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PCADD Goal Is To Help Pike County Citizens With Developmental Disabilities Succeed



Patrick S. gets a visit from Willow during PCADD's pet therapy program.

"To help Pike County citizens with developmental disabilities succeed". This is the mission statement of the Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities, or PCADD, and something that staff at all levels of the organization work hard at every day to achieve.

PCADD is a nonprofit agency governed by a five-member Board of Directors. PCADD contracts with both the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in meeting the needs of area citizens with developmental disabilities.

PCADD employs 40 staff, and all frontline staff all meet or exceed state requirements with regard to background checks and initial and ongoing training. PCADD is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or CARF, and has received the highest level of accreditation

possible since 1999.

PCADD offers four distinct programs to individuals with developmental disabilities to help them succeed in life. The Community Living Skills (CLS) day program provides services M-F from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at PCADD's licensed day program facility in Bowling Green. CLS participants volunteer their time in a variety of community settings each day, including area businesses, community organizations, churches, and government agencies. Pet therapy, music therapy, arts and crafts, bowling, exercise, recreational outings, and movie days are other activities that CLS participants enjoy.

PCADD's Community Inclusion program provides services to area persons with developmental disabilities at their home, or in the community. Training is designed to enable persons served to access community services, learn new skills, obtain

needed medical care, and develop relationships. The Community Inclusion program sponsors dances and other recreational activities throughout the year for persons with developmental disabilities, and also leads the Pike County chapter of People First, a statewide organization ran by and for persons with developmental disabilities.

The Community Employment Services program of PCADD is designed to support individuals with developmental disabilities to obtain and maintain competitive, integrated employment within community businesses and organizations. Services provided involve assessing an individual's vocational and career goals, and providing vocational training as-needed with the goal of obtaining competitive work in an integrated work setting of the individual's choice. All persons employed make at or above minimum wage.

PCADD's New Era group home provides care, supervision, and skills training for persons with developmental disabilities in activities of daily living, home management and community integration. The services are provided in a state licensed group home that operates on a 24/7/365 basis. Some of the residents are retired, some volunteer, and some choose to work part time.

If you would like more information about PCADD, call 324-5493 or visit PCADD's website at www.pcaddmo.org.

Bowling Green Gearing Up For 2023 Summer Bicentennial

By BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Bowling Green Bicentennial Committee is busy planning the city's big celebration for this summer. Although it feels as though summer is still far away, a recent post pointed out that it's only 17 weeks away—not much time at all when planning and organizing such a big event.

"With seventeen weeks to go, the planning and activities are changing on a daily basis," Don Hamilton wrote in a recent post encouraging businesses and individuals wanting to participate or memorialize someone in the Bicentennial booklet and DVD."

He also gave an update on activities planned for the event.

"The princess/queen committee has been amazing and working overtime," he wrote while explaining that the June 27 princess pageant is for ladies 14-18, and queens (married or single), age 19 and up. "Jayne Scherder Justice is coming from Los Angeles to crown her successor queen as she was our 1973,

age 15-19 Sesquicentennial queen."

She'll be joined by 1977 Miss Missouri and Deanie Ebers (1873 Belle of the Ball) who will crown the Bicentennial queen. Candidates will have one outfit, one question, and will walk across the stage.

On June 28 at 6 p.m., there will be a community church service along with games and a baking contest.

June 29 will see an all-ages art show, dog show, and beard contest. A giant mass choir and band concert with an ice cream social will take place on June 30 starting at 6:30.

"In addition to our current school's music directors," Hamilton continued. "A special band director will be Dr. Matt Frederickson, our own superintendent of schools, and former BGHS special choir directors, Jack Bibb and Bob Johnson."

Hamilton encourages any instrumentalist or vocalist who are Bowling Green alumni, current or past residents, or a friend of Bowling Green to participate.

"Don't worry about being rusty. We have a two-hour re-

hearsal for both the band and choir to get you back in shape no matter how many years it has been."

According to the post, the event will wrap up on Saturday, July 1 with a fun run starting at 7 am followed by a parade at 9 am. The will be instrumental demonstrations, a 1973 and older car show, a quilt show, a horseshoe tournament, a corn hole tournament, and a black powder gun demonstration.

Blacksmiths, crafts, and food booths will also be at the event.

An evening concert featuring local talents plus Starla and Scotty (entertainers of the year in the Lake of the Ozarks) plus the Missouri National Guard honor jazz band will help lead up the night to a closing ceremony featuring a 1770 musical piece along with a sparkler show.

Please check the Bicentennial website: bgmo200.com for any questions and additional information. You may also call 573-324-3000 if interested in participating or have any additional questions.

Federal Fugitives Arrested In Vandalia

During the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 1 members of the East Central Drug Task Force, the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives executed federal arrest warrants on two Vandalia residents at their home in the 300 Block of East Walsh and seized roughly one pound of methamphetamine.

According to a release from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, Jason John Ramirez, 49, and Farrah Elizabeth Ramirez, 45, both of Vandalia were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in St. Louis for multiple counts of distributing More than 50 grams of methamphetamine.

Both suspects were trans-

ported to St. Louis by the United States Marshal's Service for housing.

The indictments are a result of a long-term investigation by the East Central Drug Task Force, the Audrain County Sheriff's Office and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. "I want to thank my staff and our Task Force Officers for their hard work and time associated with this case," Sheriff Matt Oller stated. "I also want to thank the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and the various federal agencies that stepped up to help us take a multi-pound methamphetamine dealer from one of our communities. My hopes are that this ensures that the proper justice is administered in the Federal system, where truth in sentencing still exists."

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The Audrain County Sheriff and his staff remain committed to working with our communities, community partners, and other area law enforcement agencies to make Audrain County a safe place to work and live. The support of and the input from the community is appreciated. Citizens are reminded crime tips may be provided anonymously by calling CRIMESTOPPERS at (800) 392-TIPS or (800) 392-8477 and/or online at <https://www.audrainsheriff.com/report-a-crime>.

*** All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law ***

Want Spies With That?

Union Soliders Turn Tables On Rebel Grub

By BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It wasn't hard to get hoodwinked during the Civil War in Pike County.

Combatants often did not wear uniforms, families swore untrue allegiances to escape harm and minors either fibbed about their age to enlist or ignored the rules altogether.

So, it came as no surprise when James Chandler was offered what he and his buddies came to call "a bushwhacker dinner." The incident was a reminder about the sometimes-difficult task of recognizing the enemy, and left an astonished rebel eating crow.

The conflict in Pike County was more about territorial practicality than formal appearance, and it was a lot different than the fighting elsewhere. Sentiments among

the populace were divided about equally.

So, divisions between neighbors and even families were significant, and could be deadly.

"In a guerilla war, where both sides wandered in small bands rather than marching in large columns, part of the terror for civilians was that they could never know for certain to whom they were talking and therefore could trust no one," wrote author Michael Fellman. "Even old friends might have made deadly secret alliances."

On Oct. 12, 1864, Chandler and five other militiamen were trying to track down Confederate Capt. Erasmus Woods.

The Troy native was part of Louisiana rebel Caleb Dorsey's command, and was recruiting Southern sympa-

thizers from Illinois to fight in Missouri.

The Union men were decked out in civilian clothes. They hadn't had any luck finding Woods and were contemplating their next move when a man approached on horseback. His name was William Banks, and he also was looking for Woods, but for another reason.

"I asked him what he wanted with the captain," Chandler reported. "He said he had some dinner for him. I told him 'All OK, the captain will be up directly.' I then told him that we would take care of the dinner and him, too."

Banks had a bluecoat epiphany and quickly stammered out a lie, telling Chandler he was "forced to bring the dinner and was afraid"

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Burglary Suspects Tracked, Apprehended By Audrain County K9 Units



Jared M. VonVain



Kathleen E. Smith

According to a media release from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, during the mid-morning hours of March 4, 2023, a property owner reported they had received photos from a camera showing two people exiting the back door their house along Audrain Road 572 in rural Farber. The property owner was not present at the time.

A short time later, a deputy arrived in the area and after investigating believed the suspects were still in the area on foot. The deputy then requested K9 units to attempt to track the

suspects. "Sheriff Oller and K9 Apollo, along with Sergeant Chism and K9 Chal arrived, and after being briefed, Sheriff Oller and K9 Apollo began tracking," the release continued. "K9 Apollo tracked about a quarter mile to a wooded area east of the residence and located two suspects hiding under a culvert/bridge. Once confronted by the K9 pair surrendered without incident. Items taken from the residence were found in their possession."

Jared M. VonVain, 22, and Kathleen E. Smith, 30, both of

Middletown, were arrested on counts of Burglary 2nd, Stealing. Smith was also additionally charged with a felony Possession Controlled Substance.

At the time of the release, both suspects remained at the Audrain County Jail pending formal charges being filed.

A third subject was also detained and released as part of the investigation. Authorities have said charges will be sought against the individual.

"The Audrain County Sheriff and his staff remain committed to working with our communities, community partners, and other area law enforcement agencies to make Audrain County a safe place to work and live," the release finished. "The support of and the input from the community is appreciated. Citizens are reminded crime tips may be provided anonymously by calling CRIMESTOPPERS at (800) 392-TIPS or (800) 392-8477 and/or online at <https://www.audrainsheriff.com/report-a-crime>."

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Baptist Homes To Purchase Tri-County Care

By NANCY CASE

Baptist Homes Executive Team visited Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia Wednesday-Friday, March 1-3.

A noon luncheon was held Thursday, March 2 to announce Baptist Homes will be purchasing the facility at the end of the six-month lease agreement on Aug. 31.

Along with change of ownership other changes are in the works including new signage for the front of the home; facelifts for the dining areas; and painting all rooms with their own unique color.

The parking lot will receive a new surface along with the pooling of water in the lot. The exterior of the building will all be cleaned with power washers and replacement of certain window trim.



Rodney Harrison, president of Baptist Homes is pictured addressing those present at the noon luncheon Thursday, March 2.

There will be a fenced in area built with raised beds for gardening and flowers to be open in May. Along with many other projects to create

a home environment within the next two week.

The assisted living apartments will be reopened after See BAPTIST On Page 5



Blaylock Donates To Scout House

Cindy Blaylock, State Farm Insurance agent from Louisiana donated \$1,000 to the Louisiana Scout House on Tuesday, Feb. 28. She will apply for a matching grant through State Farm. The combination of these two donations will cover the majority of the yearly expenses at the Louisiana Scout House. The Louisiana Scouts have leased the Scout House from the City of Louisiana. Part of that lease agreement is that the Scouts will pay for the electricity, insurance and any maintenance needed on the building. Pictured is Tina Chidster, Committee Chairman of Pack and Troop 156, accepting the check from State Farm Agent, Cindy Blaylock, with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their parents and leaders.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Louisiana Museum Welcomes Photo, Postcard Collection



Clarence Smith, left, and Chester McEvery stand on Santa Claus Rock atop 705-foot Buffalo Knob southeast of Louisiana in 1925 near what is now Missouri Highway 79 next to the Dyno Nobel plant. The photo is part of a collection donated by John Wood to the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

John Wood began collecting images of Louisiana when he was 18.

That was almost seven decades ago, and he's decided to donate the collection of 700 postcards and photographs to the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

"They're interesting," Wood said. "It's a lot of odds and ends. People can look back and look at what the old town looked like long ago."

"We cannot thank John enough for his extraordinarily generous donation of this incredible collection," said Museum President Brent Engel. "It is a treasure trove of images that showcases an important part of the fabric that made up this community."

Some of the images are identified and others are not. Wood collected them over the years from different photographers, history enthusiasts and local businesses.

Most of the postcards are colorized. Some were made exclusively for local firms such as Stichler's Pharmacy. One set was made by a company in Boston while another was made overseas.

Scenes include Riverfront Park, the first Champ Clark Bridge, Pike County Hospital, the Masonic Temple and scenic views from Clinton, Dug and Vandeventer hills.

"A few of the postcards have been used, which is particularly interesting because we can date those via postmark to the period from 1909 to 1923," Engel said. "All it took to mail them then was a one-cent stamp."

Just as now, people in the early 20th century sometimes got in a hurry. A postcard of Eugene Field School that was sent to a man on North Carolina Street has a stamp of Benjamin Franklin — turned upside down. It was still delivered.

Photos make up the largest part of the collection, including images from the 1880s, when Georgia Street was a dirt path, to 2010, when a del-

honor them. And another appears to show President Theodore Roosevelt disembarking from his train for a speech in Louisiana on April 29, 1903.

There are a few photos or postcards of places in other communities, such as the main building at Pike College in Bowling Green and construction of Lock and Dam 24 at Clarksville.

"We will be going through these remarkable images with the hope of creating topical and, if possible, permanent exhibits," Engel said. "These postcards and photographs are a valuable part of our history, and we're going to do what we can to let people see them. We may put some on our Facebook page eventually."

The museum will open for the season Memorial Day Weekend, but offers hours periodically for special events, such as the "Find the Leprechaun" event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11.

More information is available by viewing the museum's Facebook page or e-mailing bengel2022@gmail.com



Silex Lady Owls Place Second At Districts

The Silex Lady Owls brought home the 2023 MSHSAA Class 2, District 5 second place hardware after a hard-fought 52-41 loss to Cairo during the championship game on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Master Pollinator Steward Course Offered This Spring

The six-week Master Pollinator Steward course begins Thursday, April 6. Lecture presentations will be held via Zoom on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., through May 11.

In-person lab classes will be held Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28 in the Kirksville area. Lab classes will visit a local prairie and gardens. You can watch the Zoom sessions from your home or at your local county extension center. MU Extension Adair County will host

the Zoom classes in the basement meeting room for anyone wanting to watch and have a discussion afterward.

Session topics include an insect overview, plant-pollinator relationships, honey bees, native bees and other pollinators, and pollinators in nature and agriculture. This course qualifies as Advanced Training for Extension Master Gardeners and Missouri Master Naturalists.

Register for the program at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/missouri-master-pollinator-steward-1677018320>.

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One photo captures the cornerstone laying for the Louisiana Public Library in May 1904. There's also an undated image of Civil War veterans gathered beneath the Riverview Cemetery statue

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COMMUNITY NEWS

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS BILL REGARDING FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF MISSOURI LAND HAS PASSED THE HOUSE (HCS 903)

Upon passage, Rep. Perkins noted, "It is long past time to restrict the ability of foreign adversaries to purchase land in Missouri. This is a national security and food security issue." Perkins concluded, "I'm happy to see that the House is moving quickly to get this urgent legislation passed. My hope is that the senate also proceeds expeditiously so that we can get this to the governor's desk quickly."

This bill now moves to the Senate.

REP. PERKINS BILL INTENDED TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY IN ST. LOUIS HAS BEEN PERFECTED (HCS 702)

Rep. Perkins was happy to see this crucial piece of legislation moved forward in the House. "This is a first step towards addressing out of control crime in the City of St. Louis," Perkins continued, "This crime is detrimental to the whole region and the time to act is now. This, in addition to other legislation focusing on prosecuting crimes in the city, will hopefully begin to address this tragic situation."

This bill needs one more vote in the House, then will proceed to the Senate.

LAWMAKERS APPROVE LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS VIOLENT CRIME IN ST. LOUIS (HB'S 702, 53, 213, 216, 306 & 359)

In an effort to address the violent crime that has plagued St. Louis, members of the Missouri House gave first round approval to legislation that would put the city's police force under the control of a state-appointed board of police commissioners. With a voice vote, the House gave initial approval to HB's 702, 53, 213, 216, 306 & 359.

For more than 150 years the St. Louis Police Department was under the control of the state. However, in 2012 voters approved a ballot measure that put the department under the control of the city beginning in 2013. Supporters say HB's 702, 53, 213, 216, 306 & 359 is necessary because the problem of violent crime has become worse under city control.

The lead sponsor of the bill noted, "A little over ten years ago the city took control of the police department and campaign promises were made on lowering crime, saving money, and economic growth in the region. We've seen the complete opposite. Murders have risen. Crime per capita has risen. The department has been defunded. Officer amount and recruitment has dipped below 1,000.

City Of Paynesville To Meet

The City of Paynesville will hold its regular meeting Wednesday March 8 at 6 p.m., at the Bethel AME Church dining room.

Special guest attending the meeting will be Clopton Superintendent Todd Smith, speaking concerning the bond issue to be voted on at the Tuesday, April 4 election, along with Preston Hipes from the Pike County Sheriff Department speaking about Proposition P that is also to be the ballot to be voted on.

They will be there to Answer any questions that you might have concerning these two important issues.

Everyone is invited to attend, whether you live in city limits or in surrounding area you are welcome.

Officers don't have the equipment or training to perform their job." He added, "We consistently rank at the top of the most dangerous cities in the country and in the world."

The sponsor went on to say, "Lost in all these stats and arguments is the most important thing - people are dying at a rapid pace. It's completely unacceptable. St. Louis is my home and the home to many. Something must be done. This is the start. This will take the politics out of policing and stabilize the department so they can perform the basic job of law enforcement."

One supporter of the bill who previously worked for the St. Louis Police Department said, "It's all political and the only way we're going to be able to remove politics out of the police department is for the state to take back control of the city police department. I would love for the City of St. Louis to be able to maintain and make their police department better, but they're just not doing that."

REP. PERKINS DISCUSSING TOURISM IN MISSOURI

HB's 575 & 910 specifies that any health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans that provide coverage for diagnostic breast examinations, coverage for supplemental breast examinations, low-dose mammography screenings, breast magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasounds, or any combination of such coverages cannot impose any deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or similar out-of-pocket expense with respect to such coverage. This bill further provides that a mammography facility certified by the US FDA shall not require a person to obtain a referral from a primary care provider or other physician in order to receive a screening mammogram at the facility, so long as the facility is consistent with the recommendations in the most current breast cancer screening guidelines established by the US Preventive Services Task Force.

"If we do not offer diagnostic testing without a copay, we will not receive the benefits of early cancer diagnosis. Diagnosing breast cancer early benefits us all. First and foremost it saves the lives of women that we care about and the mothers of our children. It reduces overall cost of healthcare," said the sponsor of the bill, who noted a study found the national cost savings with early diagnosis would be \$26 billion each year. She added, "It keeps women from becoming medically bankrupt and having to go on Medicaid and it keeps women in the workforce paying taxes and contributing to the economy."

The bill sponsor also noted Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana,

Illinois, and Colorado have already passed similar legislation. "It's time for Missouri to be included on this list. In Missouri it's estimated that 5,700 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Eight hundred and twenty of those women will die. I believe that 820 is way too many."

HOUSE APPROVES LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR VEHICLE OWNERS (HB 713)

Missourians struggling with higher property tax rates on their vehicles may have some relief in sight under a legislative proposal approved by the Missouri House of Representatives. House members approved HB 713 by a vote of 150-0 and sent the legislation to the Senate for consideration.

The bill sponsor said the legislation is "a fix to a real problem in our state." He noted that in 2021 and 2022 "due to used car values going up, our constituents and citizens had higher tax assessments and therefore paid higher taxes."

HB 713 would change current state law that requires assessors to determine vehicle values by using the National Automobile Dealers' Association Official Used Car Guide. The bill would repeal that requirement and instead have assessors use the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) for all vehicles for the original value of all motor vehicle assessment valuations. The bill establishes a 15-year depreciation schedule that would be applied to the MSRP to develop the annual and historical valuation guide for all motor vehicles.

The bill sponsor said the change is necessary "so that our taxpayers can be assured that once they have that car that it's not going to go up in value and increase their taxes."

In order to give assessors time to transition to the new process if the bill becomes law, the legislation would not take effect until January 1, 2024. However, an amendment added on the House floor would allow assessors to utilize other sources to determine the true value of motor vehicles for 2023 assessments.

In his closing remarks to his colleagues on the House floor, the bill sponsor said, "The bottom line is it's a taxpayer protection act. If there's nothing else we can do we can protect our taxpayers from unjustly having to pay more taxes on a vehicle that's a year older; that has more mileage."

We Welcome Your Local News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Congratulations to Bowling Green R-I School District for continued strong academic and extra-curricular organizations! State test scores are again outstanding.

FFA has won State and Regional recognition and awards, Bobcat sports teams have had fantastic seasons, music, clubs, and activities are excelling at all levels, and 2022 graduation stats showed the highest percentage of graduating seniors in our school's history.

The elementary Bright Futures hosted their VIP event and had a packed house and their Culture Fair, highlighting various nations of the world, had an excellent turnout and learning experience. (Bowling Green needs to support and engage in this multi-cultural learning experience as well). Keep up the outstanding work teachers, paras, coaches, administrators, maintenance, and staff! Bowling Green appreciates our schools and your job of raising up the next generations to impact our city, state, nation, and the world!

Indiana University has developed an algorithm that is able to pull up cities and measure the growth and/or decline in populations. They take economic models from the 2010 and 2020 Census and determine growth in multiple aspects of a city. For instance, they revealed a consistent 2.2 percent in our young families moving into our school district. Unfortunately, they also found a 2.87 percent decline in our senior adult population. We have had a tough year or more with losing our dearly loved ones passing. However, they did raise the concern of senior adults leaving Bowling Green due to lack of, or inferior, or



JIM ARICO, MAYOR CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

non-existence of assisted living and nursing facilities. Indiana University works with MakeMYMove which works with cities to attract more jobs and create a work force.

Another attraction of our city is the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau just east of Walmart. It houses the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, with a deck that overlooks two beautiful ponds, an outdoor pavilion, and a walking trail. (Thanks BG Lions Club). The Visitor's Center offers information on businesses, attractions, and pamphlets promoting Bowling Green. Several civic organizations hold their meetings here and is the home of Bowling Green's Blue Star Memorial Marker. Thanks to the efforts of the Clarksville Garden Club, we were selected by the National Garden Clubs. Inc. The Clarksville Garden Club helped raise the funds to place it in our outstanding city. The Blue Star Memorial Marker honors the men and women who have served and are still serving in the United States Armed Forces.

If you like the outdoors, you'll love the Bowling Green Lakes. From hunting to trail walking and from kayaking to fishing, our lakes provide camping and scenic opportunities to enjoy and relax. They are located beyond "Pepsi" Road, past the Bowling Green water treatment plant and signage directs your way. There is a boat dock with access year-round for boating enjoyment.

While we enjoy our historic past and heritage, Bowling Green is growing and developing for the future with great promise. Our doors are open to all ages, groups, businesses, and possibilities. Be a part of our Bowling Green adventure!

O'Brien Named To Hamilton College Dean's List

Jack O'Brien, of Eolia has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College for the 2022 fall semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

O'Brien, a first-year student, is a graduate of Clopton High School.

Community Calendar...

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

On March 7: The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Hannibal Public School Career and Technical Center - Greenhouse. A tour of the green house will be provided. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at 573-769-2177.

On March 11: The Pike County Genealogical Society will hold their first 2023 meeting at 1:30 p.m., at the genealogy library, 5 East Church St., Bowling Green. All interested in genealogy and Pike County History are invited to attend, (weather permitting). All 2023 meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting.

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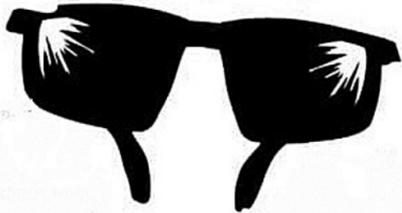
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OBITUARIES



Larry Wayne Keithley

Larry Wayne Keithley, 80, of Louisiana died in St. Charles on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2023.

A visitation was held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana with funeral services with funeral services at 1 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Dock officiating.

Larry was born Oct. 5, 1942, in Louisiana to Lawrence and Marie Keithley. He was married to Sally Clayton Keithley on Aug. 14, 1969, in Hannibal.

He is survived by his wife Sally of Louisiana; two sons, Clay Keithley of St. Charles, and Chris Keithley and wife, Rebecca of Cottleville; grandchildren, Carter Keithley and Camilla Keithley, brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Paula Clayton of Hannibal, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Larry was a lifelong resident of Pike County being raised in Bowling Green and later moving to Louisiana. He was a graduate of Bowling Green High School Class of 1960 and Northeast Missouri State Teachers College Class of 1967.

He taught Industrial Arts at Louisiana High School and Middle School for 30 years and retired in 1997. Larry enjoyed flying airplanes, wood-working, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his family.

Memorials may be made in Larry's name to the EAA Aviation Foundation or Trinity Lutheran Church of Louisiana.



Linda G. Caldwell

Linda G. Caldwell, 69, of Centralia died Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 at Boone Hospital in Columbia.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Linda was born July 26, 1953 in Hannibal, the daughter of Gene and Anna Mae McWhirt Robertson of Vandalia.

Linda is survived by her significant other, Stacy Lynn of Centralia; one sister, Sherri Vogt of Laddonia; one brother, Alan Robertson of Vandalia; five children, Russell Landers of Center, Jody Clark of Jefferson City, Dustin Caldwell of Centralia, Michelle Lynn of Centralia, and Kimberlee Lynn of Mexico; and nine grandchildren.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents.

Linda loved spending time with her family and her dog, Chi-Chi.



Richard Dale Harrison

Richard Dale Harrison, 70, of Louisiana died Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at his home with his family.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, March 26 with a balloon release at 2:30

p.m., followed by a dinner at the American Legion in Louisiana directly after until 6 p.m. The American Legion will be open at 1 p.m., for anyone that would like to drop off food donations beforehand.

He was born May 16, 1952 in Louisiana to Charles I. Harrison and Juanita May Penrod Harrison. He was married to Sharon Kay Babbitt on April 29, 2000 in Louisiana She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Shane Thomas Harrison; one daughter, Candie Harrison Stewart; step-son, Ryan William Wilson; step-daughter, Leah Mae Bryant; nine grandchildren, Seth, Brylin, Wyatt, Ethen, Brandon, Devin, Nakirra, Oziah, and Kaylee; three brothers, Charles "Butch" Harrison, Kenneth Ithamar Harrison, and Ross Wesley Harrison, and numerous, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Cindy Faye Harrison, and siblings, Billie Ruth Wharton, John David Harrison, Carl Lee Harrison, Mary Frances Harrison, Juanita Louise Harrison.

Richard grew up in Louisiana living his entire life there. He was employed at Stark Bros. Nurseries in Louisiana for 47 years. He retired from full-time in 2014, but would still go back to work part-time on and off for a few more years.

He loved hunting and fishing, traveling, working in his garden, and spending time with his family. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball and watching other professional sports, but especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o the funeral home.



Joseph 'Joe' S. Hassien

Joseph "Joe" S. Hassien, 84, of Hannibal, formerly of Vandalia died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Monday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Bob Hoehn and Pastor Randy McDonald officiated. Burial with full military honors were in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Joe's life was from 3-5 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home with a Masonic service held at 5 p.m.

Joseph was born May 29, 1938, in Vandalia, the son of Joseph and Ora Storck Hassien. He was united in marriage to Betty Wright on May 14, 1962, in Vandalia.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of the home; a son, Dr. Joey Hassien and wife, Robyn of Fulton; a daughter, Shelia Jones of Copperas Cove, Texas; grandchildren, Joe Hassien and wife, Brandi of Fulton, Chris Hassien and Amy Zavell of Columbia, LT Craig Jones and wife, Amanda of Rota, Spain, Jillian Kefalides and husband, Nick of Lindale, Texas, and Caleb Jones and Bailey French of Ft. Worth, Texas; great-grandchildren, Joseph Hassien, Jordynne Hassien, Evan Kefalides, Elleana Kefalides, and Callen Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Hassien was preceded in death by three brothers, Saleem Hassien, Otis Hassien and Dr. Fred Hassien.

Joseph graduated from Van-Far High School in 1956 and went on to honorably serve his country in the U.S. Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Joe was no stranger to hard work, he currently worked at the Hannibal Farm & Home up until the time of his death. Joe was known by many people as the pleasant man with a big smile behind the gun counter at Farm & Home.

In his younger years, he worked in his family's grocery

store "Hassien Grocery" and later Joe and Betty ran a meat processing business for local farmers. Joe retired as a supervisor from Harbison-Walker brick plant in Vandalia.

Joe liked to pass time by fishing and hunting, elk hunting in Montana with his son was a highlight in his life along with traveling with his family to Germany and across the United States.

Joe was an avid reader and history buff, he especially enjoyed reading about the WWII era. Reading and learning about his family heritage in Lebanon and Syria was also something that brought great joy to Joe.

Joe was known to have never met a stranger; he was always the first to strike up a conversation that would lead to a story that led to numerous friendships. Joe also enjoyed trying his luck at the gambling boat every once in a while. Joe's biggest love was his family whom he truly adored, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joseph was a member of First Christian Church of Vandalia and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #491 in Vandalia.

Pallbearers were Joe Hassien, Chris Hassien, Caleb Jones, Jordan Branstetter, Nick Kefalides and Adam Wood. Honorary pallbearers were LT Craig Jones, CW4 (Ret) Lowell Jones II, Larry Dempsey, Boyce Branstetter, Doug Wood, Darren Berry, Christian Rost, Mike Lowrance, John Shrum, the Vandalia Masonic Lodge and his Farm & Home work family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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

Ricky Kevin Gordon

Ricky Kevin Gordon, 59, of Boonville, formerly of Vandalia, died at his home Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

He was cremated and inurnment services will be held at a later date for family.

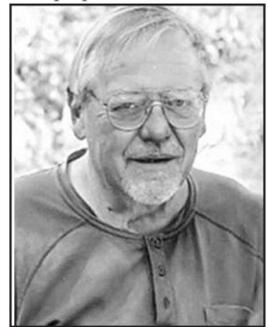
He is the son of Peter Dee Jr., and Jessie Louise Penn Gordon.

He is survived by his mother, Jessie Louise Penn Gordon, Vandalia; two children, Mathew Ryan Gordon of St. Joseph, and Ashley Renae Gordon of Kansas City; two brothers, Randall Brian Gordon and wife, Mary Ann of Lubbock, Texas, and Darren Rose Gordon and wife, Anita of Winfield; five nephews; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Peter Dee Gordon.

Ricky attended Van-Far Schools with the class of 1982. He served in the National Guard and was an over-the-road-trucker for many years.

His hobby included fishing, camping, and a keen interest in nutrition and healthy food preparation.



James R. 'Randy' Richards

Funeral services for James Randall "Randy" Richards of Elsberry will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Laura Taylor, pastor of Elsberry United Methodist Church, will officiate with burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery near Elsberry.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m., until the time of funeral services Tuesday (today) at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Mr. Richards, 70, died Thursday, March 2, 2023, at SSM St. Joseph Hospital in Lake St. Louis.

Born Oct. 15, 1952 in St. Louis, he was the son of

James Sherman and Louise Shoemaker Richards, Jr.

Randy was a 1970 graduate of Elsberry High School. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from July 24, 1970 until his honorable discharge on July 21, 1972 as a lance corporal.

Randy was united in marriage on Sept. 1, 1973 in Elsberry to Linda Sue Gutermuth. This union was blessed with four children: Jennifer, Regina, James, Jr. and Nancy. Randy worked as an electrician for Hercules Inc, for 31 years. From 1973-2004 he taught Conceal Carry Classes.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Sue Richards of Elsberry; their children, Jennifer Richards of Elsberry, Regina Reynolds and husband, Mark of O'Fallon, James Randall Richards, Jr., of Elsberry and Nancy Harrelson and husband, Dave of Eolia; and five grandchildren, Timothy Richards, Jaime Richards, Megan Harrelson, Jacob Harrelson, and Tyler Harrelson. Randy also leaves other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Louise Richards, Jr.

Serving as pallbearers will be Timothy Richards, Mark Reynolds, Dave Harrelson, Jared Gramann, Charles Gutermuth and Brian Cordsiemon.

Memorials may be made to Central Missouri Honor Flight, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Anna Ruth Gordon Lewis

Anna Ruth Gordon Lewis, 87, of Frankford died Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

Funeral services for Anna will be Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with the Rev. Frank Welch and the Rev. David Land officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

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

Anna was born Oct. 13, 1935 in Curryville to Peter Dee and Roma Lily Cox Gordon.

Anna attended eight years of school at Pleasant Grove School and then four years at Bowling Green High School.

She married Orle Lee Lewis on Dec. 25, 1954. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 2009. Orle died Aug. 16, 2010.

Anna and Orle adopted a son, Johnny Lee Lewis in 1970. In 2000, they added a daughter-in-law, Kristen Lewis to the family, and later four grandchildren, Joshua, Blake, Tiana, and Daisy. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Louise Gordon and Bonnie Ingram. In later years, Pam Corlew and R.T. and Bonnie Momphard became close companions of Anna's.

Anna and Orle enjoyed helping people and doing things for others. They served as foster parents for a few years. Ann made a lot of baby quilts and other quilts in her lifetime. She taught Sunday School for over 55 years, served as the church treasurer for many years, volunteered for vacation bible school, served as a WMW director, and helped with the children's church camp as long as she was able. She also cared for many children while their parents worked.

Anna liked spending time with her her son and his family, as well as nephews, nieces, and friends. After Orle passed away, she hosted a monthly gathering of relatives at her home for games and fellowship. Anna began writing to widows in 2008. As of 2014, Anna has sixteen ladies she corresponds with every month.

She accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized in April, 1948. She was a member of Penob Baptist Church,

where she had been since 1955.

Anna joins her parents; husband; brother, Peter Dee Gordon; aunts and uncles; and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Gary Taylor, Archie Taylor, Matt Taylor, Marvin Taylor, Steve Lewis, Roger Ingram, Bob Ingram, Donnie Ingram, Jake Finley, Josh Lewis, Blake Martin, Jeff Hickerson, Randy Gordon, Darren Gordon, and Fayar Moshtaghi.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Car Burglary In Bowling Green

The Bowling Green Police Department is looking for two suspects who shattered a car window and stole a purse with credit cards and more from an employee's parked vehicle at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

The incident happened sometime Tuesday night, Feb. 28, while the victim, Karen Pruitt, worked on shift at the nursing home.

Pruitt told the Tribune that a co-worker taking the trash to a dumpster at around 11 pm noticed her passenger side car window had been broken.

Unfortunately, her purse which had been on the floorboard had been stolen.

"We checked two other vehicles across the driveway and called 911," Karen said. Her vehicle had been the only target at the nursing home. "The police responded quickly and have been very supportive during all this."

The ordeal wasn't over for the Registered Nurse. The suspects proceeded to the Bowling Green Walmart where Karen's credit cards were used to purchase over \$1,000 in items.

Officers were able to get pictures of the two suspects wearing matching grey, Reebok sweatsuits with black ski masks as they went through the self-checkout.

From there, more security camera photos were captured of one suspect without a mask making purchases at a gas station and fueling a medium-sized, dark-colored Nissan SUV with no front tags.

"We need your help," The Bowling Green Police Department wrote on its Facebook post which quickly amassed over 230 shares. "These two fine outstanding citizens used two stolen credit cards at Walmart last night. If you have any information or know who they might be please give us a call or send a private message. They were last seen walking towards Hardee's afterward."

Karen's daughter, Shelly Pruitt, and her family have been helping their mother as she works through the process

of canceling cards and coping with the stress of the situation. This situation was amplified by the fact that Karen had only recently returned to work after a car accident in November.

"I was shocked that this could happen at her job," Shelly told the Tribune. "Given the spot where her vehicle was parked, it made me worry for residents that live there."

According to both Shelly and her mother, the vehicle was parked next to the facility's back door—an entrance employees often utilize to enter the building and for smoke breaks.

"It was well-lit but come to find out, there are no cameras or alarms there," Shelly continued. "There are no cameras in place anywhere around the outside of the building. My shock turned to sadness since she was just really getting back to work after her car accident in November. This has caused her a lot of hardship. Not only financially but mentally. There was a lot of information belonging to her and my grandmother, whom she cares for, in her purse. So, reporting all that stolen is really overwhelming."

Shelly said her mother is the type of person who would do anything to help someone—even a complete stranger.

"For this to happen to her, it breaks my heart. I'll never understand why bad things happen to good people."

But not everything is lost, police were able to recover some of Karen's IDs and cards that were found at the Super 8 in Bowling Green.

"I'd like to thank the Bowling Green Police, Sheriff's Deputies, the staff of the Super 8, People's Bank and Trust in Louisiana, and the residents of Bowling Green for all their help," Karen closed. "And my daughter and family."

"I couldn't thank the Bowling Green Police Department and our community enough," Shelly added. "The BGPD for their fast response and all the effort they are putting into

this. Our community for all the support and effort they've shown. It's amazing."

For any information on the suspects, please contact the Bowling Green Police Department at 573-324-3200 or send them a message on Facebook.

Former Louisiana Police Chief Posts Reduced Bail After Grand Jury Indictment

Former Louisiana police chief, William Jones, is out of jail once again after a St. Charles judge lowered his \$1 million bail to \$300,000 on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Jones was arrested again after a Pike County grand jury indicted him on second-degree murder in the fatal fentanyl overdose of his girlfriend's brother last October. He was also indicted on six other charges and his bond had been set at \$1 million.

Jones' lawyer, Chris Lozano, argued and succeeded in having the bond amount lowered by half after a hearing in January. After the case was then moved to St. Charles County on a change of venue, St. Charles County Circuit Judge Deborah Alessi lowered the bond amount to \$300,000 cash.

According to Lozano, Jones posted the bond with a cashier's check with the help of family and his mother's retirement savings.

Jones is to remain under house arrest, undergo random drug testing, and be monitored by GPS. He is also not allowed to enter Pike County and will remain in Cole County where he has been living.

Jones is accused of the fatal fentanyl overdose of 24-year-old Gabriel Thone. Thone was discovered dead in Jones' residence while another Thone brother had overdosed but was revived by paramedics.

If convicted, Jones faces a sentence of up to life in prison, with the possibility of parole.

Jones' girlfriend and Gabriel Thone's sister, Alexis Thone, also faces charges of second-degree murder, trafficking and drug possession.

up for Medicare are for 20 days or less.

Tri-County Care Center has an amazing reputation that is planned to be upheld. Their plan is that the home not to look like a traditional nursing home. Rooms will be set up very different.

New administrator Aaron Witte is out on the floor helping along with the other duties he has and Baptist Homes believes he absolutely was the man for the job.

They will continue to offer outpatient therapy at the facility. Direct billing will now be offered with short-term rehabilitation.

It was also relayed that volunteers are needed who are advocates in the community. Harrison remarked, "we don't want you to think the role of a volunteer is coming to an end. This is your home and we don't want you to disappear. We need you!"

The Sunday services by area pastors will remain in place for the residents.

Connie Hesse, president of the Tri-County Board, remarked at the meeting came to a close, "we are blessed to have you in our community. Thank you for everything you are doing for our nursing home and pray that you will be very happy here."



School No-Tax-Hike Bond Issue

Bowling Green School Board Member Larry Twellman looks over signs supporting a no-tax-increase \$8.75 million bond issue that will be decided by district voters Tuesday, April 4. A simple majority is required for passage. Approval would pay for program, facility and security improvements, including construction of an early childhood center and a storm shelter at the middle/senior high. Twellman is pictured at a Tuesday, Feb. 28 meeting. The district plans additional outreach to answer questions about the ballot issue, which will appear as Proposition S.



RISE Program Receives Grant

Bowling Green third grade students who are part of a gifted class for the RISE (realizing individual scholarship and exceptionalism) program received a grant from the University of Missouri Extension which provided tools to utilize with learning projects this spring. Pictured, from left: Arlee Cammack, Mallory Matlock, MU extension representative; Sarah Woodrow, Isaac Shuford, Bailey Delgman, Annabelle Stolle, Riley Watts, Aubree Bowen, Arion Tikoski, Jacob Hart, Autumn Beckwith, Courtnee Pattillo, and Terron Summers.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Car Burglary In Bowling Green

In the 1970's, citizens of Bowling Green determined that children with a disability needed a preschool. Through the hard work and dreams of many citizens, The Learning Center was established. It has had different locations and formats but at its core was always the hope that children with disabilities would have access to a quality education.

Today, The Learning Center (TLC) is a not for profit private preschool in Bowling Green which is operated by the Champ Clark Association for Challenged Children, Inc. From the basement of a house at Ruth Jensen Village to its present location on Business 61, TLC has grown and expanded to now serve children of all abilities in an inclusive environment. That is, they all work and play together.

For those children who qualify, TLC provides physical, occupational, speech, language and developmental therapy as well as transportation. TLC maintains a low staff to student ratio with

some students receiving one on one assistance.

TLC's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment which includes all children and motivates them to explore, create and learn, regardless of their abilities. TLC is steadfast in its commitment to support each child's individual stages of learning, including his or her physical, social, moral, emotional and cognitive development.

Presently, TLC serves 89 children. It contracts with Bowling Green R-1 School, Clopton and Van-Far schools to provide early childhood special education to children, ages 3-5 years, who qualify for services.

We believe we are making a difference in the lives of the children we serve and their families. We celebrate when each child reaches a milestone, regardless of their age. Sometimes children learn to walk when they are one year old and sometimes they learn to walk when they are five

years old. Each of these moments is important.

The programming offered at TLC also has an economic impact on our communities. Many of TLC's graduates are now employed in jobs around Pike County. Because TLC provides day care services, parents are able to work outside of the home. Many prior employees of TLC now work at our schools, having discovered a love for teaching and for assisting individuals with disabilities.

TLC employs 32 staff and seven therapists. The members of its board of directors are Debbie Fisher, Art Flynn, Clay Koenig, Bridgette Reuther, JoEllen Storch, Beth Straube and Maekayla Wiler.

Pike County has been a leader in establishing programs to serve people with developmental disabilities. TLC is proud to be one of those programs. We look forward to learning more and doing better. As our motto says "Play is where learning begins."

BAPTIST

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getting new paint and other repairs. Rodney Harrison, president of Baptist Homes Board of Directors stated that "Baptist Homes is blessed and happy to be in this community. We do not have any of our other homes that have the support of 12 churches like we do here in Vandalia," he said.

Harrison also commented, "we will continue the legacy built here at Tri-County Care Center."

Another major improvement that will be made is the dining area of the home. The sentiment of meals are to be celebrated in an enchanting, exciting days in life of each resident. A contemporary style will be the goal of the remodeling.

Also it is a belief of Baptist Homes that the facility is open 24-7 to residents' family and friends.

There will be two memory care rooms with two beds to accommodate a husband and wife. This will happen as soon as the rooms are painted and new lighting along with things to help with memory impairment. Each room will have its own unique color.

The assisted living apartments will also be opened back up for private pay residents.

The residents in this part of the facility will received the same food as the nursing home but the residents will be baking bread, cookies, and other treats each day.

Baptist Homes will be hosting a Viral Dementia program where families and friends can see what it looks like in their loved ones daily lives. The program will be open to every employee and the community also.

The great room in the back of the facility will no longer

house recliners it will be for activities and meals. The goal is to create a home environment with all the work taking place at Baptist Homes Tri-County.

The kitchen will receive a makeover also along with maintenance projects. They will be using ERC credits to help give 30-40 more years of life to the building.

Baptist Homes has a good relationship with Hannibal Regional Hospital. Harrison commented, "We are so happy to be here."

It is planned to be in the community as much as possible with the commitment being made with a great time in Vandalia. Long-time Tri-County Care Center board member Dodee Mottaz said, "the home is exploding, it blew my mind when I saw what was going to be done."

Harrison remarked, "things are about to change in an accelerate time, we want showcase to be the standard of aging. They addressed the challenging staffing issue but plan to recruit new employees and retain quality staff."

Baptist Home will also offer scholarships for nursing - LPN and RN. They will have resources to support staff to have great jobs.

A savings account match will start April 1 for Baptist Home Tri-County employees. A 403B health savings plan will be available up to \$2,400 day one. The idea is to create a community where people want to work. They will also offer retirement incentives.

The Baptist Homes board is committed to treating and providing benefits with a goal not to be the highest but in the upper crust. All employees will attend a course to use funds wisely.

Tri-County Care Center board member Mickey Hayden confirmed that Medicare and Medicaid will continue for the residents. Rooms that are set

SPIES

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he'd be shot by the Confederates if he didn't.

Chandler couldn't resist badgering Banks, telling the young man that begging was useless because Southern sympathizers never let Union captives plead for their lives.

Banks certainly was aware of what could happen to those who supported Confederate guerillas. Fellman wrote that "often such collaborators were 'shot while trying to escape' as the formula went."

Chandler wanted to execute Banks, but was overruled by a commander. Instead, he was taken into custody. Chandler searched Banks' satchel for weapons. He instead discovered "two legs of chicken, some cold beef, pickles, pies and bread" — which the Union men labeled the perfect feast for rebel agitators.

"Banks may have been a willing collaborator, or he may have been coerced by the guerillas," Fellman said. "Chandler did not think it unfair to trick Banks this way — had Banks been shot rather than arrested, Chandler would

have omitted to write such an account. Banks' death, if reported, simply would have been described as a guerilla shot, and there would have been no repercussions."

A couple of weeks later, Woods and 25 of his men showed up in Wentzville with orders from Gen. Sterling Price to "conscript unwilling men," wrote author Bruce Nichols. Woods thought better of it and "harm'd nobody" before leaving.

The fate of those involved isn't recorded, but businessman J.L. Morgan chastised both sides for their treachery. Morgan was a North Carolina tobacco merchant who had dealings in Missouri, and Pike County was a prime market.

"Low-lived men who claim to be Union or Rebel as occasion requires (ride) the country destroying life and property, regardless of law and usages of regular warfare," he said.

Fellman called it the "worst guerilla war" in the nation's history.

"Ordinary people, civilians as well as soldiers, were trapped by guerilla war in a social landscape in which almost nothing remained recognizable or secure," he wrote.

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What Can You Do To Catch Colorectal Cancer Early



Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Almashhrawi

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and in women, and the second most common cause of cancer deaths when men and women are combined.

The death rate from colorectal cancer has been declining in both men and women for several decades. One of the factors contributing to the decrease is that colorectal polyps are being found more frequently through screenings and removed before they can develop into cancers. Through screening colorectal cancer is also being found earlier when the disease is easier to treat.

"Colorectal cancer is a highly preventable disease," says Dr. Ashraf Almashhrawi, gastroenterologist with Hannibal Regional Medical

cancer syndrome, or a personal history of getting radiation to the abdomen or pelvic area to treat a prior cancer.

"People at increased or high risk of colorectal cancer should start getting screened before age 45 and may need to be screened more frequently," says Dr. Khulood Ahmed, gastroenterologist with Hannibal Regional Medical Group. You are at high risk for colorectal cancer if you have a strong family or personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps, personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, known family history of a hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome or a personal history of radiation to the abdomen or pelvic area to treat a prior cancer.

"Talk with your healthcare provider about which screening option is right for you," says Dr. Almashhrawi. "No matter which test you choose, the most important thing is that you get checked." It's important to keep in mind that if colorectal cancer is found at an early stage during screening, treatment is more likely to be effective. There are currently more than one million colon cancer survivors in the United States. To contact the gastroenterology office of Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Almashhrawi, call (573) 629-3500.

Group. "Many people are hesitant to get a colonoscopy, but it can be a life-saving procedure." There are several different screening tests available for colorectal cancer, however some of them give results which can be unclear or something abnormal is found so then patients will need to follow up with a colonoscopy. For this reason, a colonoscopy is known as the gold standard for colorectal cancer screening.

The American Cancer Society recommends that people at average risk of colorectal cancer start regular screening at age 45. You are considered average risk if you do not have a personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps, a family history of cancer, personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, confirmed or suspected hereditary colorectal

MDC Offering Program On How To Fry Fish

Whether you're on a camping trip or simply enjoying your backyard, the sound of frying fish is a sure sign that a delicious meal is soon to be served.

People can learn more about how to fry fish in the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) program "Outdoor Cooking: Virtual Fish Cooking - Frying Fish." This free virtual program will be from 2:30-3 p.m., on Wednesday, March 8. This online program is being put on by the staff of MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin. Providing quality table fare that can't be purchased in grocery stores is one of the benefits hunting and fishing can provide, and this clinic will show how to turn the fish you catch into tasty meals for your next camping trip or backyard gathering. MDC Administrative Assistant, Tim Smith will discuss the types of oil and seasonings to use and frying methods. People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/189938>

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer

period where participants can interact with the presenters.

People can stay informed about upcoming programs at MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center and other MDC facilities by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about how to

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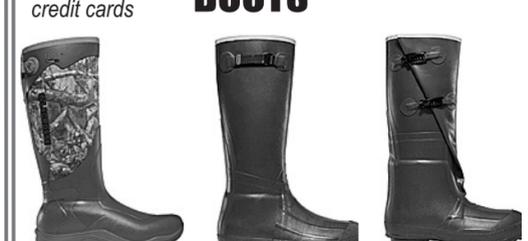
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