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Champ Clark Heritage Festival Car Show Winners The winners of the Mayor's Ramsour, Winfield, 1968 Chev-Buddy Graves, Vandalia, 1970

Choice were: Jerry and Betty Eppard of Troy, 1962 Chevy Impala SS convertible; Police Chief's Choice: Roy Crane Jr., Troy, 1957 Chevy Nomad; and the Fireman's Choice, Dale McDonald, Silex, 1953 Chevy 3600

The top 20 awards as selected by the Bowling Green Lions Club car show participants on Saturday, Sept. 9 were: Kevin Stumbaugh, Bowling Green, 1970 Dodge Charger; Jim Todd, Troy, 1966 Chevy Malibu; David Cooke, St. Peters, 1955 Chevy 210; Denny Smith, Vandalia, 1951 Mercury; Jim Morton, Bowling Green, 1966 Mercury Cyclone; Robert and Sara Paden Stoutsville, 1970 Camaro; Barbie and Monty Hodge, Arenzville, Ill., 1970 Pontiac GTO; Chris

elle; Gordon Camden, Hannibal, 1967 Chevy Camaro; Diane Eddy, Troy, 1963 Volkswagon Bug; Larry Stewart, Louisiana, 1957 Chevy Belair; George Shaw, Vandalia, 1973 Ford Mustang Mach I; Leon Shaw, Vandalia, 1974 Ford F-100 XLT pickup; Larry and Carmen Gamm, Bowling Green, 1979 Ford F-150 pickup; Mark Griffin, Frankford, 1969 Chevy Camaro; Jim Albert, Quincy, Ill., 1939 Chevy Street Rod; Cody Wilkinson, Bolivar, 1965 Ford Galaxie 500; Cole Baxter, Hannibal, 1970 Chevelle SS; and Kalin Shultz, Center, 1970 Chevelle SS.

Winners of random \$50 cash drawings were as follows: Barry Sparks, Vandalia, 1967 Pontiac GTO: Dave McCulloch, Quincy, Ill., 1982 Chevy El Camino; Buddy Graves, Vandalia, 1976 Ford LTD; Don and Peggy Huff, Perry, 1969 Ford Mustang; and Ronnie Akers, Bowling Green, 1957 GMC pickup.

Sponsors for the car show include: Bowling Green Lumber, Poage Ford, Calvert's Insurance, LaCrosse Lumber, Hannibal National Bank, Peoples Savings Bank, Remax Realtors, Boland Chevrolet, PCMH, Community State Bank, Ingram Plumbing, Bowling Green Eye Care, Mike's Tire, Car Quest, The Mercantile Bank of Louisiana, Pike County elected officials, and Big C's Sporting Goods.

The car show was hosted by Bowling Green Lions members: Rich Wilkinson and Mel Motley with help from Eric and Kathy Gunn, Jim Craig, Steve Miller, Tim Calicott, and Mary Scherder.



Baptist Homes Honors 50-Year Employees

On Monday, Sept. 11, Baptist Homes, Tri-County celebrated 50 years of nursing with a "Golden Girls" themed reception held in the activities hall. The honorees were Beverly McQuay, CNA who has worked at Tri-County for literally her entire career and celebrated her 50th anniversary on the day of the event, Christina "Chris" Clark, LPN who has worked at Tri-County for most of her 50 years in nursing, and Judith "Judy" Morris, RN, our DON who has worked at Tri-County since December of 2022, but has served in Long Term Care for much of her career. Residents, fellow team members, Nursing Home District Board President, Connie Hesse, and Judy's husband, Pastor Jay Morris of Centennial Baptist Church in Mexico were in attendance. Residents, Mrs. Hesse, Pastor Morris, and fellow team members spoke about the honorees and their dedication to the care of their patients/residents. Current Administrator, Aaron Witte also made some remarks regarding the three honorees and closed the event with prayer that we could have more team members at Tri-County who are willing to dedicate themselves to providing Christ-like care for our aging neighbors and who will continue the legacy of excellence known by our community at

ornet Chop Suey Returns Sept. 23

By Brent Engel.

CONTRIBUTING WRITER It's got the atmosphere of a class reunion or a welcome gettogether with friends you haven't seen for a while.

The St. Louis-based jazz band Cornet Chop Suey returns to The Apple Shed on Highway 79 in Clarksville for a concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23.

The world-traveling group has made a point of playing the Raintree Arts Council venue for years. A mix of acoustics and crowd response keeps the accomplished performers coming back.

"We always feel like we return home when we're with our friends at The Apple Shed,' said saxophonist Jerry Epperson. "We can 'swing for the fences' musically, and throw out surprises now and then."

The other members are familiar faces, and all have extensive musical resumes. There's trumpeter and vocalist Brian Casserly. Rick Zelle handles the piano, with Brett Stamps on trombone. Jay Hungerford plays bass and Dick Maley will be featured on drums.

The audience can count on hearing jazz standards, but Cornet likes to mix things up with take on songs from other genres. Showtunes and movie themes also will be part of the set. The band loves interacting with concertgoers.

"Jazz has survived because



Musicians and singers Tricia Luke, left, and Hanna Blackmore will be the opening act at the Cornet Chop Suey concert.

of the freedom of rhythmic and harmonic spontaneity that makes every performance new and unique," Epperson said. "The performance freedom of jazz has become an integral element in popular, rock, blues and country music, as well."

Cornet has been together for more than 25 years, and is named after a hit song by American jazz legend Louis Armstrong. Epperson makes his home in Clarksville, and has more than 60 years. It's a love that transcends age.

"Jazz musicians continue to play because every performance is a new adventure," he

Tickets for the Clarksville show are \$20 for adults, and will be available at the door. The price has not changed in several years. People ages 18 and younger get in free.

There will be a cash bar with snacks available for purchase, Doors open at 6 p.m., with Tricia Luke and Hanna Blackmore performing at 7 p.m.

Limited premium seating is available for \$25 per person, a table of eight for \$200 or a table original tunes and the band's been playing instruments for of 10 at \$250. Tables must be reserved and paid for in ad-

> E-mail administrator@raintreeartscouncil.org for informa-

Baptist Homes, Healthcare Ministries Finalize Purchase Of Tri-County Care Center

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries has announced the full purchase of Tri-County Care Center, Vandalia. Baptist Homes has been providing management services of this home for approximately one year. Today, September 1st, 2023, the campus is now the eighth home in the Baptist Homes family of ministries. Dr. Aaron Witte, Administrator of the Tri-County campus discovered an interesting back story of an unknown connection between Baptist Homes and the Tri-County Care Center. The story comes from a document found by Witte in the archives of Tri-County Care Center. "In the early 1960's a resident of Vandalia, MO, Mrs. Myrtle Gibson moved to The Baptist Home's original location in Ironton, MO. A friend of hers, Mrs. Melva McDonald, also from Vandalia hated for her neighbor to move so far away from home and set about to estab-

lish a local nursing home in the Vandalia area. She campaigned for support from local businesses and the local newspaper, and she and Pete Steiner met with nursing home licensure officials in Jefferson City to learn about the next steps. She and Mr. Steiner formed a committee along with some other local businessmen and leaders who began a public information campaign. They gained enough support for their idea that on May 2, 1967, they were able to successfully establish the nursing home district to collect tax revenues and support the building of the nursing home." The effort resulted in the establishment of the Tri-County Nursing Home District which eventually opened the home in 1969.

Now some 50 plus years later, through the Providence of God, the vision of the people of Vandalia is now a part of the vision of Baptist Homes. Together, these visions of caring for the aging have come together to achieve the Baptist Homes mission to "provide Christ-like care for the aging to the Glory of God."

Baptist Homes Tri-County now operates as a Skilled Nursing Facility including a remodeled Memory Care Neighborhood and a Residential Care Community. The Home offers in-house therapy, IV Therapy, Palliative

Care, Respite Care and Adult Day Care services. According to Rodney Harrison, BHHM President, "Much of the remodeling and refreshing at the campus was undertaken by volunteers. The campus is blessed with an abundance of support from area churches and local communities."

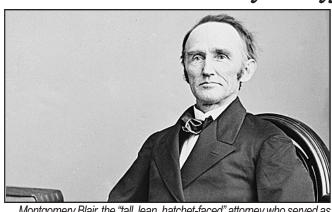
In an address to staff Witte assured them, "Things at Tri-County are changing, but the vision remains unchanged. We exist to please God and help others do the same... We have cared for retired ministers and pastors just as the Baptist Homes has and God is present at Tri-County and our new ownership assures that He always will be."

A dedication celebration is being planned for later in September. You can reach Baptist Homes Tri-County at (573) 594-6467, awitte@ bhhm.org and the campus is located at 601 N Galloway Rd. Vandalia, MO 63382

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries is a distinctively Christian ministry called to joyfully serve in a Christlike manner by educating, advocating, and caring for the aging for the glory of God. BHHM provides contextualized care and support, from independent living to skilled nursing to hospice care across multiple campuses across Missouri. For more information, go to www.thebaptisthome.org or call (800) 736-6227.

Standing Firmly

Louisiana Priest Defies Effort To Regulate Speech



Montgomery Blair, the "tall, lean, hatchet-faced" attorney who served as Father John Cummings' lead counsel.

BY BRENT ENGEL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the fourth part in a story series by contributing writer Brent

Call it God's handiwork or simple fate, but Father John Cummings was in the right place at an otherwise discour-

The Louisiana priest returned home by steamboat from St. Louis just days after the Missouri Supreme Court rejected his claim that the state's 1865 loyalty oath was unconstitutional.

Cummings was among clergymen and other professionals who had been arrested, jailed and fined for refusing to say whether they'd supported the Confederacy during the Civil

One of the other passengers on the boat was Southern-born Union war hero and St. Louis attorney Frank Blair Jr., who was on his way to Hannibal to give a speech attacking the

Blair could not help Cum-

mings because he, too, had refused the vow. So, he offered to have his older oath-taking brother, Montgomery, appeal the cleric's case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Montgomery Blair was the perfect mouthpiece. Historian Richard Nelson Current called him "a tall, lean, hatchet-faced man" who was highly intelligent and unusually combative.

The West Point graduate and devoted abolitionist served in President Abraham Lincoln's cabinet, but sparred often with colleagues, military authorities and civilian leaders, once calling Union officers in command of the capital "poltroons" for their gutless-

Author Noah Brooks said Blair was "a restless mischiefmaker" who "was apparently never so happy as when he was in hot water or making it hot for others."

A rarity in Washington. Blair spoke bluntly and did not care if anyone disliked him. He had been part of the team that Scott's freedom. For doing so, Confederates burned his house during the war, but he remained convinced that the South was "ready for resurrec-

To help with the case, Blair called upon U.S. Sen. Reverdy Johnson of Maryland and David Dudley Field.

Johnson had drawn fame for his defense of notable suspects, including Lincoln assassination conspirator Mary Surratt. Field was a national judicial reformer and older brother of the Supreme Court's Stephen Johnson Field. Legal practices of the day did not require Justice Field to recuse himself.

Johnson had attacked previous loyalty oaths, saying the country "should not let our patriotism run wild." Field recalled that he had "searched in vain for anything in history so sweeping and severe.'

The case got national attention, and was heard on March 14, 15, 18 and 19, 1866.

David Field repeated the arguments made before the Missouri Supreme Court that the oath was unconstitutional because it retroactively criminalized actions that were legal when committed and declared suspects guilty without a trial. He asserted such pledges were indefensible.'

Field also addressed freedom of speech and religion, saying that allowing the pledge to stand would "open the door to the most flagrant invasions of private rights, and break down one of the great barriers of the Constitution."

In an ironic twist, Missouri

sought Missouri slave Dred U.S. Sen. John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana argued for the state. He had been among those who urged Cummings to appeal. Assisting Henderson was St. Louis lawyer George Perrine Strong.

Henderson reminded the justices that the vow had been approved by voters as part of a new constitution and declared the federal government had no right to interfere with the outcome. He also reiterated that the vow did not convict any-

While admitting the oath was "extraordinary, perhaps unprecedented," Henderson added its provisions were "no more extraordinary than the circumstances which called them into existence.'

A decision came on Jan. 14, 1867. Voting 5 to 4, the court declared the Missouri oath unconstitutional. Justice Field wrote for the majority.

Field said the vow was of "objectionable character" and "repugnant to the genius of our law." It tended to "subvert the presumption of innocence and alter the rules of evidence" that were "supposed to be fundamental and unchangeable."

Field did not specifically address the speech and religious freedom aspect of the case, but dissenting Justice Samuel Miller did.

Miller, a Lincoln supporter and abolitionist from Keokuk, Iowa, questioned expressions of the "inviolability of religious freedom in this country" and asserted that "the whole power over the subject of religion is left exclusively" to state gov-

\$1 Million Powerball Sold In Pike County

Powerball players who bought a ticket at FastLane, 720 N. Third St. in Louisiana. are encouraged to check their tickets closely.

A ticket purchased there for the Wednesday, Sept. 13, drawing matched all five white-ball numbers drawn, and its owner can now claim a \$1 million prize.

The winning numbers were 22, 30, 37, 44 and 45, with a Powerball number of 18.

The win marks the sixth time a Powerball "Match 5" prize has been won in Missouri so far in 2023. Overall, it's the 38th Missouri Lottery ticket worth \$1 million or more to be sold this year.



Honey Shuck Displays Uniforms

Dorothy Brown looks over a Navy uniform at Honey Shuck, the Bowling Green home of former presidential candidate and Speaker of the U.S. House Champ Clark. It's part of a collection of more than a dozen military uniforms from World War II to the present. Clark's son, Bennett, was a founder of the American Legion. The collection, arranged with the help of local veterans, was featured during the Champ Clark Heritage Festival Saturday, Sept. 9 and will be on display again from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The home is at 207 E. Champ Clark Drive in Bowling Green. There is no admission charge. More information is available on the Honey Shuck Facebook site or at www.champclark.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discover Nature This Season With MDC's Fall Color Report

mer, most are welcoming the fall season with open arms. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages people to enjoy fall foliage through camping, hiking, driving tours, or even floating. To help, MDC offers weekly online fall color updates from agency foresters all the state mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor.

"Our weekly fall color updates are a great resource for the public," said MDC Forestry Field Programs Supervisor Russell Hinnah. "Foresters begin posting reports in mid-September that show users where trees are beginning to turn and even suggest great places to see changing leaves.

Hinnah noted the drought experienced over the summer could affect this year's color.

"The dry conditions we saw this summer could cause trees to lose their leaves early or begin changing colors earlier than normal," he said. "This may affect the amount of fall color we see

The chilly evenings we see in the fall season are critical for leaves to change color.

"Sugars produced by photosynthesis are trapped inside leaves by the cool autumn nights," Hinnah explained. "Those sugars are the building blocks for the rich red, yellow, orange, and purple pigments. Chilly nights cause the breakdown of green pigments, allowing the fall colors to show through."

Missouri trees first begin changing color in the northern part of the state, then move southward. Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper are some of the earliest to change in mid-September. In late September, black gum, bittersweet, and dogwood are turning. The peak of fall color usually hits around mid-October.

"Trees like maple, ash, oak, and hickory are at the peak of their fall display by the middle of October," Hinnah noted. "Normally by the end of the

month, colors are fading and leaves are falling.'

Missouri's fall color can be enjoyed from almost anywhere. For spectacular vistas, choose routes along rivers with views of forested bluffs, and along ridges with sweeping scenes of forested landscapes.

"MDC conservation areas or Missouri state parks are wonderful places to take in the fall color," suggested Hinnah.

And fall color isn't just limited to trees. Prairies and roadsides display beautiful shades of gold, purple, olive, and auburn with autumn wildflowers, shrubs, and grasses. In cities and towns, enjoy places with mature trees such as older neighborhoods, parks, and even cemeter-

MDC provides its annual fall color update at mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor. The weekly reports include what species of trees are turning and suggestions on best places to see them. The updates run September through Novem-

Have A Large Evergreen That Needs Removed?

of Conservation (MDC) is conducting its annual search for a large Christmas tree for use on the governor's mansion lawn in Jefferson City. MDC is asking landowners, homeowners, businesses, and communities that may have possible candidate trees to contact the Department.

MDC is looking for a tree that is about 30 to 40 feet tall. The preferred species for the tree is eastern red cedar, Norway spruce, or white pine. The best candidates will be fully branched on all sides and easily accessible by large equipment.

The right tree may either be near the end of its life or may need to be removed for other reasons. Often evergreens are planted too close to

The Missouri Department homes and buildings and eventually grow too large for the space.

"Most of the trees we find were planted decades ago and have outgrown their space at the end of their life," says MDC Community Forestry Coordinator Russell Hinnah. "Having that tree displayed at the governor's mansion is a great way to share their beauty with thousands of Missourians who visit the mansion during the holidays."

Once the tree is selected, MDC staff will coordinate the cutting and delivery of the trees to the governor's mansion at no cost to the owners. The donor will receive a thank-you from the governor and an invitation to the lighting ceremony, which will take place on Friday, Dec. 1.

Hinnah asks people to take photos of candidate trees and them to holidaytrees@mdc.mo.gov. Be sure to include a contact telephone number, location of the tree, and several pictures taken from different angles and distances. Candidate tree nominations can also be submitted by mail to: Missouri Department of Conservation, ATTN: Mansion Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

All entries must be submitted by Oct 10. Full guidelines are available at mdc.mo.gov/ trees-plants/governors-mansion-christmas-tree-search. For more info or questions, contact MDC Communications Specialist Holly Dentner at 573-751-4115, ext. 3110.

MU Researcher Helps Boost Im mune System

When humans or animals get infected, the body's immune system tries to not only clear the infection but also build up a memory of the pathogen that caused it. So, when the pathogen comes around again for possible reinfection, the body has an army of memory T cells that can recognize and destroy it. These T cells are a critical part of immunological memory, and an important component of efficient

vaccines. Now, researchers at the University of Missouri are one step closer to making the T cell army stronger. In a recent study, conducted in the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health building, the researchers found that by manipulating one molecular signaling pathway in the T cells that participate in clearing influenza virus in the lungs, the strength and longevity of immunological mem-

ory produced can be improved.
This finding can potentially

support the future development of more effective vaccines and therapeutics to combat influenza and other respiratory infections with the ultimate goal of increasing the body's immunological memory, which can both prevent and lessen the severity of infections and reinfections.

Emma Teixeiro and Mark A. Daniels, associate professors in the MU School of Medicine, led the NIH-funded study, which involved unique mouse models of influenza infection.

Teixeiro added that T cells can recognize parts of viruses that do not mutate, so if researchers can better understand how to strengthen the T cells and extend the timeframe when they can do their job appropriately, the body's immune system will ultimately be better suited to fight against infection and lessen the severity.

While the influenza virus was the focus of this particular study, gaining knowledge of the underlying molecular mechanisms and signaling pathways that regulate memory in tissues can be helpful to improve therapeutics for patients with cancer, autoimmunity or other respiratory infections.

"By unveiling the biochemical and molecular secrets of these T cells, we can provide valuable information to other scientists who work on optimizing vaccine strategies," Teixeiro said. "The good news is there are already clinical treatments that do target this particular pathway we identified, so this study is a big step in the right direction, but we still have a long way to go.'

"IKK2/NFkB signaling controls lung resident CD8+ T cell memory during influenza infection" was recently published in Nature Communications. Coauthors on the study include Curtis J. Pritzl, Dezzarae Luera, Karin M. Knudson, Michael J. Quaney, Michael J. Calcutt and Mark A. Daniels.

MDC Asks Deer Hunters To Share The Harvest, Follow CWD Regulations

of Conservation (MDC) encourages deer hunters to share their harvests to help feed hungry Missourians. MDC also reminds deer hunters to have their deer tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and follow related regulations.

Missouri's deer season opens with archery hunting on Sept. 15 and runs through the close of the second archery portion on Jan. 15 with other hunting portions during this time. Get more on deer season portions and dates at mdc.mo.gov/huntingtrapping/species/deer.

SHARE THE HARVEST

MDC encourages deer hunters to share their harvests by donating surplus venison to the Share the Harvest program to help feed hungry Missourians. The donated deer meat goes to local food banks and food pantries to help feed hungry Missourians all around the state. To get Share the Harvest venison, contact local food banks or food pantries.

Donating is easy. Simply take harvested deer to an approved meat processor and let the processor know how much venison to donate. Meat-processing fees are covered entirely or in part by numerous local sponsors, along with statewide sponsors.

The program is administered by the Conservation Federation of Missouri and MDC and has provided nearly 5 million pounds of lean, healthy venison to help feed hungry Missourians since it was started in 1992.

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

deer meat.

Deer harvested from CWD Management Zone counties may only be donated to Share the Harvest if they are tested for CWD. Donations must go

to a meat processor participating in the Share the Harvest CWD Testing Program. Deer harvested outside of the CWD Management Zone do not need to be tested for donation to Share the Harvest and may be taken to any Share the Harvest processor.

For more information on Share the Harvest, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/share. FOLLOW CWD REGULA-TIONS

CWD is a deadly, infectious disease in deer and other members of the deer family (cervids) that eventually kills all animals it infects. There is no vaccine or cure. CWD is in Missouri and MDC continues its efforts to limit the spread of CWD by finding new cases as early as possible and managing the disease to slow its spread to more deer in more areas.

MDC's CWD Management Zone consists of counties where or near where CWD has been found. MDC has included 14 new counties as part of the CWD Management Zone this year: Bollinger, Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton, Dallas, Clay, Grundy, Jasper, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Pemiscot, Ray, and Schuyler.

As with all counties in the CWD Management Zone, grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable products used to attract deer are prohibited year-round. Hunters must also follow carcass transportation regula-The antler-point tions. restriction has also been removed from Caldwell, Carroll. Clinton, Grundy, Livingston, Montgomery, Ray, and Schuyler counties.

Hunters who harvest deer in select CWD Management Zone counties during Nov. 11-12 must take the deer (or Play or the App Store.

The Missouri Department urally lean, locally harvested its head) on the day of harvest to a mandatory CWD sampling station.

Hunters must also follow carcass-movement restrictions when bringing parts of harvested deer and other cervids into Missouri from another state. Learn more about CWD and related regulations and restrictions online at mdc.mo.gov/cwd.

CWD SAMPLING & TESTING ALL SEASON

As part of its efforts to find cases of CWD early and help slow its spread, MDC is again offering free voluntary CWD sampling and testing of harvested deer during the entire deer season at select locations throughout the state, including some MDC offices and participating taxidermists and meat processors.

MDC also offers self-service freezer drop-off locations within the CWD Management Zone for hunters to deposit harvested deer heads to have tested for CWD. Instructions, packing supplies, and information tags are available at the sites. Get more information on voluntary sampling and drop-off locations online mdc.mo.gov/cwd.

Hunters can get their CWD test results for free online at mdc.mo.gov/cwdResults. Results are usually available within four weeks or less from the time of sampling.

GET MORE INFORMATION Get more information on deer hunting in Missouri from online mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer and from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations

and Information booklet,

available online and where

permits are sold. Buy Missouri hunting per-

mits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/permits through MDC's free mobile app, MO Hunting, available for download through Google

Van Horn Graduates From College

Shawn Van Horn of Foley was among the 540 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August.

He earned a master of science in ISYE-engineering management.



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Vandalia Library To Host Annual Origami Contest

Mexico-Audrain Oct. 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. The County Library District Vandalia Branch will hold its 4th Annual Origami Contest on Wednesday, Sept.20, Tuesday, Oct. 24 by 5 p.m.

World Come celebrate Origami Days with the Vandalia Branch Library Oct. 24-Nov. 10.

Contest is open to all ages;

No library card needed. Under 18 years old parents or legal guardians have to sign

your entry form. Must be your own work. Sign up starts Sept. 20 and

runs through Oct. 24. No entries accepted after

Voting starts Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 10.

Winner will be called by Nov.17.





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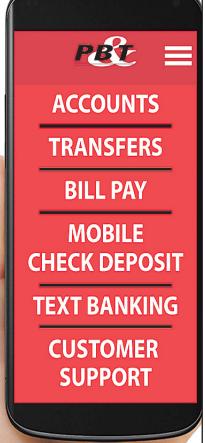
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From The Mayor's Desk...

Rail Safety Week is September 18-24, 2023. Every 3 hours in the United States a person or vehicle is hit by a train. More than 60% of collisions occur at equipped crossings with lights and/or gates according to the National League of Cities. A grant was written for these very safety features for Bowling JIM ARICO, IVIATOR CITY OF BOWLING GREEN Green. No news at this



point. However, a grant was written for the Pike County Genealogy Society and Museum and was awarded \$10,000 for digitalization, guest speakers on various historical topics, computer classes on starting genealogy searching, (another class is on September 21), and other up-

grades. Thank you, Missouri Humani-A CVS pharmacy health survey finds more than 2/3's of America will get a flu shot but less than 32% will receive the recently approved CDC/FDA covid shot according to AARP. Our Pike County Health Department will offer drive-thru shots on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2-6 p.m., for flu and Covid vaccines. They are also celebrating "Emergency Preparedness Month" with weekly winners for taking their survey. Enter now>PIKECOUNTYHEALTH.ORG.

Pike County Memorial Hospital will

offer these shots on September 27 at

their Bowling Green Clinic. Insurance

is accepted. A great deal of construction is going on around our fine city with single dwelling houses, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and two sites at our outstanding Bowling Green Schools. It is exciting to see development and progress. Our Schools have been a major attraction as they are bringing in new families and students, providing outstanding athletic opportunities from the football, softball, cross country fields to girls' volleyball courts. FFA continues to be active and are still selling mums while academic achievements are reached in the classrooms.

New water and sewer lines have been installed along West Locust and some adjacent streets. Weather permitting and

no further problems should allow for paving of Locust to MFA and Kincade in late September.

Gas and other commodities continue to rise because the "supply just isn't there" according to Consumer Affairs. Inflation roared back in August influenced by gas prices. The Social Security Administration will be announcing the final rate in October for 2024. The SSA uses the inflation gauge to set the annual COLA, (Cost of Living Adjustments). 2023's increases soared to their highest levels in four decades due to in-

Quoting Elevate Realty, the average selling price of homes in Bowling Green in August 2023 was \$202,500, which is a large increase compared to August 2022 when it was \$146,500. However, it is a decrease in average prices compared to July 2023 when the average was \$252,500. When there is a shortage of anything, demand forces price increases.

Please remember we live in an imperfect world, and we should not judge or remember people by their past faults and imperfections. If you must judge, judge by the character of the person currently and not how they were many

This Season's COVID-19 Vaccine Is Available

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and a meeting among the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended everyone six months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 illness this fall and winter.

Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna is available in locations throughout Missouri.

Those who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past two months can get an updated vaccine for protection this fall and winter.

"Just as in the previous years, the State of Missouri will not require anyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19; that's not our role," said Paula F. Nickelson, director of the Missouri Department of Health and

Following approval from the Senior Services. "We work to ensure Missourians have access to factual information about the vaccines and access to vaccines themselves if they choose. We encourage each individual to discuss vaccination with their medical provider.'

> Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19related hospitalization and death, especially for individuals over age 65 or with weakened immune systems. Vaccination also reduces your chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop during or following acute infection and last for an extended du-

> Most Missourians can still receive a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost. Most health insurance plans will cover COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to the recipient. Individuals who do not have health insurance or with health plans that do not cover the cost can get a free vaccine

from local public health agencies, select Federally Qualified Health Centers and pharmacies (including Walgreens and CVS) participating in the CDC's Bridge Access Program. Children eligible for the Vaccines for Children program also may receive the vaccine from a provider enrolled in that pro-

This year marks the first fall and winter virus season where vaccines are available for the three viruses responsible for most hospitalizations - COVID-19, RSV and flu. In addition, DHSS encourages individuals to minimize virus spread by staying home when sick, practicing good handwashing and seeking testing when ill to identify the infection for better protection of one's family, coworkers and community.

To learn more or to locate a vaccine provider, MOStopsCovid.com.

Community Calendar...

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

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MDC Wants Feathers From Fall Turkey Hunters

The Missouri Department of Form and more information Conservation (MDC) is again from asking Missouri turkey hunters to save and share feathers from the wild turkeys they harvest this fall. Hunters who harvest a turkey during the archery season (Sept. 15-Nov. 10 and Nov. 22-Jan. 15, 2024) or the fall firearms season (Oct. 1-31) are asked to mail feathers from their turkeys to MDC using a postage-paid envelope from MDC.

The feathers will help MDC scientists improve research models used to monitor turkey population trends and estimate turkey numbers across the state.

MDC instructs turkey hunters to save the 9th and 10th primary wing feathers and 3-5 breast feathers (see diagram) from harvested turkeys after Telechecking.

For a Feather Submission

MDC. mdc.mo.gov/huntingtrapping/species/turkey/fallturkey-feather-submission.

"Once hunters have signed up for the program and Telechecked a turkey, we will mail them a feather submission packet containing additional instructions and a postage-paid envelope for the feathers to be placed inside and mailed back to MDC," explained MDC Turkey Biologist Nick Oakley. "Hunters will receive one packet for each turkey they harvest during the fall seasons, so please be sure to keep each turkey's feathers separate and labeled with the correct Telecheck ID."

Hunters can email the MDC Wild Turkey Management Program with questions at wildturkey@mdc.mo.gov.

Silex FFA Members Find Success At State Fair

The Silex FFA Chapter had and Tyler Twellman achieved many members exhibit this year at the Missouri State Fair. The exhibitors were able to compete against the best of the best in the state of Missouri. Competing in the Missouri State Fair helps further develop leadership, responsibility, and work ethic skills to help the members succeed.

Silex was well represented by the hard work of all the member's projects. Kylee Dameron won Champion FFA shorthorn steer. Class winner on foot carcass steer, Champion FFA shorthorn plus bull, Reserve champion FFA shorthorn plus heifer, and Reserve Champion open shorthorn plus heifer. Avery Twellman won Reserve Simmental Bull. Braden Havlik won the Mizzou sheep and goat Livestock Breeding Contest. In the exhibition hall, Abagail Mooney won grand champion fruit with her homegrown blackberries

a gold ribbon on his box blade project. Among those accomplishments we had many members get a gold rating on their plants.

While members were showing their livestock the Silex FFA had members also participate in Food Insecurity Day. Members from all across Missouri came to the state fair to pack over 160,000 meals. The following FFA members joined with chapters from around the state in packing meals for the annual food insecurity day at the state fair: Hayley Gruenewald, Braden Havlik, James Cockrell, Claire Kinion, Klaire Thoroughman, Mckenna Claborn, Kyliegh Graddy, Sam Grateke, and Brita Benton.

The Missouri FFA Association is a youth organization of over 800,500 student members preparing for leadership and

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OBITUARIES



Judith Anne "Judy" Suddarth, 71 of Vandalia died at her home on Sept. 11, 2023. Judy finished her journey in this life surrounded by her friends and family.

Services were Friday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Visitation was at 10 a.m., with the service to follow at 12 p.m., with the Rev. Bob Hoehn officiating. Interment followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

Judy was born in Louisiana on Nov. 5, 1951 to Gerald and Betty Smith. Judy had two sisters, Barbara and Jeri. Judy and Ron were married in her family home in Louisiana on Sept. 20, 1980. Judy graduated from Louisiana High School in 1969. She continued her education receiving a cosmetology degree from Quincy Beauty Academy.

Judy worked as a cosmetologist for 46 years, owning her own business in Louisiana, The Magic Mirror. Judy was dedicated to her clients and loved spending time with them sharing stories and making them feel beautiful. Judy worked side by side with her long-time business partner, Jene Keller, whom she cared for deeply. She worked with many of her clients for decades, even styling them after they passed, as one final act of love. Judy was also a member of Business and Professional Women of Louisiana.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her "Mimi time" with her grandchildren, and her "sister time" with Barbara and Jeri. She also greatly enjoyed her time with friends traveling, especially her friends at Sleepy Hollow in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Judy started each day with a cup of coffee, and she loved ending her day with a glass of wine or margarita with friends. One of Judy's favorite activities with friends was antiquing at her own pace, to be sure not to miss any great deals, especially on her beloved chickens. She loved the color pink, leopard print, and completing word searches in her free time. She was meticulous about recycling, always mentioning that she needed to leave the world a better place for her grandkids.

Judy is survived by her husband, Ronald "Ron" Suddarth 1ly. of Vandalia; a son, Derek Suddarth and wife, JaLee of Bloomington, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Shonda Moran and husband, Chad of Columbia; granddaughter, Collins Suddarth and grand-dog Clifton, of Bloomington, Ill.; a grandson, Cannon Moran and granddaughter, Presley Moran, both of Columbia; two sisters, Barbara Dulle and husband, Jim of Maryville, Ill., and Jeri Smith of Louisiana; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Janice and Donald Hayden of Blue Springs; three nephews, Nathan Love and wife, Shelby, Steven Love and wife, Thressa and their children, Cooper and Lacey Love, and Jeffrey Love.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Betty Smith, an uncle, Harry Smith, and a nephew, Jon Bergman.

Pallbearers were Nathan Love, Steven Love, Jeffrey Love, Jim Hulse, Steve Brookshier, and Cannon Moran. Honorary pallbearer was Donald Hayden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House in Judy's honor, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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

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Aisha Paola Ezeta

Aisha Paola Ezeta, 23, of Vandalia died Sunday, Sept. 10,

A family-hosted graveside service was held at 5 p.m., Saturday at the Vandalia Cemetery.

Aisha was born Feb. 26, 2000, in Mobile, Ala., the daughter of Samuel Ezeta and Brandy Warren.

include Survivors mother, Brandy Poulin of Vandalia; her stepfather, John Poulin; grandparents, Donna Kelley and husband, Billy of Vernon, Ala., and Ray Warren and wife, Nancy of Vandalia; two half sisters, Hayleigh Ezeta-Efird of Arkansas and Ariana Watson of Florida; an aunt, Kristin Warren of Beaverton, Ala.; her cousin, Cason Warren of Beaverton, Ala.; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of best friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Ezeta and grandparents, Roy and Zana Hogue and Arvil and Ethel War-

Aisha was a Christian by faith and 2018 graduate of Van-Far High School. She enjoyed working with children teaching them to swim and was working on becoming an EMT. She enjoyed beading, flowers and collecting unique rocks. Most of all she enjoyed her cat Mori and spending time with her many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made for the family of Aisha, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO

Janet Bufford

Graveside services for Janet Louise Murry Bufford were held Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana. The Rev. Merkel of Morning Star Fellowship Church of Bowling Green offi-

She died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 at Troy Manor in Troy.

Janet was born July 23, 1943 in Pike County to Hervy D. and Mary R. Patrick Murry. She married Donald O. Bufford April 4, 1975 in Mississippi.

She was a homemaker, loved to cook and truly loved her fam-

She is survived by her hus-

band; a daughter; two granddaughters and many nieces and nephews.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Gene, George and Robert Murry; a sister, Patsy R. Wallace; and one daughter, Sherry

Pallbearers were Russell Murry, Rodney Hays, Randy Hays, Darryl Day, Dustin Day, and Jordan Day.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.



Cathy Sue

Cathy Sue Turner, 65, of Columbia died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at the University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

There are no services planned at this time, the family will host a memorial service at a later date

Cremation arrangements are being handled by the Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.



Joyce Botts Joyce Botts, 83, of Vandalia,

formerly of Hannibal died Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at the Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home. Bro. Kenny Haddock will officiate. Burial will be in the Lick Creek Cemetery in rural Perry.

Visitation celebrating Joyce's life will be held 10 a.m., until the time of the service Wednesday at the Waters Funeral Home.

A full obituary will be published in next week's People's

Little Ones

A son. Leo Caillin, was born July 10, 2023 to Sam and Angie Sullivan of Silex He weighed 5 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Ed and MaryAnna Sick of Bowling Green and Mike and RoseAnn Sullivan of Silex Siblings include a brother, Luke of New Mexico, Johnathan, Sophia, Daniel, Lydia, Dennis, Timothy, Analise, Thomas, and Lena of Silex

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