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MDC Forester Suggests Ways To 'Regift' Live Christmas Trees

Let Cuivre River State Park Recycle Your Christmas Tree Through Jan. 15

Give fish a gift this year by recycling your live Christmas tree.

Cuivre River State Park will accept live Christmas trees for fish habitat until Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023.

Team members from Cuivre River State Park will join fisheries biologists from the Missouri Department of Conservation to sink the donated trees in Lake Lincoln in an effort to improve fish habitat. By providing structure and cover for fish, the trees will improve fishing opportunities for park visitors.

Cuivre River State Park is located five miles east of Troy at 678 State Route 147. The drop-off point will be marked with a sign at the back of the visitor's center parking lot.

A live Christmas tree brings us many gifts for the season. From the spicy-sweet aroma, the elegance of their stature, to the charming decorations that adorn them. But after the holidays, you can carry on the benefits of live Christmas trees in many conservation-friendly ways by regifting them back to nature, according to Missouri Department of Conservation Department (MDC) foresters.

Since they come from nature in the first place, one of the advantages live Christmas trees is that they can be recycled to benefit the environment, wildlife, and even people. There are plenty of after-holiday uses to consider.

"Most live trees can be chipped and turned into mulch, which you can use to return organic matter to the soil," said MDC Community Forester Mark Grueber. "As the mulch breaks down, it helps keep soil moist and cool during the summer and warmer during the winter."

Many municipalities will offer mulching services where residents can drop of their trees and return later to collect the mulch. Or, if homeowners have no use for it, the mulch might find a place in public works projects to benefit the community.

Along the same lines, gardeners can cut boughs and branches from their trees and place over perennial beds to help protect from frost and snow. Pine needles are very moisture and mold-resistant, thanks to their waxy qualities.

Used Christmas trees can also give a holiday gift to wildlife, according to Grueber. "They are great for habitat – place them in a quiet corner of your yard to provide cover for wildlife or stand them up and place bird feeders on them for winter feeding," he recommended. Those with property might also use the used trees to build brush piles for wildlife.

And naturally, there are craft ideas that make use of post-holiday trees. Grueber said there are plenty of ideas to be discovered online. The branches can find a use as part of a potpourri mix or be woven into an after-holiday wreath. Discs cut from the trunk, dried in the oven, and painted, will create a multitude of things, like drink coasters, refrigerator magnets, wall art, even ornaments for next year's tree.

Property owners can sink used trees into their ponds to help create homes for fish. The trees benefit some of the most popular species that anglers like to pursue, including largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie.

Since these fish typically spawn in shallow water, MDC recommends tying the tree to a cement block and submerging it at a depth of four-seven feet. This gives emerging fish easy access to the cover. No need to cut it up, the entire tree is best for creating fish structure. Of course, you do need to remove all traces of decorations, tinsel, or garlands. Since the underwater habitat will concentrate fish, place the tree so you can easily cast nearby, and you might see a boost in your catch rate.

Something absolutely not to do with a Christmas tree, though, is burn it in the fireplace. Evergreen needles contain nitrogen and substances called terpenes, which are highly toxic when burned, making the smoke unsafe to breath. Burning coniferous trees can also build up flammable, corrosive creosotes on the inside of a chimney. Finally, evergreen needles might cause sparks, and a fire danger in your home.

One of the many beauties of live Christmas trees is their potential to be recycled in so many beneficial ways. Regifting them to nature truly embodies the spirit of the season and can continue to provide natural benefits long after the holidays are over.

A used Christmas tree lies in a snow-covered backyard to provide cover for birds and wildlife.

Tri-County Baptist Homes Names Administrator, DON

Aaron Witte of Vandalia was named the new administrator at Tri-County Baptist Homes in Vandalia.

Witte graduated from Van-Far High School in 2004. I graduated from University of Missouri-Columbia with my BS in biological sciences in 2008. He then entered graduate school at the School of Health Professions and graduated with a doctorate of physical therapy in 2011. Witte then returned to University of Missouri-Columbia's master of healthcare administration executive program in 2015, graduating in 2017.

Witte is married to his high school sweetheart and love of my life, Kacie, for the last 16 years. They have five children Noah, 13, Elizabeth, 7, Nathanael, 5, Abigail, 4, and baby Levi, nearly 10-months-old.

He has worked as a physical therapist since graduating in 2011 at Audrain Medical Center, Boone Hospital, and in long term care with RehabCare/Select Rehab. Witte was currently working full-time with the Missouri First Steps program providing early intervention services for children 0-3 years old and served as a director and tutor of his family's Classical Conversations homeschool community. "I feel strongly that God has

Pictured, front left: interim administrator Penny Kampeter; newly appointed administrator Aaron Witte; newly appointed DON Judy Morris; Baptist Homes board member Jim Hodge; and TCCC board president Connie Hesse.

Trib Photo By Nancy Case

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HarbisonWalker International 'HWI' Acquired By Platinum Equity

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Board of Directors of HarbisonWalker International (HWI) announced that it has signed an agreement to be acquired by Platinum Equity, a global investment firm operating companies in a broad range of business markets. The acquisition plan ensures HWI's continued growth and leadership in refractory products and services.

Financial terms were not disclosed. The transaction is expected to be completed in the first half of 2023, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

"This is excellent news for our employees, customers, and communities," said Carol Jackson, chairman and CEO, HarbisonWalker International. "Platinum Equity supports our intent to continue driving HWI forward into an unprecedented new era of growth. Over the past several years in North America and throughout our global operations, we've built operational excellence, differentiated ourselves through our supply reliability, and delivered the deepest and widest offerings of refractory products and expertise. Our new owner is wholly aligned with our leadership team's vision to aggressively accelerate investments in our business. We are poised to capitalize on the momentum that our team of employees has built together."

"HarbisonWalker has built an impressive organization, and we have deep respect for the company's legacy, culture, and commitment to serving its customers," Platinum Equity partner Louis Samson said in the release. "We are excited to continue investing in its growth."

In July, Platinum Equity announced plans to acquire Imerys SA's High Temperature Solutions business (HTS), a provider of refractory solutions serving more than 6,000 customers primarily in Europe and Asia, in a transaction that is expected to close by the end of the year. Once both acquisitions have been completed, HWI and HTS will combine into a global business with increased reach and scale.

"HWI's presence in North America complements HTS's business in Europe and Asia," added Mr. Samson. "Their product portfolios are also highly complementary and will create a comprehensive, well-rounded offering of brick and powder-based refractories for a global customer base. We expect the combination to immediately open up new avenues for growth on both sides."

Platinum Equity said it will seek additional opportunities to help the combined company grow both organically and through additional acquisitions in key product areas and geographies.

"The refractories industry is highly fragmented, and this combination will create a global platform with meaningful opportunities to further expand," Platinum Equity Managing Director Malik Vorderwuelbecke said. "We are excited about the prospects in this space and look forward to putting our M&A and operational resources to work."

Talks began earlier in 2022, with several potential buyers recognizing HWI as a best-in-class North American refractory solutions provider serving hundreds of blue-chip customers across steel and industrial end markets. The complete value proposition includes technology-rich products, robust service capabilities, and a track record of innovation and operational excellence. Further, HWI demonstrates a clear sustainability commitment and is driving standards in the industry for customers and its operations.

Since rebranding as HWI in 2015, the leadership team has embarked on numerous initiatives to strengthen its value proposition, reaffirm its commitment to customers, and shape its company culture. Projects have included the institutionalization of the HarbisonWalker Business System (HBS) and a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, the building of a state-of-the-art monolithics plant in South Point, Ohio, numerous upgrades to its

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Clopton Invitational Is This Week

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

The 2023 Clopton Hawk Invitational Basketball Tournament begins just after the New Year's holiday. The girls' bracket started Monday, Jan. 2.

In the high school gym, top-seeded Winfield will play (8) Mark Twain at 6 p.m. followed by (4) Clopton taking on (5) Monroe City at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Hawks bounced back from a tough run with wins over Mark Twain and Liberty and are currently 5-4 for the season.

In the middle school gym, (2) Silex will face (7) Wright City at 6 p.m. Silex goes into the tournament with a 5-4 record after falling to Winfield before the holiday break. That game is followed by (3) Elsberry squaring off with (6) Louisiana. The Lady Bulldogs are 4-4 for the season after taking a loss to a tough Palmyra team on Dec. 20. Despite the loss, the Louisiana ladies go into the Clopton tournament well ahead of last year where they broke their two-year winless streak. The Elsberry Lady Indians move into the tournament with a four-game winning streak and a 5-4 record.

The semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The consolation final taking place on Friday, Jan. 6 at 5 p.m., the third-place game following at 6 p.m., and the championship at 8 p.m.

For the boys' side of the bracket, the opening round action begins on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

In the High School gym, top-seeded home team Clopton goes up against (8) Silex at 6 p.m. The Hawks are looking to be the favorite to win again this year. They're going into the tournament with a six-game winning streak and a 7-1 record. Following that game, (4) Monroe City takes on (5) Winfield.

In the Middle School gym, (2) Elsberry will square off against (7) Wright City at 6 p.m. Elsberry goes into the tournament with a 6-4 record. That game is followed by (3) Louisiana battling (6) Mark Twain at 7:30 p.m. Louisiana is looking to improve over last year's overtime loss to Elsberry at the invitational and with a 6-3 record, they could prove a challenge.

The semifinals will be on Thursday, Jan. 5 in the new and old gyms respectively with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The championships round will be played on Saturday, Jan. 7. The consolation game starts at 2 p.m., the third-place game will take place at 3:30 p.m., and the championship will be played at 5 p.m.

Museum To Sponsor 'Cupid's Couples' Contest

BY BRENT ENGEL

Did you have a flat tire on the first date?

How about a bridesmaid barfing during the ceremony?

Perhaps the two of you ended up in Timbuktu instead of Waikiki?

The Louisiana Area Historical Museum is looking for humorous stories for its Cupid's Couples contest, co-sponsored by KJFM Radio, The People's Tribune, Bowling Green Times and The Louisiana Press-Journal.

Married residents of Pike County, MO, are invited to submit one-page essays featuring a funny memory of their courtship, wedding or honeymoon.

The winning entry will be announced Feb. 14 and will receive a $300 cash prize, courtesy of the museum's co-sponsors. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Essays will be judged upon whimsical content and amusing value. No salacious or libelous material will be considered.

"We want to hear your crazy, hysterical, ridiculous tales of one of the most important and serious endeavors any of us will embark upon," said Museum President Brent Engel. "We could all use a laugh right now, and who couldn't use $300? I'm already hearing narratives that include forgotten rings, dogs walking brides down the aisle and 80-year-old flower girls. I can't wait to see what Pike County couples offer."

Entries should be confined to 150 words, must be single-spaced and be typed using a 12-point to 16-point text, preferably with a Times New Roman or Helvetica font. No handwritten entries, please.

All submissions must contain the names of each spouse and a contact telephone number with an e-mail address.

Entries should be e-mailed to bengel2022@gmail.com. Submissions may also be mailed to the Louisiana Area Historical Museum, 304 Georgia Street, Louisiana, MO 63353, but must be postmarked by Feb. 7.

Additional explanations of the situation described by participants may be requested and the winning couple may be interviewed by area media.

Submissions become the property of the museum and will not be returned. The museum will have the sole discretion of selecting a winner. museum board members are not eligible.

Bowling Green Bobcats Football Is Highest Scoring Team In The Nation In 2022

Starks Stat Leader For TDs, Scoring

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

A recent article on MaxPreps by Kevin Askeland brought to light more incredible stats for the 2022 Bowling Green Bobcats football team. They are the highest scoring team in the nation. A higher average than state champions from across the country.

According to the article and MaxPreps, the Bobcats averaged 64.6 points per game and scored over 60 points in each of its first 10 games of the season.

The second highest scoring team, Freedom out of Woodbridge, Va. "led the nation with 952 points scored in 15 games for an average of 63.4 points."

Blair Oaks, who defeated Bowling Green was also on the list, although they fell into the number 9 spot with an average of 55.21 points.

Marcus Starks was named as the stat leader for scoring and touchdowns in the nation with 348 points with 58 touchdowns.

He claimed the highest scoring stat in the nation with 14-points to spare over the number two spot and for touchdowns, he beat out Christian Perris of Princeton, N.C., by five.

In Missouri, his stats are even more impressive with 150 points and 25 touchdowns higher than the number two spot in the state.

Starks took second in the state for rushing yards with 2,244 just under Cade Chappell of Savannah who rushed 2,298 yards this season.

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manufacturing facilities, and the creation of Alabama1, a new manufacturing plant and hub facility to serve steel customers in the southern U.S. The company has also restructured its Commercial and Supply Chain organizations, People and Organizational Effectiveness team, and launched a Project Management Office. In 2021, HWI formed its employee-led ESG Sustainability initiative. Its Advanced Technology Research Center (ATRC), the largest refractory research and development lab in North America, continues to deliver new industry innovations for customers and is advancing a major recycling initiative.

As employees have focused on investments and improvements as one HWI, a unified culture has emerged that fosters high performance, loyalty, and engagement, as evidenced by its top-quartile employee engagement scores.

In addition, HWI, under its new ownership, is well-positioned to further capitalize on its progress related to several global megatrends driving refractories growth. These trends include reshoring – based on a need for a reliable US-based supply chain, evolving industrial use cases, and instituting ESG, Sustainability, and recycling programs.

About Platinum Equity

Founded in 1995 by Tom Gores, Platinum Equity is a global investment firm with approximately $36 billion of assets under management and a portfolio of approximately 50 operating companies that serve customers around the world. The firm is currently investing from Platinum Equity Capital Partners V, a $10 billion global buyout fund, and Platinum Equity Small Cap Fund, a $1.5 billion buyout fund focused on investment opportunities in the lower middle market. Platinum Equity specializes in mergers, acquisitions and operations – a trademarked strategy it calls M&A&O® – acquiring and operating companies in a broad range of business markets, including manufacturing, distribution, transportation and logistics, equipment rental, metals services, media and entertainment, technology, telecommunications and other industries. Over the past 27 years Platinum Equity has completed more than 350 acquisitions.

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called me to work in administrative, supportive, and educational roles and to help individuals and families through hard times and I'm excited to step into my new role as sdministrator of Tri-County Baptist Homes, Wittee remarked."

Judy Morris RN has been named director of nursing for Tri-County Baptist Homes.

Morris who lives in Mexico was appointed to the position on Monday, Dec. 5.

She is the wife of Jay Morris and he is a Baptist minister. The couple have one grown daughter who lives out of state.

Morris has 45 plus years of long-term care and was a DON at the Sturgeon Nursing Home along with being a consultant the past five years. "I am excited to be a part of Baptist Home's adventure and I believe this will be a very good experience for the residents and staff. I am glad to be here and am so thankful Tri-County can continue under Baptist Homes said Morris.

Present at the announcement on Tuesday, Jan. 3 was Baptist Homes board member Jim Hodge. He told those present, "I am delighted to have Aaron from the community, from a upstanding family as the new administrator at Tri-County Baptist Homes. He went on to say, I am very pleased with the transitition and feel we are headed in the right direction."

Hodge also remarked, "we cannot thank Penny (Kampeter) enough for her services upon coming back to help with things. We couldn't have don it without her. I feel the nursing home is doing well and on its way back to being a viable part of the Vandalia community. We are here to stay and feel the home will be under great leadership."

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Steve Frank Inducted Into 2022 MO Sports Hall Of Fame

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1985, Clopton Graduate and current Stafford High School Basketball Coach, Steve Frank, joined the likes of St. Louis Cardinals Matt Holliday, and Danny Cox as part of the 2022 inductees of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Frank along with several other inductees was honored at the 2022 MoHOF Basketball Luncheon in front of a crowd of nearly 700 people.

According to an article by the Mo Sports Hall of Fame, Frank spent his days working for his grandfather's lumber companies and his evenings in the local high school basketball gym where his father was the coach.

Frank initially considered forgoing college in favor of working in the family business, but his mother convinced him to give college a chance. It turns out, this was a decision that would shape Frank's entire career.

After a semester, he discovered his true calling in coaching high school basketball. Over the course of 28 seasons, he earned an impressive 533-117 record in Missouri.

He began by coaching boys for nine years before transitioning to girls' teams, and his success is why he is being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2022.

"Frank guided Strafford High School's girls' program to four consecutive state

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OBITUARIES

Juanito Garcia Masulit

Juanito Garcia Masulit, 91, of Vandalia died Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 at the Mexico Veterans Home.

Funeral services were Friday at 11 a.m., at Waters Funeral Home. Pastor Brian Lehenbauer officiated.

Graveside services with full military honors was held at 2:30 p.m., Friday at Union Hill Cemetery in Holt Summit.

Visitation celebrating Juanito's life was held at 10 a.m., until the time of the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Juanito was born June 12, 1931, in Rizal Santa, Philippines, the son of Emigio and Matea B. Masulit. He was united in marriage to Susan Hoffman on Aug. 14, 1962, in Ferguson. She survives him of the home.

Other survivors include a son, John J. Masulit and wife, Shannon of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Mila Ayers and husband, Rod of Curryville and Dely Ellen Fischer and husband, John of Bonne Terre; grandchildren, Megan Guyan and husband, Brad, Austin Guyan and wife, Tasha, Timothy Masulit and wife, Me'rcedes, Ashley Ayers, Jennifer Ayers, Emily Savage and husband, Tony, Ross Ayers and wife, Maddy, John M. Masulit, and Nicholas Masulit; great-grandchildren, Kai, Maikah Nuncio, Alexzander, Grayson and one on the way, Hudson.

In addition to his parents, Juanito was preceded in death by his brothers and one sister.

Juanito graduated from high school and college in the Philippines and went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy for 22 years. He served during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam, and he was stationed on all seven continents. His last station before retirement was at the Pentagon.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Juanito worked at the Mavrako Candy Company in Bonne Terre and Iron Mountain Forge in Farmington.

In his free time, Mr. Masulit enjoyed gardening and raising vegetables. He loved sharing his produce with family and friends. He proudly said every year, "I have the biggest tomatoes!" Watching sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Rams was another pastime that Juanito enjoyed.

Juanito's biggest love was his family. He cherished every moment spent with them, especially his grandchildren whom he truly adored.

He was a member of the Vandalia VFW Post 2173, the Bowling Green VFW Post 5553 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Vandalia.

Pallbearers were John J. Masulit, Rod Ayers, Ross Ayers, John M. Masulit, Timothy Masulit, Austin Guyan and Nicholas Masulit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Veterans Home Assistance League, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Jaunito's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.

Alice A. Oliver

Alice A. Oliver, 90, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 12 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

The family will also have a memorial service at a later date.

Alice was born March 22, 1932 in Hilo, Hawaii, the oldest child of Horace and Ethel Kawamura. This hula girl left for the mainland USA to study nursing in 1952, when she was 20 years old. Upon completion of her degree, she married Wendell S. Oliver on Jan. 14, 1956, and began her life in Louisiana.

Wendell preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2018.

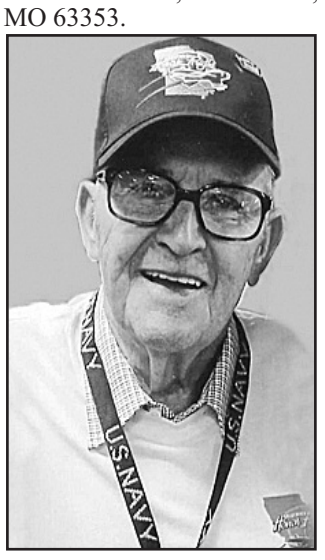
Alice is survived by a son, Larry W. Oliver of Loveland, Colo.; and a daughter, Alika S. Mackley of Kansas City; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Alice was well-known in Louisiana having worked as a nurse at Pike County Memorial Hospital for 38 years. She enjoyed watching the birds at her backyard feeders and was known for her love of hummingbirds.

A true Island girl, Alice spent time boating, swimming and she caught many trophy-size fish over the years. She had a beautiful singing voice which she shared with her community at church and funeral services. She brought a bit of the Hawaiian paradise to Missouri with her green thumb as her home was always full of happy, healthy plants.

Alice could be found during her favorite time of year, the Christmas season, baking her famous sticky buns for friends and co-workers or crocheting slippers for her many grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Nurses Education Scholarship Fund, c/o Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO 63353.



Paul 'Chip' Glendon Traynor

Our gracious heavenly father called his precious son, Paul "Chip" Glendon Traynor home on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Frank Welch officiated assisted by Skylar White. Burial with military honors was at Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Chip was an obedient and devoted man of God. Chip was loved by all who knew him; however, his perpetual love for children brought him an amazing abundance of joy throughout his life. His passion for serving others and his unshakable faith led him on countless mission trips, including Guatemala. Chip was instrumental in developing and establishing The Pike County Christian School in Curryville. He loved the Lord and adored his family, his Peno Church family, friends, and his community.

Chip was 89-years-old and the firstborn son of Miller "Podge" Burdette and Edith Marie Dunn Traynor on Feb. 3, 1933. He was married to Sidney Louise Watts for 35 years until her unexpected passing on July 2, 2022.

After graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1950, Chip proudly joined the Navy serving his country during the Korean War where he earned many honors and earned his nickname of "Chipper" for being so happy and uplifting disposition. After serving his country Chip spent most of his working career at Dundee Cement (Holnam), where he retired after more than 35 years of service.

After retirement Chip's passion for serving others was fulfilled by volunteering in many organizations close to his heart. He volunteered with Pike County Home Health and Hospice, The American Red Cross, and The Pike County Christian School. He was a chaplain in hospitals and nursing homes. Chip enjoyed serving the WIC program and even went back to school at the age of 70 to learn Spanish to better serve the needs of clients.

Chip was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and attended many games throughout the years. He enjoyed coon hunting with his children, planting flowers, gardening, woodworking, and making candy at Christmas time to bless others. Chip was a phenomenal human being and servant leader with a heart of gold. He leaves behind a legacy that we are all capable of changing lives by merely giving of ourselves.

Survivors include two sons, Scott "Chipper" Traynor and wife, Lynn of Canton, Ga, Paul B. Traynor of Louisiana; and a daughter, Brenda Traynor Rees of Quincy, Ill. Additional survivors are two stepsons, Kevin Watts and wife, Jane, and Dana Watts and wife, Darlene of Bowling Green; and a stepdaughter, Glenda Woolley and husband, Kevin of St. Peters; as well as many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces, and nephews. Also, surviving is a sister, Carol Cunningham of Middletown; a special younger brother, Bill Traynor and wife, Sandy of Bowling Green; and a sister-in-law, Erma Lee Traynor of Vandalia.

Chip was preceded in death by his loving parents, a brother, Gene Traynor, a brother-in-law, Edsell Cunningham, a niece, Joyce Cunningham, and a step-grandson, Daniel Watts.

Flowers are welcome for the service or memorial donations can be made to The Pike County Christian School, 203 E. Maple St., Curryville, MO 63339, The Hope Center, 30 N. Court St., Bowling Green, MO 63334 or Ruth Jensen Village in Bowling Green.

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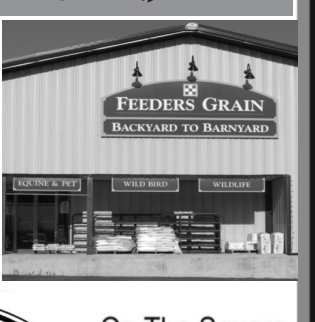

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FRANK

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championships (2016-2019), along with a 115-game win streak, a state record," the article states. "He also had a fourth-place finish, 14 district titles, and was 8-2 in the Final Four. His 2018 team was No. 24 and his 2019 No. 14 in the USA Today national rankings, with the 2019 team also being number 1 in the Nation Public School rankings. Strafford was 5-0 against nationally ranked teams, and Frank was chosen as the National Midwest Coach of the Year in 2019."

Before Strafford, Frank had success coaching the Seymour High School girls' basketball program. In his final four seasons there, his teams were 114-11 and undefeated in the Summit Conference. Over eight seasons, Frank's varsity girls' teams won four district titles and made it to the Class 3 Final Four in 2012.

Along with his mother's encouragement, Frank credits his father's 33-year career as an educator, coach, and athletic director for steering him toward college, which ultimately led to his coaching career. He also credited his time under Clopton Coach Dale Miller where Frank played in three consecutive Final Fours (1983, 1984, and 1985).

He attended East Central Junior College and College of the Ozarks, where he played for coaches Steve Tappmeyer and Al Waller, both of whom are now members of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. After his playing days, Frank worked as an assistant coach under Waller before taking over coaching jobs at Hollister High School before moving on to Strafford.

Frank attributes his success to a focus on team chemistry over raw talent and a commitment to relationships, trust, passion, work ethic, dedication, and respect. These values carried over to Strafford, where his daughters Hayley and Kayley helped lead the team to unprecedented success.

He has also been an assistant coach for the past two seasons for the College of the Ozarks' women's basketball team.

Legal Secretary

McIlroy and Millan has an opening for a full-time legal secretary/receptionist. Job duties include typing and efiling legal documents with the court, bookkeeping, answering phone, and other related office duties. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Word helpful but not required. Paid holidays, sick days, and vacation. 401k plan with employer match. Pay based upon experience and skills.

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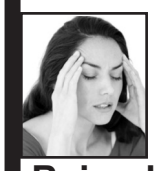

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Bowling Green R-I School District
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Teacher's Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:					
Local	$ 4,618,975	$ 1,670,642	$ 626,498	$ 171,703	$ 7,087,818
County	1,533,997	36,985	225,065	28,287	1,824,334
State	1,174,272	4,052,426	-	470,471	5,697,169
Federal	1,168,728	1,778,332	-	1,908,385	4,855,445
Non-current	4,880	-	-	310	5,190
Total Receipts	$ 8,500,852	$ 7,538,385	$ 851,563	$ 2,579,156	$ 19,469,956
Disbursements:					
Instruction	$ 1,136,115	$ 7,183,970	$ -	$ 34,449	$ 8,354,534
Social Work Services	2,412	127,708	-	-	130,120
System Supoort for Guidance Services	8,554	309,397	-	-	317,951
Health, Psych, Speech, and Audio	159,123	-	-	-	159,123
Psychological Testing Services	-	63,919	-	-	63,919
Speech Pathology and Audiology Services	-	138,824	-	-	138,824
Occupational Therapy Related Services	-	66,231	-	-	66,231
Physical Therapy Related Services	-	19,042	-	-	19,042
Visually Impaired / Vision Services	-	14,186	-	-	14,186
Other Support Services - Students	-	81,791	-	-	81,791
Instructional Staff Training Services	79,313	27,820	-	-	107,133
Professional Development One Percent	35,940	-	-	-	35,940
School Library Services	83,445	137,814	-	-	221,259
Instruction Related Technology	59,825	-	-	-	59,825
Board of Education Services	176,331	-	-	1,355	177,686
Executive Administration	299,431	256,299	-	-	555,730
Other Executive Administration Services	40,514	136,249	-	-	176,763
Administrative Technology Services	525,492	-	-	41,496	566,988
Office of the Principal Services	303,561	637,392	-	-	940,953
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	739,117	-	-	795,603	1,534,720
Care and Upkeep of Grounds Services	506,337	-	-	-	506,337
Security Services	49,196	-	-	34,843	84,039
District Operated Non-Disabled Student Trans	655,602	-	-	-	655,602
Early Childhood Special Ed Transportation	10,532	-	-	-	10,532
Food Preparation and Dispensiing Services	1,066,791	-	-	45,017	1,111,808
Early Childhood Program	54,026	-	-	-	54,026
Early Childhood Instruction	22,669	147,073	-	-	169,742
Non-Public School Students Services	728	22,526	-	-	23,254
Custody and Care of Children Services	100,085	-	-	-	100,085
Parental Involvement	1,277	-	-	-	1,277
Facility Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	2,242,217	2,242,217
Principal retirement, interest and fiscal charges	-	-	475,215	-	475,215
Total Disbursements	$ 6,116,416	$ 9,370,241	$ 475,215	$ 3,194,980	$ 19,156,852
Receipts Over/ (Under) Expenditures Paid	$ 2,384,436	$ (1,831,856)	$ 376,348	$ (615,824)	$ 313,104
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers	(2,300,866)	1,839,998	-	460,868	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	$ 83,570	$ 8,142	$ 376,348	$ (154,956)	$ 313,104
Cash Basis Fund Balance, July 1, 2021	4,684,547	-	1,301,376	186,999	6,172,922
Cash Basis Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	$ 4,768,117	$ 8,142	$ 1,677,724	$ 32,043	$ 6,486,026

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Bowling Green R-1 School District

We have audited the combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis fund balance of Bowling Green R-1 School District for the year ended June 30, 2022. We have also audited the financial statements of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2022.Those financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on those financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

This statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the combined statement presented above presents fairly the receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis fund balance of such funds of Bowling Green R-1 School District for the year ended June 30, 2022, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Wade Stables P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
Hannibal, Missouri
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