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Moore Scores Powerfest First-Place Finish



Chris Reindl & Ron Moore

The Lake of the Ozarks Powerfest, also known as The Lake Race, was held at Shady Gators and Camden on the Lake Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4.

Boat driver Ron Moore of Vandalia and Chris Reindl who was at the throttles had a successful race bringing home the Class 5 first-place trophy from the five mile course.

Moore has participated in the race for five years and this is the first time he has won first place at the Powerfest in a boat owned by Reindl Power Boats from Las Vegas, Nev.

In 2018 Moore placed fourth, 2019, third, 2020, canceled due to COVID-19, and in 2021, second, 2022, fourth.

Sponsors for Moore include Reindl Power Boats, Las Vegas, Nev., Cool Breeze, Lake of the Ozarks, CE Grain, Farber, Sigwa Arms, Springfield, and Art Group Ink from Las Vegas, Nev.

Sanctioned by the Offshore Powerboat Association, Lake of the Ozarks Powerfest brings in roughly 70 of the fastest boats in the world to compete for top prizes on the waters of Central Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks.

Powerfest, formerly known as the Lake Race, brings high-speed boat racing to a different location on the

Lake of the Ozarks for 2023 with Camden on the Lake Resort and Marina and Shady Gators Bar & Grill the joint host locations. The two venues, both located in Lake Ozark, share the same cove on the seven mile marker of the Lake of the Ozarks, making for optimal viewing expe-

up at Camden on the Lake Resort's marina, with racer registrations at Shady Gators from 12-4 p.m. Also on Thursday evening there was a Racer Meet & Greet Party at Horseshoe Bend Bar and Grill, 1622 Horseshoe Bend Parkway in Lake Ozark. The Meet & Greet was open to all race fans to attend to meet their favorite racers.

On Friday, June 2 the Race Village was open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring vendors and race souvenirs, while the boats prepare for the big race day. Friday night featured a Powerfest Street Party, which typically draws over 10,000 attendees, hosted by Camden on the Lake and Shady Gators from 5-8 p.m.

The highly anticipated race day was Saturday, June 3 and began with the Race Village opening at 9 a.m. The powerboat racing includes eight different racing categories and runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The winners of the 2023 Powerfest races were announced



riences for thousands of attendees.

Powerfest began on Thursday, June 1 as the racing vessels begin to arrive and gear

during the award ceremony at 7 p.m., at The Encore Lakeside Grill and Sky Bar, 3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd., in Lake Ozark.

Housing Summit Touts Regional Successes

Major renovation of a former hospital and expansion of a do-it-yourself home renovation program were among successes highlighted at the Tri-State Housing Summit June 8 in Hannibal.

Summit organizer and NECAC Deputy Director Carla Potts noted that state funding to help convert the former St. Elizabeth Hospital into a senior living facility awaits the signature of Gov. Mike Parson.

The \$15 million tax credit project involves renovating the former healthcare center into 60 apartments for seniors and building six single-family homes on donated lots. Partners are NECAC, NeighborWorks America, City of

nerships can pay off with the construction of much-needed housing."

NECAC plans to apply for funding with the Missouri Housing Development Commission. A timetable for construction has not been set.

Self-Help Housing
NECAC has been awarded an additional \$365,700 over two years from USDA Rural Development for the Self-Help Housing Program, which provides participants with one-on-one instruction on renovating their homes.

Lindsay Cheek, USDA Rural Development Missouri State Single-Family Housing Program Director, made the announcement at the summit, saying that 48 homeowners

pant Kenneth Hemphill of Hannibal offered his take on the program. The 64-year-old Army veteran and retired healthcare employee replaced several doors and windows at his home.

"The program has done a great impact in my life, in my home, in my energy bill," Hemphill said. "It has changed home and my life. Keep doing the good work you're doing."

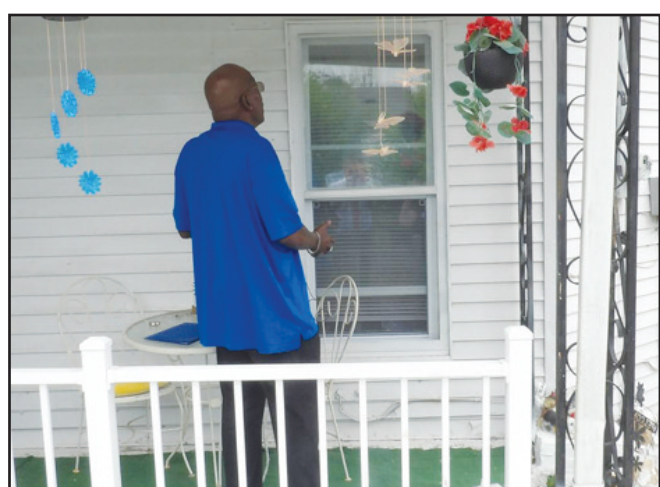
The new funding will cover Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Shelby and Warren counties in Northeast Missouri. NECAC has been involved with Self-Help Housing since 1999. Under the original program, participants built each other's homes. Forty-eight houses were constructed over about 10 years in Shelby, Monroe, Randolph and Montgomery counties.

In 2017, NECAC was awarded a \$159,000 USDA grant to begin Self-Help renovations at 26 owner-occupied homes in Marion, Monroe, Pike and Ralls counties. Two years later, the agency was awarded a \$365,700 USDA grant to expand the program to 56 homes in Lincoln, Montgomery, Shelby and Warren counties.

Other voices
Many summit speakers echoed Potts, who said "nothing is more fundamental than housing."

Hannibal Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dobson highlighted the revitalization that the summit and other efforts have had in making communities better. "You talk about revitalization, it's contagious," he said.

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Kenneth Hemphill, one of the speakers at the Tri-State Housing Summit June 8, looks over a porch window that he replaced as part of the USDA Self-Help Housing Program administered by NECAC. The summit brought together stakeholders from Missouri, Illinois and Iowa to address housing issues.

Hannibal and 3 Diamond Development of Lincolnwood, Ill. Additional funding sources may be sought.

"We are excited about this project," Potts said. "It's just another example of how part-

would benefit.

"We thank you for your partnership," Cheek told Potts and NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page.

Self-Help Housing partici-

Bowling Green Bicentennial Committee News

BY DON HAMILTON
Black Powder Demo

Are you a black powder enthusiast? Black powder guns were the guns of the day in 1823 when John W. Basye and family established Bowling Green.

We will have a special demonstration at our performance tent on Saturday, July 1, from noon-1 p.m., during the Bicentennial Celebration.

This is going to be up close with speakers answering questions from the crowd. Would you like to come and be a presenter or, better yet, be a part of our closing "rolling thunder" salute, when we retire the colors on Saturday night?

If so, please call 573-324-3000 and give us your name and number if you would like to be a part of this historical experience. A note to the general public: no balls will be loaded in these guns at any time. So, if you want to experience the smoke and fire from these guns safely, this is your chance!

You should also take time to consider our ancestors, trying to use these guns in shooting game and for protection of their family and livestock. Come take a step back in time with us at the Bicentennial!

Horseshoe Tournament
Do you want to be a part of a horseshoe tournament on

July 1 during the Bowling Green Bicentennial Festival?

We have room for up to 10 two person teams. Registration is open now and it will close that morning before the first game. Registration is first come first serve.

Depending on the number of teams registered, it will be decided if the tournament will be single elimination, double elimination or round robin.

The location of the tournament is 109 South Court Street, so you won't miss out on all of the action on the square. Entry fee is \$10 per team.

For questions and registration, please call 573-324-3000 during open business hours Monday through Friday.

MO National Guard

The Bowling Green Bicentennial Committee, the Bowling Green Lions Club and the Bowling Green VFW are pleased to announce that the Missouri National Guard Band based in Springfield, Missouri will be in residence in Bowling Green from Friday, June 30 in the afternoon through the late evening concert on Saturday, July 1.

They will be here to support and help us celebrate the Bowling Green Bicentennial. After rehearsing with us on Friday afternoon, they will

join the Bicentennial Community Band under the direction of our own Dr. Matt Frederickson for a truly special concert at the performance tent on the square during the ice cream social.

In addition to the band, the concert will also feature the Bicentennial Community Choir under the direction of Jack Bibb and Bob Johnson. Also featured that evening will be the Bowling Green Schools Combined Choir under the direction of Angela Maier. The school choir will be performing the "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" rendition that is performed annually in St. Louis at the Cardinals' baseball game.

On Saturday, the National Guard Band will march in the parade and assist with the opening ceremony. On Saturday evening, they will not only feature the entire band but also all of their sub ensembles. Featured as a soloist on one of the full band numbers is our own Dr. Matt Frederickson on trombone.

The band also plans to assist our children and their parents with accompaniment during the closing 1770 piece sparkler show. This bicentennial week will be special; especially our music on Friday and Saturday. Bring your lawn chair and don't miss out!

Swimmer With Ties To Bowling Green Wins Gold

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

Maggie Scherder is a competitive swimmer who is quickly becoming a rising star on the global stage for athletes with intellectual impairments.

She's represented the US in Canada, Italy, Portugal, and at the 2023 Virtus Global Games in Vichy, France.

Despite spending her childhood in Peoria, Ill.—where she first discovered her love of the sport—before moving to her current hometown in Troy, she has deep roots in Bowling Green.

Maggie's connections to Pike County are numerous from her father, Greg Scherder, who grew up in Bowling Green to many other relatives still in the area. Her impressive accomplishments resonate with many local residents, but as an athlete with Down Syndrome even more so for those with physical and intellectual impairments.

Scherder, a student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis's (UMSL) Succeed Program earned prestigious gold medals in both the 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle events. She also triumphed as the World Champion in the 100-meter backstroke. Her stunning performance set a new DSISO Americas Open record with a time of 36.51 in the 50 freestyle.

"I wasn't expecting this, so I'm just going to enjoy the moment!" she shared on social media.

The Virtus Global Games is the pinnacle event for athletes with an intellectual impairment to compete in elite sports. According to the organization's website, "it is the world's largest elite sports event for athletes with an intellectual im-



Maggie Scherder

pairment, and specifically designed to be conducted every four years, in the preceding year to the Paralympics."

"Many athletes who have made their major international debut at the Global Games have gone on to win Paralympic titles," the organization wrote.

Scherder traveled to Vichy, France at the beginning of June along with coaching staff for the sixth edition of the games. But this wasn't her first international competition.

She's had a decorated career in competitive swimming, with previous international successes including a gold medal win at the 10th World Down Syndrome Swimming & Artistic Championships in Albufeira, Portugal in 2022. She was the first US woman to win a gold at the Portugal event and

helped the team secure a fourth-place finish out of 23 countries.

From rigorous parachute resistance training to school studies, social life, and competitions, Scherder's hard work at each has opened doors to incredible opportunities, including participation in the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee swim clinic at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Her success in France is another addition to her remarkable list of achievements and sets a new milestone in her career.

To keep up with Maggie's future competitions and adventures, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ScherderSwims.

Chili Chef Offers Recipe For Success

BY BRENT ENGLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While ingredients are important, making great chili requires practice and patience.

Just ask Tonya Jester. She beat out 134 other contestants to win the 2022 world home-style championship and already has qualified for this year's International Chili Society event Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Indianapolis woman was among more than a dozen chefs who participated in the Show-Me Missouri State Chili Cook-Off June 10 in Clarksville.

"It's all in the timing and a lotta luck," Jester said while putting together a verde, one of two categories for which she hoped to win and advance. "It takes the right blend of spices and good taste

buds."

The 64-year-old chef grew up in Indiana, where chili sometimes got mixed with spaghetti.

"Then, I started competing (about 15 years ago) and learned a whole new way of making chili," she said.

Jester uses what she calls "the right blend" of ground chuck, Bush's black chili

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COMMUNITY NEWS

P.E.O. Sisterhood Promotes Education For Women

Ray Attends 129th Annual Convention

The Missouri State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood held its 129th annual convention June 2-4, 2023.

More than 200 representatives of P.E.O. chapters across Missouri attended including delegate Debbie Ray, president of chapter CE in Vandalia.

United by the theme P.E.O.-ing...Sisters In Action, convention attendees met and discussed several education and philanthropic topics and projects. Lisa Cole, of Chapter JK, Kansas City, presided over the meeting and Maurine McLellan, Chapter IR in Kansas City served as general chair of the convention. Convention was held at the Downtown Kansas City Marriott.

Chris Birdsell of Chapter P in Stanberry was installed as the new president of Missouri State Chapter during convention. The theme for the 2023-2024 year will be The Future's So Bright.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic educational organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and the stewardship of Cottey College in Nevada; and motivate each other to achieve their highest aspirations. There are just under 6,000 chapters in the United States and Canada with over 200,000 members.

The purposes of P.E.O. are educational and philanthropic, accomplished through projects on the local, state and international levels. The six international projects include:

*P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, a revolving loan fund at low interest

*P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship that funds graduate study for foreign women

*Cottey College in Nevada, a four-year liberal arts college for women

*P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, grant assistance for women to resume educational studies after a break

*P.E.O. Scholar Awards, grants for women of the U.S. and Canada pursuing advanced degrees or are engaged in advanced study and research

*P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, a scholarship for high school seniors to attend college

In addition, Missouri chapters provide scholarships for women to attend Cottey College and fund the Missouri P.E.O. Outreach Fund, a state project to assist those either aged and infirm or needy and infirm.

Information on how to reach a local chapter or chapters regarding either the scholarships, loan fund or Cottey College can be obtained by contacting Debbie Ray at 573-819-2168.

Clopton Junior-Senior High School Honor Roll Listed

7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Maddison Berardino, Joseph Henderson, Jason Hoffman, Kailey Jones, Luke Lindsay, Jacob Lovell, Robert Spoonster, Bruce Stewart, Elaine Tate, Nolan Waller, Madelynn Williams, Skyler Wilson.

HONORABLE MENTION

Vincent Duering, Gracie Heckrodt, Toby Rickey.

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Lillian Baker, Beau Fitchett, Marijayne Goad, Chris Grillo, Luke Grillo, Karsyn Hallows, Jackson Hayden, Phoebe Hayden, Bobbi Jo Kaimann, Camden Lilley, Wyatt Myers, Ashlyn Noah, Caleigh Noah, Charleigh Spoonster, Storie Talbert, Calum Waller, Caden Weber, Haley Wright.

HONORABLE MENTION

Matthew Barkley, Siena Carnahan, Hailie Chaney, Macy Enloe, Shanae Jobe, Olivia Meyer, Alayla Smith, Corey Umfleet.

9TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Ava Bankhead, Malachi Barton, Makinley Carr, Tea-

gan Craig, Joseph Dillon, Mick Evans, John Grillo, Tylie Gronck, Addyson Johnson, Campbell Lindsay, Carly Lockard, Gracey MacLaughlin, Adam Matheny, Avenley Mitchell, Finn O'Brien, Sophie Simmons, Tingleigh Spoonster, Isaiah Tate, Katherine Truetken, Kyle West.

HONORABLE MENTION

Larson Hall, Brookelynn Holt, James Matheny, Tucker Salmons.

10TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Bailey Baker, Lauren Blackwell, Peter Daskalakis, Kain Eivins, Chris Ferguson, Josh Harvey, Austin Jolly, Rileigh Kuntz, Adam Lindsay, Whitney Lindsay, Zane Smith, Jaden Williamson.

HONORABLE MENTION

Joseph Gibson, Brooke Jarrett, Jordan Jennewein, Ashton Oakes, Skylar Parker, Ray Reading, Kelsey Shufford, Abby Tadlock.

11TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jeaneya Bazan, Estelle Clark, John Cooke, Chloe Cummings, Clayton Eddy, Victoria Eggemeyer, Gabriel

Fitchett, Gabriella Gittemeier, Chase Hall, Jasmine Hammett, Dalaney Johnson, Brooklyn Kaimann, Kiarah Morris, Nicholas Myers, Brayden Noah, Nevaeh Ricks, Braya Smith, Stacia Talbert, Weston Travis, Marlee Turner, Searra Turner.

HONORABLE MENTION

Michael Bankhead, Nicholas Denslow, Cash Eivins, Austin Enloe, Chaz Lindsay, Daisy Luke, Zayne Lunsford, Dylan Powers, Miles Preston.

12TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Madison Akers, Paige Barkley, Thomas Bazan, Madelyn Brune, Lily Crosson, Sydney Graver, Stephen Henderson, Jason Hoehn, Derek Illy, Tyler Jarrett, Jadyne Jeans, Andrew Jolly, Tyler Kuntz, Austin Lair, Levi Lair, Faith Myers, Grace Palmer, Delphia Reading, Holden Straube, Shelby Williamson, Shana Yates, Emily Zumwalt.

HONORABLE MENTION

Hunter Burt, Calob Caplin, Liberty Elliott, Malik Marshall, Arcada McCulley, Payton Phelps, Justin Tow.



Monica Taylor



Kasi Welborn

erinarian at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, but no one realizes exactly how smart the South Pacific octopus really is. Except maybe Tova. Tova is the nighttime janitor at the aquarium, working there after the death of her husband a couple years earlier. Her son loved the aquarium before he disappeared some 30 years ago, and so does she. One night she catches Marcellus out of his enclosure, tangled in some wires and releases him. From that day onward, she and the octopus form an amazing friendship. One that has the potential to help bring Tova closure about what happened to her son so long ago.

A wonderful story about friendship, grief, and seeing things through to the end. The quirky characters never cease to surprise and delight.

Audrain County Library Book Reviews

June 2023
Library Staff Young Adult Book Review
Shatter Me
By Tahereh Mafi
Reviewed by Monica Taylor, Office Manager, Mexico-Audrain County Library District

Juliette, 17, feels as if she is a monster. Her touch causes pain, even death. Because of this, she has been living in solitary confinement for a long time. Despite being in prison, she always tries to find the good in the world and other people, and she never wants to use her power to hurt others.

Everything changes when a boy is brought in as her cellmate. Adam is somehow immune to her curse, but, just as she begins to trust him, Juliette learns that he is really a soldier of the Reestablishment, a totalitarian regime that wants to use her natural abilities as a weapon. Juliette must learn who she can truly trust and how to use her abilities for good purposes.

This is an exciting story for those who enjoy science fiction and romance. It leaves you wanting more and luckily this is the first book in a series that continues the story.

Note for parents: this book contains violence, swearing, and some steamy romantic scenes, but no graphic sexual content.

Quincy University Hosts Spring Commencement

Quincy University hosted its 160th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. in Quincy University's Football Stadium. The 2023 spring graduating class is comprised of 146 undergraduates with an additional 32 graduate degree recipients.

QU President Brian McGee, PhD, conferred degrees and provided remarks. Dr. Vicky Eidson, DMgt, QU professor of accounting and a distinguished senior faculty member, delivered the commencement address. She called on students to "reflect on your past, celebrate your present achievements, and dream of your future."

Also recognized were four honorary degree recipients: George ('63) and Mary Nell (Frier) Meyer '63, John P. Shibles '69, and Fr. Thomas Naim, OFM, '71.

Jayle Jennings of Vandalia received a bachelor of science in exercise science

June 2023
Staff Picks Book Review
Remarkably Bright Creatures
By Shelby Van Pelt
Reviewed by Kasi Welborn, Library Assistant-Mexico Library
Marcellus is a "Smart Cookie" according to the vet-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

OATS Change To Fare Collecting

OATS Transit's Northeast Region Office in Macon has announced that they will stop accepting payments on their buses effective July 1, 2023.

The areas affected by this change include Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Warren counties in Missouri.

Starting in July 2023, Northeast Region drivers will no longer handle payments from riders. Instead, riders can add funds to their account in advance, and fares will be withdrawn each time a rider rides.

Riders can call 888-875-6287 to add funds to their account, which requires a

minimum of \$10 each time. Riders can also send personal checks, money orders, or cashier's checks prior to riding the bus by mail to: OATS Transit, 3006 Jims Road, Macon, MO 63552.

This change is necessary to ensure faster loading times, the safety of our drivers, and the convenience of our riders. Rider fares help us maintain current levels of service and directly impact the company's operating budget.

Schedules and fare information can be found online at www.oatstransit.org; click on the bus schedules tab, then the county you live in. Area residents wanting to schedule rides should call the local office at 660-415-0901

Vandalia Library Summer Reading Program

"All Together Now" is the theme for the summer reading program at the Vandalia Public Library.

They want to encourage the children to participate in the program. It is something fun to do and it keeps them reading this summer. There will be prizes.

Sign up began Jan. 1. They have two reading programs. The pre-k program is for children four and under. The children's program is for children 5-13 years old.

They have four programs scheduled. The first one will be Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p.m. The Corps of Engineers will be there to do a program on Indiana Bats. Programs are suitable for all ages.

Stop by the library at 312 S. Main in Vandalia to get registered for the summer program. If you have any questions call the library at 594-6600.

From The Mayor's Desk...

It was my great fortune to meet members of the John W. Basye family this past week.

Don Hamilton and myself escorted them around Bowling Green and showed them our wonderful city. Like John W, they too have a legacy of serving the people through our Armed Forces and one through our State Congress.

The legacy of serving by Senior Basye in founding our town, starting our Post Office, a livery stable, our main park, and the Methodist Church was passed down through the Basye generations and continues today! They will be a part of our Bicentennial celebration which starts June 27 and runs through July 1. Hopefully you have been reading in The Bowling Green Times and The People's Tribune and hearing on KJFM about all the various activities throughout the week. The Bicentennial Committee's hope is the town will attend and enjoy many of the fun-filled events that will make this possibly a once in a life time experience.

The Pike County Fair is on the radar the week of July 24 -29 and this celebration kicks off on July 23 with the Prayer and Action in Christ Together, PACT Gospel Sing at the Fairgrounds starting at 3:00 pm. Follow all the events in our fine papers, KJFM, and the Fair's guide book.

Yondoo Video and Internet Service has made a home in Bowling Green on Business Highway 61 North at the former Sonic drive up. The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce had a Ribbon Cutting ceremony Friday

afternoon at 4:30 and Yondoo an open house till 7:00pm. We're glad you're a part of the Bowling Green community, businesses, Chamber, and family.

As Bowling Green and Pike County continue to progress and try to meet the needs of many for housing, I need to recognize the much maligned NECAC, (at least since I moved here). In the last 18 months NECAC has helped 16 families become homeowners, rehabilitated 158 owner-occupied homes, repaired 190 homes through weatherization, and counseled almost 500 families with home-ownership training and pre-purchase education. Just to mention a few efforts. Thanks NECAC for all you do for BG and Pike County, Missouri.

As many of our local landlords met with the Board of Alderpersons, we able to glean rational from a landlord's point of view as well as the Board's concerns. A suggestion to form a committee with representatives from our local landlords, concerned renters, couple of Alder persons, Planning and Zoning representation, Code and Building Inspector, City Clerk, and the mayor. It is in the planning stages at this time.

The 5th Annual Kaleo Dade, (KD Effect), Softball Tournament T-shirts are on sale on line at: 573tees.com/collections/k-d-softball=tournament. The Softball Tournament is July 21 and 22. This tournament is in memory of Kaleo Dade who was an outstanding young man at Bowling Green Schools who touched the lives of all that knew him both in the classroom and on the athletic fields. His tragic loss of life celebrates living and loving one another unconditionally!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Water Deeply, Wisely During Drought

During drought, proper watering can help plants survive dry spells, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Debi Kelly.

Kelly gives 10 tips to help your plants survive lack of precipitation.

1. Water in the morning. Watering in the evening lets water remain on leaves, making the plant susceptible to disease.

2. Water at the base of the plant. Water at soil level to avoid waste and prevent foliar diseases.

3. Water slowly and deeply. Plants need at least an inch of water weekly. Watering slowly allows water to infiltrate the soil and reach the roots.

4. Know your garden areas. Within each yard is a microclimate with varying degrees of shade and soil. Each requires different amounts of water.

5. Don't fertilize when it's dry. Fertilizer encourages plants to grow, and the extra growth requires more water. Also discontinue herbicides or insecticides, which can volatilize during high temperatures and drift to desired plants.

6. Weed. Weeds rob wanted plants of water.

7. Deadhead flowers. It takes water and energy for the plant to form a seed head.

8. Mulch. Use mulch around root zones to hold moisture and cool the roots.

9. Water some plants more often. Plants in containers and raised beds need more frequent watering because they dry more quickly.

10. Water trees and shrubs. Some recommend watering these for three years after planting.

Kelly recommends against watering edible plants with water caught in rain barrels, which can contain contaminants from roofing materials and birds. Use instead on flowers and shrubs.

Drip irrigation and soaker hoses that automate watering are a good investment, she adds. These slowly and

steadily deliver water to the plants.

Check you soil's moisture level. Soil may appear dry on top, but there might be adequate moisture beneath. Kelly recommends the "screwdriver test." Poke a screwdriver into the soil and pull it out. If it comes out clean, the soil is dry and it's time to water.

Kelly recommends checking the U.S. Drought Monitor at droughtmonitor.unl.edu.

Find more gardening tips from MU Extension by watching "The Garden Hour" at youtu.be/N_SI9xv1_rc.



Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or

e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On June 17: The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association's planning committee will meet at 10 a.m., at The Trimble House. Open to anyone who attended school

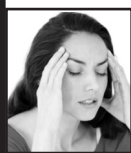
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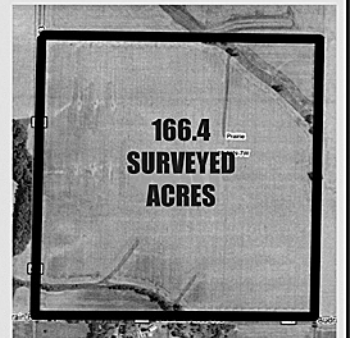
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OBITUARIES



Donna J. Dickson

Donna J. Dickson of Bowling Green died Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Everyone will be welcome to attend.

Donna was born Sept. 4, 1951 to Ervin and Patricia Meyers. She was an amazing mom and an even more amazing Nana to her grandbabies. She is so very loved and missed. She enjoyed watching her soaps and scratching scratch off lottery tickets.

She leaves behind her husband, Charlie Dickson; a daughter, Charlene Barrett and husband, Derrek; a son, Tom Hurd; five grandchildren, Hazel, Drake, Alanna, Blake, and Emily Barrett; two sisters, Linda Null and husband, Jim and Joyce Green along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Shirley Meyers and Deborah Chaney; and a brother, Steve Meyers.

married Karen Sue Traynor. She survives.

Lyndell was a native of Middletown. He was a grain farmer who grew corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, and he raised cattle. He was a 1972 graduate of Wellsville-Middletown R-I District, where he was an active member of FFA where he had served as secretary and vice president. He was a leader in New Harmony Peppy Circle 4-H Club.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Vandalia, and he served as a deacon for many years. He also served on the Pike County Mutual Insurance Board where he made many good friends. Lyndell raised his family to love the Lord.

Lyndell worked at AP Green Refractories for many years, but his main love was farming. He was an excellent mechanic and could fix most of his farming equipment with minimal assistance.

Lyndell was a loving husband, father and friend. His kind, gentle way and sense of humor gained him many life-long friendships. He enjoyed reading or watching anything historically or farming related. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. His family would say he led a life well lived.

In addition to his wife Karen, survivors include, one daughter, Andrea Nicole Ankrom of Middletown and TJ Pruett of Bedford,

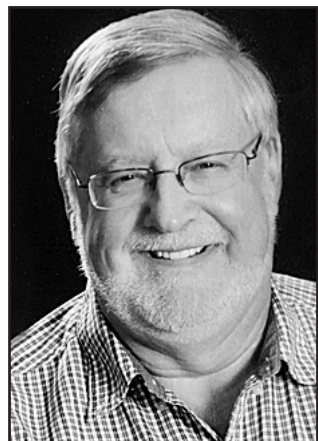
Ind.; one son Cody Ray Ankrom of Middletown and Courtney Bradley

of Centerton, Ark.; mother-in-law, Erma Lee Traynor, of Vandalia; one brother-in-law, Ed Traynor, of Middletown; three sisters-in-law, Debbie Pease and husband, Darwyn, of Curryville, Cindy Crowder and husband, Joe, of Middletown, and Pam Exendine and husband, Todd of Santa Fe, and a host of extended family and friends.

Lyndell was preceded in death by his parents, Myrle and Doris; and one son, Clint Rodney Ankrom.

Memorials may be given to the charity of the donor's choice. They may be sent c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 E. Bates Street, Wellsville, MO 63384.

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Lyndell Ray Ankrom

Lyndell Ray Ankrom, 69, of Middletown was called home by his heavenly father on Friday, June 9, 2023, after fighting a long and hard battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Myers Funeral Home in Middletown. Burial will follow in West Prairie Cemetery in rural Middletown.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until service time at the funeral home.

Lyndell was born Jan. 17, 1954, in Louisiana to Myrle and Doris Nalley Ankrom. He was their only child. On Aug. 26, 1978, in Middletown, he

at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Mark Dobelmann officiated. Burial will be at 10:45 a.m., Monday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

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

Rita was born Sept. 16, 1934 in St. Louis County to Robert and Martha Beck Pezold. She was married to Leon J. Reeves on July 2, 1954 in Ladue. He survives.

She is also survived by a son, James Reeves and wife, Cindy; a granddaughter, Lydia Mackey; three great-grandsons, Andrew Mackey, Patrick Wolff, and Kye Mackey; siblings, Dorothy Wessel, Lawrence Pezold, Betty Dungan, and John Pezold; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Martha Pezold; five brothers, Robert Pezold, Raymond Pezold, James Pezold, Paul Pezold, and Gregory Pezold; and three sisters, Cecilia Pezold, JoAnn Pezold, and Marian Busken.

Rita had lived in St. Charles, Troy, and Louisiana. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana.

During her life she was employed by Schnucks as a cashier, Aramark, and Jackson Bros. She was a volunteer at the Louisiana Community Food Pantry and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Memorials may be made to the Louisiana Community Food Pantry.

Bowling Green Bicentennial Art Show

Come join the excitement at Bowling Green's Bicentennial Art Show, June 29 4-8 p.m.

The show will be located in the Pike County Courthouse. Artists from Bowling Green Elementary, Middle School, High School and local artists will be displaying artwork on both levels of the Courthouse.

This juried show will exhibit 2d and 3d artwork and photography. Grade level award divisions are: K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 and an Adult Division with Best of Show, plaques and First-Honorable Mention ribbons per age level.

The judge will be Amanda DePriest. Awards and photos will be published on the BGMS Facebook page the day of the show.

The student show selections have been made, but the Adult show is still accepting entries. If you would like to participate in the juried show please send a picture of your artwork to slgrote@bgschools.k12.mo.us by June 16th. Each accepted entry is \$5. Exhibition details and payment information will be sent via email.

Please update your calendars with the time correction from an earlier press release...

The Bicentennial Art Show will be on display June 29 4-8 p.m., in the Bowling Green Courthouse.



Rita Reeves

Rita Mary Reeves, 88, of Louisiana died Saturday, June 3, 2023 at her home.

Funeral services were held

Eastern Missouri YMCA To Offer Summer Food Service Program

In Vandalia, through the Summer Food Service Program, the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA served 782 meals to kids and teens in 2022.

This year, 2023, marks the fifth year and our ongoing commitment to helping kids achieve their full potential by nurturing their physical, mental, and social-emotional development. Since the start of the Summer Food Program,

YMCAs across the country have served over 220 million healthy meals and snacks to hundreds of thousands of kids. Not only does the Summer Food Program offer nu-

tritious meals for kids and teens, but the program also provides time in the gym to keep them healthy, active, and well-nourished all summer long.

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Summer Food Program is operated solely by volunteers who prep, cook, and serve the meals each day during the program dates. The program will provide free lunches to anyone 18 years of age and under, with no eligibility requirements.

Lunch service will be held in the YMCA Café, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 26-July 28,

closed on July 4.

In addition, meals will be served 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Vandalia Housing Authority Community Center each Wednesday during the program dates.

Lunch will also be served following the swim lesson sessions at 11am at the Vandalia Family Aquatic Center as noted: June 26-29; July 10-13; and July 24-27.

For more information, visit our Facebook page - Eastern Missouri Family YMCA, stop by the branch at 309 South Main, or call 573-594-2208.

Whiteside Schoolhouse Open House

If traveling north on Hwy 40/61 in Lincoln County you'll find The Village of Whiteside nestled off County Road Z. The village itself is not only rustic and cozy, but it is inhabited by some residents, whose roots go back many years.

Within the Whiteside Village, there lies a piece of history that lends itself to much pride and appreciation. That part of history is the Whiteside

Schoolhouse. (Prior to that, the little white house that still sits next to the schoolhouse today, was called "The Teague House," and school classes were held there 1886-1912.) The Whiteside Schoolhouse was unique in many ways. It was one of a few, one room schoolhouses, with a 100 percent brick exterior, and also, one of a few with a hot lunch program served daily. The attendance at school averaged 20 students per year, but one year totaled 28 students. This might be accredited to Faye and Bill Brown, who had 8 children that proudly attended the Whiteside School.

The schoolhouse in Whiteside was not only the location where school children, up to 8th grade, studied reading, writing and arithmetic. It was also the site for learning responsibility, being competitive, welcoming achievement, and creating bonds that led to life-long friendships.

In 1951, the Whiteside Schoolhouse closed, along with all the other one room schools in MO. This schoolhouse had been in operation

for 26 years. The Board of Directors serving in 1951, were Ralph Davis, Bill Brown, and Alvin F. Adams, Sr. At that time, all one room schoolhouses in the area were consolidated as R-III School District, which later became

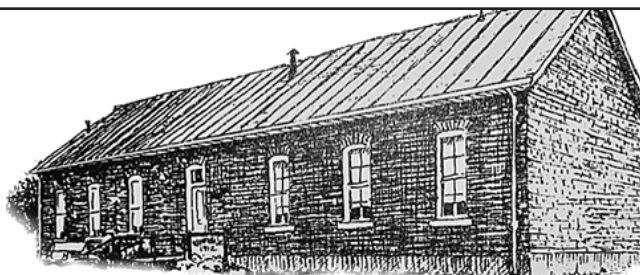
the Clopton School District. Upon the closure of the schoolhouse, it was purchased by the W.G. White family, who in turn, donated it to the Whiteside community. In 1998, Lorene White Creech, who had a deep love for the schoolhouse where she had been a teacher, granted the gift of renovation. On Oct. 25, 1998, a dedication ceremony was held at the

Whiteside Schoolhouse for Miss Lorene. Additions, inside the schoolhouse and outside on the grounds, continue to be made by friends and residents of the Whiteside community.

There is excitement in Whiteside for the upcoming Open House! Some special guests and graduates of the Whiteside Schoolhouse that plan to attend on Sunday, June 25,

need to be recognized: *Grace Teague Bishop *Wilalma Brown Bishop *Isabelle Fergusson Zumwalt

*Alvin Adams, Junior *Eldora Brown Day *Louise Magruder Clark Whether you attended the Whiteside Schoolhouse or are a relative or friend, please come see the schoolhouse and enjoy the day!



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Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Vision and Mobility and Orientation Specialist

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Vision and Orientation and Mobility Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all blind and/or visually impaired students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve blind or visually impaired students.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of PT program.
3. Hourly rates for Instruction

Writing and modifying IEPs/504s
 Planning/Documentation Time
 Travel Time within the District

4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to:
 Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services
 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334
 Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962.

The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing Vision and Mobility and Orientation services for the Bowling Green R-1 School District.

Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

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Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for Proposals for Occupational Therapists

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Occupational Therapists for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services need include on campus presence 1-2 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

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7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

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Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing OT services for the Bowling Green R-I School District.

Sealed Bids are due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DAR Honors Emergency Personnel

March is the month the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution honors "First Responders." These are members of the community, men and women, who step up to the plate. They're the "first to respond" to vehicle and farm accidents, fires, ambulance calls, air transport, illnesses, robberies, vandalism and any other emergency situation to serve, rescue and protect our citizens, our town and our properties. Each of the fire department groups generally meet monthly to stay aware of the most recent information regarding their duties. They attend training sessions and give up family time to be on call at any moment of the day or night--and they "answer" those calls whenever they lead. All "First Responders" must constantly stay up on their training and certifications.

Some of the units depend on donations to keep their equipment current and their safety equipment in top condition. Clarksville fire fighters, for instance, just purchased 10 new sets of firefighting suits, helmets, etc. to keep the firemen safe while they do their duty. Those improved and safer sets, which will replace the old suits, came at a price of \$3,000 each. Donations anyone?

During this March and April, Louisiana's Pike County DAR Chapter members visited each First Responder unit bearing gifts of appreciation for all they do for the community. They took refreshments for the meetings, Certificates of Appreciation and ball point pens imprinted with the DAR name and "Thank you for your service!" The DAR members who were involved this year were: DAR Treasurer Liz Wallace for the Louisiana Fire and Police Departments; DAR Secretary Cindy Blaylock for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department; DAR Regent Sandy Orf, accompanied by Vice Regent Alice Middleton Holtzhouser, for the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department; and Holtzhouser, accompanied by Orf, for the Eolia Volunteer Fire Department.

This year, first shift members of the EMS/EMT Departments of Pike County Memorial Hospital were recognized for their work as First Responders for the area and were presented with gifts by Holtzhouser and Orf, with plans for another "shift of workers" next year. In addition to the hospital staff, there are a large number of EMTs and Paramedics fully trained and certified in the fire departments in our area. Some of those EMTs and Paramedics also share their duties and time with jobs in the St. Louis area. It's a mission of Louisiana's Pike County DAR Chapter to recognize and show appreciation to them all and thank them for their service!



PCMH EMS/EMT Departments

Pictured are Pike County Memorial Hospital EMS/EMT Departments, from left: Amber Penrod, DAR Regent Sandy Orf, EMS Director Reesa VanHooser, DAR Vice Regent Alice Middleton Holtzhouser, and Lorelei Stoops.



Eolia Volunteer Fire Department

Eolia Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Larry LaFave and DAR Vice Regent Alice Middleton Holtzhouser. Regent Sandy Orf also joined the other firemen in attendance for the presentation, refreshments and gifts of appreciation.



Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department

Pictured are members of the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department, from left: Larry Beauchamp, Assistant Chief; Ronnie Redd, Fireman; Bob Frank, Fireman; DAR Regent Sandy Orf; Scott Hipes, Fire Chief and holding son of Alex Jensen, Fireman; Randy Lovell, Assistant Chief; and Tyler Beauchamp, Captain, received gifts of appreciation by Louisiana's Pike County DAR Chapter. Shown on the tables are the newly received stacks of gear, including special helmets, for protection during firefighting.



Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department

Pictured are members of the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department, from left: Jaidyn Wommack, DAR Secretary Cindy Blaylock, Harry Nelson, Jason House, Bill Carter, Joey Cox and Mike Chidster were present for gifts of appreciation by the Louisiana Pike County Chapter of DAR.

Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Physical Therapists

The Bowling Green R-1 School District is seeking bids for Physical Therapists for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 1-3 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all PT students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve PT.
7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

Bids specifications should include:

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2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of PT program.
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4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing PT services for the Bowling Green R-I School District.

Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Early Childhood Special Education Services

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Early Childhood Special Education Services for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district.

The requested services are for the Early Childhood Special Education Program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, could include homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals for all students.
6. Provide transportation.
7. Provide equipment as available and agreed upon by the district.
8. Contact/Consult with families about the student.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of therapies.
3. Hourly rates for Instruction Writing and modifying IEPs Planning/Documentation Time Transportation Therapy IEP Meetings
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

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Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Speech/Language Pathologists

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Speech and Language Pathologists for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services need include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all speech/language students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve speech and/or language.
7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of SLP program.
3. Hourly rates for: SLP SLP-As Speech or Language Therapy and IEPs/504s Planning/Documentation Time Travel Time within the District
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

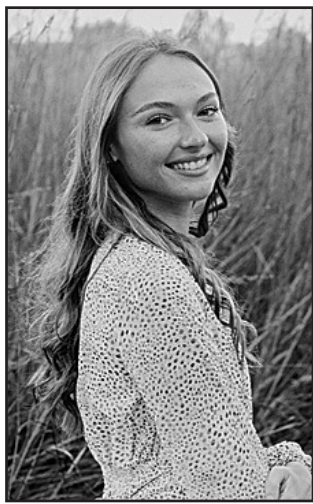
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Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Elaina Butler



Madelyn Brune



Andrea Korte



NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page, center, accepts a \$365,700 grant recognition from USDA Rural Development Missouri Single Family Housing Director Lindsay Cheek during the Tri-State Housing Summit June 8 in Hannibal. Also pictured, from left, are NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts, Bryan Nichols, Communications Director for Congressman Sam Graves; Randy Griffith of LIFT Community Action Agency; NECAC Executive Board Member Glenn Eagan; NECAC Self-Help Housing Director Howard Sommer; and NECAC Homeownership Program Assistant Amanda Smith.

Pike County Mutual Awards Scholarships

Pike County Mutual Insurance Company has awarded three, \$500 scholarships to Pike County area youth.

The scholarship was established in 2003 to help outstanding Pike County High School seniors further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or

university.

Elaina Butler from Louisiana High School plans to attend Columbia College to obtain a degree in elementary education.

Madelyn Brune from Clopton High School plans to attend University of Mis-

souri-Columbia. She plans to study political science.

Andrea Korte from Bowling Green High School plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is majoring in health sciences with an emphasis in pre-dentistry.

SUMMIT

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"We can make a difference in our towns and neighborhoods."

Page said housing impacts everyone.

"This isn't a 'poor people's problem,'" he said. "Like every issue that affects all of us it may affect the poor more so than it does the rest of us, but this is an issue that affects anybody with a dream – and

why is it even a dream? – of housing their families in a safe, affordable home."

HUD Regional Administrator Deke Clayborn highlighted helpful programs his agency offers. While HUD doesn't "have all the pieces of the puzzle" in place, it can "work together to get things done."

"We need more housing in all its varieties," Clayborn said. "What you're doing is important."

Chad Frederick, Community Development Director at the Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials in Quincy, outlined his agency's Land Bank Authority work in Quincy and Jacksonville, Ill. It's a tool for upgrading abandoned or vacated residential and commercial properties.

The Land Bank "tries to help start the process, hopefully, early – getting the ones that actually still have some value and getting them back to where there's something that can be done with that property or on that property," Frederick said.

Additional speakers were Wayne Crawford of Missouri Inclusive Housing and Chris Krehmeyer of Beyond Housing. More than 80 people attended the 17th annual event, which was held at the Rialto Banquet Hall in Hannibal.

Agape House Hosts Guests From Western U.S.

In their board meeting Tuesday, May 16 Agape House of Vandalia board members learned that guests had traveled from across Missouri as well as Nebraska and California.

It is the mission of the house to provide accessible and affordable overnight accommodations to family and friends of offenders in the correctional centers in Bowling Green and Vandalia.

House manager, Karen Craig, reported the manager's apartment heating and cooling system continues to be malfunctioning; this will be addressed by a local contractor soon. A new microwave is needed and is to be purchased locally.

Board treasurer, Kay Robnett, reported submission of grant applications to two agencies.

Board members Terry Rudolph and Eldora Lowry are working together to secure and arrange wall art in an attractive manner. This will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

The building exterior will be power washed this spring and yard work continues.

Board members in attendance were Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, Robnett and Rudolph.

Monetary gifts received in April include the following: United Way of Audrain County; Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Laddonia Christian Church; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; and Spencer Creek Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia.

Monetary gifts were given in memory of Julie Ann Talley of Laddonia by the following: William and Mary Azdell, Central Bank of Audrain County. James and Judy Dye, Farmers and Laborers Insurance of Mexico, Pat Farnen, Federal Education Associations of Washington, DC and California, Tim and Dolly Jesse, Steven and Debra Kreyling, Littleby Baptist Church, James and Mila Lowry, Mexico Heating Company (Robby and Dudley Miller), Christopher and Vivian Miller, Gordon and Laura Sauvage, Steven and Michelle Schnelle, Kenneth and Becky Shaw, Jennifer Silver, Louis and Mary Jane Smithy, Bill and Sherry Sonwalt, Utterback Crop Insurance and Jane Webster.



St. Clement Students Visit Jeff City

In March students grades 3-8 from St. Clement School took a trip to Jefferson City. Pictured are students who made the trip.



St. Clement Graduates

Pictured, from left: Lorna Korte and Jocelyn Grote who recently graduated from St. Clement School.

Sun Safety Tips For Kids



Dr. Levi Strube

Spending time outdoors is common during springtime and summer and so it is important to remember to protect against the sun's rays. It is especially important to protect children from the sun's damaging rays since most damage occurs during childhood.

Sun exposure is one of the most prominent dangers of the summer. "Not only will sun exposure to unprotected skin cause sunburns but getting sunburned increases the risk of developing skin cancer," shares Dr. Levi Strube, a pediatrician with Hannibal Regional Medical Group. When going out in the sun with infants six months and younger the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) rec-

ommends dressing infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats which shade the neck to prevent sunburn. Also, parents can apply a small amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands. For children of all ages, the best line of defense is to cover up. "Most children don't want to cover up as much as they should during the summer so it is recommended to have them wear a minimum of 15 SPF sunscreen. It may be bothersome, but reapplying every two hours is essential for maintaining protection," says Dr. Strube.

If your child does get a sunburn they will usually experience discomfort and a sensation of heat. Symptoms of sunburn tend to worsen over several hours. "Sunburned skin begins to peel about a week after the sunburn. To help reduce the risk of infection, encourage your child not to scratch or peel off loose skin," says Dr. Strube. "If the sunburn is severe and blisters develop, you need to seek medical attention. Do not scratch, pop or squeeze the blisters as they can become infected and cause scarring."

To make an appointment with Hannibal Regional Medical Group Pediatrics call 573-629-3500.



Pictured, from left: Trevor White- OATS Transit Operations Manager; Scott Tuttle - POET Bioprocessing General Manager; Sheree Webb - OATS Transit Regional Director; and Samantha Ratliff - OATS Transit Operations Manager.

OATS Receives POET Donation

OATS Transit receives donation from POET Bioprocessing (Macon, June 5) – OATS Transit, a Missouri based not-for-profit transportation provider, announced today that it has received a \$2,500 donation from POET Bioprocessing Macon.

In an effort to ensure local residents are provided reliable transportation to get to work and other basic needs, POET recently presented the check to OATS Transit.

OATS Transit has been providing transportation in Macon since 1972. "We are grateful that companies like POET are dedicated to giving back to the communities where they have facilities," said Sheree Webb, Regional Director for OATS Transit in Macon. "Partnerships like this allow us to continue our mission of providing safe, caring and reliable transportation," added Webb.

In Macon County, OATS Transit provides more than 8,000 trips annually. "Giving back is core to our community POET's culture," said Scott

Tuttle, General Manager of POET Bioprocessing – Macon.

"That's what our Community Grant Program is all about – helping those that are working hard to make the world a better place. We're proud to support OATS and commend what they're doing to impact lives in our community." OATS Transit provides daily service, Monday through Friday, in the City of Macon through a partnership with the City of Macon and the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, long-distance transportation to Columbia, Kirksville and Moberly is available on a routine basis. Residents wanting to schedule rides should call the local OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901. More information about OATS Transit can be found online at www.oatstransit.org.

Follow us on your favorite social media site @oatstransit. OATS Transit also has several job opportunities available which are listed on the company website.

Westminster Dean's List

Westminster College is proud to announce those students named to the spring 2023 dean's list for exemplary academic performance.

Those honored include the following:

The dean's list recognizes Westminster students who have shown high academic performance during the past semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.60 semester grade point average with at least 12 hours completed that semester.

Bowling Green - Haylee Chandler, senior.

Frankford - Brylie Sparks, sophomore

Silex - Brian Henke, senior

Vandalia - Alyssa Hays, junior.

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Breakfast Burrito Sale

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(Womens Bible Study Group)
and
27:17 Men
(Mens Group)
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&
Fresh Made on the Spot
Breakfast Burritos
Proceeds of bake sale will be donated to
Options For Women

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RainTree Mall Shopping Center Parking Lot

Card Of Thanks

Thank you for your outpouring of love, kindness, concern, and encouragement after our beloved Bill passed away. Receiving your notes, cards, letters, texts, food, flowers, donations and messages on social media overwhelmed us. Not only did we see how much we were loved, but we got to see firsthand how much Bill was loved by everyone who knew him. We wish we could thank each one of you in person. Your love has blessed us more than we can say. May each one of you be blessed with good health, a long life, and love that surrounds you each day.

Love,

The Family of Bill Sachs

CHILI

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Jester uses what she calls "the right blend" of ground chuck, Bush's black chili beans, Swanson beef and chicken broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and serrano peppers.

She then incorporates spices made by Texas-based Mild Bill's Gunpowder Foods. The rest is pretty simple.

"Let your spices, liquid and serranos boil for about 10 minutes, then add your meat back in," she advises on postcards handed out at events. "Cook on a medium boil for about 1.5 hours, adjusting liquid as needed with remaining chicken broth. Remove the peppers and squeeze the juice into your chili. Adjust seasonings to taste and serve."

Jester warns against extremes. Don't have too much liquid, but ending up with paste is a waste. Think Thanksgiving.

"You need to have a nice consistency of gravy," she said.

The full recipe for her "Crazy Lady Chili" can be found at www.chilicookoff.com/winning-recipes.

Jester and her husband, Darin, don't make chili at home anymore. In fact, the only time they'll sample now is during competitions.

"We go out to eat afterward and they say 'Our special today is chili,'" she said. "My husband goes, 'Ugh.'"

Jester has advice for other chefs, whether they want to compete or just conjure a batch for the family.

"Don't give up," she said. "Set your goals. You have to cook a lot of pots of chili to get there. Enjoy the ride."

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Wood Working Equipment, Lumber & Tools
Dog Kennel, Fishing & Misc.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Large sale. Owners moving to town. Many items not listed. Very large amount of quality tools, household & collectibles sell first. Truck, trailer & tractor sell around noon. Truck offered with reserve.

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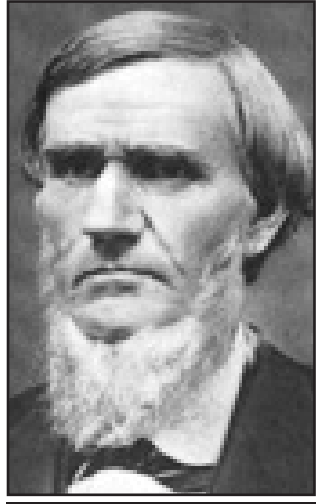
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Uncle Billy

Bowling Green Man Hailed For Secular, Religious Work



Uncle Billy

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

He was enterprising, talented and principled.

William Gordon Hawkins was the kind of guy just about everyone probably wishes they had in the family.

The life of the Bowling Green man, who got the nickname "Uncle Billy" for his patriarchal persona, offers the kind of lessons that resound today.

"The best qualities of American manhood met in him, and the Christian graces elevated his character," noted the Rev. Wiley Jones Patrick, author of "The History of Salt River Association, Missouri."

SOUTHERN-BORN

Hawkins was born in Kentucky on Feb. 26, 1809, the youngest of Harmon and Jane Robinson Hawkins' three children.

His father was a farmer and a Baptist deacon. The family moved to Pike County in 1827. By that time, Hawkins had already shown a flair for ingenuity, such as when he trapped and sold quail to buy school books.

While the classroom was not a favorite spot, Hawkins loved mathematics, from which came a frugality that "in a measure compensated him for the neglect of his other faculties," according to the book "A History of Northeast Missouri."

A fascination with politics led to opportunity in 1832, when Hawkins became the first elected assessor in Pike County. He clerked at a Frankford business and would later own a store while also holding the title of colonel in the Missouri militia.

In 1833, Mount Pisgah Baptist Church was organized in the Hawkins home. A new sanctuary soon was sought. Father and son built the

church's stone chimney and, with others from the congregation, erected a large log place of worship.

The cost was estimated at less than \$20 — around \$600 today. Patrick wrote that church members had "very little money for any purpose," but "taken all together it was a pretty fine house for that age of the church and country."

On July 26, 1836, Hawkins married Kentucky native Martha Bondurant, who was five years younger. They would have eight children.

Hawkins served as a sheriff's deputy in the 1840s and held the top spot from 1852 to 1858. During that time, he also was elected as a Democrat to the Missouri House of Representatives.

"He exhibited certain traits betraying a latent gift for statesmanship," the Missouri history book noted.

Martha died in 1854 and Hawkins married another Kentucky native on April 3, 1857. Mary Susan Givens Mackey was 18 years younger than her husband. The couple would have four children.

Confederate sympathies forced Hawkins out of office during the Civil War. One of his sons, Edward, was killed fighting for the South at the Battle of Corinth in October 1862. Another son, Richard, was captured by Union forces but released.

Holding no grudges, Pike County voters returned Hawkins to the Missouri General Assembly in 1872 and 1874.

As a reformist, he kept "his eye upon the finances of the state to such a pronounced extent to earn for him the well-remembered sobriquet of 'Watchdog of the Treasury,'" according to the Missouri history book.

"He was in every way capable of making himself heard and understood while upon the floor of the House, and his popularity was widespread and universal," it said.

Patrick called him a "legislator of experience, ability, with a love of his country and definite knowledge of the constructive needs" of Pike County.

'GREAT AND SALUTARY'

Success in business and politics was one thing, but Hawkins also was interested in more divine pursuits.

He never forgot religious lessons of his younger days, and became a church deacon

as his father had.

Patrick called Hawkins "one of nature's noblemen" whose influence was "great and salutary." It was as "a Christian gentleman and a Baptist leader that his powers found their fullest expression."

The author noted that Hawkins was "held in high honor" for being among those who "rejoiced to tell how the gospel was the power of God unto salvation" and that countless people became believers because of his efforts.

"He was fervent and active in revival service; he was gentle and sympathetic with the afflicted; he was beneficent toward the needy; efficient in the Sunday School; strong in the business departments of church life; and a recognized representative in denominational movements," Patrick wrote.

"He was noted among his peers as a safe, conservative, prudent man whom all could approach for advice with confidence — with assurance of wise counsel," said a friend, Dalton Biggs.

One of Hawkins' traits was an "ability to avert a pending disturbance," according to Biggs. He relayed how Hawkins calmed a divisive church association meeting that "reached the point where an explosion seemed unavoidable."

Using his height and assertive presence as he stood before other brethren, Hawkins called for the issue to be "laid on the table, and left there for time and eternity to settle."

"It was a master stroke," Biggs said. "That matter still rests, where by his wisdom it was placed, and there it doubtless will remain until settled in the day of final accounts."

Despite age, Hawkins maintained his connection to the family farm, often walking the spread of more than 500 acres or visiting neighbors. His legacy as sheriff continued when a son, Waldo, served in the office from 1913 to 1916.

Hawkins died at 79 on Jan. 12, 1889. Mary followed at 65 on July 23, 1892. He and both spouses are buried at Mount Pisgah Cemetery northwest of Bowling Green.

"Of all those whose memory we cherish, perhaps none enjoyed a more enviable life or a longer term of usefulness than Col. W.G. Hawkins," Biggs noted.

MU Researcher Finds Factors Linked With Chronic School Absenteeism

More than 7 million school-age children, or 16 percent of the student population, in the United States are missing at least 15 days of school during an academic year — an issue known as chronic absenteeism.

To identify the most common factors linked with chronic school absenteeism, Knoo Lee, a postdoctoral fellow in the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, analyzed survey results from the Minnesota Student Survey, which included responses from more than 120,000 Minnesota students in eighth, ninth and 11th grade.

In this anonymous, statewide, school-based survey, which is distributed to more than 100,000 public school students in Minnesota every three years, a myriad of questions broadly cover various topics, including the frequency of students missing school, school climate, bullying, out-of-school activities, emotional health and connections with school and family.

Using data-driven analytics including machine learning techniques, Lee and his team identified 18 risk factors

that were predominantly linked with students who reported missing school commonly. Some of the risk factors included drug or alcohol use, peer pressure and the approval of friends, staying home due to sickness, behavioral issues that may lead to out-of-school suspensions, family struggles, and adverse childhood experiences.

While researchers were aware of some of these factors, the challenge is untangling the cause and effect.

"Are these activities causing the student to miss school, or is there a different underlying root issue causing the absences and these activities are simply the outcome or byproduct?" Lee said. "The first step toward solving a problem is getting a better understanding of the problem in the first place, and that is what we are trying to dig into with this research. We want to ultimately develop more tailored interventions that improve student engagement, which lead to better long-term life outcomes."

Going forward, Lee plans to research if students with partial-day or full-day absences are more likely to

struggle with chronic absenteeism, as well as the role school nurses play in identifying at-risk youth.

"Through interviews with school nurses, we are learning that some kids who miss part of the school day are more likely to go see the school nurse first before they come to class or before they leave school for the day," Lee said. "We typically tend to think of school nurses as only helping kids with physical health related issues, but they also interact with students who may be struggling with a family issue or mental health issue. Therefore, they are in a good position to possibly identify personal factors, family factors or environmental factors that may be at play."

"Using data-driven analytics and ecological systems theory to identify risk and protective factors for school absenteeism among secondary students" was recently published in the Journal of School Psychology. Coauthors on the study include Barbara J. McMorris, Chih-Lin Chi, Wendy S. Looman, Matthew K. Burns and Connie W. Delaney.



Sound Affects

Frank Salter and his wife, Donna, presented the program "Fun With Science" during the second summer program June 7 at the Louisiana Area Historical Museum. One of the demonstrations involved using different sizes of wooden frogs to highlight sound pitches. Programs continue June 14 and 21 at 1 p.m. The museum at 304 Georgia Street in downtown Louisiana is open from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

FBI Hosts Conference To Help Prevent Violence In Schools

On June 8-9, the FBI St. Louis Division hosted a two-day School Safety Initiative (SSI) conference for more than 275 school administrators, school staff, and law enforcement officers from the St. Louis area.

"We appreciate the opportunity to raise awareness with school administrators and police departments about behaviors that could indicate an individual is actively moving toward violence," said FBI St. Louis Division Special Agent in Charge Jay Greenberg. "This initiative is designed to help schools prevent acts of violence, terrorism, and in particular, school shootings, by identifying at-risk students early, and diverting them away from violence and onto

healthier paths."

Conference topics included: Pre-Violence Indicators in Students, Building School Threat Assessment Teams, Student Mental Health, Crisis Intervention Resources, Hoax and Swatting Threats, Sextortion, and the Physical Security of Schools. FBI St. Louis Division initiated the SSI program in 2021 to use a whole of ecosystem approach by bringing together school safety stakeholders, providing resources, and encouraging the creation of internal school-based threat assessment teams. The goal is to increase awareness of violence indicators to identify and prevent young people who may be vulnerable to becoming radi-

calized to violence and terrorism.

For this event, the FBI St. Louis Division collaborated with the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) Center for Education Safety, U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and experts from Saint Louis University and Washington University in St. Louis. We thank the Ladue School District for hosting the conference.

FBI St. Louis Division is planning to offer similar conferences in the future for school districts in other regions of Eastern Missouri.

Blanket Your Flower Beds With Colorful Gaillardias

"While not a leading star on the herbaceous ornamental stage, Gaillardia can comfortably fill the supporting actor role in your garden," said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

Commonly called "blanket flower," this colorful perennial produces daisy-like flowers that come in shades of yellow, orange, red, purplish, brown, white or bicolor.

Its flower is actually a compound inflorescence botanically known as a pseudanthium, or head, Trinklein added. What appear to be petals are really florets. The petal-like ray florets of this member of the sunflower plant family surround a tuft of disc florets in the center.

"Very characteristic of Gaillardia is that the ray florets are banded in color

The same color shows up on each floret in the same spot," Trinklein said. "This produces very beautiful symmetry of color surrounding the center tuft of disc florets."

Gaillardia is one of the few perennials that will bloom the first year when started from seed. "It will bloom most prolifically in early summer but then continues to produce a few flowers all the way to first frost," he said.

Growing and caring for gaillardias is easy as long as you remember one important thing: no wet feet. "Gaillardia needs full sun and, most importantly, well-drained soil," Trinklein said. "The need for well-drained soil is so great that if planted in heavy soils Gaillardia likely will not survive the winter."

If you're into xerophytic landscaping, using plants that get by on little

water, Gaillardia would be a very colorful choice. "It's relatively pest-free, heat-tolerant and doesn't require a lot of added water," Trinklein said.

You have plenty of options if you want to add gaillardias to your garden. There are some colorful older cultivars like "Goblin" that have been around for decades. "Newer cultivars tend to bear a few more flowers and come in a wide array of colors," he said. "The 'Mesa' series of Gaillardia is a good example and is very free-flowering."

"Fanfare," a colorful new Gaillardia cultivar, has tubular ray florets that end with a trumpet-like flare, giving it a unique appearance. "Punch Bowl" and "Arizona Apricot" are recent cultivars that provide shades of red and apricot in a genus predominated by yellow and orange.

Missouri 4-H'ers Raise More Than 1.7 Million Meals To Fight Hunger

Missouri 4-H clubs across the state have finished the fifth annual 4-H Feeding Missouri initiative. Each year, 4-H partners with Feeding Missouri and Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids to bring awareness and raise resources addressing food insecurity.

Last fall, during University of Missouri Extension and Engagement Week, 4-H challenged participants across the state to fight hunger. From January through April, 4-H'ers participated in a friendly competition to raise the most meals for local families. They held food drives and fundraisers, volunteered services and provided education and outreach activities. Through these efforts, 4-H members raised the equivalent of 711,268 meals this year for food-insecure Missourians, bringing the five-year cumulative total to 1,723,331 meals.

"I am so proud of the work 4-H and MU Extension have done to fight food insecurity," said Lupita Fabregas, director of Missouri 4-H. "Our goal is to help Missourians through service-learning programs, and 4-H Feeding Missouri is a great example of our success."

4-H clubs could apply for matching mini-grants through a donation from Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. More than \$4,000 was awarded to 17 Missouri 4-H clubs to help further their efforts during the drive. To add an educational component to the grants, many youths spoke about food insecurity and promoted their food drives in their schools and to local organizations.

Campaign proceeds go directly to Feeding Missouri, a coalition of the state's six major food banks that provides hunger relief through a network of more than 1,500 community-based food programs.

During a May 31 virtual

event celebrating the drive's success, Moniteau County 4-H members were recognized for raising 51,459 meals, the most of any Missouri county for the second year in a row. Moniteau County 4-H'ers will receive a small stipend to help them kick off next year's event and will be showcased in Missouri 4-H's outreach for the 2024 4-H Feeding Missouri campaign.

"The need for food assistance has reached levels higher than prior to the pandemic," says Heather Hargrove, executive director of Feeding Missouri. "There are families in every county across the state that aren't sure where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to experience the challenges of rising food prices and transportation. Missouri's food banks rely on partnerships like these to help raise critical awareness, funds and food to help provide access to nutritious foods for the growing number of seniors, children and families in need. These efforts will directly impact the communities most affected by these challenging times - especially in rural communities where the need continues to be significant. Partnerships like this demonstrate the power a few can have on the many, and we are very grateful for their continued support and commitment."

Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids continues food security efforts throughout the summer. Swine exhibitors are invited to commit pigs to feed neighbors in need through the partnership's Hogs for Hunger initiative. Up to 50 pigs will be accepted at the Missouri State Fair with Feeding Missouri providing reimbursement of \$0.80 per pound live weight for committed hogs. Missouri Farmers Care Foundation will cover pro-

cessing of these hogs. The foundation asks State Fair exhibitors to indicate their commitment at www.MOFarmersCare.com/drive.

"Missouri youth are building a stronger future for their peers through 4-H Feeding Missouri and the Drive to Feed Kids," said Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. "It is fulfilling to see the heart of agriculture expressed by Missouri youth donating much-needed food to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, over 1.1 million Missourians facing food insecurity."

About Feeding Missouri

Feeding Missouri is a coalition of Missouri's six major food banks that works to provide hunger relief to every county in the state and the city of St. Louis through a coordinated network of more than 1,500 community-based feeding programs.

About Missouri Farmers Care Foundation and Missouri Farmers Care

Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend. The coalition of more than 40 leading Missouri agricultural groups promotes the growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities through coordinated communication, education, and advocacy. For more information, visit MOFarmersCare.com.

Missouri Farmers Care Foundation enables Missourians to understand the influence and importance of agriculture in their daily lives by serving as the centralized hub of the unified educational programs, awards and hunger relief efforts of Missouri's agricultural community.