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Pike County Sheriff's Deputies Exposed To Fentanyl During Arrest

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

According to a press release from Pike County Sheriff, Stephen Korte, on March 13, sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on Austin Greenfield, 27, at U.S. 61 and Route OO just north of Eolia. Greenfield was being sought in connection with a domestic assault being investigated by the Bowling Green Police.

The stop turned violent, as Greenfield punched a deputy as they attempted to place him into custody. After striking one deputy in the face, he attempted to flee.

"After getting Greenfield into cuffs, two of the deputies

began exhibiting symptoms of Fentanyl exposure," Sheriff Korte said. "Both were administered Narcan which helped with the symptoms. When the third deputy went to place Greenfield in the back of the patrol vehicle, they also began showing symptoms and along with the first two were treated by Pike County Ambulance."

Greenfield was transported to Pike County Hospital where he was evaluated and found medically fit to be in jail.

Pike County Prosecutor Alex Ellison has charged Greenfield with the following:

Class A felonies of 1st de-

gree domestic assault, 1st-degree kidnapping, 3 counts of 1st-degree assault on Law Enforcement. The class B felonies of 1st-degree harassment and resisting arrest and a class B misdemeanor of property damage. The bond was set at \$500,000 cash only by Judge Milan Berry.

Additionally, Greenfield was on parole from the Missouri Department of Corrections and was returned to DOC on March 17, 2023, after a parole warrant was filed.

All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent by the courts until the matter has been adjudicated.

Sock Hop Ticket Deadline Is March 25



Debbie Ingram plays the piano for a previous Raintree Arts Council Encore evening of dinner and music. This year's event, a 1950s Sock Hop, is Saturday, April 1. Ticket deadline is Saturday, March 25. Information is available by calling 573-754-0335.

Hey, daddio, if you can't get your thrill on "Blueberry Hill," you might try the Apple Shed in Clarksville.

That's where Raintree Arts Council's Encore fund-raiser will offer a 1950s Sock Hop on Saturday, April 1.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. Tickets are \$25 each and reservations are due by March 25. They can be made by calling 573-754-0335.

"Why a sock hop?" asked Judi Bruce, who is organizing the event with Debbie Ingram. "Why not? We chose that theme as it was a fun era."

Live renditions of such 1950s hits as "Love Me Tender," "Chances Are," "To Know Him is to Love Him," "Earth Angel," "That'll Be the Day," "It's Now or Never," "Only You" and "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" will be offered.

Performers include Bruce, Ingram, Alyssa Niemeyer, Jessica Harting, Bev Cogar,

Tommy Wallace, Angela Maier, Donna Grote, Gary Richardson, Kaitlyn Fielder, Debbie Ingram and Mindy Webert. Howard Street Dance Studio of Bowling Green is scheduled to do a routine to the song "Shake a Tail Feather."

People who grew up in the 1950s, and even those who came afterward, recall it as a special time, with a booming economy and the birth of rock 'Girls wore bobby socks, poodle skirts, petticoats and letter sweaters and "class rings from your boyfriend with oodles of tape under them to fit your finger," Bruce said. Guys greased their hair, wore chinos or a tight pair of jeans, donned leather jackets or slipped on skinny ties.

"The 50s was the best in our culture," Bruce said.

Emcee for the evening will be Charlie "Cool Cat" Cogar. He remembers growing up on Long Island "glued to my tiny red and white transistor

radio" listening to programs, baseball and tunes.

Cogar loved tuning in Yankees games on the AM dial and later followed many Baby Boomers to FM radio. Over the years, all of those hours had a profound impact.

"I think these formative years and always playing with a camera were fodder for majoring in media communications in undergraduate and graduate school," said Cogar, who still has that red and white transistor radio. "All of my working years were in this field."

Another big attraction of the evening will be a silent auction featuring "a variety of over 30 unique items" with "something for everyone," said Raintree President Ashley Branstetter. "We have décor, jewelry, artwork by local artists, photographs, beauty gifts, food and drink baskets, outdoor items and much more."

Oh, and there will be contests – best-dressed, twist and hula hoop. Bruce is ready for that last one, even if she's ineligible due to her Raintree board membership.

"Can I hula hoop?" she asked. "I used to. Can I now? The hula hoop I bought for the contest hasn't been tried out yet."

Proceeds will help fund Raintree activities. In the last year, the organization has sponsored the Missouri State Chili Cook-Off, Clarksville Eagle Days, Christmas With Donna Grote, Shakespeare in the Park and a performance of the musical "9 to 5" by the Changelings theater group, a jazz concert by Cornet Chop Suey and school performances of "James and the Giant Peach" by Imaginary Theatre Company.

MO Eastern Court Of Appeals Sides With Attorney General, Upholds Second-Degree Murder Conviction

In an effort to enforce the laws as written and protect Missourians, Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey announced Tuesday, March 14 that the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District upheld the conviction of Michael A. Black for shooting and killing of his step-son, Alexander Koch, in August 2017.

The appeals court affirmed the circuit court's judgment, rejecting Black's claims that the circuit court abused its

discretion by excluding evidence of the victim's past violent acts against third parties.

"I am committed to enforcing the laws as written, which includes defending the convictions of violent criminals," said Attorney General Bailey.

"This is a great result for Missourians after the tireless work my Criminal Appeals Unit has put in, and my office will continue to obtain justice for victims throughout the

state."

Following a jury trial in Pike County Circuit Court, Black was convicted of one count of second-degree murder and one count of armed criminal action. The appeals court affirmed these convictions.

Read the Court's opinion at: https://ago.mo.gov/docs/default-source/press-releases/michael-a-black-opinion-ed110114-1.pdf?sfvrsn=94486a27_2

Reward Offered For Bethany Cemetery Plat Book

Bethany Cemetery was established in 1894 and is located just off Highway 54 on Hwy. U in Louisiana.

This is a small cemetery with great potential. The board of directors has recently decided to increase the cash reward for the cemetery's missing plat-book from \$500 to \$2,000.

After years of searching and leads that were dead ends, they want the public to know just how priceless this original plat-book is to the future of this cemetery. They hope this reward will bring

more attention to our desperate need for the plat-book.

Bethany Cemetery has over 280 people laid to rest and a little over half of the cemetery's 32 lots are occupied. We have 47 people that are buried here and we do not have any record of where they are laid to rest. These poor souls have no tombstones that we can find. Please help us on our mission to find the plat-book and get them the memorial stones they deserve. This plat-book holds all the information we need to continue to offer plot sales. It contains

names, dates and locations to all who are laid to rest at Bethany Cemetery.

Our donations barely cover the cost of lawn maintenance and are always seeking donations – no amount is too big or too small.

If you have questions please contact Tracy Brookshier, Secretary at 314-971-5886.

You may also learn more from our website www.BethanyCemeteryMO.com or follow us on facebook@BethanyCemeteryPikeMO.

Van-Far R-I School District Introduces New Position

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

Van-Far School District is seeking to hire a qualified candidate for a new position to address the increased need for student support and instructional leadership by introducing a "Dean of Students." Superintendent John Fortney announced the decision in response to the growing challenges faced by principals in managing student behavior and maintaining a focus on instructional leadership.

The Dean of Students position was created to provide much-needed support to principals in managing their schools and ensuring a positive learning environment for all students. This new role will focus on working closely with various agencies to keep students in school and help them manage their behavior effectively. The job listing of the new position's responsibilities focuses on student disciplinary issues along with assisting the administration in the day-to-day running of

both PK-6 and 7-12 grade buildings.

According to Fortney, the primary goal of the new position is to enable principals to dedicate more time to their role as "instructional leaders." With the addition of a Dean of Students, principals will have the opportunity to focus on improving instructional outcomes and providing more targeted support to teachers.

"The board wanted to provide a resource for our principals to ensure that they had the time to really be 'instructional leaders' of their building," Fortney told the Tribune. "We, like most districts, have seen an increase in student behavior that our principals have been required to manage their buildings which left little time to focus on improving instructional outcomes through teacher support."

In addition to working with principals, the Dean of Students will collaborate with mental health support staff to address the needs of students. This collaboration aims to create a supportive and nur-

ture environment that will encourage students to thrive academically and socially.

"The Dean is another trusted adult that our kids can go to for support and will maintain high expectations for them," Fortney noted as another key aspect of the Dean's daily roles.

According to the District's posting, the position will also oversee day-to-day disciplinary issues, work closely with administrators and faculty to ensure compliance with school policies and effective communication, and keep accurate records regarding disciplinary infractions and consequences.

Although much of the job duties are geared toward student behavior, the Dean of Students will be an advocate for students by facilitating restorative conversations between students and staff members and assisting in the coordination of academic support for students.

The 11-month contract will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Museum Team Naming Deadline Is March 24



Pictured are prizes for the Louisiana Area Historical Museum's "Name The Baseball Team" contest.

There's still time to enter the Louisiana Area Historical Museum's "Name the Base-

ball Team" contest, co-sponsored by The Gatherings at 601 event center.

It's open to kids ages 17 and younger from Pike County, Mo. Names must start with "Pike County." Entries should include the author's name, a parent or guardian name, address, a telephone number and an e-mail address if possible. The winner will receive \$50.

Entries may be e-mailed to bengel2022@gmail.com or addressed to Louisiana Area Historical Museum, 304 Georgia St., Louisiana, Mo., 63353. They must be sent or postmarked by March 24.

If there are duplicates of the name chosen, a winner will be selected at random. The winning entry will be announced on Thursday, March 30, the date of the St. Louis Cardinals' home opener against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Dollar General Mart Coming To Vandalia

While details have not yet been released, Vandalia is one step closer to having a new Dollar General Market. According to City Administrator, Darren Barry, the city has approved all the necessary steps for the new store's construction.

"Yes, everything has been approved on our end," Barry told the Tribune. "As far as I know, everything is good to go for the Dollar General Mart. I am hoping that they will be breaking ground soon."

We have reached out to the chain for comments and will provide more information once it becomes available.

Area Boy Scout Creates Blessing Boxes

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

A testament to hard work and dedication, Cole Chidster, a Louisiana High School senior and Boy Scout with Troop 156 is putting the final touches on a scout project. With the help of his troop, he's building and installing two Blessing Boxes for those in need within the community.

Upon completion of this project, Cole will hopefully earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, an honor earned by only about 6 percent of all scouts.

The journey to becoming an Eagle Scout is a long and challenging one. Scouts must first progress through five ranks (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First

Class, Star, and Life) before reaching the final Eagle Scout rank. Each rank requires the completion of various merit badges, with specific ones being mandatory for Eagle Scout candidates. Among these required badges are Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid, and Swimming.

Eagle Scout candidates must also plan and execute a service project that demonstrates their leadership skills and commitment to their community. For Cole, that project spanned two years and involved a considerable amount of planning, coordination, and effort.

Cole's project, the Blessing Boxes, will provide com-

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Woods Smoked Meats Wins At MAMP Show

Steve Bolton and Woods Smoked Meats Team at pictured following the 2023 MAMP Show in Columbia. Woods Smoked Meats brought home a trophy and several plaques in memory of Ed Woods. Pictured, from left: Kyle Brewster, Mike Klott, Robin McChristian, Maddy Bolton, Tamara Crawford, Steve Bolton, David Luebrecht, and Kory Brewster

COMMUNITY NEWS

Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Events

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Annual Support Campaign Fish Fry is set for March 24 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds, serving from 4-7 p.m., offering curbside pick-up or dine-in (weather permitting).

The cost for the meal is \$13 and the cost for a sandwich is \$9. All proceeds will benefit the YMCA for membership assistance and program development. The Vandalia Area Fair Board and the YMCA have joined together to make this a successful event.

The YMCA is hosting an April Fool's Day 5K Run/Walk or 10K Bike event 7 am beginning and ending at the Y, on Saturday, April 1. Registration ends on March 24, with the first twenty participants receiving an April Fool's treat. Cost varies from \$10-\$25 depending on age and membership.

Flag football, cheerleading, and wiffle t-ball registrations are open at the Y. Flag football is available for K-6th graders, cheerleading is available for K-4th graders, and wiffle t-ball is available for 3-5-year-old children. All programs are available to everyone; the cost varies depending on membership or non-member status. Coaches, instructors, refs, and umpires will be needed.

The last membership promotion of the quarter begins on March 22 and ends on March 27. The promotion features a reduction in the join fee from \$50-\$30. Membership fees will still apply depending on the payment option that is chosen.

Adult 3-on-3 Coed Basketball Sunday is set for Sunday,

March 26 beginning at 1 p.m. Teams may consist of three to six players, men, women, or coed. A minimum of three teams is needed to offer the event. The games and tournament schedule will be determined by the number of teams/players. The cost for registration is \$15 per person.

The Annual YMCA Day of Giving was held on March 7 with all proceeds used to purchase additional fitness class chairs. Members reached the goal of \$1,000 for the one-day event.

Painting with Deborah was held on March 11, 9 a.m., in the Y Café. Deborah Dunn led the class in creating a "Believe" painting.

Indoor youth soccer is in full swing with games ending on April 1. If you are interested in learning to play chess or know how to play and want to play more often, stop by the Y and let us know. The Y also offers a \$20 program for resume and cover letter review and updating. Whether you're working on a scholarship, updating your resume, or just beginning your job search, stop by and see how we can help.

A pre-game rally celebration for opening day baseball will be held on Thursday, March 30 at the YMCA. Members are encouraged to stop by and check in at the Y to be entered into a drawing for Cardinal gear door prizes.

Friends of the Y may also participate by purchasing a day pass to use the Y facilities for the day including fitness classes, the walking track, and Wellness Center.

A \$5 ball park lunch will be available from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., including a Ball Park Frank, chips or peanuts, ice cream, and a drink. "Team" photos will be taken with Y friends, family, and classmates. Plus, answer ten trivia questions for a chance to win a Cardinal souvenir. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite St. Louis Cardinal shirt to paint the Y red that day.

Healthy Kids Day will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the YMCA gymnasium. The event will feature "healthy" stations for the children to participate in such as Food Fun Crafts, Individualize your Initial, Get Moving, Art Masterpiece, and more. Additional events will be added as time and space allow. The event is free and available for everyone.

Please continue to watch their Facebook page – Eastern Missouri Family YMCA – in addition to local media and area school announcements for more information.

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, and secure children, adults, families, and communities. Every day our impact is felt when a community comes together for the common good. Stop by the Y anytime. They would love to tell you about our YMCA.



Regina Valencia

Regina Valencia Joins NECAC

Regina Valencia of Bowling Green has joined the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) as a housing assistance counselor.

Valencia will provide assistance to private landlords and guidance to tenants who are part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 Housing Rent-Assistance Program administered by NECAC. She will also recruit new landlords and process new tenant applications along with administrative duties.

Valencia graduated from high school in Oregon and attended college courses in photo and graphic design. She has years of experience in accounts payable, vendor oversight.

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Pike Genealogical Society Holds First 2023 Meeting

By AUDREY JONES

On Saturday, March 11 the Pike County Genealogical Society had it's first meeting of the year at 1:30 p.m. We have changed our meeting date to the second Saturday of each month in hopes it will help those who are members locally to be able to attend a meeting.

We have been closed since December meeting 2022. We may have been closed, but it was a busy time for us. We worked two days a week diligently to get projects done. We have now a school house section housing the Country Schoolhouse records and other school items as year-books and pictures. Records were donated by the Hon-eyshuck Organization.

We have been updating our obituaries we had within the library. They were in all kinds of other books and we now have them logged into their years for easier access. It's an ongoing project indexing and adding. We have been blessed with a lot of donations of obituaries and now they will be put to good use.

With the weather warm ups in February we went to some cemeteries. We have logged and filmed the Matson cemetery in Salt River Township. We watched some slave graves in the Headrick Cemetery on the Tom Wallace Farm just north of Louisiana. We found at least 25 slave graves there that had no markings. We hope to continue this Spring to do the Shaw Cemetery and refile the Watts Cemetery.

This winter we also had a huge book sale. We have had some great donations of

books to add to our library and extras. So on our Diggin Up Bones page on facebook we sold books. We still have some left and at the winter book sale price so please drop by now we are open now and check them out.

We are excited about our 2023 activities. We are going to have a spring yard sale May 6th. 8am to 1pm We are going to be a part of the Bicentennial this year with tours. We hope to have our

new Old Jail Museum cookbook ready by then.

Please visit us on Diggin Up Bones on facebook. We have a lot of pictures on there and conversations about history in Pike County. Also visit us at www.pikecountymofamilyhistory.com.

Remember we are open Thursdays 1-4 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We are so ready for this year's events and activities. Have a Happy Spring!

American Legion Recognizes Membership At March Meeting

At the March meeting American Legion Post 370 named the following members membership awards.

50 years, Elbert Vanhooser,

Fred Rush, Robert Ringhausen, Robert Gast, Junior Clark, Rule Campbell, Billy Baxter. 80 years, Terrace Boudinier.

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Construction Begins On Turn Lane At Mark Twain School

Drivers can expect to see a lot of activity around Mark Twain High School on Missouri Route 19 near Center as construction begins on a corridor improvement project from Bus Barn Road to Mark Twain Road in Ralls County near Center. The work is scheduled to begin next week with anticipated completion by the end of May.

This work will involve grading a pavement widening to allow for a center turn lane at the entrance of the high school. In addition, the contract includes a resurfacing project located on MO 19 from U.S. Route 61 in Ralls County to Route J near Basinger Corner in Audrain County. This work is scheduled to begin early Summer.

Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. was awarded the contract by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission last winter for \$11,416,278.

During specific phases of this project, intermittent lane and entrance closures will be necessary. We understand

these closures may be inconvenient, but they are necessary for the safety of the traveling public and construction crews.

Schedule changes could occur due to weather or material availability. We ask motorists to please be attentive in work zones for their safety and the safety of highway workers. Please obey all traffic signs and personnel and eliminate distractions by putting down your phone.

MoDOT will alert the public about the project through signs, news releases and social media. For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636).

Be in the know before you go! All work zones are online at www.modot.org/northeast, and you can receive the latest news about road work in your area by signing up for e-updates, receiving emails or text messages about road work that's happening on the roads, projects or counties you want!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MDC Sets Upcoming Migratory Bird, Waterfowl Seasons For More Info On Hunting In Missouri Visit MDC Online

The Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at its March 14 meeting for upcoming 2023 migratory-game-bird-hunting seasons and 2023-2024 waterfowl-hunting seasons.

2023 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

Mourning Doves, Eurasian Collared Doves, and White-Winged Doves

Season: Sept. 1 through Nov. 29

Limits: 15 daily and 45 in possession combined total for all three species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Sora and Virginia Rails

Season: Sept. 1 through Nov. 9

Limits: 25 daily and 75 in possession combined for both species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Wilson's (Common) Snipe

Season: Sept. 1 through Dec. 16

Limits: 8 daily and 24 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

American Woodcock

Season: Oct. 15 through Nov. 28

Limits: 3 daily and 9 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

2023-2024 WATERFOWL HUNTING

Teal

Season: Sept. 9-24

Limits: 6 daily and 18 in possession

Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Ducks

Season: North Zone: Oct. 28 through Dec. 26

Middle Zone: Nov. 4 - 12 and Nov. 18 through Jan. 7, 2024

South Zone: Nov. 23 - 26 and Dec. 7 through Jan. 31, 2024

Bag Limit: 6 ducks daily with species restrictions of:

4 mallards (no more than 2 females)

2 scaup for first 45 days

and 1 scaup for last 15 days

3 wood ducks

2 redheads

2 hooded mergansers

1 pintail

2 canvasbacks

2 black ducks

1 mottled duck

Possession Limit: Three times the daily bag or 18 total, varies by species

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Coots

Season: Same as duck season dates in the respective zones

Limits: 15 daily and 45 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Snow Geese (White and Blue Phases) and Ross's Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2024

Limits: 20 blue, snow, or Ross's geese daily with no possession limit

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

White-Fronted Geese

Season: Nov. 11 through Feb. 6, 2024

Limits: 2 daily and 6 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Canada Geese and Brant

Season: Oct. 7-15 and Nov. 11-Feb. 6, 2024

Limits: 3 Canada geese and Brant in aggregate daily, 9 in possession

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Light Goose Conservation Order

Season: Feb. 7 through April 30, 2024

Limits: No daily or possession limits

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Methods: For the taking of blue, snow and Ross's geese, hunters may use shotguns capable of holding more than three shells and recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations of bird calls or sounds.

YOUTH HUNTING DAYS

North Zone: Oct. 21 and 22

Middle Zone: Oct. 21 and 22

South Zone: Nov. 18 and 19

Limits: Same as during regular waterfowl season

Hours: Same as during regular waterfowl season

Requirements: Any person 15 years of age or younger may participate in youth waterfowl hunting days without permit provided they are in the immediate presence of an adult 18 years of age or older. If the youth hunter is not certified in hunter education, the adult must have the required permits and have in his or her possession proof of hunter education unless exempt. The adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth hunting days.

FALCONRY SEASONS

Falconry Season for Doves

Season: Sept. 1 through Dec. 16

Dec. 16

Limits: 3 daily and 9 in possession, singly, or in the aggregate (any ducks, coots, or mergansers taken by falconers must be included in these limits)

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Falconry Season for Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers

Season: Open during waterfowl seasons (teal, youth, duck) and Feb. 11 through March 10, 2024

Limits: 3 daily and 9 in possession, singly, or in the aggregate during the regular duck-hunting seasons (including teal and youth seasons) and extended falconry seasons (any doves taken by falconers must be included in these limits)

Hours: Sunrise to sunset during the September teal season, one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during the remaining seasons

HUNTING ZONES

Waterfowl hunting in Missouri is divided into three zones: North, Middle, and South. For a map and more information, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/waterfowl/duck-zones or refer to MDC's "2023-2024 Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest," available beginning in July where hunting permits are sold.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIREMENTS

Shells possessed or used while hunting waterfowl and coots statewide, and for other species as designated by posting on public areas, must be loaded with material approved as nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Get more information on nontoxic-shot requirements, allowed types, and conservation areas requiring use at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/regulations/nontoxic-shot-regulations.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on migratory-bird and waterfowl hunting, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species and select the specific species, or get MDC's "2023-2024 Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest," available beginning in July where hunting permits are sold.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to:

peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On April 28: St. Joseph Cemetery Committee meeting at the cemetery, 10 a.m. In the event of inclement weather the meeting will be held at The Trimble House in Louisiana.

From The Mayor's Desk...

I have about 13 months left in my mayoral term in office. I believe I can still accomplish, with the support of the board of alderpersons, some goals I had in running for mayor in the first place. One goal is to fill the empty buildings with businesses around the square. Another is to increase economic development and job training in Bowling Green. I would like to reach out to our financial district to offer affordable loans in order to build low and middle income housing along with "Assisted Living" facility(ies). Additionally, Bowling Green is in need of more preschool/daycare opportunities where children can already start the educational process. Our city budget is set for 2023 but I hope we can fit sidewalks into the 2024 budget especially for children walking to school from the northeast part of our town along Champ Clark Drive to the main park and then to school. We must prepare for the future whether we continue to grow or not.

There will be a new addition to the big city park with a "gaga pit ball pit." Bowling Green Girl Scouts received approval to build and our Lion's Club is buying the lumber for them.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Thanks, B.G. Lion's Club! Goggle "gaga pit" to find out more about this new activity in the park for our youth!

The Park and Rec Board is busy planning activities for the spring, summer, and fall. April 1 will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the park at Adams and Court Streets. Check out times and ages on their B.G. Parks website.

On April 21, third-fifth graders are planning an Arbor Day activity to pick up trash, limbs, etc. to clean up the park. An Arbor Day Grant will also allow them to plant trees.

On April 22, Earth Day, the Park Board and the B.G. Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a barbecue and other vendors. Come help, clean up and enjoy your public parks. Music in the Park and Rhythm in the Park will continue to entertain throughout the summer months. May could hold Movie in the Park again. June 3 is All-Town Yard Sales in the main park.

It is also Wings and Wheels at the airport. This will be cars, trucks, motor-cycles shows, food, drink, and ice-cream vendors. Remote airplanes show and family fun as well! Go to the yard sales and then to the Wings and Wheels at your Bowling Green Municipal Airport.

VFW Post 2173 To Present Patriots' Pen Awards

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, March 9 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m. meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The February meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. VFW General Orders #9 and a thank you note for memorial donation to Sacred Heart Catholic Church from the Leo McBride Family were read.

Presentation of Patriots' Pen essay awards winners will be done on Thursday

March 16 at Van-Far High School. Garrett Hopke, first place; Ebony Fraction, second place; Lillian Breden, third place; Peyton Kim and DaQuan Martin, honorable mention. The winners are all students in Nikki Gibson's Communication Arts classes at Van-Far.

Auxiliary members and post members have been helping with Bingo at the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico. Bingo days and times were announced at the Missouri Veterans' Home and at the Baptist Homes Tri-County.

Scholarship amounts and awards were discussed with the decision to award scholar-

ship(s) at Van-Far High School with the amounts to match the level of service listed on applications.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The nine members attending were Joy Davis, Vivian Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Vivian McFadden, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, Ann Wasson, and June Willis.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

MDC, CFM Thank Deer Hunters, Processors, Sponsors Season's Donations Were 235,169 Pounds Of Venison

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) thank the thousands of Missouri deer hunters who donated 235,169 pounds of venison to the state's Share the Harvest program this past deer season, including 4,936 whole deer.

MDC and CFM also thank the participating meat processors throughout the state who grind the donated deer meat into ready-to-use packages, and the many sponsors who financially support the program. The donated deer meat goes to local food banks and food pantries to help feed hungry Missourians all around the state. Meat-processing fees are covered entirely or in part by numerous local sponsors, along with statewide sponsors that include Shelter Insurance, Bass Pro Shops, Feeding Missouri,

and MDC.

Share the Harvest is coordinated by MDC and CFM and has been helping feed hungry Missourians for more than 30 years. Since the program was started in 1992, it has provided nearly 5 million pounds of lean, healthy venison to help feed hungry Missourians. To get Share the Harvest venison, contact local food banks or food pantries.

"Hunters started Share the Harvest more than 30 years ago because they saw a need in their communities," said MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley. "And hunters remain the driving force behind this popular program that helps feed our fellow Missourians who are in need. We sincerely thank the thousands of deer hunters who support Share the Harvest, along with the many participating meat processors and sponsors who

help make it possible."

CFM Executive Director Tyler Schwartz added, "The donated venison stays in the local areas where the deer were harvested so it truly is helping out neighbors in need. We greatly appreciate all the citizens of this great state that have made this possible over the past three decades."

The National Institutes of Health state that children need protein in their diets for proper growth and development, and adults need it to maintain good health. Yet many Missourians can't afford or can't get to good sources of protein. Through Share the Harvest, Missouri hunters can help provide those in need with high-quality protein in the form of naturally lean, locally harvested deer meat.

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OBITUARIES



Lena May Graham

Funeral services for Lena May Hemphill Graham of Bowling Green, formerly of Elsberry and Wright City were held at 11 a.m., Saturday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. David Meers officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery.

Ms. Graham, 93, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green, one day shy of her 94th birthday.

Born March 13, 1929 in Pittsfield, Ill., she was the daughter of Aaron Grant and Miranda May Stout Hemphill. When Lena was two years old, her family moved to Annada, where she spent her childhood years. On Aug. 16, 1952, she married Ralph H. Graham. They resided for many years on a farm near Elsberry.

She was a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary #226 in Elsberry. In 1980 Lena and her husband separated, and Lena moved to Wright City. She lived in Wright City for 41 years before moving into the nursing facility in Bowling Green in December 2021.

Lena was primarily known as Aunt Lena by her many nephews, nieces and their families. She loved the families and hosted an annual Christmas dinner for many years for the Hemphill relatives. Lena was exceptionally industrious and worked at various jobs throughout her life. She traveled extensively throughout the country and loved to duck hunt, fish and listen to live and recorded

country music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aaron and Miranda Hemphill, Sr.; three sisters, Laura Elizabeth Windmiller, Donna Louise Wright and Trula Lee Stewart; and two brothers, Aaron Grant Hemphill, Jr., and Harold Eugene Hemphill.

Lena leaves several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Lena's nephews and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels in care of Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343. Online condolences may be made at www.carterricksfuneral-home.com.



Robert 'Bob' Burkemper

A Mass of Christian Burial for Robert Bernard "Bob" Burkemper of Winfield was held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elsberry. Fr. Charles Tichacek, church pastor, officiated, assisted by Bob's nephew, Fr. Dane Westhoff and cousin, Fr. Tim Cook. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Wednesday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home near Winfield.

Bob, 79, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023 the result of a farming accident near Annada.

Born Nov. 17, 1943 in St. Charles, he was the son of Victor Henry and Esther Marie Wilke Burkemper. Bob was a 1961 graduate of Win-

field High School. He was united in marriage on Nov. 12, 1966 in Wentzville to Linda Katherine Hunsel.

This union was blessed with eight children, Kristine, Jill, Scott, Julie, Bethany, Joseph, Jeremy, and Katherine.

Bob and Linda celebrated 41 years of marriage before Linda's passing on Nov. 28, 2007.

He was a lifelong farmer at Annada Valley Farm and a logger for many years. Bob was known for helping anyone at any time, for his smiles and giving a "thumbs up". He was married again on Jan. 24, 2009 in Elsberry to Sandra Sue Henry Vaughn.

He was on the board and served as treasurer of the Annada Area Flood Control Association. Bob was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, especially assisting with the annual chicken dinner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Esther Burkemper; one son, Scott Burkemper, who died on Oct. 9, 2016; and his first wife, Linda Burkemper in 2007.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Sandy Burkemper of Winfield; five daughters, Kristine Bickhaus and husband, Michael of Quincy, Ill., Jill Czaplak and husband, Marc of St. Louis, Julie Dewey and husband, Karl of Louisiana, Bethany Burkemper of Annada, and Katherine Reckelhoff and husband, Kenneth of Lenexa, Kan.; two sons, Joseph Burkemper and wife, Laura of Wentzville, and Jeremy Burkemper of Little Rock, Ark.; and 16 grandchildren.

Bob also leaves three stepsons, Brett Vaughn of Moscow Mills, Steven Vaughn of Austin, Texas, and Chad Vaughn of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, Gene Burkemper and wife, Terry of Elsberry, and Don Burkemper and wife, Jean of Clarksville; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Bickhaus, Marc Czaplak, Karl Dewey, Ken Reckelhoff, Brett Vaughn, Steven Vaughn,

Chad Vaughn and Alan Gregory.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 3838 East Highway 47, P.O. Box 253, Winfield, MO 63389. Online condolences may be made at www.carterricksfuneral-home.com.



Deseree Irene Bogle

Deseree Irene Bogle, 35, of Curryville died Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at Sunset Nursing Home in Union.

Private services to be held at a later date.

She was born July 16, 1987 in Helena, Mont., to Lloyd and Margaret Anderson Bogle. Deseree attended the local schools, along with her siblings. She had worked retail jobs, but spent most of her time as a homemaker, caring for her children. She enjoyed spending time with her children and family, coloring, drawing and listening to music.

She is survived by her children, Emily Bogle, Alexis Nelson, Mary Craig, Thomas Craig, and Lilly Craig of Curryville; her parents, Margaret and Mark Hartle of Curryville; and siblings, Destiny Anderson of Curryville, Kelly Bogle of Oregon, and Kenneth Hartle of Curryville; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @mccoyblossomfh.com

Bonnie Marice Mackey, 53, of Bowling Green, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023

at her home. Memorial services for Bonnie will be held Friday, March 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be held Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Bonnie was born August 23, 1969 in Blackstone, Virginia to Bill Amman Sr. and Mary Jo Suarez-Amman. She was united in marriage to Joseph Mackey on November 19, 2022. He survives. Also surviving are her father; children: Antonio Amman of Bowling Green, Joshua Amman of Troy, Patricia Stewart of Louisiana, and Katherine Stewart of Louisiana; grandchildren: Kiarah, Kensley, Xzavion, Izayah, Zayden, Za'Niyah, Daylin, Landen, Lianna, Annie, and Ren; brothers, David Amman, and Billy Amman Jr.; sister, Mary Chaidez; aunt, Nina Poulos; and many other aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Bonnie was preceded in death by her mother, and sister, Cindy. Bonnie was born on an Army base in Virginia. As the child of a military father, the family lived in several places including Arkansas, Alaska, Louisiana, and finally Missouri. Bonnie attended school in Kirkwood and Elsberry. After school, Bonnie went to nursing school and became a CNA. She had been employed at Elsberry Health Care, Troy Manor, Moore-Pike Nursing Home, Country View Nursing Facility, and Community In-Home Health, until her health forced her retirement. Bonnie enjoyed being outdoors. She loved camping and fishing. Bonnie was very family-oriented and loved family gatherings. She absolutely adored her grandchildren. Bonnie also loved her dogs and hermit crabs. Memorials may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association. Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.com.



Kristina Rae Brown

Kristina Rae Brown, 63, of Eolia died Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

A visitation will be held Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

A memorial service to also be held on Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m., at the funeral home in Bowling Green. The Rev. Bob Knight to officiate.

She was born Christmas day, Dec. 25, 1959, in Clarksville. She was such a blessing to her parents, Ray and Wanda Horn McCluskey. After attending the local schools, Kristina went on to graduate from Clopton High School, class of 1978.

She worked for many years at the prison, in investigations. Kristina later retired and started working part-time at Dollar General. She always liked to stay busy and enjoyed being around people. Kristina was a people person and loved talking to everyone. She never met a stranger and enjoyed making people laugh and smile.

When she wasn't working she could be found spending time with her family. Her six grandchildren were the light of her life. For their birthday's she would take each of them out on a birthday "date". It was really a special time for all of them. Kristina enjoyed going to concerts, baseball games, and softball games. She enjoyed rooting for her favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. Kristina loved ani-

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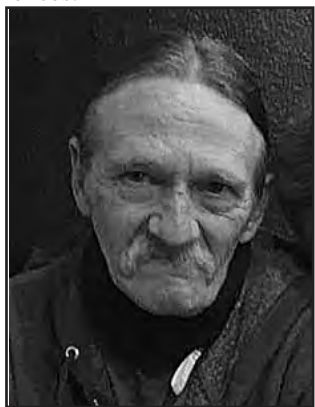
mals, especially cats and always had one. She was an excellent baker and cook. Her family loved eating all of her delicious dishes she made for them. Kristina was a happy person and she truly enjoyed life. She will be missed lovingly by all those who knew her.

Kristina is survived by her beloved sons: Michael Dillon and his wife, Aleecia of Eolia, Russell Brown and his wife, Adrianna of Bowling Green; her six beautiful grandchildren: Joseph, Austin, Adalynn, Easton, Jackson, and Bryson; one sister, Cindi Kimbrel and her husband Darren of Ashland, as well as many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Mike McCluskey and Tim McCluskey, and one sister, Jan Reed.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice c/o the funeral home.

Friends and family are invited to visit our website at mccoyblossomfh.com to leave your on-line condolences.



Gary Kyzar

Gary L. Kyzar, 58, of Bowling Green died Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis.

Visitation was from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Gary was born April 23, 1964 in McComb, Miss., to Jimmy Dale and Allie Mercier Kyzar. He was raised and attended school in Mississippi until moving to Missouri in the early 80's. He was married to Shari Bradley in 1984 and they were together for over 40 years.

During that time, Gary and Shari lived in Missouri, moved to Mississippi in 1994, until permanently moving back to Missouri in 2014.

Having a few other jobs over the years, he most recently was employed at Stark Bros. Nurseries in Louisiana for over a decade and enjoyed his job there very much.

Gary loved the outdoors being in his yard mowing, taking care of plants, and other things around the home. To know him was to love him. He was a charismatic guy and had a good sense of humor. He loved his family, especially his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Shari Kyzar; a son, Gary Kyzar and wife, Christy of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Donna Kyzar of Bowling Green, and Chelcea Kyzar of Jayess, Miss.; his grandchildren, Gary Lynn Kyzar III, Tyler Bradley, Damon Kyzar, Kyzar Bryant, Greycen Kyzar, Rayden Bradley, Allie Bryant, and Sophia Bryant; a brother, Alcus Kyzar and wife, Sue of McComb, Miss.; a sister, Pam Barksdale and husband, Greg of Smithdale, Miss.; three step-siblings, Ricky, Robert, and Renea, all of McComb, Miss.; and a host of beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, paternal grandparents, Mac and Maggie Kyzar, maternal grandparents, Frank and Ruby Mercier, and a son, Charles "Eddie" Bradley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to donor's choice.



Margie Lynn Seeley

Services for Margie Lynn Seeley, 62, of Paris, were at 10 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with pastor Kenny Haddock officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Paris.

Visitation was Monday from 5-7 p.m., at the funeral home in Vandalia.

Ms. Seeley died Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Monroe Manor nursing home in Paris.

She was born Oct. 19, 1960 in Mexico, the daughter of James and Patricia Brinegar Boyd.

Margie is survived by her longtime companion, Larry Heathman; stepmother, Connie Boyd; three daughters, Tricia Lower and husband, Ryan of Vandalia, Jessica Howald and husband, Danny

of Center, and Jordyn Chrisman and husband, Lyndel of Vandalia; one son, Travis Kampeter and wife, Mindy; three brothers, Jay Boyd and wife, Linda of Vandalia, and Tony and Kevin Fischer of Laddonia; two sisters, Kathy Scheiner of Benton City, and Mary Funderburg and husband, Rick of Lowell, Ark.; nine grandchildren, Brayden and Kasen Christian, Brody Howald, Ayla Kampeter, Bryson Chrisman, Mason Lower, Rylee Robison, Tate Witzman, and Danica Witzman; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Boyd and Susan Boykin.

Margie was a lifetime area resident and worked as a nurse at Monroe Manor in Paris for many years. She was a Christian by faith that greatly enjoyed fishing, spending time at deer camp, socializing with her friends, but most of all spending time with her grandchildren and children.

Pallbearers were Brayden Christian, Kasen Christian, Brody Howald, Mason Lower, Rylee Robison, and Tate Witzman. Honorary pallbearers were Bryson Chrisman, Ayla Kampeter, and Danica Witzman.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Croix Hospice, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.



Glenn Ray Houchins

Glenn Ray Houchins, 87, of New London died Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Luther Manor Nursing Center in Hannibal.

There are no funeral services planned, but all are welcome to visit the family at their home in New London to remember Glenn.

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

Glenn was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Frankford to Ray and Olive Bagley Houchins.

He was married to Glenna Smith on Dec. 5, 1944, at First Baptist Church in New London. She preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 2023.

Survivors include four children, Rose Ann Boswell and husband, Gary of Springdale, Ark., Mark Houchins of Vandalia, Dana Houchins of New London, and David Houchins of New London; five grandchildren, Amy Bruns and husband, Terry, Leslie Kasischke and husband, Kotter, Steven Houchins, Molly Houchins, and Emma Houchins; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jay Houchins and Albert Gene Houchins; his twin sister, Anna Fay Wertz; and a sister, Dorothy Dameron.

Glenn loved and cherished all of his family, friends, and church family. He had a passion for helping others.

Glenn was Baptist by faith and a member of First Baptist Church in New London.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of New London or Community Loving Care Hospice.

Howard Keller Reading

Howard Keller Reading, 59, of Mexico died Friday, March 17, 2023.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Arnold Funeral Home with burial to follow in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m., until time of services at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Tribune.

Ann Evans

Ann Evans, 82, of Vandalia died Sunday, March 19 at Monroe Manor in Paris.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m., at Spencer Creek Baptist Church.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday at the church.

A complete obituary will be printed in next week's Tribune.

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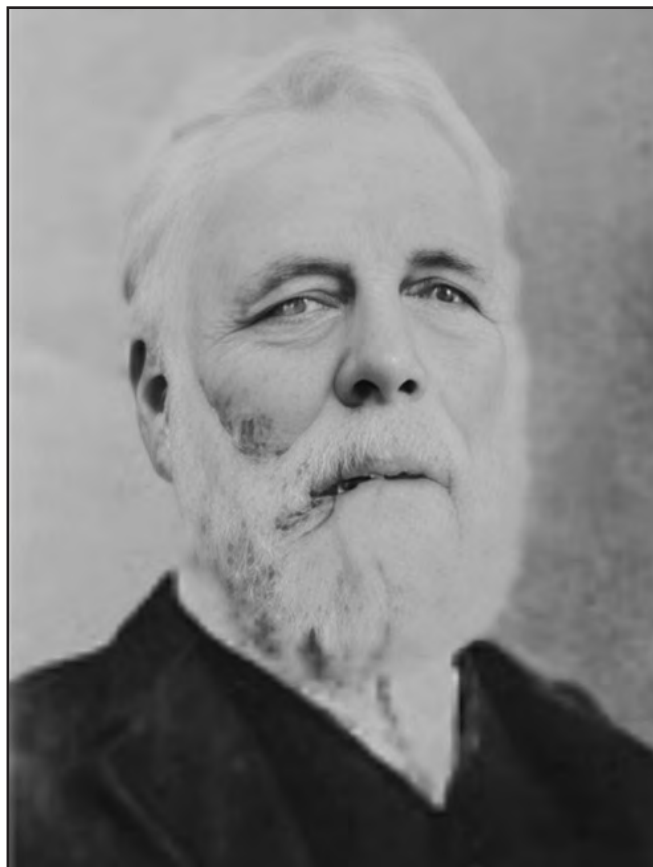
Children, ages 0-12 will have the opportunity to swim and dive after Easter eggs which will float and sink to the bottom of the pool. Children will collect as many eggs as possible and turn them in for a prize. The Easter bunny will also make an appearance for picture taking.

Children will be divided into groups according to age and will enter the pool at specified times as follows: 9-12 year olds - 8:30-9:15 a.m.; 5-8 year olds (parent participation required); 0-4 year olds (parent participation required); and families with children of mixed ages (par-

ent participation required) - 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Early registration is recommended through April 5. Walk-in registration the day of the hunt will be allowed on a space-available basis only. Contact the YMCA at 573-754-4497 to register or stop by the Welcome Center.

The Twin Pike Family YMCA serves Pike County, Illinois and Pike County, Missouri and surrounding communities. The YMCA offers a wellness center, indoor heated pool, indoor track, a gymnasium, an aerobics room, and before and after school programs for youth. The YMCA is dedicated to promoting core values of Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.



We've Found John Basye

John Haley found Bowling Green Founder John Basye buried in Antestry.com. It would have been taken lively around 1840 so the quality is good for that time. Remember the dates for the Bowling Green Bicentennial June 27-July 1. What a celebration is planned.

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Card Of Thanks

The Family of Phil Waddell would like to thank all who have sent prayers, flowers, food, and memorial donations.

Thanks to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, Rev. Richard Epperson and Darin Epperson for a beautiful service and Adiel Church for a delicious dinner. We'd also like to thank Community Living Care Hospice who provided help and compassion to our loved one.

To all of you, your efforts have given us much comfort in this time of loss and will always be remembered.

The Family of Phil Waddell

Accepting Bids

The Van Far R-I School District is accepting bids for the following projects: High School Athletic Complex:

• Football/Track Bleachers

- Complete utilization of removed aluminum seating and decking from old bleachers (available for inspection)
- Emphasis on seating with decking being supplemented, if need be
- Include 10 foot x 40 foot space for construction of press box
- ADA compliant
- Wheelchair access on one side with wheelchair seating
- Stair access on both sides of bleachers
- Bleachers will be located on west side of track between the light poles
- Bleachers will be attached to necessary bases at district cost based on design need
- Installation costs need to be separated from manufacturing costs.
- Powder coating costs should be included as an option

Pre-bid information for this project will be obtained by contacting Mr. Tony Lower at tlower@vf.k12.mo.us.

• Storage building

- 50 foot x 80 foot x 18 foot high
 - 5" Concrete flooring
 - Plumbing rough into concrete
 - Rough in electrical panel
 - Two roll up doors
 - Interior wall frame ups
 - 5 exterior doors
- Pre-bid information for this project will be obtained by contacting Mr. Ryan Morris at rmorris@vf.k12.mo.us.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, April 14, 2023 at 3 p.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10 a.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023 in the Central Office.

Send all sealed bids: Van-Far R-I School District Attention: John Fortney, Superintendent
Project Bid: (Specify Project) 2200 W. Highway 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MDC Sets 2023 Bear, Elk Seasons *Missouri Hunters Can Apply For Permits During May*

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer 400 permits for the taking of a maximum of 40 black bears during the 2023 Missouri black-bear hunting season this fall, Oct. 16-25.

MDC will also offer five permits to hunt bull elk in Missouri this fall with at least one permit designated for qualifying landowners that own property in Carter, Reynolds, or Shannon counties and the remaining permits for the general public. MDC has designated the elk archery portion to run Oct. 21-29 and the elk firearms portion to run Dec. 9-17. The five permits will be for bull elk with at least one antler being six inches or greater in length and will be valid for both portions.

Only Missouri residents who will be at least 11 years of age by the first day of the hunt for which they are applying are eligible to apply for bear and elk permits during the application period of May 1-31. All permits will be assigned through a random drawing.

The Missouri Conservation Commission gave final approval to the bear and elk season recommendations from MDC during its March 14 open meeting in Jefferson City.

BLACK BEAR HUNTING

MDC has established three Bear Management Zones (BMZ) in southern Missouri and will issue annual permit numbers and harvest quotas for each of the three BMZs. Each permit will be for a specific

BMZ and may be used on public or private property within the BMZ. Once the specific harvest quotas are filled for each BMZ, the season for that BMZ will be closed.

There is a fee of \$10 per applicant. Applicants must select one of three BMZs. Those selected will then be eligible to buy a BMZ-specific permit at a cost of \$25.

Permit and harvest quotas for the Oct. 16-25 bear season will be:

BMZ 1: Permit quota of 200 issued with a harvest quota of 20 bears.

BMZ 2: Permit quota of 150 issued with a harvest quota of 15 bears.

BMZ 3: Permit quota of 50 issued with a harvest quota of 5 bears.

Hunting hours will be a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Hunters must call MDC prior to hunting each day to determine the closure status of the BMZ for which they are permitted. Hunters will be allowed to use both archery and firearms methods with allowable methods being the same as those for deer and elk, except the use of an atlatl. Baiting and the use of dogs will not be allowed.

The harvest limit will be one bear per permit. Only lone black bears may be taken. Hunters may not take bears that are known to be in the presence of others bears, including female black bears with cubs. Bears may not be disturbed, pushed, harassed, or taken from a den.

Learn more about black

bears and bear hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/bearhunting.

Apply for the bear-permit random drawing May 1 - 31 online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, through MDC's free MO Hunting app, through a permit vendor, or by calling 1-800-392-4115. Results of the bear-permit random drawing will be available online by July 1.

ELK HUNTING

MDC will require a \$10 application fee for elk-permit applicants. Those selected will then be eligible to buy a permit at a cost of \$50. All elk-hunting permits, including those allocated to qualifying area landowners, can be used in Carter, Reynolds, and Shannon counties, except the refuge portion of Peck Ranch Conservation Area.

The allowed hunting methods for each elk season portion -- archery Oct. 21-29 and firearms Dec. 9-17 -- will be the same as for deer hunting. The permits will allow for the harvest of one bull elk with at least one antler being six inches or greater in length.

For more information on elk and elk hunting in Missouri, visit mdc.mo.gov/elkhunting.

Apply for the elk-permit random drawing May 1-31 online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, through MDC's free MO Hunting app, through a permit vendor, or by calling 1-800-392-4115. Results of the elk-permit random drawing will be available online by July 1.

Planned Roadwork

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northeast Missouri region for March 20-31.

All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>.

Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

Lincoln County

Route E – March 27-30 & April 3, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route O to Route D between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Thursday.

Route W – March 22, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route B continuing one-half mile north between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Marion County

Missouri Route 168 – March 20-23, CLOSED for brush cutting operations from Route JJ to CRD 402 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Missouri Route 168 – March 27-30, CLOSED for brush cutting operations from CRD 404 to CRD 402 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Pike County

Route D – March 20, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route N to Pike 262 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route W – March 23, CLOSED for culverts replacement operations from Pike 220 continuing 0.25 mile south between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Ralls County

Route H – March 23, CLOSED for brush cutting operations from Route HH to Route A between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Be sure to check out our traveler map at www.modot.org for road work across the state. Subscribe to our e-update service and receive emails specific to your county or highway and how road work may affect travel. Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @MoDOT-Northeast for road updates.

Second Annual Flea Market To Open In Louisiana

The second year for the Flea Market sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Louisiana group (a non-profit group) will kick off Saturday,

April 1 at 515 Noyes St. Louisiana from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This is still a free market, free to set up and free to at-

tend.

For information please see Concerned Citizens of Louisiana facebook page.

DNR Accepting Applications For Abandoned Well Plugging Grant

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from eligible public water systems for its Abandoned Well Plugging Grant program through April 30, 2023. The program offers up to \$15,000 per project to properly plug abandoned water wells located within or near a groundwater-based public water system's service area or wells.

Unplugged abandoned water wells not only pose a serious physical risk, but they expose groundwater aquifers to potential contamination from surface sources. Groundwater is the primary water source for more than 80 percent of Missouri's public water systems.

Grant awards are only available to eligible public water systems. Funding is limited and projects will be reviewed and ranked according to the priority point criteria described in the grant application instructions. A

fully executed financial assistance agreement between the project applicant and the department is required prior to incurring project-related costs.

The department is committed to helping Missouri communities provide reliable, affordable and high-quality drinking water. Proper plugging of abandoned water wells is a critical component in protecting groundwater supplies and ensuring the availability of high-quality drinking water for Missouri's communities into the future.

The department's Abandoned Well Plugging Grant program is funded wholly or in part through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on this valuable program, and on source water protection in general, visit dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/water-planning/source-water-protection.

Missouri Celebrates National Agriculture Week *National Ag Day Was Recognized On March 21*

This week, the Missouri Department of Agriculture celebrates the state's position nationally in agriculture production.

Missouri is home to 95,000 farms, employs nearly 460,000 people in agriculture, forestry and related industries, and has an estimated economic impact of \$93.7 billion. Agriculture remains the state's number one economic driver, supporting both rural and urban communities from farm to fork.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Missouri's economy, and we celebrate it year-round, especially during National Agriculture Week," Governor Mike Parson said. "As farmers ourselves, the First Lady and I are dedicated to paving a successful path forward for future generations of agriculturalists. Through our efforts on infrastructure,

rural broadband and workforce development, we are making great strides toward a bright tomorrow for Missouri agriculture."

Missouri agriculture continues to advance through the agriculture technology industry in our state. St. Louis is home to the world's largest concentration of plant scientists and the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor represents more than half of total worldwide animal health, diagnostics and pet food sales. Missouri also houses two of the largest river systems in the United States, which allow Missouri commodities to be distributed domestically and internationally.

"National Agriculture Week is a great opportunity to highlight the work Missouri farmers and ranchers put in each day," Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said.

BLESSING

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munity members with easy access to essential toiletries, such as baby wipes and laundry items. One box will be located at the high school near the gate, while the other will be placed at the elementary school by the basketball court. Although the boxes are primarily intended for toiletries, Cole doesn't mind if people choose to add food items as well.

"The idea behind the Blessing Boxes is to help those in need in our community," said Cole. "It's an honor to contribute in this way, and I hope these boxes help people."

His scout leaders and parents, Mike and Tina Chidster, have been supporting Cole throughout the process.

"You know, it's like the one thing from your youth that you can carry as an adult too," Tina said. "When you're 40 years old, you can include it on a resume. You can put Eagle Scout on there and it still means something."

"There's more to it than simply building the project," Cole added. "A lot of times, the person going for the Eagle Scout plans, organizes and delegates the work involved. And, although it's not necessary, we go out into the community and try to get donations for the materials." In Cole's case, the lumber was donated by the Louisiana Elks. "And they supplied us a little extra money to go out and buy supplies."

Although the planning and preparations for Cole's Blessing Box project took some time, the physical labor and installing the boxes were completed over the troop's long weekend off.

"Every Eagle Scout project goes at that Scout's pace

depending on how dedicated they are to finishing. But the project should take a while," Tina added.

Unfortunately, with the earliest age a scout can reach the Eagle rank being 15, many quit or their plans fall to the wayside due to several factors.

"It's sad to say," Mike added. "But the trend in school now is for a scout to be bullied. If there's a lot of bullying going on because these kids are doing scouts, then they just quit."

The local troops are hoping to change that mindset. The rank of Eagle Scout has a long and esteemed history dating back to 1912 when Arthur Eldred became the first scout to earn the rank. Since then, notable Eagle Scouts have included astronaut Neil Armstrong, former U.S. President Gerald Ford, and filmmaker Steven Spielberg, among others.

Cole's time in the scouts will end in May when he turns 18, but he plans to help with another project the Chidsters were excited to share—an upcoming Pinewood Derby race planned by the scout troop.

Scouts Selling Flamingos

From April 1-30 Boy Scout troop 156 are flocking local yards with over 50 little winged flamingos for a small donation of \$25.

The flamingos will roost for about 24 hours before moving on to a new location at no additional cost to you or the recipient.

If you'd prefer to protect your yard from a flamingo flocking you can buy insurance for the small donation of \$35.

If you'd like to do both, flock a yard and protect your own, you can do that for the discounted price of \$50.

Contact Tina by calling or texting 573-753-0535, by email tinachidster@gmail.com, sending her a Facebook message or messaging the troop Facebook page (Scouts BSA Troop 156- Louisiana, MO)

They are working hard to earn money to send our Scouts to summer camp at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation this coming July.

MDC Reminds Public To Dispose Of Fish Waste Responsibly

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds the public to dispose of waste responsibly when cleaning fish. Each year, MDC receives numerous nuisance complaints of fish waste on the banks around public fishing accesses, especially during the paddlefish snagging season. It's important for anglers to do their part to keep fishing areas clean for others to enjoy.

In addition to using trash receptacles, disposing of fish-cleaning waste back into the water is allowed. Waste should not be piled up near the water's edge, and instead should be discarded into deeper water or in the flowing part of the stream. This assures waste cannot wash up to the bank or be concentrated in one area.

The paddlefish snagging season for Lake of the Ozarks, Harry S. Truman Reservoir, Table Rock Lake, and most other waters in the state runs March 15 through April 30. The season for the Mississippi River is March 15 through May 15 with a fall season of Sept. 15 through Dec. 15.

The Wildlife Code of Missouri states that extracted paddlefish eggs may not be possessed while on the water or adjacent banks and may not be transported. Disposing of paddlefish eggs immediately back into the water is al-

lowed. A person cannot transport eggs to another location. This includes by boat to deeper water.

Paddlefish have several regulations to help protect them from poaching. Anglers may keep the eggs; however, extracted paddlefish eggs may not be possessed while on the waters of the state or adjacent banks, and may not be transported. If anglers wish to keep the eggs, they should be prepared to hold the intact fish on ice and remove the eggs from the fish later. Once the eggs have been removed from the fish, they cannot be transported to any other location. Learn more about paddlefish regulations online at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/4gb>.

Most species of fish have daily possession limits and disposing of an entire fish is not only wasteful, but a violation of the Wildlife Code. Entire fish cannot be tossed on a bank or dumped back into the water. Anglers fishing in Missouri waters should plan to use the fish they keep.

Maintaining public fishing areas for everyone to enjoy requires the help of all citizens. Anyone fishing in Missouri should be mindful of regulations and impacts to others.

For more information on Missouri's fishing regulations, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/regulations>.



Bethel AME Paynesville Celebrate Alzheimer's

Bethel AME Church Paynesville, Celebrate Alzheimer's on Sunday, March 19 by wearing Purple. Pictured, from left: are YPD Member Shana Yates, YPD Director Virginia, WMS Representatives, Joanne Hammuck, Lady Arvella Strong, Yvette Webb, Terry Redd, Trustee Frank Rasphery, and Pastor C. Jessel Strong.

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Louisiana Senior and Troop 156 Boy Scout, Michael "Cole" Chidster, gets help from his fellow scouts as he completes his Eagle Scout project of two Blessing Boxes. Pictured, from left: Camdon Elliott, Brennen Stamman, and Michael "Cole" Chidster.

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www.thepeopletribune.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



Wheeler Honored For 99th Birthday

Clarksville Memorial VFW 4610 and Auxiliary members celebrated their oldest member, Maymie Wheeler's 99th birthday recently. Pictured, seated, from left: Commander Herbert Everett and Maymie Wheeler. Second row: President Mary Tarpein, Terry Redd, Carolyn Everett, LaMont Davis, Joanne Hammuck, Virginia Starks, Ailene Henry, and Yvette Webb.



Members of the BethelAME Church, Paynesville helped celebrate the oldest member of the church, Maymie Wheeler, on her 99th birthday recently. Pictured, with Maymie, from left Terry Redd, LaMont Davis, Joanne Hammuck, and Virginia Starks. Not pictured is Sandra Warren and Dawn Frye. The members had a very enjoyable day.

PUT OUR ADS TO WORK FOR YOU

Farber Cemetery

The Farber Cemetery Association requests all graves be cleared on Saturday, April 1, 2023 to prepare grounds for moving.

Any winter flowers left will be removed by cemetery staff.

Thank You

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support which was extended to our family during this time of loss.

The Family Of
Anna Ruth Lewis

2023 MO Agribusiness Academy Participants

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has selected 30 high school sophomores to participate in the 2023 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. Selected students will spend a week in June in St. Louis exploring careers in agriculture, building leadership skills and learning more about farming, ranching and food production.

Students selected for the 2023 class are:

Autumn Jones, East Prairie
Avery Ridgley, Jonesburg
Brayden Hallford, California
Cash Honeycutt, Richmond
Catherine Henke, Moscow

Mills
Cierra Britton, Cuba
Hadley Cline, Maryville
Harlee Beck, Chillicothe
Jenna Edwards, Carrollton
Kendal Schroeder, Grandin
Kiley Evans, Galena
Lane Engelmeier, St. James
Lindsay McDonald, Mt. Vernon

Macie Winkler, Poplar Bluff
Marlee Jones, Cuba
McKenna Claborn, Silex
Nina Momphard, Troy
Pakey Matthews, Fredericktown

Raegan Pendleton, Stotts City
Raymond Cunningham, Salem

Reagan O'Farrell, Appleton City

Reid Ragsdale, Holliday
Rhett Keaton, Anderson
Saige Miller, Cassville
Samuel Jordan, Savannah

Skylar Wolfe, Slater
Sophia Binkholder, Hermann
Taylor Nothdurft, Friedheim
Tyne Wilson, Pleasant Hill
Yoo Jung Lee, Chillicothe

Beyond the summer agribusiness

tour, MABA members will have the opportunity to participate in Missouri State Fair activities, a winter Legislative Day and the MABA graduation ceremony at the 2024 Missouri FFA Convention.

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- 1. More deputies need to be hired to reduce emergency response time** - During part of a 12 hour shift, only one patrol deputy is on duty and is responsible for covering the entire 685 square miles of Pike County. Response time can be 30-45 minutes or more. If there are several incidents occurring at once, the deputy has to make decisive calls as to which one he/she will respond to first.
- 2. Technology items need to be procured** - Currently the Sheriff's Office does not have tasers, body cameras or vehicle cameras. The initial procurement and ongoing costs to maintain them are beyond the current budget.
- 3. Additional jail staff needs to be hired** - The 50 bed jail is typically at 80% capacity with only 8 jail staff to cover 12 hour shifts. When the jail is short staffed, a patrol deputy has to fill in.
- 4. Overall cost of living has increased** - The last time time a sales tax for the Sheriff's Office was passed was 1991. All expenses, particularly insurance, food for jail inmates and fuel, have increased since that time.
- 5. Encourage businesses to move into the county** - New business prospects want to know there will be law enforcement available to protect their investments and that their employees have a safe place to live.

For more information: PikePropP.com

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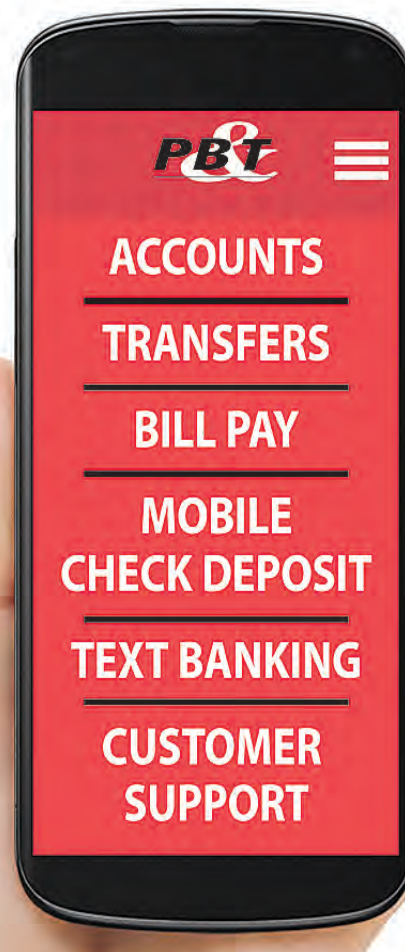
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