 573-324-3261 or stop by our office on the first floor of the courthouse Monday-Friday between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We will do our best to help explain any concerns you may have. In our next publication, there will be another informative statistical ad regarding increased real estate information.

Thank you, Pike County Assessor Tracy Foster
Amanda, Laine, Kim, Kaitlyn, Sara, & Tim

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Excitement Builds As Van-Far Learns Of Track Improvements With Grant

By Brice Chandler
Editor

Van-Far Booster Club President, Tracy Wilburn, shared some of their growing excitement as the Nov 1, 2021, deadline for FFP bids nears.

In last week's article in The People's Tribune, Van-Far R-I School District Superintendent, John Fortney shared how the school district was awarded a matching grant for $250,000 to help build a new track with improved facilities.

He credited Wilburn along with the Van-Far community and Athletic Booster Club as being instrumental in receiving the grant.

Wilburn, who has been a part of the Booster Club for several years and is now president, plans for improvements to the facility were drafted as far back as 2009.

"The last improvement was made in 1987 with the concrete curb being added," she told The Tribune. "So, this is long overdue."

According to Wilburn, work on applying for the matching grant began in earnest in 2019 as Tony DeGrave became the district's superintendent. "I met with him in before school started that year to talk about making improvements and he was completely onboard forupgrades." After several more meetings the Wilburn, DeGrave, and the booster club came up with a plan to submit for a matching grant that had been utilized by several schools in Northeastern Missouri.

"This wouldn't have been possible without him to help get the ball rolling on the project. I'm excited that Fortney was also onboard for the project when he became superintendent."

Wilburn said that after several meetings and filling out all the paperwork, they experienced several setbacks that slowed the project down – one obstacle came as a surprise.

"We had to have the area surveyed to make sure the project wouldn't disrupt any bat and frog habitats," she noted.

Once the project was deemed safe for all bats and frogs living in the area, they completed all the necessary paperwork and prepared to submit just in time for COVID-19 to hit.

"That also set us back to the point where 2020 applications were being submitted along with the 2021 applications," she explained. "Everything kept being pushed back and it became discouraging."

After finding out they were accepted, the work has all been worth the wait.

"We're super excited to have this being done now," she said. "Its long overdue. We've had track athletes who don't get to step foot on an actual track until their first competition. We've made do with what we had, and the students have done a great job." Shenoted that for a school who has sent two teams to state championships, the new track facility will be a vast improvement. "Sometimes they would practice in the parking lot or the school halls. We've had coaches who have taken kids to other school tracks whenever they could, but now they won't have to do that. It's going to help more than just the athletes. The elementary school will be able to use it along with people in the community."

Wilburn said this was the first time the school has applied for this matching grant which helped since the grant is awarded on a point-based system. Schools that have not received a previous grant are given additional points in their favor.

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Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 16 W. Church Street, Bowling Green. Applications may be submitted by mail, in person at City Hall, or electronically to Linda Luebrecht, lluebrecht@bowlinggreenmo.gov

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Van-Far R-I School District
Request for Proposal
New Track/Field Event Construction

Issue Date: Monday, Oct. 4, 2021
Proposals Due: Nov.1, 2021 at 11:00 AM CDT

The Van-Far R-1 School District is seeking sealed proposals from qualified bidders for the renovation of the track/field event areas on the campus of Van-Far R-1 School District.

The project will be utilizing federal funds to assist in the development of this project. This is an equal opportunity bidding event and MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to respond.

Bid packets can be requested from:
Mr. John Fortney, Superintendent
jfortney@vf.k12.mo.us
Van-Far R-1 School District
2200 West Highway 54
Vandaila, MO 63382
573-594-6111 x501

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fundraiser Planned For Farber Baseball Field

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Farber Community Betterment Association(FBC) is offering the chance to nab a cart load of merchandise during a five-minute free-for-all shopping spree at County Market.

The fundraising event is planned to help bring much needed improvements to the Van-Far Baseball Field in Farber.

FBC's president, Brandie Gay, told the Tribune the group is hosting a Shopping Spree at the Vandalia County Market.

"You will have five minutes at County Market to get whatever you want except for gift cards and lottery tickets," she explained. And we put a $100 limit on alcohol and cigarettes. I wanted to do something that was new and exciting for the community that no one had ever done before."

According to Gay, the event is part FBC's ongoing improvements within the community.

"Each year, as part of the Farber Fun Fest, the FBC picks an area in Farber that needs work," Gay explained. "One year we did the Farber Community Building, We painted all the walls, converted an office into a handicapped bathroom and laid a new floor. This year like many others we have picked a project at Sportsman Park. Sportsman Park is the home of the Van-Far Indians Baseball, and we want to update the backstop and lay concrete where the bleachers sit.

The group also has discussed improvements to the dugouts and adding logos on landscape at the park entrance.

"With the approval of the grant for Van-Far's new track and football field, we wanted the baseball field to have an updated look as well. This may take a year or two to complete but with this NEW and Exciting Fundraiser, it will bring us one step closer to our vision."

The group would like to raise $5,000.00 for the project and plan to start with a drawing for the shopping spree on Sunday, Nov. 7. The spree will take place on Saturday, Nov.13.

"The ball field is the only thing that ties Farber to Van-Far, so we want to make this special for the baseball team," Gay noted.

Those interested in purchasing chances to win the Shopping Spree drawing can purchase a ticket for $10, 7 for $50, or 15 for $100.

Tickets can be purchased at Kudas Auto and Ramsey Dickerman State Farm Insurance.

For more information contact Brandie Gay at 573-721-2970.

Kids Doing The Right Thing

Members of the Louisiana Community Betterment, Mayor Kathy Smith and Police Chief Will Jones were present on Monday, Oct. 11 to present Anna O'Brien with the LCBA Kids Doing the Right Thing award. Anna was presented with the KDTRT award for her efforts to keep Louisiana clean by picking up litter and for her willingness to engage other children in constructive play at the playground. Pictured from left to right are: Kiffany Ardeneaux, LCBA Secretary, Louisiana Mayor, Kathy Smith, Anna O,Brien, award recipient, Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson and Louisiana Police Chief, Wll Jones. Photo was taken by Walter Logan, LCBA committee member.

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Pike Soil, Water Conservation District Upgrades Equipment

BY MEGAN DEEDER
DISTRICT SPECIALIST IV,
PIKE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has recently upgraded their equipment that is used for surveying conservation practices.

Conservation practices help reduce wind and water erosion on agricultural lands. There are many added benefits to each conservation practice as well such as, improved soil health, increased soil organic matter, decreased sediment in water runoff, etc.

The equipment is utilized for surveying waterways, terraces, ponds, livestock pipelines, to name a few. Technology is rapidly changing and it is vitalthat the equipment used for surveying is up-to-date to ensure the best accuracy possible. The terrain for some conservation practices can be difficult to get to, so having the UTV is very nice to have and to help with surveying efficiency.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides the grants to the SWCD districtsthroughout the state to help purchase and/or upgrade technical equipment. Equipment recently purchased for the Pike County SWCD is a new laser, rod, soil probes, a trailer, and UTV. Here is a little information on how the SWCD districts receive funding for the conservation programs.

"Soil conservation and state park operations share the funds from the one-tenth-of-the-one percent Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax that was initially placed on the August 1984 ballot as the Soils and Parks tax-Constitutional Amendment No.2. Since then the tax has been reapproved in 1988, 1996, 2006, and 2016.

Pictured are Micah Bailey (NRCS/SWCD, Shared Technician), Daniel Mallory (Pike SWCD Board, Secretary), Robert Dempsey (Pike SWCD Board, Member), Karen Sinclair (Pike SWCD, District Specialist III), and Rick Merritt (Pike SWCD Board, Treasurer).

Half of the revenue from the tax is used for saving soil and protecting the water resources of Missouri. The majority of the soil and water portion of this tax is used to assist agricultural landowners through voluntary programs that are developed by the Soil and Water District Commission and administered by the Soil and Water Conservation Program through district boards in each of the 114 counties.

The tax also continues to allow Missouri State Parks to remain free and open to all visitors and continue maintenance and improvements that are needed to ensure visitors have the best experience possible." (Missouri Department of Natural Resources)

Works Cited Missouri Department of Natural Resources. "History of Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax". Soil and Water Conservation Program. Available at: https://dnr.mo.gov/land-geology/soil-water-conservation/parks-soils-water-sales-tax. Accessed on Oct. 6, 2021.

'Health Entrepreneurship' Could Boost Care

Missouri ranks below the national average in many key measures related to health and access to health care, especially in rural parts of the state.

A new report from University of Missouri Extension suggests that "health entrepreneurship" might be one solution to the state's shortage of care providers.

"Turnover is lower among primary health care providers when they practice as self-employed physicians instead of working as wage or salary employees," said Sarah Low, associate professor of regional economics in MU's Division of Applied Social Sciences.

The report, "Missouri Health Care Availability and Outcomes Differ Regionally," was written by Low and Maria Kuhns, an MU Extension business development counselor and former MU graduate research assistant in agricultural and applied economics.

In her master's thesis, Kuhns looked at survey data from more than 900 rural health care providers to find that, all things being equal, self-employed health care providers— "provider-entrepreneurs"—were 12 percent less likely to consider leaving their rural communities.

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