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Clopton School Board Places Bond Project Prop Kids On April Ballot

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Pike R-III (Clopton) Superintendent, Todd Smith, recently released a letter informing families and district voters of a measure going on the April 2023 ballot asking for an extension \$0.7521 debt service levy of the district.

According to the release, the school district will be asking for public approval on the sale of bonds in the amount of \$5.5 Million dollars for the purpose of upgrading facilities and reinforcing student safety protocols.

"The district's finances are driven by local, state and federal revenues," Smith wrote. "These funds are intended to sustain the district in the current school year. We use these amounts to set our budget. There are few funding sources for district improvements, except for selling bonds or tapping into reserves."

The letter along with a FAQ sheet on the school district's website further explained how the initiative would work if passed by voters.

"Part of all district patrons'

taxes go to the school district. A portion is allocated for operations and a separate portion is allocated to debt service (paying bond principal and interest). Currently that debt service amount is \$.7521 per \$100,000 of assessed value. We are to the point of being able to retire some old bonds and have the potential to issue a new round. These new bonds would be adequately serviced by the current \$.7521 levy. In other words – the debt service levy would not increase as a result of this bond issue – instead the length of time the levy is in place is extended."

"You will hear this billed as a 'no tax increase' bond issue," Smith continued. "It is accurate – the debt service levy of your current property taxes will not increase as a result of these new bonds being issued. However, if this measure were not to pass, the debt service levy would decrease. Regular bond issues are vital to the maintenance and improvement of district facilities. A healthy district will always keep a series of bonds running. As one set is paid off, another is issued with voter approval. These funds

allow the district improve district facilities without taking away from daily operating funds."

According to the FAQ sheet, the bonds can be paid off early to save on the interest expense.

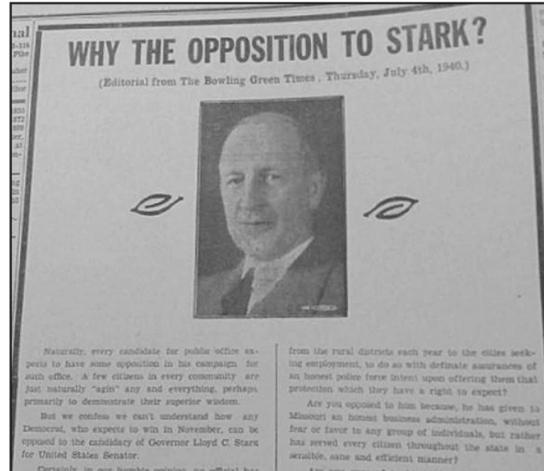
"[T]he bonds will contain optional redemption (call) features that enable the district to prepay them at no penalty in the event fund balances become large enough for that to occur. The call feature also provides the district the opportunity to refund the bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates in the future, if the overall economic conditions create that set of circumstances."

Smith said he would be available for those seeking more information about the initiative.

"I am available to discuss the initiative with individuals, clubs, or other groups. Please feel free to contact my office. I believe wholeheartedly in this initiative and the improvements that it would bring to our school district. Please stay tuned for more updates as the April 4 election date nears."

Stark vs. Truman

1940 Senate Campaign Is One For The Ages



An editorial first published in the Bowling Green Times on July 4, 1940, touted Lloyd Stark's U.S. Senate campaign and questioned why anyone would object to his common sense candidacy.

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the conclusion of a three-part story series by contributing writer Brent Engel. It contains language that some may find objectionable. Discretion is advised.

The road to defeat for Lloyd Stark may have been lined with fruit from his Louisiana orchards.

Stark narrowly lost the 1940 Missouri U.S. Senate Democratic primary election to incumbent Harry Truman in a race that also featured Maurice Milligan.

There were at least two significant reasons, but a more intangible theory left a bad taste that would damage Stark.

It happened during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago just three weeks before the primary. While President Franklin Roosevelt had decided to seek a third term, there was uncertainty over who would join him as vice president. The first man to hold that title, John Nance Garner, was challenging Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

Stark, Missouri's term-limited governor and a delegate to the convention, handed out apples at Chicago Stadium and let everyone know he would gladly be Roosevelt's running mate.

"I'm going to let nature take its course," he coyly told reporters. "I'm not announcing as

a candidate, but I told the boys I'm not going to hold them back any longer."

BOILING POINT

Handouts are synonymous with politics, so Stark's amiable aThe trouble came from a man whom the governor had known since before he could pick fruit.

Bennett Clark, Missouri's other U.S. Senator and the son of former Speaker of the House Champ Clark of Bowling Green, did not see eye-to-eye with Stark.

When Stark had first been mentioned for vice president in February 1940, Clark sarcastically responded that his fellow Pike Countian's "ambitions seem to be like the gentle dew that falls from heaven and covers everything high or low."

"He is the first man in the history of the United States who has ever tried to run for President, Vice President, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of War, Governor General of the Philippines, Ambassador to England and United States Senate all at one and the same time," Clark growled.

The Associated Press reported the "gap between those two sons of Pike County widened steadily" during the Missouri Democratic Convention in April. Clark's animus paid off for Truman, who was warmly received by delegates at the national convention. Despite the apples, Stark was booted.

On the flip side, the St. Louis

Star-Times criticized Clark for his "extreme verbal assaults on the governor" and argued that the senator should have supported Stark's anti-corruption efforts.

Clark called Stark's attempt to join the Roosevelt ticket "a ludicrous fiasco." Stark responded by saying Clark was jealous that national attention had shifted away from the senator's own aspirations for higher office.

"Missourians know that I have been, and am now, an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt," he said. "Senator Clark sees red when my name is mentioned."

Stark soon decided to withdraw from the vice president balloting, but "a good many potential supporters from Missouri felt that he had made a fool of himself and of them by running for two offices at the same time," wrote author Merle Miller.

The Jefferson City Post-Tribune said Stark's escapade "cost him prestige at home," and that it would take time for his reputation to rebound from "all those apples given away for free."

In the end, Roosevelt chose Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace of Iowa. Truman, Stark and Milligan differed little on issues, especially in keeping America out of conflicts in Europe and Asia.

So, the race came down to good, old-fashioned handshake campaigning – something at which Truman excelled.

Enemy of my enemy
During World War I, Truman had encountered Clark on a European battlefield.

The future senator convinced the future president that a German attack was about to happen. It didn't, but Truman wisely did not hold a grudge for the practical joke. Clark would help his 1940 campaign immeasurably.

Clark was among those who had encouraged Milligan to join the race. Truman admitted the prosecutor was "riding a wave of popularity" after winning convictions of Kansas City political kingpin Tom Pendergast and his cronies.

Truman fell back upon what had worked in his 1934 Senate

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'Whole Family' Knew By End Of Day

Good news spread fast for a \$116,000 Show Me Cash jackpot winner in Bowling Green.

"By the end of the day, my whole family knew!" the winner laughed.

His ticket for the Sept. 29, 2022, drawing matched all five numbers drawn: 2, 3, 6, 9 and 23. He played his own set of numbers, based on family milestones, and claimed his prize at the Lottery's Jefferson City office on Jan. 27.

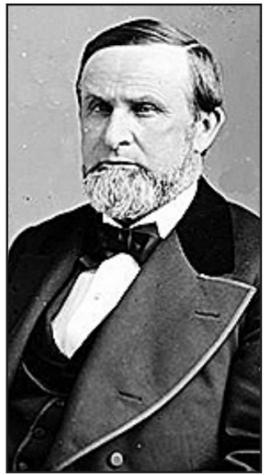
Show Me Cash is drawn daily at 8:59 p.m., with jackpots that start at \$50,000 and grow until won. Tonight's Show Me Cash jackpot is \$456,000.

In FY22, players who purchased tickets in Pike County won more than \$2.8 million in total Missouri Lottery prizes. Lottery retailers in the county received more than \$294,000 in commissions and bonuses, and education programs in the county received more than \$825,000 in appropriated Lottery proceeds.

Male Chauvinists Beware

The three lead actresses of the musical "9 to 5" stood resolute in their desire for workplace equality during rollicking performances last weekend at The Apple Shed Theatre in Clarksville. From left are Donna Lark Grote as Judy, Angela Maier as Violet and Colleen Lilley as Doralee. Additional performances take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 and 2 p.m. Feb. 12. Tickets available at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Reservations may be made by calling 817-300-9796. The musical contains adult situations and language. It is presented by The Changelings theater group and Raintree Arts Council.

Pike County Men Bookend The Civil War



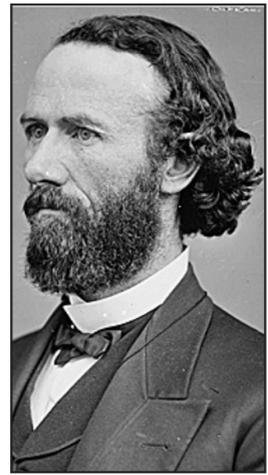
Aylett Hawes Buckner

Hawes Buckner was part of a doomed effort to prevent bloodshed. The Bowling Green lawyer was among 130 men who organized the Peace Convention in Washington, D.C.

Seven states had already seceded when the group got together. Buckner took an active part in the convention, but Congress rejected its seven proposals. The Confederates fired upon Fort Sumter two months later.

In February 1865, Missouri became the eighth state to ratify the slavery-ending 13th Amendment. It was drafted and introduced the previous year by Louisiana attorney John Brooks Henderson.

The Missouri state senator who made the motion to approve the amendment was George Washington Anderson, another Louisiana resident. Both he and Henderson were one-time slave owners



John Brooks Henderson

who were born in the South but fought for the Union.

Dozens of other men from Pike County – as well as several women – served on both sides during the war.



BGES Participates In Lego League

The Bowling Green Elementary robotics teams recently competed at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri's First Lego League. On Saturday, Feb. 4, teams from around the area took part in the first-year team "rookie" qualifier at the Girl Scouts Council Hall in St. Louis. Teams from BGE include the Angel Squad and Supernovas, who built and coded robotics using Legos and First Robotics motorized components. Teams began practicing last October. Student competitors included the Angel Squad's (left to right) Josephine Harrelson, Remy Frederick, Morgan Walker, and Molly Lennox (not pictured). Supernovas include (left to right) Maddy Charlton, Sophia Gilbert, Maddie White, Olivia, Luebrecht, and Ryley Angel (not pictured).



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COMMUNITY NEWS

STARK

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race. He drove around the state to rallies and speeches, getting reacquainted with people he'd met six years earlier. His wife, Bess, and 87-year-old mother, Martha, joined him at many stops.

Stark, a Naval Academy graduate who had served with distinction during the war, began to feel the heat. Days before the Aug. 6 election, a letter went out to supporters.

"Be active!" he wrote. "Be vigilant! Our chief danger is over-confidence. Beware of the friend who tells you 'It's in the bag. Stark is as good as nominated. Your help is not needed.' Remember, one vote in the ballot box is worth a dozen on the street corner."

Truman went to bed on election night trailing Stark by 11,000 votes. Thinking the call was a joke, Bess hung up on a campaign aide who rang at 3:30 the next morning to say Truman had pulled ahead.

In the end, the senator received 268,354 votes to Stark's 260,221 — a difference of only 8,133. Milligan had 127,378. To no one's surprise, Stark easily came out on top in Pike County, with 3,482 votes to Truman's 1,184. Milligan got 758.

Analysts theorized Milligan siphoned votes from Stark. In addition, Truman got an overwhelming majority of the 130,000 votes cast by black people, a constituency Stark and Milligan largely ignored.

Truman "pulled off a minor miracle," wrote Robert Dallek. Biographer Rawn James Jr. said "colleagues, opponents and pundits repeatedly underestimated" the senator.

Stark's disposition did not allow excuses, and he largely was quiet about the defeat. While offering to campaign for Roosevelt, he refused to support Truman, who beat Republican Manvel Davis by more than 50,000 votes in the November 1940 general election.

Truman told Bess that he would not forget the primary if he lived to be 1,000.

"I hope some good fact-finder will make a record of that campaign," he said. "It will be history someday."

AFTERMATH

Even in victory, Truman did not hold back his feelings about Stark.

In a letter two weeks after the primary, the senator told a friend of the nursery owner that he "didn't want to hear from the S.O.B." and "didn't give a damn what he did or intended to do."

Truman would later say that the only person he detested more was Republican Richard Nixon, whom he called "a no good, lying bastard." That didn't stop him from excoriating Clark, whom he claimed "was never any help as a representative of the people of Missouri" during Roosevelt's tenure.

Clark was part of the controversy over Stark's successor as governor. He and others charged that Republican Forrest Donnell had won the election with fraudulent votes and demanded a recount.

Donnell was kept out of office for six weeks until the Missouri Supreme Court stepped in to seat him. Newspapers ran a photo of Donnell and a smiling Stark greeting each other.

There is, of course, no guarantee that Roosevelt would have chosen Stark as his running mate after dumping Wallace in 1944. But there's no doubt the Pike County man would have been a viable leader.

Speculation ramps up even more when considering what might have happened if Stark had beaten Truman. At the least, two men from Pike County who detested each other would have represented Missouri in the Senate, all the while likely seeking a higher office. The intrigue multiplies when thinking of Stark — considered by many more exceptional than Clark — being elevated to president.

In any event, Stark returned to the nursery business and never ran for political office again. He did back Republicans such as Thomas Dewey, whom Truman de-

feated for president in 1948. Stark died at 85 on Sept. 17, 1972.

Clark continued in the Senate and introduced the G.I. Bill, among other successes. Showing no apparent ill will, Truman nominated him as a federal judge, a position Clark held until his death at 64 on July 10, 1954.

Milligan resumed his duties as a federal prosecutor and wrote a book. Its title — "Missouri Waltz: The Inside Story of the Pendergast Machine by the Man Who Smashed It" — proclaimed his role in bringing down the boss. He passed at 74 on June 19, 1959.

Truman had been vice president for less than three months when Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945. During World War II, he appointed Stark's brother, Paul, to run a victory garden campaign. But there was never a loss of disdain for his 1940 rival.

Truman called Stark "a nut" who in 1940 "couldn't make up his mind what he wanted to be, and then he tried to run for everything at the same time."

ONE LAST THING

Missouri Congressman William Hungate had a fitting tribute to Truman upon the president's death at 88 on Dec. 26, 1972 — just three months after Stark passed.

Hungate, who orchestrated preservation of Champ Clark's historic Bowling Green home, related the story to colleagues in the U.S. House.

"Someone is alleged to have run up to Mr. Truman when he was running for Senate and said: 'I bet you don't know who I am.' To which Mr. Truman said: 'No, and I don't give a damn.' Well, a lot of us wish we could have that courage, but few of us could be elected doing that, except a man like Harry Truman."

Put Our Ads To Work

Pruning, Starting Seeds For Spring

Pruning can begin in late winter in northern Missouri. Late February into March is the best time to prune fruit trees like apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, and others, as well as brambles and grapevines in northeast Missouri. Pruning can start in early February in the southern parts of Missouri.

Too often backyard growers plant fruit trees and small fruits plants and leave them untended for several years. This neglect results in poor growth and delayed fruiting. Fruit plants require annual pruning and fertilization to be productive. If you have not been pruning and fertilizing your trees annually, this could be why they are not productive. More detailed information on this topic will be in the March issue.

It's time to sort through old seed and throw out any that are several years old. Leafy green seed (spinach, kale, lettuce) is best started from fresh seed each year. The germination rate isn't very good if kept for a second season. Make a list of plants you plan to grow from seed and start purchasing them from local garden centers, or check out the on-line seed catalogs and place an order if you cannot find something locally. Seed for unique and heirloom varieties usually has to be ordered and started yourself.

When ordering seeds, keep in

mind some general guidelines. Order only enough seeds for your needs. Otherwise, you will be faced with entirely too many plants or with storing the unused seeds. Ordering just what you can use and handle is one

of the toughest problems most gardeners face this time of year. First figure how many plants you'll need. Then consult the catalog description to find the percent germination, and how many seeds per packet.

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Quincy University Dean's List

Quincy University released its dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual dean's list. In total, 400 students received the honor during the fall 2022 semester.

Area students were named to the list:

Louisiana - Mason Washington
Vandalia - Jayle Jennings

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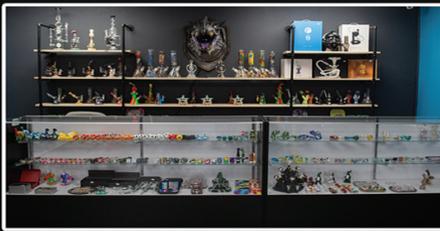
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Central MO Dean's List

The office of Central Methodist University Provost Rita Gulstad announced recently the students included on the Fall 2022 dean's list.

More than 900 students across all campuses and on-line learning met the requirements for placement, including a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

The following local students were among those recognized:

Alyse Kay Jensen -- Vandalia
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COMMUNITY NEWS

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

HB 430 (PERKINS) PRESENTED TO AGRICULTURAL POLICY COMMITTEE

HJR 43 - INITIATIVE PETITION REFORM PASSES THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

After advancing HJR 43, which Rep. Perkins supported, he said, "This is a much needed piece of legislation that will help ensure that there is a consensus among Missourians pertaining to amending the Missouri Constitution. I like this resolution, because it does not increase the difficulty of getting measures on the ballot, it simply raises the threshold which constitutional amendments must meet to pass. In this case, this resolution raises the threshold from a simple majority to sixty percent." Perkins added, "Missouri has one of the longest constitutions in the United States, and this is a direct result of our flawed IP process. This becomes an issue because moneyed outside groups, which potentially do not have the best interests of Missourians in mind, are able to come in and amend our constitution with the support of only urban areas of the state. Rural Missouri needs to be properly represented in these issues and will be with this resolution." Perkins concluded, "My constituents demand that the legislature take action to correct this, and we are doing just that."

Members of the Missouri House this week approved a proposed change to the constitution that would allow voters to decide if the state should raise the threshold to modify the constitution in the future. The House approved HJR 43 by a vote of 108-50.

The key component of HJR 43 would change the threshold required to approve changes to the state constitution. Currently, changes to the constitution require only a simple majority for approval. If approved by the legislature and voters, HJR 43 would raise the threshold to 60 percent voter approval for passage.

Supporters of the measure say it will protect what they view as a sacred document that should only be amended when absolutely necessary. They point out the current version of the Missouri Constitution has changed more than 60 times

since it was written in 1945. In comparison, the United States Constitution has been amended only 17 times since 1791.

Proponents also say the increased threshold will help minimize the influence of out-of-state groups that have no ties to Missouri but spend millions of dollars to change the state constitution. The sponsor of HJR 43 said the groups "try to reimagine Missouri in their vision." He said, "I think it should be in the vision of the people of the state of Missouri."

The legislation also requires that voters in each congressional district have the opportunity to review and comment upon all initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution. The secretary of state would administer the public forums, which would take place at least 15 days before the measure appears on the ballot.

The sponsor said "This would require that you go into all eight and give people a chance to have their voice heard and submit testimony. We're trying to give them a greater voice and give them a chance also to find out everything that's in that."

Another portion of HJR 43 would clarify that only citizens of the United States of America who are residents of the State of Missouri and who are properly registered to vote in the State of Missouri will be considered legal voters.

Supporters said the goal is to protect the voices of registered Missouri voters in every part of the state, and that ultimately voters will decide if the change is a good idea.

HB 430 (PERKINS) PASSES OUT OF COMMITTEE

Rep. Perkins is pleased to announce that his bill concerning the foreign ownership of land will be headed to the House Floor soon. "I'm proud that today HB 430 passed out of committee with no opposition. This unanimity clearly demonstrates the bipartisan nature of this bill and its importance to not only rural areas, but to all Missourians." Perkins continued, "This bill specifically bans Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and Venezuela from owning agricultural land. It also gives us the flexibility to adjust that list as necessary to accommodate changes in the geopolitical landscape."

Earl Niemeier, with Com-

munity State Bank of Missouri in Bowling Green and Rep. Perkins met with Budget Chairman Cody Smith. Community State Bank is a great partner with rural Missouri and these conversations will advance best banking practices in rural areas of our state.

New Website Launched to Help Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families

Veterans, service members, and their families now have a website they can access that is designed to help reduce the rate of suicide in Missouri. This week, Gov. Mike Parson unveiled the new site located at www.mogovchallenge.com.

Launched by the Missouri Governor's Challenge Team to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families, the site provides general information on the team's projects and strategic priorities, the impact suicide is having on the military community, and resources for both members of the military community and for anyone wishing to support them. The website also offers access to free online military culture and suicide prevention training through PsychArmor for health care providers, Veterans, employers, military family members, and others.

Sen. Travis Fitzwater, Don Hamilton, and Bowling Green Mayor Jim Arico join Rep. Perkins in the Capitol. They are discussing the upcoming Bowling Green Bicentennial Celebration

Missouri established a Governor's Challenge team in 2021 under Parson's leadership. The Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families is a non-partisan state interagency team created to collaborate, plan, and implement suicide prevention best practices and policies for service members, Veterans, and their families across the state.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration originally launched the Governor's and Mayor's Challenges to bring together leaders in community and state governments to prevent suicide among service members, Veterans, and their families.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Feb. 7: The The Bowling Green First United Methodist Church is having another American Red Cross blood drive from 12:30-6 p.m.

On Feb. 9: G.F.W.C. Heir Study Club will have a chili/vegetable soup supper, 4:45-8 p.m., at the Bowling Green High School cafeteria.

Meal includes: bowl of soup or chili, hot dog, drink and dessert. Ala carte items will also be available. All proceeds will go to Heir Study's Bowling Green High School Scholarship Fund to sponsor an academic scholarship. The Bowling Green Bobcats will be playing basketball the Palmyra Panthers.

From The Mayor's Desk...



JIM ARICO, MAYOR CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

February is Black History Month. Check out the link and read some of the amazing accomplishments and contributions Black, African Americans have made to our history and culture. It's interesting how so many various nations, peoples, languages, and religions have impacted our country's development over the last 247+ years.

As we are enduring cold weather and high winds, I would like to encourage you to look after the neighbors on either side of you and make sure they are doing well. **STRONG NEIGHBORS MAKE STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS.**

Congratulations to all that attended and supported their teams at Bowling Green's 98th Annual Basketball Tournament. There were a lot of great victories and some very close losses. It is encouraging when we see our next generations growing and developing as they get prepared for life and leadership.

We have missed many opportunities for people desiring to move into Bowling Green. Our lack of housing for renting and purchasing has been a major drawback, but I receive calls and emails inquiring about people's desires to move here because of our lower tax rate, great school system, and even Chief Langley receives inquiries for any openings on our police force. By-the-way, our police department is doing a great deal in making our city safe and near drug-free. I don't think we can ever say we are totally drug free with all the illegal migration from the southern border and even people moving out of big cities. Our reputation for an advancing city,

its safety, job opportunities, and caring attitude has spread by word of mouth!

The Bicentennial Committee is moving along but we are nearing a deadline for advertising. We would like to see all our businesses and even out of town businesses that do business in Bowling Green represented in the booklet that will be printed for the 200th birthday celebration. Names and faces of businesses and families will also be included on a DVD that will be made available. Souvenirs and mementos will commemorate our 200th anniversary of the founding our great city. Our advertising income

also helps us to set a budget for our various activities throughout June 27 through July 1. As Don Hamilton would say, "We won't bug you for advertising for another fifty more years." Many thanks go out to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce for donating seed money to establish our website at bgmo200.com and to the Bowling Green Lion's Club for sponsoring our Bicentennial with handling money and insurance. Booths and vendors will be around the Square, Boland Chevrolet is sponsoring a Car Show, plus members of the Basye family, (John W. Basye is our founding father), are coming into town from various part of the state and country as well!

I appreciate all who encouraged me to start writing articles again. Let's build Bowling Green and Pike County to grow to its greatest potential. If you work for a business or manufacturer that is looking to relocate or expand, please invite them to be a part of our great city and county!

Give Valentine's Day Flowers Some Tender Loving Care

Valentine's Day flowers, like love, can stand the test of time if given a little TLC. Call it flor-amore.

Proper care and a homemade preservative provide an extended warranty of sorts to make certain flowers last up to twice as long, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Cut flowers age when they lose more water than they take up, Trinklein said. This most often happens when bacteria multiply and plug the water-conducting tissue of the flower known as xylem. Too much sunlight, drafty areas and heat also can cause excessive water loss. The result is a flower that loses its attractiveness prematurely.

Improper care of flowers can be the kiss of death, so it is important to show them some love to avoid heartbreak.

First, if you receive boxed flowers such as roses, prepare them for arranging by cutting about 1 inch off the bottom of the stems. Otherwise, a bubble of air formed at the base of the xylem can slow the uptake of water. Make a slanted cut, which provides more surface area to take up water than a straight cut.

After cutting, immediately immerse the cut stems in a clean vase filled with water treated with a floral preservative. Cut the stems again about every third day and place flowers in fresh solution. This works equally well for flowers from a florist or from your home garden, Trinklein said.

When flowers arrive in a vase or if you buy a floral arrangement, ask the florist if preservatives

were added. Boxed flowers such as roses may arrive with a small packet of preservative to add when the flowers are arranged.

Floral preservatives usually contain food, mostly in the form of sugar, along with a material to reduce the pH of the water, such as citric acid. The latter is helpful since bacteria tend to multiply more slowly in slightly acidic solutions. Additionally, preservatives contain a bactericide to further slow the growth of bacteria. Finally, a wetting agent is added to reduce the surface tension of the water. This allows the water to more easily travel through the xylem.

Commercial preservatives are convenient, but homemade solutions work equally well. Trinklein's recipe uses lemon-lime soda to provide sugar and make the solution more acidic. Mouthwash provides the needed bactericide and dishwashing liquid serves as a wetting agent.

DAVID TRINKLEIN'S 'ELIXIR OF YOUTH' FOR CUT FLOWERS

1 pint lemon-lime soda (not diet)

1 pint water

1 teaspoon antiseptic mouthwash such as Listerine or Scope

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Preservatives help flowers last longer, but they will not last forever.

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Amanda Smith

NECAC's Amanda Smith Completes Training

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) Homeownership Program Administrative Assistant Amanda Smith of Louisiana has successfully completed USDA 502 Loan Packaging Certification Training.

The weeklong, 20-hour program is a USDA requirement and was administered online. The certification included instruction about calculating eligibility, acceptable deductions and property requirements.

"This certification will enable me to help more customers with the loan process," Smith said. "We're here to help more people achieve their goal of becoming homeowners, and the 502 program is a great way to do that."

Smith joined NECAC last year. She works with clients, helps with the grant process and works on special housing-related projects. The 502 loans are used mostly by income-qualifying people to buy homes in rural areas. Families must be able to afford the mortgage payments, taxes and insurance. Loans are for 33 years, with the interest rate set by the lender. No down payment is typically required.

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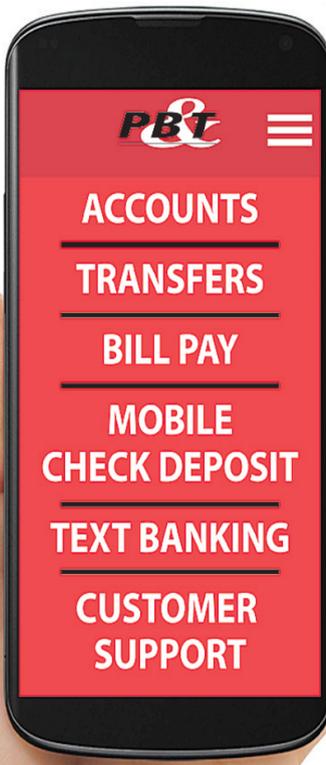


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OBITUARIES



Virginia Mae Walker

Virginia Mae Walker, 76, of Curryville died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, in Bowling Green.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Glenn Forman officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Vandalia.

Visitation celebrating Virginia Mae Walker was held from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home.

Virginia was born March 6, 1946, in Mexico, the daughter of Robert and Esther Robbins Allen.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Harrower and her favorite son-in-law, Jim of Curryville; grandchildren, Jennifer Hagan and wife, Matthew of Mexico, and Kayelee Branstetter and husband, Chad of Perry; great-grandchildren, Stetson and Graynger Hagan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Paul; son, Billy Walker; daughter, Stacey Lee and best friend, Arlene Runyon.

Virginia graduated from Van-Far High School and went on to further her education in Hannibal, majoring in nursing.

Professionally, Virginia worked as the administrator for Countryside Manor where she also proudly owned a operated for 35 years.

Virginia was a member of W.O.M. Women of missionaries affiliated with the Elm Grove Baptist Church, The REBECCAS and the Missouri League of Nursing Home Administrators.

Pallbearers were Jerry Dixon, Billy Picton, Robert Sherman, Kyle Dixon, Paul Feldman, Mark Stokes, and Dennis Noel. Honorary pallbearers were Shane Ellis, Terry Vaughn, Dalton Walker, Chad Branstetter, Matt Hagan, Stetson Hagan and Graynger Hagan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evergreen Cemetery, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Peggy Lenore Stroker

Services for Peggy Lenore Stroker, 88, of Vandalia were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Bi-

enhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia, with the Rev. Glenn Forman officiating. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation was Wednesday from 1 p.m., til the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Stroker died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 at Baptist Homes Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Peggy was born July 10, 1934 in Pike County, the daughter of Charles F. and Kathleen Pilkington Syrkel. She married Francis Palmer Stroker on Dec. 5, 1952 in Bowling Green. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2005.

Survivors include one son, Charles Stroker and Betty Walker of Vandalia, two daughters, Peggy Grote and husband, Mike of Vandalia, and Patsy Stroker of St. Peters; four grandchildren, Keith Grote and wife, Lisa of Edwardsville, Ill., Brian Grote and Ashley Williams of Mexico, Krystl Jessop and husband, Alex of Truesdale, and Nic Stroker and Melissa Ball of Des Moines, Iowa; four great-grandchildren, Carter and Lena Grote, Makynzie

Grote, and Adam Jessop.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one brother, Charles Syrkel.

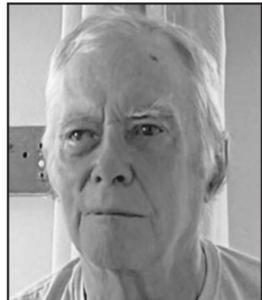
Mrs. Stroker was a lifetime area resident, a member of the Elm Grove Baptist Church and a charter member of the Vandalia Area Historical Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and baking. Most of all, Peggy enjoyed spending time with her family.

Pallbearers were Bobby Stroker, Eddie Trower, Ray Oden, Dale Hopke, and Kenny Thurman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Homes Tri-County Care Center Activity Fund, c/o Bi-

enhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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



Thomas Newton 'Newt' Thurman

Thomas Newton "Newt" Thurman, 72, of Vandalia died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Baptist Homes Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Brian Lehenbauer officiated. Burial was in Curryville Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Thomas' life was held at 11 a.m., until the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Thomas was born Dec. 3, 1950, in Mexico, the son of Elmer Newton and Mary Louise Morton Thurman.

Survivors include a sister, Nancy Nation and husband, Larry of Vandalia; aunt, Martha Morton and husband, Tip of Frankford; nieces, LoriAnn Houchen of New Franklin, Cheryl Nelson and husband, Allen of Auxvasse, Lisa Tucker and husband, Dave of Cuba, N.Y., and Kelly Mink and husband, Mickey of Vandalia; nephews, Randy Wayne Cox and wife, Melissa of Ashland, and Keith Nation and wife, Nickie of Wentzville; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Thurman was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Wayne Thurman, sister, Mary Evelyn Thurman Cox, sister-in-law, Jean Ann Roberts Thurman, and close friend, Jess Windland.

At the age of three, Thomas and his family moved to their new farm southwest of Curryville where he attended grade school and later graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1969.

After graduation, Tom went to work at the Harbison-Walker Refractories and retired in 2017. He delivered meals on wheels until the COVID epidemic. Tom was a faithful member of AA for over 34 years. Away from work, Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, trying his luck at the boat and betting on race horses.

Mr. Thurman was a Christian by faith.

Pallbearers were Mike Meyers, Kevin Welch, Butch Dunlap, Kenny Thurman, Clay Hyde, and Andrea Hyde. Honorary pallbearers were Kevin "Chip" Mink, Lindi Dunlap, and Allen Stoutz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pike County Loving Care Hospice or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Gary Wayne Orr

Gary Wayne Orr, 74, of Vandalia died Friday, Jan. 27,

2023 at Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia.

There are no services planned at this time.

He was born July 10, 1948 in Vandalia, the son of Burl and Aurelia Feldman Orr.

Survivors include one son, Gary Gene Orr of Vandalia; a daughter, Kimberly Craig of Kansas City; five siblings, Bill Orr and wife, Betty of Liberty, Burl Orr and wife, Connie of Palm Harbor, Fla., Janelle Rippetto of Mexico, Dee Fischer and husband, Tom of Mexico, and Donna Mudd and husband, Dale of Mexico; three grandchildren, Brittany Crowley of Moberly, Matthew McGlasson and wife, Isabella of Columbia, and Sierra Hull and husband, Alex of Moberly; four great-grandchildren, Vanessa and Braelynn Crowley, and Olivia and Delilah McGlasson; and one great-grandchild on the way, Rilynn Hull.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law, Rick Rippetto.

Mr. Orr was a lifetime area resident and 1966 graduate of Van-Far High School. Gary served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1969-71. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and a member of the Laddonia American Legion Post 510, where he served with the Honor Guard for many years. Gary enjoyed working in his yard, doing woodworking projects, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals.

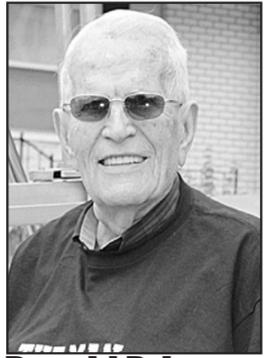
Memorial contributions may be made to the Laddonia American Legion Post 510, c/o Bi-

enhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Arrangements for cremation are under the direction of Bi-

enhoff Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Donald R. Ince

Donald Raymond Ince, 94 of Louisiana died peacefully at home on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Friday also at the church. The Rev. Don Kelley assisted by Dr. Earl Wood officiating. Burial with military honors was at Greenpond Cemetery in Pearl, Ill.

Don was born in Louisiana to the late Franklin and Martha Walkley Ince.

He graduated from Louisiana High School in 1946. After graduating he enlisted in the United States Navy serving from 1946-49. Don was always very proud of being a veteran. Two events that meant the most to him was going on the Great River Honor Flight and recently being inducted in the Louisiana American Legion Post 370.

Don was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Centuria. He later became a member of the First Baptist Church in Louisiana. He served as a deacon for many years, helping in the office for Sunday school and loved counting and keeping attendance.

He proudly worked at LaCrosse Lumber Company in several locations for 48 1/2 years, finishing his career as a purchasing agent in the Louisiana general office, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of many organizations throughout his lifetime including Louisiana Rotary Club which he had perfect attendance for 25 years, was the president in 1987 and rotarian of the year in 1988. He was Citizen of the Year in 1983 and a long-time member of the Independence Order of Odd Fellows.

Don was a volunteer fireman for over 52 years serving on the Louisiana Fire Department for over 37 years receiving several awards. He is still to this day lovingly called and known as "Daddy Don" which always brought a smile to his face.

He was united in marriage

with his beautiful bride, Mary Lou Johnston Ince, on Oct. 30, 1949 at Greenpond Christian Church and will be laid to rest beside her at Greenpond Cemetery, as she went to be with the Lord the month before their 73rd anniversary.

They were blessed with four children, Donnie Ince and Pam of Louisiana, Connie Godsil and Kevin of Galesburg, Ill., Tom Ince and Sandy of Murphysboro, Ill., and Marta Jines and Mark of Louisiana.

He was lovingly known as PaPa and 2 PaPa to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kris Miller and Brent of Louisiana, and their children, Dalton Miller and wife, Jennifer, Hannah and Kaylee; Ashley Skirvin of Pleasant Hill, Ill., and her children Allyson, Adelyn and Ella; Joel McMahon of Geneseo, Ill., and children, Madie, Kate, and Jillian; Josh McMahon and Amy of Montgomery, Ill., and children, Lorelei and Dean; Tim Godsil and Morgan of Anamosa, Iowa; Annette Marshall and Phil of Gurnee, Ill.; Kevin Godsil Jr., of Galesburg, Ill.; Travis Ince and Cassie of Murphysboro, Ill., and children, Trinity, Owen, and Nora; Aleisha Garver and Mitch of Ava, Ill., and daughter, Alayna, Amber Ince of Murphysboro, Ill., and children, Brantley, Emmy, and Kale; Jennifer Millard and Andrew of Jefferson City, and children, Mayson and Harper; Kayce Jines, Brad Orr of Bowling Green, and children, Dane, Bryson, Khilyn, Brinley and Wesley; Trey Jines of St Louis. He was expecting his first great-great-grandchild in June.

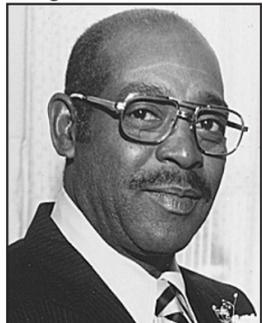
Don is survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, who always made him feel special.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph Ince and Jack Ince; sisters, Louise Ince Martin, Sue Ince Noah and their spouses; sister, Edna Jane Ince; and great-grandson, Leo Ince.

As Don has answered his last call here on earth, given his last salute as he deployed, he's now with his bride, family and friends in Heaven hearing "Well done good and faithful servant".

All memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Louisiana, Pike County Home Health & Hospice, or Greenpond Cemetery.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana in charge of arrangements.



Howard Owen Grimmert

Howard Owen Grimmert departed this life early on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023 with his wife and two sons by his side.

Howard was the third child born to Pansy Kerr and Berry Grimmert on Jan. 4, 1936. Brother to Isador Parsons and husband, Leonard and Lewis "Griff" Grimmert and wife, Betty. Both siblings are now deceased.

He graduated from Lincoln High School, Louisiana. As a talented sports athlete, he was recruited to play football at Missouri University-Columbia, however, the college was not integrated at the time, and so he and two other teammates attended Lincoln University-Jefferson City, where he studied carpentry.

After attending for a year, Howard joined the U.S. Army and served three years and received an honorable discharge after the completion of his service. Howard worked on the Grimmert hog farm with his dad and brother, and did custom farm work with other farmers in the area.

In 1962, he married Ernestine Lucille Lawson, and to this union three sons were born, Todd Owen (deceased), Howard Timothy and wife, Nancy, and James Russell and wife, Amanda. Howard sold the farm after their sons finished high school and began working for Cuivre River Electric, Troy as a right of way inspector. He retired after 26 years.

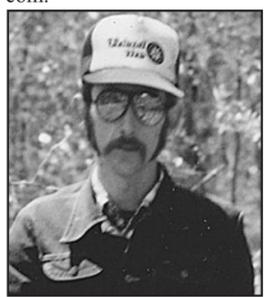
Howard was a kind and generous man, and would give the shoes off his feet if you needed them. He loved to cook and would always share his creations with half of Bowling Green. He was a fan favorite at every Ashley Community Center fish fry and was quick to lend a helping hand. He loved being with his family and would prepare a Thanksgiving feast for every visit.

He leaves his wife; two sons; two daughter-in-laws; one daughter; four granddaughters; one grandson-in-law; one great granddaughter; two sisters-in-law; and a host of cousins; nieces; nephews; and friends.

Howard chose to donate his body to science. A small memorial was held for the immediate family only. There will be no other memorial service following. If you would like to provide a gift in his honor, please direct your gift to Pike County Home Health & Hospice at 1 Healthcare Place Bowling Green, MO 63334, or to the Grimmett family at 1614 W Centennial Street Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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



Jack D. Bunten

Jack Dean Bunten, 69, of Bowling Green died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jack was born Aug. 16, 1953 in Ashley, Missouri to Glenn and Dorothy Nell Feldmann Bunten.

Jack grew up and spent his early years in Ashley. He attended St. Clement Catholic School and went on to graduate from Bowling Green High School in 1972.

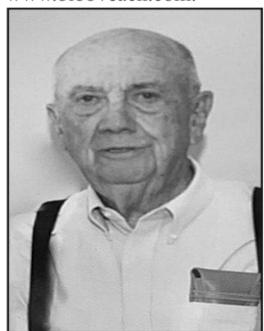
After graduation, Jack started working as a welder and manufacturer. He accepted a job with Daniel's Construction Company welding nuclear plants. This position gave Jack the opportunity to travel and weld across the United States. When his first child was born, Jack decided to change jobs in order to stay closer to home. At that time, he took a position with the Pike County Highway Department where he would stay employed for over 20 years.

Jack enjoyed shooting varmints and taking the boys dove hunting. He also liked to sit under a shade tree and listen to Cardinals baseball. Jack always had WWE playing on his T.V., but mostly he loved spending time with his granddaughter and hanging out with friends.

He is survived by children, Glen Bunten of Frankford, Rhiannon Bunten of Fulton, and James Bunten of Bowling Green; granddaughter, Adria Carr; brother, Danny Bunten of Bowling Green; sisters, Diana Hoover of Bowling Green, Patsy Ferrell and husband, Jim of Lake of the Ozarks, Jane Watts and husband, Kevin of Bowling Green, and Joyce Crawford of Bowling Green; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Crystal Turner; sister-in-law, Mary Bunten; and brother-in-law, Monte Hoover.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com.



William Wirt Haines III

William Wirt Haines III,

92, died peacefully at his residence in Olney on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023.

Bill was born Feb. 16, 1930, at the Haines family home in Olney built by his grandfather, William W. Haines I in 1887. His parents were William W. Haines II and Ruth Ebaugh Haines. He was educated at Olney School, Bowling Green High School, and attended the University of Missouri.

At age 17, he began teaching school at Abe Duff, a one room school primarily made up of Mudd and Norton children.

On June 25, 1949, Bill married Bethsheba Jane Wommack, daughter of Kathryn Sands Miller and Joseph Benton Wommack of rural Millwood. They were united in marriage in a double wedding ceremony, which included her sister, Kathryn Rebecca Wommack and William Wendell Edelen. Bill and Betty were happily married for 73 years. Five children were born to Bill and Betty, four sons and one daughter, William Wirt IV, Bethsheba Jane, Ernest Edwin, Rex Benton, and John Charles. They also helped raise one granddaughter, Courtney Lee.

Bill was a true business man. He sold cars at Troy Motors for Harry Gooch, which later became Phil Beck Motors. He was a salesman in Wentzville for Schramm and Cox, which later became Cox and Cohea, and then Poage Motors. Bill sold vehicles for nearly 70 years. Not only did he sell cars, he also traded land and livestock, and managed the Haines family farm, which he eventually owned. Bill even operated a traveling motion picture show during the 40's with his good friend, Bud Stroker. He had many business ventures and served on the board of Silex Banking Co., Silex Lumber Co., and Central Elevator.

Bill enjoyed life to the fullest and never met a stranger. He liked to travel with his wife, Betty. He always enjoyed visiting with neighbors and friends, and he was a huge country music fan and baseball fan. He especially loved Loretta Lynn and the Yankees. His wife Betty was a Cardinals fan, so that always made watching the game a little more exciting. Bill was a lucky man winning a few cars and trips throughout his life and has spread some of the "Haines luck" to his children and grandchildren.

Bill Haines has lived in Olney all of his life and has taken care of his little town in many ways. He was often thought of as the "Mayor of Olney." He attended Olney Baptist Church and belonged to many organizations including the Olney Cemetery Association, Olney Masonic Lodge, later Silex-Olney Masonic Lodge, and Eastern Star. Mr. Haines recently was presented with his 70th year Masonic pin.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty, of Olney, four children, Jane Kientzy and husband, Steve of Silex; Ed Haines of Marion, Ill., and friend, Debbie Bertrand; Rex Haines and wife, Barb Kientzy Haines of Silex; John Haines and wife, Darla Sue Mudd of Mexico; nine grandchildren, William W. Haines V and wife, Sarah, Stephen Haines Kientzy and wife, Teresa, Gina Bethsheba Kientzy Harris and husband, Caleb, Benton John Haines and wife, Jessica, Courtney Lee Haines Rhodes and husband, Austin, Michael Kientzy Haines and wife, Emily, Morgan Nicole Haines Palliser and husband, Bret, John "Jake" William Haines, and Nicholas Ernest Haines. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, Becky Edelen and Mary Wommack, and many friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, a son, William W. Haines IV, and a sister Louise Haines Chappel.

Visitation and funeral services for William Wirt Haines III of Olney will be Tuesday, (today) in Millwood. Family and friends will be received from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall in Silex.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., the Rev. Fred Barker and Fr. Charles Tichacek will officiate and music will be provided by Marlene Sanderson Kut, Steve Sanderson, Tracy Krueger, and Jordan Krueger Miller.

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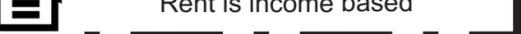
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MO Heroes To Hives Sign-Up

University of Missouri Extension is taking applications from veterans for the third year of the Missouri Heroes to Hives program.

The free program trains veterans in beekeeping while also addressing their mental and physical wellness, said MU Extension agronomist Travis Harper.

"Research has shown that the act of keeping bees can be very therapeutic, much like gardening and other outdoor activities," Harper said. "We also incorporate Q.P.R. suicide prevention training, stress relief and tai chi into the Heroes to Hives curriculum."

The program, which runs March to December, consists of three parts:

1. Online training modules from Michigan Food and Farming Systems that veterans work through at their own pace.
2. Monthly Zoom webinars on topics specific to Missouri

beekeeping.
3. Hands-on training at an MU teaching apiary in Warrensburg, Mount Vernon or Poplar Bluff.

"Our goal is to have in-person training sites located strategically across Missouri so that all Missouri veterans have access to training within a relatively short driving distance," Harper said.

Heroes to Hives (H2H) is also available for those needing adaptations, he said. "More than 60% of our participants have some sort of service-connected disability. Beekeeping is very physically demanding, and we want to make sure all veterans who want to keep bees are able to keep bees. We work with them both in and outside the H2H curriculum to do this, sometimes utilizing other MU Extension programs such as AgrAbility."

The program is free to all veterans - active-duty, reserve, National Guard, etc. -

and their spouses or dependents.

Adam Ingrao, himself a veteran, started Heroes to Hives in Michigan in 2015 to address the personal and financial wellness of veterans through professional training and community development centered around beekeeping.

In Missouri, the program was piloted in 2021 with one training site. "The reception was overwhelming," Harper said. "We had 300 veterans participate in the program. We added a second training site for 2022 and are adding a third this year."

Missouri is the first state chapter of the national Heroes to Hives program.

Sign up for the 2023 season by Feb. 28 at www.heroestohives.com. Registration is through Michigan Food and Farming Systems.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Faces Introduced At Pike SWCD

Arika Thorpe is the daughter of Jim and Karla Thorpe and is a new Pike County SWCD technician.

She is a Pike County native, growing up on the family farm in the New Hartford/Middletown area. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a bachelor degree of science in agriculture business.

Arika enjoys all things outdoors and spending time with family and friends. She spends a lot of the summer on the go from camping, boating, cooking lots of good food to trying new things.

She looks forward to learn new skills and implementing new practices. She is excited to be a part of SWCD team and helping local farmers achieve their goals.

Megan Greiwe is the new private land conservatorist for MDC in Bowling Green. It covers Pike and Ralls counties.

She is originally from Springfield, but currently lives in Warrenton with her husband, dog, and car.

In her free time she loves to hike with her dog, hunt, and travel. Megan graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor degree of science in fisheries and wildlife and the day after started her full-time career with MDC.

She has worked in forestry and wildlife for some time and is excited to share what she has learned with landowners. Megan looks forward to meeting everyone soon and jumping in full speed into her new role as a PLC.

Lindsey began serving as the resource conservatorist in the Bowling Green USDA Service Center on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

She is originally from Paris and holds a bachelor of

science degree in animal sciences from the University of Missouri-Columbia. After college, she spent four years as an artificial insemination technician, first with Select Sires and then with Cattle Visions.

Lindsay began her career with NRCS in April 2017, when she became an Elyon Contract Clerical Specialist in the Rock Rapids, Iowa, NRCS office. In 2018, she accepted a position in Osceola, Iowa as a soil conservation technician with NRCD, where she worked until 2020. Lindsay then relocated to Seaward, Neb., where she spent the last two years as a resource conservatorist with NRCD.

In her free time, Lindsey enjoys kayaking, fishing, hunting, camping with friends, reading, and spend time with her family and two young children, Harper and Karley.

February Book Reviews

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BY PATRICIA CORNWELL REVIEWED BY RUTH NATION, LIBRARY ASSISTANT-VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY

If you haven't read any of the books in Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta series, you need to start today! I haven't read the books in order but just pick one up and enjoy. Livid is the newest and has Dr. Scarpetta back in Virginia as Chief Medical Examiner. The book begins with Kay on the witness stand in a sensational murder trial. The judge is being exceptionally fair to the prosecuting attorney even though she is an old friend of Kay's. Kay hasn't even made it home when she learns that the judge's sister has been murdered. From a backstabbing in Kay's own office to a murder weapon that has both the Secret Service and the FBI involved, this book never stops.

I so enjoy a mystery that constantly has me on the edge of my seat. Medical evidence and good old-fashioned sleuthing are a winning combination and Patricia Cornwell comes through again and again.

FEBRUARY 2023 YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW THE LAKE BY NATASHA PRESTON REVIEWED BY DEBBIE MARSHALL, LIBRARY ASSISTANT, VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY

Two teenagers decide to go back to their childhood summer camp as counselors in training, thinking it's a great opportunity to make amends for what they did when they were children at the camp. As they get out of the cab, they can't believe how hot the Texas heat is.

Before the children show up, they must help finish getting the camp ready. Through this, they learn about the other counselors and make new friends. Once the kids show up, it's not long before strange things happen. Is it just someone playing pranks or is it caused by their past experiences?

This book is a fast and interesting read. It keeps you up trying to find out what is going on. And the ending is not what I expected!



Silex Teacher Of The Month

The Silex Student Council has named Lori Williams as January Teacher of the Month.

MDC Reminds Anglers Catch, Keep Urban Trout Season Is Open

Have you been yearning for trout with bowtie pasta and spring vegetables? Or perhaps crispy golden trout stuffed with crabmeat and finished with oregano? Maybe you just want the plain smoked variety.

The good news is you can now bring rainbow trout to your table in any form you like. Catch and keep urban trout season starts Feb. 1.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds St. Louis area anglers that the start of February begins catch and keep trout fishing season at MDC Urban Winter Trout Fishing Lakes. It's an ideal opportunity to acquire delicious, fresh, and locally-sourced fish for the dinner table.

MDC normally stocks almost 40,000 rainbow trout each November through January in 12 St. Louis City and County Lakes and Union City Lake in Franklin County, along with five lakes in the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St. Charles. MDC also adds several brood stock lunker trout—some as large as 10 lbs.—into the mix at its winter trout lakes.

Between Nov. 1 and Jan. 31, some lakes are catch-and-release only, and some are catch-and-keep. However, beginning Feb. 1, trout may be taken from all winter trout lakes. Rainbow trout are not native to the area but in winter the water is cold enough to support them. MDC's winter trout program provides anglers a chance to enjoy a hard-fighting fish close to home. Trout anglers can feel free to use natural or prepared baits as well when keeping the fish.

Anglers should consult the St. Louis Area Winter Trout Program brochure for details, possession limits and bait restrictions, which is available at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Zd5>, or check regulations posted at the lakes. All trout anglers between age 16 and 64 must have a valid Missouri fishing permit to participate. Anglers wishing to catch and keep trout must also possess a trout permit.

Area lakes stocked with winter trout include: Carondelet Park Boathouse Lake in St. Louis Gendron Lake in St. Ann January-Wabash Lake in Ferguson Jefferson Lake in Forest Park Koeneman Park Lake in Jennings O'Fallon Park Lake in St. Louis Suson Park's Island Lake and Carp Lake Tilles Park Lake in St. Louis County Union City Lake in Union, Franklin County Walker Lake in Kirkwood Wild Acres Park Lake in Overland Vlasik Park Lake in Ballwin August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area lakes 3, 7, 21, 22, and 23

February is the perfect time for St. Louis area anglers to bring home fresh trout and try out their own favorite dishes, or find some new recipes on the MDC website.

For information about fishing, go online at <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing>.

Fall For Strawberries, The Fruit Of Love

Strawberries are a delectable treat any time of year, but in February they are known as the fruit of love, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Michele Warmund.

Long before the celebration of Valentine's Day, the strawberry symbolized love and fertility due to its shape, color and wealth of seeds on the fruit surface.

According to folklore, if two people cut a strawberry and share it, they will fall in love, says Warmund. In an old French tradition, strawberry soup is served to newlywed couples as an aphrodisiac.

Today, there are many strawberry cultivars grown worldwide that vary in flavor and appearance.

When buying strawberries at the grocer or farmers market, choose berries that are bright red. Avoid those with white or yellow flesh near the stem end, as they do not continue to ripen and usually won't taste as sweet as a fully red fruit. Refrigerate until use. While those purchased at grocery stores will usually last for five to seven days, more mature strawberries from roadside markets likely will have a shorter life, even with refrigeration.

Strawberries are available year-round due to global production outdoors, in greenhouses and in high tunnels. Strawberries grown in Missouri are usually available beginning in May.

Despite the name, June-bearing strawberries are best for planting outdoors and bear fruit for two to four weeks. Some of the older, reliable cultivars are Earliglow, Honoe and Jewel. Some newer

June-bearing cultivars include D'Light, Dickens and Keepsake, but these are yet to be tested in Missouri. Although day-neutral strawberry cultivars can grow fruit in summer or fall, high temperatures adversely affect flowering, especially in Missouri. As a result, they may bear little fruit after hot weather.

Plant strawberries outdoors in full sun after the danger of frost passes. For large areas, plant about 30 inches apart in a matted row system, with rows 42-48 inches apart. Daughter plants will fill the space within rows. During the year of planting, remove any flowers that develop, provide irrigation when needed and keep the area weed-free. To protect plants from winter injury, cover with straw mulch in late fall when temperatures drop to 20 F for about three days, which in Missouri usually happens around late November or early December.

In the spring, rake the straw covering the plants to the outer edges of the row. To avoid soft fruit, do not fertilize plants until after harvest. During summer, keep plants well-watered, about 1 inch per week. Pick strawberries every two to three days when fruit is fully red. Remove overripe or diseased fruit to avoid loss from spotted wing drosophila and other insects.

After harvest, renovate the planting to ensure future fruit production. Renovate by

mowing off old leaves, fertilizing and thinning plants, and tilling between the rows to maintain them in a 12-inch-wide strip. Thin plants to enhance drying of foliage and prevent foliar diseases such as gray mold, leaf spot and scorch. Well-managed plantings commonly remain productive for four years.

Learn more about growing strawberries from the MU Extension publication "Home Fruit Production: Strawberry Cultivars and Their Cultures," which is available for free download at <https://extension.missouri.edu/g6135>.

The strawberry symbolizes love and fertility due to its shape, color and wealth of seeds on the fruit surface, says MU Extension horticulturist Michele Warmund. According to folklore, if two people share a strawberry, they will fall in love. Photo by Michele Warmund.

Choose strawberries that are bright red. Avoid ones that have a white or yellow area near the stem, as this area will not continue to ripen. Photo by Michele Warmund.

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OBITUARIES

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Burial will be at the Olney Cemetery with a Masonic service conducted by Jake Thompson and Dennis Hammock. There will be a meal following at the Millwood KC Hall.

Funeral services are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Silex.

Pallbearers include his six grandsons: Billy Haines, Stephen Kientzy, Benton Haines, Michael Haines, Jake Haines, and Nick Haines.

Honorary pallbearers include: David Duvel, Nick Erbe, Bill Hawkins, Steve Sanderson, and Gordon Voss.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Olney Cemetery Association, Olney Baptist Church, St. Alphonsus School - Better Together Fund, or donor's choice.



Bernadette Curry

Bernadette Curry, 83, of Curryville, entered into eternal rest Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones in Curryville.

Funeral services for Bernadette were Monday at 11 a.m. at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Pastor Cole Branstetter officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Bernadette was born Nov. 27, 1939, in Ashley to the late Alphonse Grote and late Marie Baumgartner Grote. She was united in marriage to George Curry on Nov. 24, 1956, in St. Clement. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 2004.

Bernadette grew up in St. Clement and later moved to Idaho where she spent 17 years before moving back to Missouri in 2000. In Idaho, she worked at Simplot Potato Processing Plant. Bernadette enjoyed quilting, crocheting, reading, traveling, and spending time with family.

She also enjoyed watching the Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals play. She enjoyed trips to the casino where she would spend hours playing the slot machines. She loved making trips to Jackpot, Nevada, to the Cactus Petes Casino when she lived in Idaho and trips to Mark Twain Casino while here in Missouri.

Bernadette is survived by her children, Patty Graves and husband, Oliver of Curryville, Dennis Curry and wife, Donna of Curryville, Janet Borntrager and the late Sam of Heyburn, Idaho, Mary Lou Schwartz and husband, Levi of Curryville, and Roger Curry of Curryville; her grandchildren, Jeff Couch and wife, Brandy, Randy Couch and wife, Heather, Hannah Betz and husband, Jason, Bryan Curry and wife, Lacey, Phillip Curry and wife, Chrissy, Steven Graves and wife, Mary Jo, Julie Trower and husband, Tyron, Mark Graves and wife, Alicia, Donald Curry and wife, Karee, Tina Cotton, Jessica Yoder and husband, Delbert, Richie Curry, Jennifer Solis and hus-

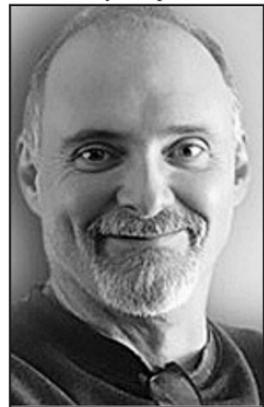
band, Jose, and Kimberly Sayko and husband, Robert; step-grandchildren, Brianna and Cody Moss; sisters, Mary Jones of Vandalia, Clara Lybarger of Bowling Green, and Kathy Hoover of Vandalia; and, a sister-in-law, Deborah Curry.

She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Brandon Couch, Brittany Couch, Stetson Couch, Sydney Williams, Sawyer Couch, Dustin Sellars, Tabitha Betz, Layne Betz, Hallie Schouten, Abigail Curry, Mason Shults, Trenton Williams, Keagon Williams, Timothy Curry, Alishia Curry, Scott Curry, Brittany Maple, Elizabeth Breshears, Amy Graves, Olivia Graves, Devin Graves, Nicole Graves, Dezera Resor, Brianna Resor, Kelsi Graves, Autumn Graves, Allison Graves, Jaydn Curry, Jaeclynn Curry, Kyle Cotton, Justin Cotton, Isaiah Judkins, Kalli Judkins, Martin Solis, Lexi Solis, Ivette Solis, Ameerah Sayko, Darrin Sayko, Lovella Sayko, and Ariella Sayko; eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alphonse and Marie Grote; husband, George Curry; daughter, Wanda Moss; one brother, Donald Grote; two sisters, Edna Kerns and Helen Jennings; and one grandson, John William Curry.

Pallbearers were Layne Betz, Dustin Sellars, Garrett Sellars, Steven Graves, Bryan Curry, Mark Graves, Hannah Betz, and Julie Trower. Honorary pallbearers were Donald Curry, Phillip Curry, Scott Curry, Jeff Couch, Randy Couch, Tom Couch, Jason Betz, and Henry Bryant.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Hospice.



Jeffrey 'Jeff' Dean Martin

Jeffrey "Jeff" Dean Martin, 58, of Eolia, formerly of Troy died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023.

A funeral service was held Monday at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy at 1 p.m. The Rev. Mike Ryan officiated. Interment to follow in the Troy City Cemetery, Troy.

Visitation was Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the funeral home.

He was married to Pamela Dixon May 1, 1987 and together they raised two sons, Paul Jeffrey and Samuel Robert Martin. He loved his family and was so proud when he became a grandfather, or "Poppy" as he was so loving called by his grandchildren.

He enjoyed building bows, spending time in the woods, reading history and playing music with his family. He loved talking with his sons for hours about all things important in their lives. Among his most treasured times were those spent with his grandchildren, whom he adored.

Jeff worked at Bodine Aluminum for 25+ years and had many friends and colleagues there who will miss his wit, humor and dedication.

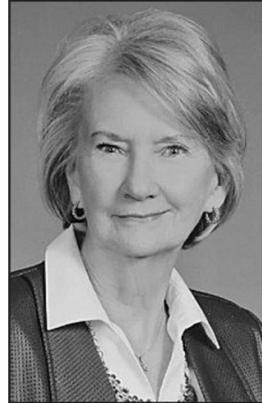
He is survived by his former spouse, Pamela Hanes of Elsberry; and their son, Samuel Martin and wife, Lindsey of Lake St. Louis; daughter-in-law, Kaylah

Hockman of St. Charles; sister, Terri Bradford and husband, Jerry; and brother, Wes Martin and wife, Starla. He was loved by four nieces and one nephew. He was a proud and doting Poppy to his grandchildren, Elias, Jubilee, Eve, Caia, Reagan, Harley and Noelle.

Jeff was preceded in death by his son of 28 years, Paul Jeffrey Martin, whom he missed greatly. His dear mother, Jacqueline Martin; and father, Darrell Martin.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Troy location.

Friends and family are invited to visit our website at mccoymblossomfh.com to sign the on-line guest registry.



Martha Lou Meyer Hoggard

Martha Lou Meyer Hoggard of Gardendale, Texas was welcomed home by her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. She passed peacefully with strength in her faith and surrounded by her family at the Ashton Medical Center in Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be from 9:15-10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 7601 North Grandview Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79765.

Funeral service will be Friday, March 10 at 10 a.m., at the church.

Martha was born May 30, 1943 at home in rural Pike County. She was the youngest child of Ferdinand William and Laura Elizabeth Grote Meyer.

Martha attended St. Clement Elementary School and graduated from Bowling Green High School with the Class of 1961. At the age of 71, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of attending college and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Odessa College with a degree in business with a medical emphasis in 2001.

Martha married Johnny P. Hoggard at St. Clement Church on June 6, 1964. To this union, two sons were born, David Lee Hoggard and Paul Baird Hoggard, both of Odessa, Texas.

She is survived by her two sons, David and Paul, Stephanie and Paul; two siblings, Vera Smith of Arlington, Texas, and Melvin Meyer of Bowling Green; a brother-in-law, Roland "Duke" Orf; and a sister-in-law, Delores "Butch" Meyer, both of Bowling Green.

Martha was a loving and devoted grandmother to Kendre Hoggard and husband, Greg of Midland, Texas, and Kelsey Hoggard of Saginaw, Texas. It was with joy and pride she also welcomed two great-grandchildren into her family, Landry Claire White and Bishop Lee Tomlin of Midland, Texas. She was lovingly known as "Aunt Mutzie", "Aunt Martha", or "Aunt Texas" by her nieces and nephews who adored her, Brenda Smith and husband, Radford of Fort Worth, Texas; Bill Smith and wife, Janine of Riverside, Calif.; Beverly Peters and husband, Mike of Edina; Peggy Briscoe and husband, Dennis of Williamstown; Nancy Stitzer and husband, Phil of Columbia; Doug Meyer and wife, Brenda of

Madison, Ala.; Jeff Meyer and wife, Laura of Bowling Green; Tammy Bagley and husband, Neil and Teri Weise and husband, Steve, all of Columbia; Scott Meyer and wife, Ellen, Bowling Green; Curt Meyer and wife, Christine of Troy; Bruce Meyer and wife, Stephanie; Laura Portwood and husband, David, Marty Orf and wife, Anita, all of Bowling Green; Russ Orf and wife, Cindy of New Hartford; and Tom Orf and wife, Shelly of Bowling Green. She is also survived by numerous great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews and many cousins.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, four siblings, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, Cletus Meyer; Clementine Porter and her husband, Don; Mary Margaret Orf; Arthur Meyer; Lorraine "Bee" Meyer; and Wm. A. "Bill" Smith. She also mourned the loss of an infant grandson, John Maikell Hoggard, and two great-nephews, Traver Smith and Cameron Bagley.

Ms. Hoggard was employed by neurosurgeon Dr. Rudolph Cartwright as his surgery coordinator for eleven years until his retirement. She was a founding member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and served as the first secretary to Fr. Bridges in Odessa for 11 years. She retired in 2019 after serving as a bookkeeper for the Greater Gardendale Water Supply District for 1 1/2 years.

She loved to travel and fell one state short (Hawaii) of accomplishing her goal of visiting all 50 states in her lifetime. She was a frequent and faithful traveler back to her roots she lovingly called "home" in the Bowling Green/St. Clement, area in spite of the fact that she lived in West Texas the majority of her life. Martha rarely missed an opportunity to celebrate major family events, regardless of the location, and unselfishly provided support, encouragement and her presence to her nieces and nephews and their families in numerous life events, but especially as her siblings, Clementine, Mary Margaret, and Art were facing end-of-life situations.

Ask any football fan - anywhere - what MOJO is and they will likely know about Permian football. She was a loyal fan and supporter of the Permian High School Panthers and held season tickets for Panther football games for many years. Her love of football extended to several college teams as well as the Dallas Cowboys and Kansas City Chiefs.

Her sons, David and Paul, were a great source of pride for her and she was a loving and devoted mother throughout her life, supporting their life choices, taking them to rock concerts, making "Texas-style" homecoming corsages for their girlfriends and being actively involved in whatever activity/sport they were interested in at the time. Through the years, her home was often filled with many of David's and Paul's friends who thought of Martha as their second mother.

Prayer warriors know that no matter how hopeless a situation may appear to us, God gives us power in prayer to do something about it. Martha was grateful and deeply appreciative of the hundreds of prayer warriors who joined together to lift her in prayer after receiving a cancer diagnosis. She especially treasured the many phone calls and visits from family members and friends during her final months and for those who provided special care to her.

Funeral services are under the direction of the Frank Wilson Funeral Home, 4635 Oakwood Dr., Odessa, Texas. A Requiem Mass will be held

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 7601 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa, Texas on Friday, March 10 with Fr. Joseph Barbieri officiating. Burial of ashes will immediately follow the Mass.

Visitation will begin 45 minutes before Mass begins.

Suggested memorials may be made in Martha Hoggard's memory to the flower fund at St. Elizabeth's Church or to a charity of the giver's choice.

MDC Offers Free Virtual Class On Firearm Cleaning, Storage

Firearms used for hunting and target shooting need care and maintenance to work properly year after year.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer a free virtual Firearms Basic Care and Cleaning class from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8. This class will cover cleaning techniques and safe storage of rifles and shotguns. Handguns will not be covered in the class.

Taking a gun hunting exposes them to dirt, dust, and moisture that can cause harm.

Also, improper lubrication of actions can cause mechanisms to cease functioning properly. Adam Brandsgaard, MDC conservation educator, will talk about how to clean rifle and shotgun parts to keep them loading and firing smoothly. Brandsgaard will also discuss storage methods that protect guns from harm and keep them safe.

This virtual firearm cleaning and storage class is open to all ages. Registration is required. To register, visit <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/4YN>.

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You can also visit our website at oatstransit.org to view local schedules under "Bus Schedules", then click on the county you live in.

The offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, Feb. 20, for the Presidents' Day holidays.

Please keep this in mind as you schedule trips near these holidays. OATS Transit is hiring drivers statewide in case you know of someone who would make a great driver, so we can continue serving our riders. All our openings are listed on our website.

Brazier Receives National Award

Brandon Brazier, formerly of Louisiana, was the first bullfighter to receive the National Federation of Professional Bullriders Legends Award on Dec. 10, 2022.

Brandon followed rodeos for many years and was known for his skills and commitment for protecting bullriders at the expense of his own safety.

Ten years ago, Brandon decided to retire and concentrate on his family of four. Recently, a Missouri rodeo company that he had worked with previously, was without a bullfighter due to injuries. The company contacted him

to ask if he could help. With the support of his family of now five, Brandon agreed.

Without any practice or conditioning, Brandon headed to Sedalia to the national finals. He claimed he was a little nervous until his feet hit the dirt, and then when the action began, he felt right at home.

Brandon helped the rodeo company several times after and they were shocked at his abilities after being away from bullfighting for so long. His talent, dedication, and love for the arena has never faded.

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The family of Roy Fischer wishes to express our sincere gratitude and thanks. We are grateful for all the love and sympathy shown us in our recent loss. Your cards, messages, flowers, food, visits, and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Our father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather will be greatly missed. Thank you, God Bless all of you and your families.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Cindy Maschmeier would like to thank everyone from Louisiana and Pike County along with Ruth Jensen Village for their condolences, cards, flowers, monetary donations, food, and kindness during this difficult time.

It was really appreciated. Thank you one and all.

**Rob, Cory & Carley
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