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Calling All Bicentennial Princess, Queen Candidates

Calling all Bicentennial Princess and Queen Candidates for Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m., in the Bowling Green High School auditorium, will be the Bicentennial Princess and Queen Contest. They are looking for ladies age 14-18 for the princess contest, and ladies age 19-99 for the queen contest.

The dress will be a roaring 20's theme and each contestant will be required to provide in advance, a two paragraph or short biography of themselves, their community service and church activity, and how they serve their own neighbors and families.

Last requirement, on stage each constant will pull from a fish bowl and answer an open

opinion community question, concerning Bowling Green. (All possible questions will be shared in advance with each contestant). Winners of the two contests and runner ups will participate in the parade and other activities, for the next four days of the Bicentennial.

Entry blanks are available in the Bowling Green Middle school, the Bowling Green High School, at city hall, and at the Don Hamilton Farmers Insurance Group Office.

To participate you must have some past or present family connection to the greater Bowling Green or Bowling Green area schools.

This contest is being judged by personalities from KHQA-TV in Quincy. Special

cial ladies that are crowning the new princess and new queen will be Jayne Scherder Justice and Deanie Ebers.

Jayne was the 15-19 year old winner during the 1973 Sesquicentennial and later also served as Miss Missouri. Deanie was the Belle of the Ball-Queen winner in 1973.

So come out and enter and maybe you will be here to crown your successor in 2073.

This will be the first opportunity of the week, that you will be able to sign the memorial banner of attendance to the Bicentennial. They have room for 3,000 signatures. Everyone will sign once during the week. They hope to see your name on the banner.

City Of Bowling Green Patiently Waits

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

The City of Bowling Green is patiently waiting to see the outcome of the marijuana tax and online purchase tax on the April ballot.

Bowling Green along with other cities in Pike County could benefit if the Online Purchase Tax passes.

As with the county commissioners, city officials can't actively campaign for the use taxes. They can only provide information and encourage residents to vote one way or the other on the April 4 ballot.

According to county officials, the online purchase tax is not an additional tax. The money is already being collected as of January, when the Wayfair tax went into effect.

The Wayfair legislation into law on June 30, 2021. The Wayfair Legislation allows Missouri and local jurisdictions to collect an online use tax.

"Missourians who shop online will pay the state sales tax 4.2 percent which started in January. Missouri was the last state to approve such a requirement. It affects online marketplace facilitators and out of state retailers with at least \$100,000 of annual sales

to residents of the state to collect state and local taxes."

Pike County's Online Purchase Tax would allow the county access to funds that are already being collected.

While Bowling Green city officials and the Board of Aldermen are planning on improvement projects, Bowling Green City Administrator, Linda Luebecht, told the Tribune any additional source of revenue would help.

"We have a lot of water and sewer projects we would like to do down the road," Luebecht said. "Anything is going to help."

The Online Purchase Tax ballot reads: Shall the County of Pike receive an internet tax for online purchases at the same rate as the county sales tax rate, currently at a rate of 2.5625 percent if the county sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the internet tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action.

A portion of that would go to the cities from Luebecht's understanding, which could help with additional projects besides water and sewer improvements.

"We would like to work on some sidewalks," Luebecht

said. "Adams street does not have a sidewalk and we have a lot of kids that walk there. There's also a lot of roads that need repaired. Some of the streets aren't very wide, so if we could expand just a little on each side, it would help a lot."

Along with the online purchase tax, the proposed marijuana tax could also eventually help the city.

Should it pass, the Bowling Green Board of Aldermen will have to decide if the city will include a similar tax in the future. The tax revenue generated could be significant for the county and the city should a dispensary open.

According to a report from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the first month of marijuana sales generated over \$102.9 million (\$31.2M for medical use and \$71.7M for recreational use).

"We don't have a dispensary yet, we're just planning on the future should one come into the city limits, we don't know that one will," she continued.

As with other county officials, Luebecht encourages citizens to get out and vote on April 4.

Whitaker Awarded Kemper Fellowship



Dr. Beth Whitaker

where she oversees all aspects of the program and coordinates with program stakeholders. Her efforts have had a significant impact on her colleagues and students.

"She makes an incredible investment in time to serve students inside and outside her classroom," said Sarah Diem, department chair for the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. "She is an inspirational teacher and mentor, and we need more people like her serving our MU students."

Whitaker's impact on her students has been felt by many, including former student Jordan Anderson, who said, "She taught me to ask the hard questions of equity for all students and let us know that it was ok to do things differently for the good of the order. Not only was the content she was sharing changing my view of education, but her character traits as a human and educator forever changed who I wanted to be."

Whitaker earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1982 from Central Methodist College, a master's degree in educational administration in 1986 at MU, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership in 1997 from Indiana State University. She also holds a certificate in effective college instruction from the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) and from the American Council of Education (ACE).

Dr. Whitaker is the daughter of Charlene McCune of Bowling Green.

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Bowling Green native and recipient of the University of Missouri's 2021 Outstanding College Teaching Award, Dr. Beth Whitaker, was caught by surprise last Tuesday after being awarded one of the university's most prestigious fellowships.

Whitaker, an assistant teaching professor in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Missouri, was one of five recipients of the William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence in 2023.

The award, established in 1991 with a \$500,000 gift from MU graduate William T. Kemper, recognizes outstanding teachers who are nomi-

nated by their peers and includes a \$15,000 stipend. Whitaker was surprised with the honor Tuesday, March 21 by administrators and executives from Commerce Bank.

Whitaker's approach to teaching and learning is grounded in research, with a focus on student engagement and cultivating a learning community that fosters trust and respect. She has taught 42 total courses in the College of Education and Human Development since 2017, receiving a perfect 5.0 on course evaluations in all but one class, where she received a 4.9.

In addition to her teaching, Whitaker serves as Program Coordinator for the MU PK-12 Educational Leadership and Administration Program,

April Dates From Pike County History

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

April 8, 1865: Louisiana author Lucy Foster Madison was born. One of the most prolific writers of the early 20th century, she churned out 15 books and at least 200 short stories in three decades. Though written mostly for young people, the volumes often contained characters whose voices spoke to a generation of women who wanted to chart their own destinies.

April 9, 1866: The Philadelphia Daily Evening Bulletin of Pennsylvania apparently thought young men in Pike County were thieves, saying "Train up a child in the way he should go seems to mean, in Pike County, Missouri, to teach a boy horse-stealing." Of course, Pike County is still here. The Bulletin published its last paper in January 1982.

April 12, 1819: The first circuit court cases in Pike County were heard at a tavern/hotel run by Obadiah Dickerson in downtown Louisiana. David Todd, a lawyer who came to Missouri from Kentucky, was the judge. Michael Noyes served as clerk. The court was moved to a schoolhouse the following year. Another building served as a courthouse until Bowling Green was declared the county seat in 1822.

April 14, 1865: Did he or didn't he? There's still intrigue over whether Missouri U.S. Sen. John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana visited Abraham Lincoln at the White House just before the president and his wife went to Ford's Theatre. Henderson was seeking the pardon of a Confederate spy from Canton named George Vaughn, who was to be executed on April 16. Lincoln reportedly signed the paper and then left for a date with destiny. Vaughn was released on April 19.

April 15, 1912: Louisiana seamstress May Birkhead awoke to find icebergs surrounding Carpathia, the ship taking her and an aunt to Europe. She soon learned of the Titanic disaster. A reporter from the New York Herald who earlier had met Birkhead wired Carpathia and convinced her to chronicle the stories of survivors. Birkhead did such an amazing job that she became a reporter in Europe and America.

April 20, 1845: 26-year-old Claiborne Campbell Walker and 21-year-old Wellington Bolivar Walker embarked with cattle and oxen from Calumet Township on a 2,200-mile trek along the Oregon Trail. They were accompanied by a cousin, Andrew Jackson Doak, and his wife, Rebecca. Another brother, 30-

year-old Walter Montgomery Walker, would follow later. Claiborne kept a diary and said the journey was "not as bad as I expected, though it is a long road to travel."

April 29, 1903: A crowd estimated at 7,000 to 10,000 people greeted Republican President Theodore Roosevelt at the downtown train depot in Louisiana. He spoke for eight minutes about hard work, American greatness and the World's Fair that was to take place the next year in St. Louis. Democrat President Jimmy Carter would stop at Clarksville aboard the Delta Queen riverboat on Aug. 23, 1979.

Roosevelt and Carter are the only known sitting presidents to have visited Pike County.

Dollar General Market To Open Summer 2023

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

Representatives with Dollar General confirmed to the People's Tribune that the new Dollar General Market is slated to open this summer of 2023 pending the progress of construction.

According to Dollar General's public relations representatives, work is currently underway on the new store at 905 East Highway 54 in Vandalia.

"At this time, a store opening is slated for summer 2023, but understand that construction progress may alter this date," a Dollar General's Public Relations representative wrote.

"Our customers are at the center of all that we do, and meeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority when choosing store loca-

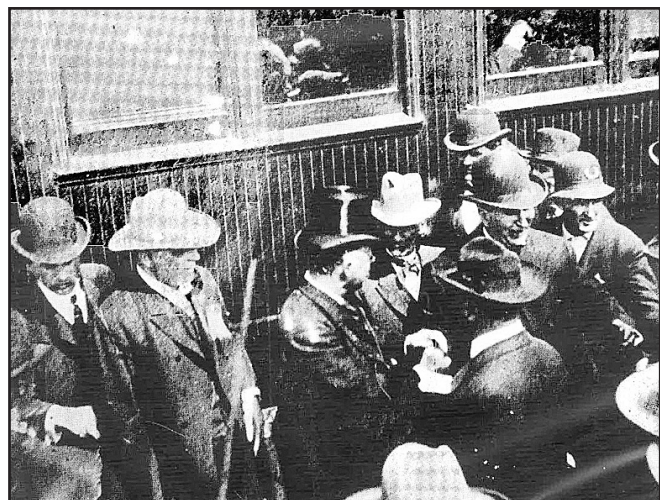
tions," the representatives continued. "In selecting store sites, we take a number of factors into consideration, carefully evaluating each potential new store location to ensure we can continue to meet our customers' price, value, and selection needs. We further strive to provide convenience for customers who may not have affordable nearby retail options."

According to an email correspondence, the store is expected to employ approximately 15-17 employees, "depending on the individual needs of the store."

The company has advised the Tribune to check back periodically for updates on the store's opening date.

Interested applicants may apply for available positions online at www.dollargeneral.com/careers.

Louisiana Museum Welcomes Second Donation By John Wood



A print from a glass negative appears to show President Theodore Roosevelt, center, arriving at Louisiana's downtown train station for a speech on April 29, 1903.

John Wood has added a second contribution to the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

Wood recently donated 700 colorized postcards, black-and-white photographs and film from Louisiana's past. Now, he's added 200 color slides dating from 1952 to 1960 and 75 older images imprinted on glass.

"I want these to be preserved," Wood said. "A generation or two down the road, they may want to look at them and say 'My, Lord, things

aren't like that now."

"We can't thank John enough for these pictorial gems," said Museum President Brent Engel. "The slides preserve a wide variety of scenes from Louisiana and the area."

Included are images of people, businesses, school, churches, the library, neighborhoods, flooding, bridges and boats. There's even a Christmas tree.

The glass negatives are four inches wide and three inches tall. They were made

by the Kansas City Slide Co. One appears to show President Teddy Roosevelt getting off the train in Louisiana just before he spoke to a crowd of more than 7,000 people on April 29, 1903.

The color slides measure two-inches-by-two-inches and provide a glimpse at such long-gone landmarks as the toll booth on the first Champ Clark Bridge in 1952. Places that can be viewed today include a 1953 picture of the Stark Cabin at the west edge of town.

There's a shot of Lock and Dam 24 at Clarksville taken from the same vantage point in the winter and summer of 1952. Other towns highlighted in the collection are Eolia, Troy, Hannibal, New London and Atlas, Ill.

The unidentified photographer loved flowers, too, because there are multiple shots of roses, lilacs, flowering crabs and other varieties. A scene from March 1960 shows plowed snow piled up at the riverfront.

Engel said the museum will catalog items from both sets of donations and eventually put together a display or permanent exhibit.



Houchins Signs With William Woods

Bowling Green senior Katelin Houchins signed a letter of intent to attend William Woods University and to continue her education and trap shooting career.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Salt River Master Gardeners Club To Meet

The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

It will be held at HLGU Burt Administration Building, Room 129 in Hannibal. Justin Keay, Field Specialist in Horticulture, will give a presentation on composting.

The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at 573-769-2177.

Early Spring Gardening Advice

The end of March through mid-April is ideal for planting cool-season crops like spinach, lettuce, kale, beets, cilantro, potatoes, radishes, peas, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cabbage. If starting plants from seed, test old seeds before planting. Most leafy green seed is only good for a year. I purchase new lettuce and spinach seed every spring. In early February I tested 2018 pea and beet seeds. Three out of four pea seeds germinated, and most of the beet seed germinated.

Cold frames, high tunnels, and floating row covers are used to get an early start to the season and will give protection on cold nights. I use row covers on lettuce and spinach beds early in the season. Raised beds are popular with gardeners as they allow for good drainage and the soil to warm faster. They are also easier to care for with typically less weeding than a garden. When the beds are planted intensively, there is more foliage cover which shades out weed growth. Strawberries, rhubarb, and asparagus do well in a raised bed. Containers are also popular for growing vegetables for the same reasons.

Insects and diseases are typically a problem when growing fruit. Apply dormant oil in late winter or early spring while the plants are still dormant. Apply it on a day when temperatures are above freezing for at least 24 hours. Pruning of fruit trees and small fruit plants should be completed by mid-March. With trees, prune out watersprouts (thin, branches growing straight up), suckers at the base of the tree, crossing branches, and diseased and broken branches. The goal is to open up the tree for good air circulation. Elderberry plants can be cut back to the ground. They bloom and fruit on new growth. Apply a complete fertilizer such as 12-12-12 to fruit trees and small fruit plants at the time of pruning. There is generally a rule of thumb on the back of the bag of fertilizer.

Vandalia Historical Society Meets

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 18.

Those attending were Joy Davis, Paul Ray, Kevin and Teresa Wenzel, Pete and Mindy Nasir, Kimber Nation and Vicki Wright. Vicki called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. The financial report was given.

Joy Davis announced that the logo contest awards had been made at Van-Far High School. Woodrow Polston received the first place prize of \$75, Kyleigh Preston received the second place prize of \$50, Ashton Dyke and Olivia Wood shared the third place prize of \$25. Kyleigh, Ashton and Olivia are Debbie Dunn's art students at Van-Far. Kimberly Haney from Cordelio Power/Firebrick Wind, Inc., presented the cash awards and Cordelio Power tumbler.

The first 15 "\$150 for 150 years" plaques were presented. The backboard has yet to be determined. These will be on permanent display at the museum.

Possible fund-raising items were presented from Gayle Carroll Morris and Brenda Babb. These included garden flags, ornaments, magnets, key chains, plates, mugs and coffee cups. No decisions were made at this time. Where and when to sell items was discussed at length with

no conclusions being made.

The Missouri State DAR Regent Renee Pace will bring her Whistle Stop Tour to the Genealogy Room on Saturday, April 1, with neighboring DAR chapters being hosted by the Susanna Randolph Chapter that is the largest chapter in the Northeast District of the state. The Polston House, L.L.C. has completed cleaning the museum buildings.

It was announced that the Howell Building had been sold to the First Baptist Church with closing being around the end of April. The historical society will retain the building plaque, the book cases and the antique display case.

The south outside wall billboard will be the sesquicentennial logo and will be on display for 2023 and 2024. The museum will be open on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., beginning Sunday, May 28 and ending Sunday, Oct. 29. Joy Davis will be contacting groups and organizations for Museum Keepers during the 2023 season. Contact will be made during April.

The next regular meeting of the Vandalia Area Historical Society will be Saturday, April 15. The meeting begins at 9 a.m., at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. There will be more Sesquicentennial Celebration discussion. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

BGMS First Ever Art In The Park

Bowling Green Middle School art department is pretty excited for the upcoming first ever Art in the Park here in Bowling Green.

The kids have been working hard and they look forward to a fun-day filled with all kinds of activities, food and family fun.

Many of the booths have free items and there will also be art kits and club tables offering extra fun for under \$5

and food vendors will also be available.

The "Drive In" movie will be "Cars". Kids are encouraged to come ready to make a cardboard box car before the 1pm show or to bring a chair, blanket or kid car to sit in while they watch the movie and enjoy some popcorn.

Event updates will be posted on the BGMS Facebook page.



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- 9:45am- Sunday School
- 11:00am- Worship Service
- 12:00pm- Egg Hunt for the kids

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April 18, 2023 @ 2-4 P.M.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

HB 428 & 912 - REP. PERKINS BILL REGARDING CHILD CARE CENTERS IS PERFECTED

HB 428 & 912 were perfected this week in the Missouri House of Representatives. This bill will allow owners of licensed in-home care facilities to watch their own grandchildren without them counting against their total. Upon perfection, Rep. Perkins stated, "This is a great bill for rural Missouri. The overregulation of this industry has led to reduction in the capacity throughout the state. This is a step in the right direction and I hope we can get it across the finish line." This bill has one more vote in the House before it moves to the Senate.

ANTI-RED FLAG BILL HEARD IN COMMITTEE

"HB 701 is a protection of one of our most basic and cherished rights, the right to bear arms," Perkins said. "Red Flag laws are an infringement of our rights and should be fought against zealously every chance we get. I'm proud to support this bill and support every American that chooses to exercise one of their most fundamental rights."

Lawmakers Approve Historic Tax Relief Package (HBs 816 & 660)

The Missouri House has voted to provide more than \$1 billion of tax relief to Missouri families, retirees, and businesses. By a vote of 111-48, House members approved HBs 816 & 660 to cut both the personal income tax and corporate income tax, and exempt social security benefits from state tax. After this legislation passed, Perkins stated, "Tax relief will bring countless benefits to Missourians. From increasing job opportunities to putting more money in the pockets of hard-working Missourians, this slate of tax cuts is needed now." Perkins continued, "The ability for our state to

compete is predicated on how attractive we can be to businesses looking to open, to expand, or to relocate to Missouri. The corporate tax cut puts us in a situation where we can now attract those prospective businesses. In addition to that, the cuts being made to on personal income tax allows Missourians to keep more of their hard earned money and determine how they want to spend it. Finally, exempting social security benefits from state tax will allow those on a fixed income to more breathing room when it comes to their monthly budget." Perkins concluded, "With an historic budget surplus and plenty of revenue coming in, now is the time to provide this relief to Missourians."

Under HBs 816 & 660 the state's top personal income tax rate of 4.95 percent would drop to 4.5 percent on January 1 of next year. The bill preserves triggers put into place when the General Assembly approved a tax relief package last year. If revenues grow at a healthy rate and all triggers are met, the top tax rate would be reduced to 4.05 percent.

The bill also includes a reduction for the corporate income tax that currently stands at 4 percent. The bill would drop the rate to 2 percent beginning January 1, 2024. The plan includes additional triggers that could eventually phase out the corporate income tax entirely if state revenues grow at a robust rate.

The bill sponsor said, "This tax cut on businesses means a stronger Missouri, stronger Missouri businesses, more jobs, the stronger possibility that the businesses yet to be created will be created right here in Missouri."

The final component of the bill would exempt social security benefits from state tax.

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

HOUSE MEMBERS SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE SPORTS BETTING (HBs 556 & 581)

Members of the Missouri House gave bipartisan support to a legislative proposal that would legalize sports wagering in the state. By a vote of 118-35, lawmakers approved HBs 556 & 581 to allow Missouri to join the more than 30 other states that have already approved a legalized framework for sports betting.

One of the sponsors of the bill said it will provide a legal

and regulated framework for sports wagering that will help bring in millions in additional revenue to help fund the state's priorities.

The bill approved by the House would allow licensed casinos to offer sports wagering. It would also allow anyone over 21 to download a sports wagering app offered by one of the state's casinos or professional sports teams to place bets from anywhere in the state through their computer, tablet, or phone.

The Missouri Gaming Commission would have full jurisdiction to supervise all gambling operators and adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill. Under the bill, sports betting would be taxed at 10 percent. Revenue generated by the tax would go to the state's education fund. The bill also requires the state to establish treatment and recovery programs for compulsive gambling.

The legislation now moves to the Senate for consideration.

HOUSE GIVES STAMP OF APPROVAL TO LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PROPERTY OWNERS (HB 909)

Lawmakers took action this week to prevent a potential landfill from being located near a residential area on the border of Jackson and Cass counties. With strong bipartisan support, the House approved HB 909 to create a one-mile buffer between landfills and neighboring municipalities.

The bill comes in response to public outcry about the potential development of a new landfill in southern Kansas City that would border Cass County. The development would be adjacent to tens of thousands of residents in the cities of Raymore, Lee's Summit and Grandview and multiple schools that serve those communities.

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited from issuing a permit for the operation of a solid waste disposal area designed to serve a city with a population greater than 400,000 inhabitants located in more than one county, if the site is located within one-half mile of an adjoining municipality without its approval. The bill would change the required distance from the adjoining municipality from one-half mile to one mile.

The House approved the bill by a vote of 139-16. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

From The Mayor's Desk...



JIM ARICO, MAYOR CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

A city's investors, out of town owners, and property owners with two or more additional houses, duplexes, etc., can literally price housing, buildings, and in-town job workers, out of Bowling Green.

People and businesses that would like to come, make their home, start a new service, or currently live here are being priced out by higher rent, sub-priced housing conditions, over-priced buildings, and of course, higher utilities, higher taxes - federal, state, county, and city, plus inflation. Unfortunately, in small rural towns, there are many houses that sit empty because owners can't afford to do repairs and upkeep. These are called "Zombie" houses and buildings and in some cities are charging \$500 and up in fines for these derelict structures that also lower neighborhood property values.

Demolition is not affordable either to the owner or the city. As a result, small townships slowly die and become uninteresting to investors, new families, and potential businesses. What is happening to prevent this is entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations, and available grants for programs like Habitat for Humanity come in and revitalize or build anew. "Vision and goal setting" are needed by town leaders, financial institutions, real-estate investors, and volunteer citizens that want to revitalize and update their community and neighborhoods.

Our mission in Bowling Green should be to develop a viable community by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment. We must expand our economic

opportunities, not by over-pricing our housing, buildings, or properties. As a town, we must make our city welcoming, caring, and supportive, which in turn invites young families, business start-ups and expansions. This also means being inviting and accommodating to our senior adults, Veterans, and encouraging to our farmers and ranchers, as opposed to absentee owners.

I have encouraged "Shop Local" for the last three years and I encourage you as a consumer to continue. We had an 8 percent increase in revenues in 2021 but according to KPM the city's auditors, it dropped in 2022. Expenditures for the city increased as they are addressing the needs our aged infrastructure. The board of alderpersons and your city administrator are doing a fine job of caring for our city's streets and water and sewer lines. It's now becoming apparent that we Shop "Made in America" as we have become so dependent upon China. We need to bring manufacturing of products back to The United States!

Women's History and Appreciation Month has been celebrating the amazing contributions women have made to our Country and society throughout our American history as they continue to empower, as in the past, and now the present and future generations.

LBB and Foster Adopt Connect are having an event on March 28 at Finns, 214 N. Main in Hannibal, to support local foster and adoptive children's caregivers. On Tuesday, April 18, there is recognition dinner for graduating seniors and caregivers/families involved with foster or kinship care.

Community Calendar...

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

On April 1: RAC Encore fundraising event featuring a music and dinner show. "At the Hop" a 50s sock hop, silent auction. Reservation call 754-0335

On April 3: Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary to hold regular meetings at 6 p.m. The auxiliary will be filling out year end reports at 4 p.m., and filling Easter eggs, post member and other auxiliary members can be there to help fill eggs, regular meeting will start at 6 p.m., with regular business, draping of charter in memory of Linda Gollaher and Wess Wheeler, election of officers, and other important business to be discussed. Would like to have all that can to bring change for National Home For Children. Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein would like to have all that can to attend the meeting.

On April 8: Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610, Auxiliary and

Youth Group to hold their Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of Clopton School at noon.

On April 8: Pike County Ge-

nealogical Society will meet at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

On April 11: PCTC meets at The Bridge at 11 a.m.

Bowling Green Elementary

Kindergarten Screening

Appointment dates May 22-May 24

Child must be 5 before August 1, 2023

Already in BGE Pre-K? No need for an appointment, child will already have screening

Pre-K Screening

Appointment dates May 23-25

Child must be 3 before April 1, 2023

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, shot records, 2 proofs of residency, and court documents (if applicable)

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OBITUARIES



Myrtle 'Ann' Evans

Myrtle "Ann" Evans, 82, of Vandalia died Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Monroe Manor in Paris.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Friday at Spencer Creek Baptist Church. Pastor Bob Hoehn officiated. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Ann's life was from 5-7 p.m., Thursday at Spencer Creek Baptist Church.

Ann was born May 18, 1940, in Hannibal, the daughter of Howard and Oneta Rohr Schremp. She was united in marriage to James "Jim" Evans on May 18, 1956, in Perry. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2022.

Survivors include two sons, James Lee Evans of Hannibal and David A. Evans of Vandalia; two daughters, Belinda Krchelich of Perry, and Debbie Pursifull and husband, Tim of Vandalia; two grandsons, John Krchelich and wife, Kristin of Clarinda, Iowa, and Bryan Evans and wife, Sarah of Vandalia; five granddaughters, Mary Easter and husband, Cheston of Princeton, Rachel Williams and husband, Adam of Valley Park, Ashley Niemeyer and husband, Ryan of Lake Saint Louis, Elizabeth Straube and husband, Brandon of Vandalia, and Emily DeTienne of St. Louis; 14 great-grandchildren, Ty, Dalton, Emma, Ann, Kylee, Stella, Jacob, Emrey, Haven, Luke, Charlotte, Treyson, Analynn and Reece; a brother-in-law, Donald "Gene" Evans and wife, Donna of Center and sister-in-law, Ruth Evans of Perry. She is also survived by numerous loved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Evans was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Bobby Joe Evans and sister-in-law, Loretta Kay Evans.

Ann graduated from Perry High School in the class of 1956. She was an active farm wife supporting the family farm and helping raise her four children. Ann, as she was known to friends and neighbors, was a great cook. She was always eager to share a meal at the family table with those who were there at meal time. Meals included family, friends, farm salesman, farm helpers, no one walked away hungry.

She also did catering as well, going to auctions, fairs, air show events with "Ann's Lil Wagon". She loved meeting people and serving them something delicious that people enjoyed. Her catering meals included serving her famous "Butterhorn Rolls", which were homemade by the hundreds.

Quilting was another passion of Ann's. Numerous beautiful and award-winning quilts were made over the years to be enjoyed and appreciated by family. She was a long-time member of the Prairie Pine Quilt Guild of Mexico. She loved the guild "Show Tell" and time spent with Quilty Friends.

Ann loved to travel with her favorite visits to Maui, Hawaii, Texas, Florida, cruises in the Caribbean, Alaska and trips to Branson to see the holiday lights and musical shows all brought great pleasure to Ann.

Mrs. Evans was a life-time member of the Spencer Creek Baptist Church and Liberty Community Association. She was active leader for the Ralls County Cancer Crusade for many years and the 83rd Liberty Belles Extension Club.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a great source of joy and pride to her, she was always very encouraging to them in their development and eagerly supported their education.

Pallbearers were Bryan Evans, John Krchelich, Adam Williams, Ryan Niemeyer, Brandon Straube, and Craig Cunningham. Honorary pallbearers were Gene Evans,

Tim Pursifull, Jim Gaw, Daryle Smith, David Gibson, Richard Schremp, Ty Evans, Dalton Dameron, Cheston Easter, and Chris Evans

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vandalia Fire Department, Spencer Creek Baptist Church or donor's choice, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Ruth Ann Ruffin

Ruth Ann Ruffin, 85, of Louisiana died after a long illness on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Maple Grove Lodge nursing home in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday at the funeral home. The Rev. Bobby Jones officiating. Burial was at Summit Grove Cemetery near Kampsville, Ill. All were invited to a dinner following the graveside service at the 4th Street Event Center in Louisiana from 3-5 p.m.

Ruth was born Jan. 27, 1938 in Calhoun County, Ill., to Roy Casper and Elsie Gray Sevier. She was married to James Ellis Shade and to this union had two daughters, Joyce Shade Ferree and Irma Shade Harrison. She was later married to James Ruffin and to this union had a daughter Rhonda Ruffin.

She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Shade Ferree of Marco Island, Fla., Rhonda Ruffin of Dallas, Texas, and Charlotte Ruffin of Louisiana; grandchildren, Kyle Miller, Tiffany Miller, Amber Harrison, Lewis Harrison, Andrew Ruffin, Katherine Clyde and Vanessa Ruffin Wood, great-grandchildren, Zachery William Harrison, Matthew Antonio Harrison, Jesus Alexander Garza, Bryan Javier Garza, Raiden Edwards, Rigoberto, Annabella, Maddie, Ion, Abigail, and Lewis Jr., a sister-in-law, Ruth Sevier; and nephew, Steve Sevier, and a niece, Renee Sevier.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Elsie Sevier, a daughter, Irma Shade Harrison, ex-husband, James Ellis Shade, husband, James Ruffin, and a brother, Lee Roy Sevier.

Ruth graduated high school in Hamburg, Ill. Most of Ruth's life was spent being a homemaker and a mother. She was also an advocate for animals.

Pallbearers were Mike Ferree, Roger Elliott, Zachery Harrison, Matthew Harrison, Jesus Garza, and Bryan Garza.

Memorials may be made to the Louisiana Animal Shelter or animal shelter of your choice, c/o the funeral home.



Judy Ellen Mills

Services for Judy Ellen Mills of Elsberry were at 1 p.m., Monday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Sammy Lorton, pastor of Whiteside Holiness Church near Whiteside officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery in Elsberry.

Visitation was from 1-5 p.m., Sunday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Mrs. Mills, 81, died Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Mercy Hospital Lincoln in Troy.

Born Jan. 24, 1942 in Apex, she was the daughter of Trevey K. and Irene Bernice Johnson Turnbull. Judy was united in marriage on June 7, 1963 in Troy to Lavern Alvin "Dutch" Mills. This union

was blessed with five children, Grant, Tony, Scott, Darrin, and Dana.

Judy worked as a seamstress for Bobbin Along and Bridal Originals, and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

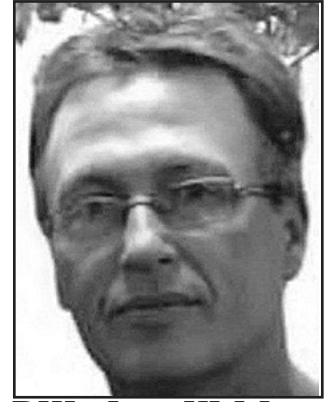
She was preceded in death by her parents, Trevey and Irene Turnbull; two brothers, Richard and Jack Turnbull; one granddaughter, Tenice, and her husband of nearly 37 years, Dutch Mills, who died on April 19, 2000.

Survivors include her children, Grant Mills of Clarksville, Tony Laird and wife, Tammy of Vernon, Texas, Scott "Scooter" Mills of Elsberry, Darrin Mills of Elsberry, and Dana Barber of Elsberry; 10 grandchildren, Boyd, Brenna, Brandie, Blake, Brandon, Sam, Makenna, T.J. Rocky, Heather and Nicki; and several great-grandchildren. Judy also leaves one brother, Robert Turnbull and wife, Karen of Foley; one sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Laird of Elsberry; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Makenna Mills, Josh Mills, Richard Whiteside, Sam Mills, Jerry Anthony and Jim Clements.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street, Elsberry, MO 63343.

Online condolences may be made at www.carterricks-funeralhome.com.



Billy Lee Kidd

Billy Lee Kidd, 47, died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 23, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday (today) at 1 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory with the Rev. John Davis officiating. Burial will be in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Billy was born Oct. 9, 1975, in Louisiana to Elmer & Alma Kidd.

He is survived by his wife, Terri Kidd; his parents, Elmer and Alma Kidd; father-in-law

Jerry Ricks; two daughters, Brittany Wasson and husband, Austin and Christina Woodson and husband, Jake; three step-daughters, Corina "Kaci" Halbach, Crystal Stocker and husband, Dakota, Cortnie Ricks and husband, Cody, two sisters, Amanda Perkins and husband, Brad, and Sarah Kidd; two grandchildren, Colton Wasson and Jeannie-Rae; four nieces, Madelyn Bolton and husband, Kory, Nevaeh Oberhaus, Taelynn and Indy Kidd; three nephews, Aidon Bolton, Isaac and Tyren Oberhaus, Nathan Perkins and Todd Clark and wife, Courtney.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Elmer and Helen Kidd II, and Laurence and Agnes Crenshaw.

Billy was saved at the young age of five and his faith carried him through to the end.

He loved spending time with his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed many years of doing this with his wife, dad, and nephews. He enjoyed listening to music and finding new recipes to try on the grill. He was a skilled horticulturist and rose to the level of production manager at Stark Brothers Nurseries from the early 90's through 2018. His specialty was propagation. He had a natural way of teaching others. Everyone who knew him knew his onery nature, his kind and gentle heart and self-less spirit. He will be sorely missed.



Ada M. Griffith

Ada M. Griffith, 79, of Frankford died at her home Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Visitation was Monday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Funeral service was Monday at 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Joe Rowell officiated. Interment was in Frankford Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 22, 1944 in Hannibal to Albert and Ruth Smallwood Schindler, one of nine children and a twin to Elsie. Ada attended the local schools and was a proud graduate of Frankford High School. She was united in marriage with Robert "Bob" Griffith on Jan. 30, 1963 in Frankford at her par-

ent's home. To this union were born two children, Gale and Stacey.

Ada was a talented seamstress who made all of her girl's clothes, including Halloween costumes. She worked for over 40 years as a seamstress, at Bobbie Brooks, Cal-Jacks, and Cerf Brothers. Ada and Bob were members of Frankford Presbyterian Church and Frankford Worship Center. Some of the hobbies she enjoyed were fishing, sewing, canning and cooking. Ada's pies were famous and were sold for hundreds of dollars at local charity auctions.

The Big Bang Theory was one of her favorite shows, that she watched with family. She was very funny and had a contagious, distinctive laugh. Ada was an animal lover, especially cats and chickens. She could have a stern exterior, but was big hearted. Ada dearly loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Ada is survived by her children, Gale Griffith-Frolos and Donald Caldwell Jr., of Frankford, Stacey Hoffman and husband, Michael of Louisiana; grandchildren, George Frolos, Michah Frolos, and Ava Caldwell, Sarah Collins and husband, Logan, Hannah Hoffman, Michaela Hoffman, Maria Hoffman; great-grandchildren, Norah Collins, Adella Collins, Wilden Collins and honorary grandson, Cory Hoffman and wife, Adryan; siblings, Margaret McCarty, Fannie Gollian, her twin, Elsie Towns and husband, Jerry, Delbert Schindler, Francis Schindler and wife, Debbie, Eddie Schindler and wife, Linda; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Robert "Bob" Griffith, her parents and her siblings, Fred Schindler and Robert Schindler and a son-in-law, Mike Frolos.

Pallbearers were John Schindler, James Schindler, Russell Schindler, Mark Schindler, Joe Schindler and Frederick Caldwell. Honorary pallbearers were Lynn Rissmiller and Doug Caldwell.

Memorials may be made to Cuddle Cat Hannibal, c/o funeral home

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

Howard Reading

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

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Arnold Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff

Stott officiating. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

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

Howard was born Oct. 23, 1963, in Hannibal, the son of Paul Oliver and Doris Clay Keller Reading. He married Karen Culwell on May 1, 1989, in Las Vegas, Nev.

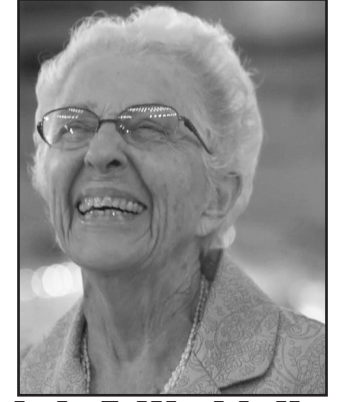
In 1982, Howard graduated from Bowling Green High School. He had been working at ADM for over 16 years.

Howard enjoyed riding his Harley and hunting. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Reading; daughter, Kayla Reading; three grandchildren, Jaryn, Karsyn and Jaxtyn Murray; three brothers, Edward Reading and wife, Jan, Dwayne Reading, and James Reading and wife, Phyllis; mother-in-law, Dorothy Culwell; brother-in-law, Mike Culwell and wife, Lori; sister-in-law, Ronnie Lou Pease and husband, Gary; and many other friends and relatives.

Howard was preceded in death by a son, Dakota Reading; parents, Paul and Doris Reading; two brothers, Eldon Reading and Don Reading; two sisters, Evelyn Reid and infant sister, Martha Reading; and father-in-law, Ronald Culwell.

Memorials may be made to a fund for the grandchildren. Checks may be made to Karen Reading. They may be sent, c/o Arnold Funeral Home, 425 S. Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265.



Lois E. Waddell

Lois Elinor Gabbert Waddell of Louisiana died peacefully Thursday, March 23, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Services in memory of Elinor will be held Saturday 3 at Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until time of memorial service at 1 p.m., with Pastor Brook Kurth officiating. There will also be a luncheon to follow.

She will be remembered by her surviving siblings, Jim Gabbert and Carol Grantham; her children, Diane Boyd, Jim Waddell; and daughter-in-law, Rena Waddell and husband, Ted; grandchildren, Michelle Boyd Danback, Cade Waddell, Leah Waddell and husband, Dalton Channell; one great-grandchild, See OBITUARIES on page 7

NOTICE

The Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery Association will be holding its annual meeting on March 22, 2023. Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., at the George H. Trimble House in Louisiana. Sealed care taker bids for the year along with proof of insurance will be accepted until meeting is called to order. Bids may be mailed to Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery, c/o Becky Chitwood, P.O. Box 1, Louisiana, MO 63353

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Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of Louisiana

Board of Adjustments

Will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., At City Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room

**** Agenda ****

Hearing for Russell E. (Rick) Henry application for special use permit for RV Park Permit in an R2 zone.

Hearing for Ivan Malpica request for special use permit for RV Park area within the Mobile Home Park named Shady Acres-Mobile Home and RV Park.

Accepting Bids

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

- **Football/Track Bleachers**
 - o Complete utilization of removed aluminum seating and decking from old bleachers (available for inspection)
 - Emphasis on seating with decking being supplemented, if need be
 - o Include 10 foot x 40 foot space for construction of press box
 - o ADA compliant
 - Wheelchair access on one side with wheelchair seating
 - Stair access on both sides of bleachers
 - o Bleachers will be located on west side of track between the light poles
 - o Bleachers will be attached to necessary bases at district cost based on design need
 - o Installation costs need to be separated from manufacturing costs.
 - o 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**
 - o 50 foot x 80 foot x 18 foot high
 - o 5" Concrete flooring
 - o Plumbing rough into concrete
 - o Rough in electrical panel
 - o Two roll up doors
 - o Interior wall frame ups
 - o 5 exterior doors
- Pre-bid information for this project will be obtained by contacting Mr. Ryan Morris at rrmorris@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
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Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7 p.m.

SALE SITE: Pike County Fairgrounds, 15884 Hwy. 54, Bowling Green, MO 63334

DIRECTIONS: From Bowling Green, take Hwy 61 north 2 miles to Hwy. 54 exit, go east on Hwy. 54 1.2 miles to left into the Pike County Fairgrounds, sale will be inside with seating.

REAL ESTATE: 14052 Hwy. YY, Frankford, MO 63441; 80 acres m/l in Section 11, Twp 54,R 3W in Pike County, MO. Exact legal to govern.

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80 acres m/l with 55 acres m/l in pasture with the balance in timber. The Raney family settled here in 1948. The white farmhouse sits on top of the hill overlooking the entire property. The farm is set up for livestock with good boundary fencing. 60 acres m/l lays on the north side of Hwy. YY and 20 acres m/l lays to the south.

Farm to be sold as follows & by the choice method.
Tract #1 - 60 acres m/l to be adjusted to survey laying on the north side of Hwy. YY to include home & farmstead.

Tract #2 - 20 acres m/l to be adjusted to survey laying on the south side of Hwy. YY. There are no improvements on this tract.

Improvements include a 2 bed, 1 bath farmhouse w/kitchen, living room, and mud room. Home has partial basement, propane gas furnace with central air, and connected to rural water. Other improvements include 2-car detached garage, older barn and shed. The historic Sugar Creek School House still stands in the valley. There are 2 ponds located on the north side and a wet weather branch that runs through the property.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Anne's Project Empowered Marion County Farmer Amy Lehenbauer



Amy Meyer Lehenbauer is a Marion County farmer who learned from Annie's Project, a program offered by University of Missouri Extension. A celebration to observe 20 years of Annie's Project will be held April 1 at Lee Greenley Jr. Memorial Research Center Northern Missouri Research, Education & Extension Center in Novelty, Missouri. Photo by Linda Geist

Annie's Project, a program offered by University of Missouri Extension for two decades, gave Amy Lehenbauer the confidence she needed to become active in the family farm.

Lehenbauer is one of more than 19,000 women across the nation who completed the program during the past 20 years, says MU Extension agriculture business specialist Karisha Devlin.

The program celebrates two decades of helping women in agriculture gain skills in leadership, business and estate planning, self-defense and self-care. "Annie's Project educates and empowers women in agriculture and encourages them in whatever role they choose to have in their farming operations," says Devlin.

Lehenbauer left her full-time off-farm job to work full-time with her fourth-generation farmer-husband, Mark, and his family at Lehenbauer Farms in Marion County. The diversified farm includes row crops, forages and beef and hog operations.

Lehenbauer, a 2002 agribusiness graduate of the University of Missouri, was no stranger to farming. Her family farmed in Pike County and owned and operated Meyer Implement. Still, she

hesitated before joining the family business.

"Annie's Project gave me the confidence to come back to the farm," she says. She felt like Annie's Project gave her the confidence to prove that she had skills that brought value to the farm.

Lehenbauer brought an appreciation for tradition and an eye for innovation to the table during a time when the farm was growing rapidly. Those skills helped the farm implement new feedlot technologies and human resource practices to make the farm more efficient, profitable and sustainable.

Today, Lehenbauer is the go-to person for the commercial cattle operation. Morning begins with feeding four children and helping them feed 4-H show cattle before school and daycare. While they are at school, she splits time between cattle, pigs and farm office.

She moved farm records from paper to the Cloud and worked on creating standard operating procedures and human resource protocols for the farm's family, four non-family employees and seasonal workers. Much of the farm's work centers on emerging labor issues, such as backup plans for critical duties, learning how to attract

workers through the H2A program and TN and how to use new technology such as apps for employee watches to record time and tasks.

She devotes afternoons to picking up children from school and attending school and community-events before dinner, homework and baths. The farm runs on seasons — spring and fall calving, forage chopping, planting and harvest, and 4-H show season. Amy and her husband also are active in promoting agriculture on the state and national level. They are active in Missouri Soybean Association, U.S. Meat Export Federation Board, College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Alumni activities and the local Community Foundation.

Annie's Project gave Lehenbauer resources, but just as importantly, she found a network of strong women who worked the land and livestock. "I saw the strengths and hardships of women in generations before me," she says.

Annie's Project helps women in agriculture through three multi-session courses.

MU Extension invites the public to celebrate Annie's Project from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 1 at the Lee Greenley Jr. Memorial Research Center Northern Missouri Research, Education & Extension Center in Novelty, Missouri.

Annie's Project is based on the life of a farm woman, Annie Fleck, who spent her lifetime learning how to be an involved business partner with her husband. She died in 1997 and was the inspiration for her daughter, Ruth Fleck Hambleton, to create the non-profit Annie's Project in 2003. In Annie's Project classes, trained facilitators provide safe harbor, connection, discovery, and shared experiences. Vetted instructors and presenters deliver unbiased research-based information to small, dynamic groups of women.

Register for Missouri's 20th anniversary celebration at <https://web.event.com/event/f9c67b75-b818-4424-b81f-92a4b7be6f63/register/ProcessStep1>.

Pike County Students Recognized For Academic Achievement, Service

Camdyn Penrod, a senior from Frankford, and Lauren Burleson, a senior from Bowling Green, were among the Missouri Connections Academy students to be recently inducted into the National Honor Society in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and service to the community.

The National Honor Society recognizes students in grades 10-12 who achieve excellence in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. To qualify, students must have been enrolled with the online public school for at least one semester and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Students must also demonstrate a history of leadership experi-

ence, complete 15-20 hours of verifiable community service within the school year and be in good standing with the school.

"I congratulate the students for their commitment to excellence in the classroom and making a difference in their community," said Lysnie Hunt, School Leader at Missouri Connections Academy. "Students and families from many different backgrounds come to our school seeking an academic setting where they can thrive. We are so proud to have the opportunity to recognize these students for their outstanding work and determination to succeed."

Virtual school is a great fit for a variety of students and each student is unique. Those who attend Missouri Connections Acad-

emy choose full-time online school for various reasons. Some students prefer to take ownership of their education and benefit from the flexibility that virtual school offers, while others are looking for a safe learning environment.

Enrollment for Missouri Connections Academy for the 2023-24 academic year is open and the school will be hosting online information sessions for families interested in learning more about virtual education.

A complete schedule of events as well as more information about Missouri Connections Academy is available at www.MissouriConnectionsAcademy.com or by calling 1-(800) 382-6010.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

To the voters of the Clopton School District: The Clopton School District Board of Education is asking the public to approve the sale of bonds in the amount of \$5.5 million. Informed decision making is important when voting, so facts need to be presented. This issue will extend the school tax you pay for several years to come. If the issue does not pass, the debt service levy will decrease.

Following is a list of the items that make up the \$5.5 million:

- Reconfigure, expand and pave parking lot
- Extensive exterior lighting upgrades
- Replace and upgrade fire alarms
- Construct new secure entrance
- New district-wide camera system
- New phone system
- HVAC and Electrical Automation (energy cost savings)
- New band and stage equipment
- Seal and preserve empty middle school building for future use
- Remodel old restrooms
- Matching funds for PLTC grant
- New phone system
- New camera system
- Campus improvements
- Renovate current baseball/softball diamond*
- Construct all-weather track*
- *apply for matching grants

The parking lot project, renovating the ball diamond, and constructing a new all-weather track are the most expensive items on this list.

In recent years Clopton school board elections have experienced a low-voter turnout; 12 percent of the voters made important decisions for the eighty-eight percent who did not vote. Please do not allow a small portion of voters to make important decisions for you. Regardless of how you choose to vote, please take part in this very important election. Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life.

Wm. Harris and Nancy Guyton, Paynesville

Dear Editor:

My first six years of service as your superintendent have been a tremendous joy, and I have been in awe just how this community pulls together and supports their school, time and time again.

We have spent a great deal of time listening and learning during these years in determining what should be areas of focus within our new Strategic Plan and goals we should be working on for the next five years. After considerable time spent in community conversations with organizations around our community (i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Heir Study Club, Pike County Retired

Teachers, Frankford Red Hatters, the Knights of Columbus, Radio Broadcast Conversations and various booster clubs, etc...), in focus groups held here at the school and our Key Communicator Network, through community-wide and school-wide surveys, it is evident that our community is proud of our school. Our school has performed very well, especially these last few years on state assessments, graduation rate, college and career readiness measures, and ACT composite (all of those areas measured on the state Report Card.) In fact, the Bowling Green R-I District has performed within the highest five districts in the state of schools our size.

What also rose to the top was the need to increase safety and security measures and expansion of our preschool program now that more state aid is available to assist with staffing. While much has been done in this area (buzzing in and security film at doorway entrances, adding the School Resource Officer position, etc...), much more needs to be done. The board has determined that after safety and security audits, and overwhelming direction from community and parent and staff surveys, we need to construct a new Early Childhood Center and Storm Shelter, develop a Middle School and High School Storm Shelter and expanded library in order to meet state See LETTERS on page 7

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SALE SITE: Pike County Fairgrounds, 15884 Hwy. 54, Bowling Green, MO 63334
DIRECTIONS: From Bowling Green, MO take Hwy 61 North approx. 2 miles to Hwy 54 exit, go east on Hwy 54 1.2 miles to left to the Pike County Fairgrounds.

NOTE: Sale will be held indoors w/heat & seating.
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NOTE: All homes were used as rentals, they are all vacant and need remodel. They are located in good areas in town. All have access to city utilities. Howard was in the process of remodeling the homes when he passed. Several will sell with building material on site included.
TRACT 1: 320 W. Champ Clark Dr., corner of Champ Clark Dr. & Broadway. Large yellow frame home w/shingle roof, 24' x 30' metal garage storage shed, unattached 1-car garage.
TRACT 2: 210 South Court St., White frame home w/metal roof, backs to alley.
TRACT 3: 1105 West Locust St., corner of W. Locust & 11th St., White vinyl home w/metal roof.
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TRACT 5: 1202 West Locust St., corner lot W. Locust St & 12th St.
Terms: 10% down day of sale with the balance of cash at closing on or before 30 days after the sale with possession at closing.

NOTE: Due to the law on lead based paint & lead based paint hazards on any home built prior to 1978, any inspections for lead base paint by a purchaser must be done 10 days prior to the auction. Buyers will be given an EPA pamphlet & will be required to sign a disclosure acknowledging that you were given the information.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LETTER

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standards and ADA compliance, address safety and security issues by adding window vestibules at the Middle School and High School like we have already done at our elementary schools, and add a secure gate and additional fencing to the AG area behind the high school, develop an improved drop off area at the BGMS for better safety and efficiency, upgrading the Frankford Roof and Bus Garage Roof so all of our

roofs will be under warranty, paving the Frankford Emergency Access Road, implementing a Visitor Management System at All Locations so there is no doubt that those who enter our schools are okay to enter and be around students, upgrading playground Surfaces at Frankford and BG Elementary for ADA Compliance and Increased Fencing to Fully Surround Both Playgrounds and Exterior Door Replacements to Increase Security throughout the district.

While most of these updates are not "flashy", they are much needed in order to protect our students and to be

good stewards of our schoolhouse and environment. All of these improvements can be done without raising the tax rate for any tax payer in our district. The board hopes that you will pull together once again for the district as we go to the polls on April 4th. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/saferbgchildren/> or come to our community meeting and town hall at the Middle School Commons on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. followed by a short tour.

Respectfully,
Matt Frederickson, PhD
Superintendent

OBITUARIES

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grandchild, Alyssa Danback; and various nieces, nephews, friends, and church family.

Elinor was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, J.B. Waddell Jr., her brother, Paul Gabbert, and her youngest son, Ted Waddell.

Elinor was born Dec. 6, 1930 in Grandview to Chester and Lois Gabbert. She graduated in May of 1948 from Bowling Green and went on to the Kirksville Teachers College that summer. After this, she began teaching at the Bryson School House in Pike County in the fall of 1948 at only 17 years old.

During this time, her father passed away and her remaining family moved to a dairy farm in Baldwin, Kan. Elinor decided to board with a family in the school district where she worked, the Waddells. During this time, she met

James Briscoe "J.B." Waddell, and his sisters, Katherine, Jane, and Betty Ann. She later married J.B. and moved with him to a home on their family farm where they lived until 2007. In 2007, Elinor and J.B. built a home with her youngest son, Ted, his wife, Rena, and their two children, Cade and Leah, where she lived for the rest of her days.

Elinor loved cooking for her family, spending time in her garden, and playing games with her girlfriends. She was a devout Christian and an active member of her church. Elinor didn't know a stranger, and always encouraged all of her grandchildren's friends to refer to her as simply "Grandma." To know Elinor was to love Elinor and she was utterly devoted to her friends and family.

Memorials may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice or the Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

Cremation rites are being

provided by the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Brownie Virginia 'Ginger' Brown

Brownie Virginia "Ginger" Brown has finally moved to her eternal home.

Ginger, who was born Aug. 9, 1935, left us on March 25, 2023 to meet Jesus and be reunited with her beloved parents, Lukin and Delia Brown; sister, Betty Jean Cole; and eldest son, James Stephen "Steve" Murphy.

Her surviving children, Ken Murphy, Don Murphy and Tammy Welch, Teresa Thibodeaux and husband, David, and Judy Ratermann-Murphy, will always remember and miss her love and support.

Ginger has four grandchildren, Lukin Murphy, Brittany Wicks and husband, Jordan, Samantha Hakes and husband, Nathaniel and Tyler Murphy and Danielle Purdy.

She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Mason and Madelyn Wicks, Abel and Hazel Lewis-Murphy and Kodiak Hakes.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m., at Auburn Cemetery in Silcox. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory is handling the services.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Historical Missouri State Flag On Display At Honeyshuck

On March 22, 1913 the official state flag is finally adopted in Missouri.

Marie Watkins Oliver has become known as "Missouri's Betsy Ross" for designing the state flag. Oliver hailed from an influential family in Ray County, married a soon-to-be senator, and

moved to Cape Girardeau. While he was practicing law, she was put in charge of the flag designed in 1908. She took painstaking effort to incorporate everything Missouri stood for into the flag.

Governor Elliot Major from Bowling Green signed legislation recognizing the

flag into law, and the original flag is now on display at the secretary of state's office. His wife was given one of the three flags flown over the capitol that day.

That flag is on display now at Honeyshuck, the home of Champ Clark.

HAPPY NATIONAL Doctors Day

March 30th, 2023



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9:00 a.m.

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Gerald Merz Estate

Partial listing: Most of below listed was purchased new and shedded, and well taken care of.

IH 5288 w/Cab, 8295 Total Hours less than 2000 hours on overhaul
IH 5088 w/cab, 6870 Total Hours, less than 2000 hours on overhaul
IH 856 Diesel Tractor w/IH 2250 Loader
Case IH 3950 Disc, 18" w/Remlinger Rolling Basket, 7' space
10' Woods Blade, Hydraulic Heavy Duty

Billy Finnerty Retirement

Partial listing:
Case 2290 Tractor, 4970 hours, rear end been replaced
Massey Ferguson MI 880 5-Bottom Plow
IH 470 Disc Manual Fold Wings, 18"
Massey 129 Chisel Plow, 9 shank 3 pt
Danuser 3 pt Digger, 1-24" bit 1-12" BIT
400 gal. Pull Type Sprayer, 20' PTO Pump
Win Power PTO Generator on Trailer



2-Wooden Wheel Wagons

5-100# Propane Tanks
8' Fiberglass Service Bed
Heavy Homemade Short Bed
Dually Bed; DMI Bumper
L-Shaped Fuel Tank
Playmate Paddle Boat
DR Weed Eater Trimmer on wheels; R-V Tailgate
Sears 6.5 33 gal. Air Compressor
Blair 4x8 Silage Feed Wagon, Good
JD 702 10 Wheel Rake w/kicker Wheel



Case IH 4300 Field Cultivator, 22' w/Remlinger Rolling Basket & Harrow
AVCO New Idea Manure Spreader, Model 3353, Poly Floor, Hydraulic Gate, 2 extra beaters-NICE
Case IH MX81 Disc Mower, 8'
IH 435 String Tie Baler
Case 1200 6 Row Planter
Case IH Ripper, 5 shank, Like New
IH 6 Row Crop Cultivator
IH 510 Drill; Chisel Plow;
2-Bale Forks
Arts-Way 425 A Grinder

Noble 6-Row Danish Tine Cultivator
Electric Wheel Running & Hoist
IH Running Gear & Hoist
Cattle Creep Feeder & Gates
Cattle Chute; Misc. Farm Tools
MF & AC Weights
Partial Listing From Others, Tractors & More:
JD 5075E Tractor, Like New, 3000 hours;
JD 920 Platform, 20' and head Trailer, NICE
550 Oliver w/Loader
Ford TW25 Tractor
JD3020 Diesel Side Console w/JD 148 Loader-PRETTY NICE
MD Diesel Tractor, Narrow Front, M & W Hand Clutch, NICE TRACTOR
Frontier MS 1237 Manure Spreader, Extra Nice, Like New
30' Phillips Harrow
Gehl 99 Hi Throw Blower
Parker Gravity Flow Wagon
2-Hay Saver Bale Racks
Load of Tools from Welding/Fabrication Shop that is out of business
Older Neckover 6x20 livestock trailer, new sides, new floor few years ago

1997 Ford Aeromax, CAT engine, 323,000 miles, 96 jet engine, trailer roll tarp, always been in shed;
2004 Chevy 2500 HD 4x4 6.0 Gas, Reg. Cab, 209,000 miles



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