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Clopton Invitational Is This Week

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The 2023 Clopton Hawk Invitational Basketball Tournament begins just after the New Year's holiday. This year, the boys and girls brackets will both start on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The girls' games will kick off the tournament earlier in the day starting at 1 p.m.

In the high school gym, top-seeded Clopton will play (8) Mark Twain at 1 p.m. followed by (4) Winfield taking on (5) Silex at 2:30 p.m. The Lady Hawks have been having a solid season so far with 6-2 record as of this writing. They look to start off the tournament strong against the 1-7 Mark Twain.

The 4-5 Lady Owls are looking to improve with a repeat performance of their 76-52 win over 5-2 Winfield prior to the holiday break.

In the middle school gym, (2) Elsberry will face (7) Wright City. The Lady Indians are 4-4 as of this writing and looking to build momentum at the Peoples Bank and Trust Shootout just prior to the Clopton tourney. They'll face an evenly matched 4-4 Wright City at 1 p.m.

That game is followed by (3) Monroe City squaring off with (6) Louisiana. The Lady Bulldogs are 3-6 for the season after facing some tough teams early in the season and taking a loss against North Point at the PB&T Shootout. They look to bounce back against the 2-6 Lady Panthers.

The boys' games immediately follow the ladies on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

In the high school gym, top-seeded home team Clopton goes up against (8) Mark Twain at 4 p.m. The Hawks are looking like a solid contender to reclaim the championship title this year. They're going into the tournament with a three-game winning streak and a 6-2 record as of this writing.

Following that game, (4) Louisiana takes on (5) Wright City. The 2-7 Bulldogs will be looking to break a six-game losing streak against the 5-4 Wright City with the game scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

In the middle school gym, (2) Monroe City will square off against (7) Silex at 4 p.m. Silex goes into the tournament with a 2-6 record with a tough first round against the 6-3 Panthers.

That game is followed by (3) Winfield battling (6) Elsberry. Elsberry claimed last year's championship hardware and will be looking to turn around 3-8 season starting with a win at the PB&T shootout over New Haven. The Indians will face the 4-5 Winfield Warriors starting at 5:30 p.m.

The girls semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 in the high school and middle school gyms respectively with games scheduled for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The consolation game will take place on Friday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m., the third-place game following at 6:30 p.m., and the championship at 8 p.m.

The boys semifinals will be on Thursday, Jan. 4 in the high school and middle school gyms with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Their championship games will be played on Saturday, Jan. 6. The consolation game starts at 1 p.m., the third-place game will take place at 2:30 p.m. and the championship will be played at 4 p.m.

Gov. Parson Appoints Rothermich As Associate Circuit Judge

Last week, Governor Mike Parson announced he has appointed Abbie Rothermich as Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit.

Rothermich, of Kansas City, is an assistant attorney general in the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

She holds bachelors of arts in classics and English from Truman State University-Kirksville and a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of the Honorable Jessica Agnelly Krawczyk as Circuit Judge.

Rothermich was valedictorian of the class of 2003 at Van-Far High School and is the daughter of Kerry and Connie Hesse of Farber.



Abbie Rothermich

Among The Last

Pike County Man Outlives Most Civil War Vets

By Brent Engel
Contributing Writer

He loved the ladies, whiskey, chewing tobacco and good conversation.

A Pike County native who left the Confederate army due to illness ended up living longer than any of his Missouri comrades – and just about everyone else who fought in the Civil War.

John Thomas Graves was born at what is now Eolia on New Year's Day 1842. The last of the state's rebels, he died of heart failure at age 108 on May 9, 1950.

The Graves family was one of many in the Prairieville neighborhood with Southern sympathies. His Virginia-born father, James, was a miner, farmer and tobacco plantation overseer.

At the outset of war, Graves joined a Confederate company commanded by Harvard-educated John Bullock Clark Jr., the son of a U.S. Congressman. He and other soldiers joined Gen. Sterling Price for a huge battle at Lexington in September 1861.

For Graves, the Confederate victory was short-lived. He was discharged for unspecified medical reasons in January 1862.

Over the years, Graves would work as a farmer, store owner and construction contractor in addition to owning mines in the West. He and his wife, Addie Ann Ray Graves, had two sons.

Five years after Addie died in 1924, Graves applied for residency at the Confederate Soldiers Home of Missouri, which opened through donations in 1891 at Higginsville.

The application was denied because Graves' income was too high, but he finally was accepted in 1933.

Women who visited were told to be on the lookout because Graves would plant a kiss on their cheeks if he got a chance. Staff once caught a 102-year-old Graves in the room of another veteran's widow.

Though toothless late in life, he remained nimble and energetic until almost the end. Birthdays were festive affairs. "He took a bit of cake and ice cream, but did not let it spoil his daily round of eight

highballs and huge fistfuls of chewing tobacco," wrote author Richard A. Serrano.

Upon his death, Graves was buried in the home's cemetery with more than 800 other soldiers and family members. The house was torn down, but the grounds were established in 1952 as the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

Pleasant Crump of Alabama is the last verifiable Confederate veteran. He died at 104 on Dec. 31, 1951. Albert Woolson of Minnesota, who passed at 106 on Aug. 2, 1956, is the last Union Army vet.

Graves had followed America's progress intently during World War II. He was particularly interested in the atomic bomb, which he called "the devil's instrument."

Having participated in the nation's most deadly war, the veteran had some advice.

"The best thing that all nations can do today is to let well enough alone to keep peace," he said shortly before his last birthday.



Basye Portrait Donation

Don Hamilton and Bowling Green Mayor Jim Arico are pictured presenting a John Basye portrait to superintendent Matt Fredrickson for the new school library addition during the November board of education meeting.



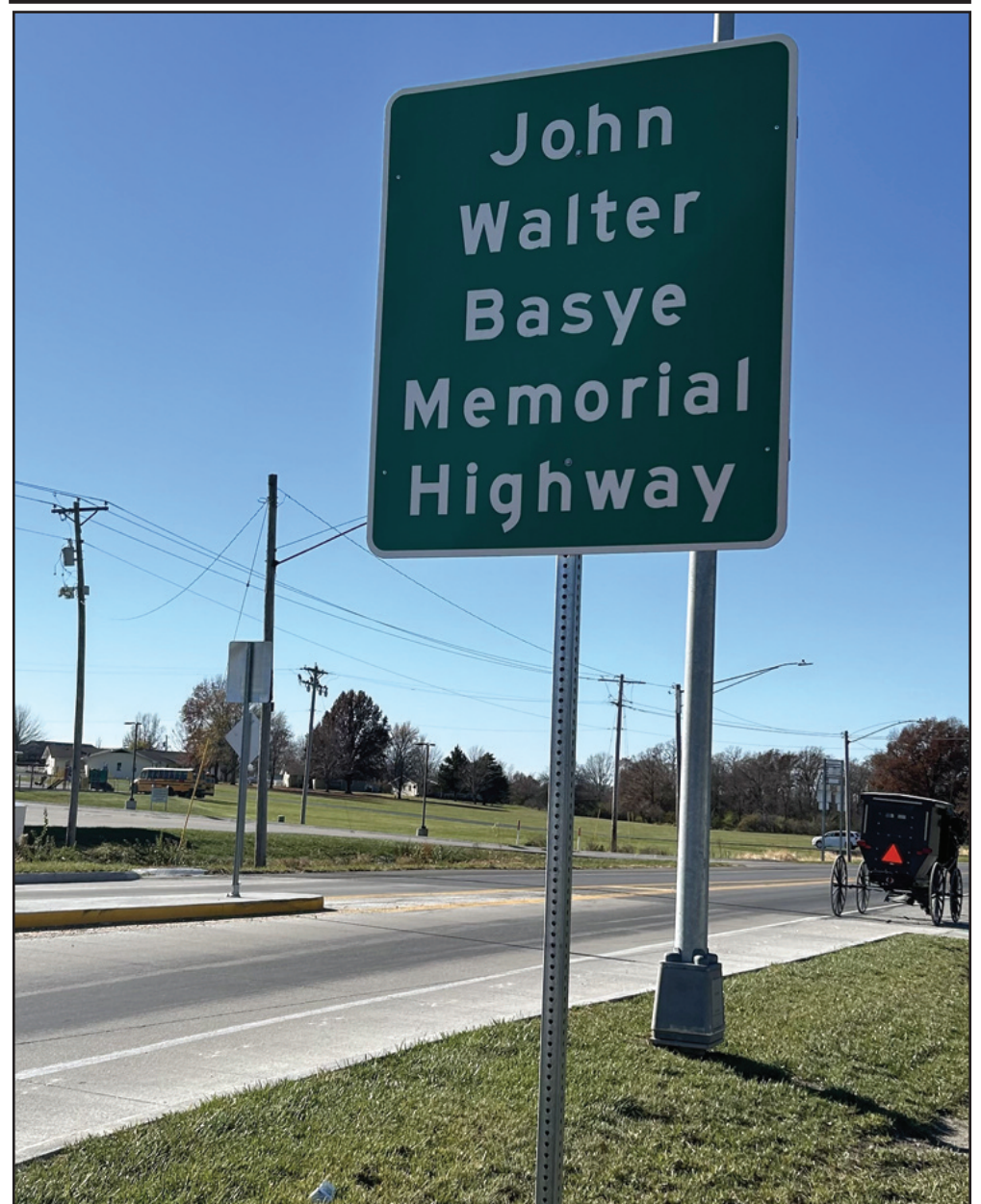
A Ringing Success

The Pike County Christmas bell-ringing campaign sponsored by the Salvation Army, NECAC, Bowling Green Walmart and Louisiana County Market raised almost \$12,000 between Nov. 24 and Dec. 24. Pictured is NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon ringing at Walmart. Local organizations and individuals provided additional ringing. Eighty-five percent of the money – a little over \$10,000 – will stay in Pike County to help the disadvantaged.



Record-Breaker

NECAC Public Relations Officer Brent Engel broke his personal record of ringing for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Engel put in 28 hours during the month-long campaign, up from 25 hours a few years ago. Milder weather helped, although Engel did ring on days when it was cold and rainy. He and other volunteers helped bring in almost \$12,000 in donations.



Basye Memorial Signs

For the past month a John Basye memorial highway sign is now up near the court street/161 roundabout and one is also up near the city limits sign by the airport. Don Hamilton commented that they were not the two legged horizontal signs that the Bicentennial paid for and were promised by the state, that Chad Perkins showed at the Bicentennial opening, but at least we have something to remember John Basye. Thanks again to the Bicentennial committee and Representative Chad Perkins for pushing through with the project. It took nearly two years working with the state highway department to compete the entire project.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Debbie Marshall

January Library Book Review

DROWNING: THE RESCUE OF FLIGHT 1421
BY T. J. NEWMAN
REVIEWED BY DEBBIE MARSHALL, CIRCULATION ASSISTANT, VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY

Just minutes after takeoff, Flight 1421 crashes into the Pacific Ocean. While the flight attendants are getting the emergency exits open, passengers panic. In their hurry to reach the exits, they end up shoving a flight attendant out of the plane! One of the engines explodes while they are evacuating causing 12 passengers to close the doors of the plane hoping they can make it airtight so it will float; but it sinks anyway. Now it is up to the rescue team to find a way to save the passengers.

This is the story of the passengers trapped in the plane, and the rescue crew trying to save them. You learn to love and hate some of the characters, cheer and cry. The story was exciting; in some parts, characters do use foul language.



Lindsey Eick

THE UPSIDE OF FALLING
BY ALEX LIGHT
REVIEWED BY LINDSEY EICK, CATALOGER, MEXICO-AUDRAIN COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Becca Hart has not believed in true love in a very long time. When her former best friend teases her for not having a boyfriend, she impulsively pretends she has been secretly seeing someone. While in the midst of her lie, Brett Wells, captain of the football team and one of the most popular people in school, overhears her and decides to step in as Becca's mystery man. This seems to be the perfect solution for both of them: he gets people off his back for not having a meaningful relationship and she can keep up the deception that she has a boyfriend.

What they both did not count on was how difficult it would be portraying the perfect couple, especially when they barely know each other. But with Becca still dealing with her faith in love years after her parents' divorce and Brett dealing with the current destruction of his parents' own relationship, they may have more in common than they both realize. As this "fake relationship" begins to pave way to a real relationship, Becca and Brett must question if they want to pursue true love and leave the lies and deception behind or make a clean break of one another.

This book is perfect for teens that love a feel-good romance with a happy ending. This book is perfect for grades 9-12 and for fans of Jenny Han.

Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Holds December Meeting

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The November meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Correspondence included a letter from the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., requesting donations towards their Centennial projects fund and thank you letters from Missouri Veterans' Home, Mexico, Assistance League for donations to bingo games and to the Adopt-a-Veteran program for Robert Clithero, Kenneth McDonald, Harley Bagley and Bill Ehrlich.

Treasurer Judy Hull reported that veterans at the local Baptist Home were receiving Christmas gifts as well as the Missouri Veterans' Home local residents. The veterans at the Baptist Home are Ralph Dillard, Ron Hickerson, and Bob Stockland. Joy Davis presented cut flower arrangements in seasonal holders for Auxiliary members Vivian Davis and Donna DeTienne at Baptist Home, Leona Goodman at

Teal Lake Assisted Living in Mexico, and Katherine Stewart at her home.

During the business meeting Joy Davis moved that a \$25 donation be sent to the VFW National Home for their Centennial Fund. Lionel Shaw seconded the motion that passed. A revision to the Standing Rule #7 was moved by Joy Davis and seconded by Judy Hull. The revised Standing Rule passed unanimously. Rule #7 now reads, "In September the treasurer will send to the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico and to local care facilities \$60 per year per veteran for the Adopt-a-Veteran Program."

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The five members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galoway, Judy Hull, Lionel Shaw and Victoria Shaw.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Planned MoDOT Roadwork

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northeast Missouri region for the next few weeks.

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

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

Audrain County
Business Route 54 - Jan. 2,

LANE RESTRICTION for grading ditches from Christy Street to Van-diver Street in Mexico between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Route JJ - Jan. 3-4, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 808 to CR 812 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Missouri Route 151 - Jan. 5, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 116 to CR 132 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Lincoln County
U.S. Route 61 (Northbound) - Jan. 3, LANE RESTRICTION for clean-up following a recent traffic incident from just north of Missouri Route 47 exit at Troy extending 1.0 mile north between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Route H - Jan. 10, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Rt HH to Big Creek Lane between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Route Y - January 11, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Vermont Lane to Louisiana Trail between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Work with us in the work zone! Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel. With an increased number of highway work zones in Missouri, we urge all drivers to pay attention every second while driving, especially through a work zone. Be informed of your route by checking the MoDOT Traveler Information Map before you leave to see if you will encounter any work zones.

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We would like to thank everyone the cards, donations, memorials, and calls in memory of Jim Leverenz.
A special thanks to the staff at Country View, Pike County Home Health, Angi and Ryan at Bibb-Veach, Fr. Lou Dorn for the memorial Mass and the St. Clement Ladies' Sodality for the delicious meal.
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Gary & Stacy Leverenz & Family
Jeff & Michelle Leverenz & Family
Gene Leverenz & Family
Danny & Holly Leverenz & Family

Public Auction
Saturday, Jan. 6 - 10 a.m.
LOCATION: LOCATION: Mexico Elks Lodge, 1705 Christopher Road, Mexico, MO 65265
Real Estate: Lot 1 - 721 W. Monroe, Mexico, MO 65265, 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Kitchen, Laundry Family Room, Dining and Living Room. Has Detached Garage.
Lot 2 - 716 W. Love St., Mexico, MO 65265. Located directly behind Lot 1. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Living Room and Dining Room with a detached garage and 1 outbuilding.
Lot 3 - consists of both lots 1 & 2.
Guns: H&R 922 Revolver, Ruger Single 6 .22, 1960 New Army 44cal, H&R 22 Revolver, Darringer style pistol.
Household: Pig Cookie Jars, Banks, & Pitchers (Smiley & Shawnee), 2 China Cabinets FULL of Fenton Glass plus more, Steuben Glass, Coke Trays, A&W Mugs, Star X Coca-Cola bottle opener still in box, Roseville, Glass paperweights, Oak China Cabinet, Curio Cabinets and more!
Coins: Morgan dollars, 1882 CC Morgan UC, 1922 \$20 Gold Piece, 1905 S \$20 Liberty Gold Coin, Patriots v Sea Hawks 2015 Gold Coin, A Lot of Silver Rounds, Silver Bars, Silver Coins, Kennedy Halves, Franklin Halves, Eisenhower Dollars, Mercury Dimes and much more! Proof sets and Mint Sets. List will be on website. Washington Silver Qtrs. Collectors Set, North Am Legends Bucks and Bulls Silver coin collections.
Mexico, MO Memorabilia: AP Green collectibles, 1948 MU Championship Bracelet, Lots of Coca-Cola bottles, Milk Bottles, RC bottles, AP Green mini bricks, Kaiser Refractories mini bricks, and much more not listed.
Auctioneer's Note: Arthur & Janice collected an array of items and Arthur was a very avid collector of Mexico, MO memorabilia, coins & currency.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, February 17, 2024, 9 am
KC Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon St., Montgomery City, MO
Lunch will be served.
This auction features the
Collection of John Sitton of Louisiana, MO.
John was a long-time State Farm Insurance Agent and owned the Save-A-Lot Grocery Store in Pittsfield, Illinois. John is 86 years young and has made the decision to sell his huge collection of coins, guns, ammo, and other items. There will be over 200 Morgan and Peace Dollars, lots of Silver Half-Dollars; over 500 ozs. of Bullion Silver; 50 Rolls of Unc. Presidential Dollars; many Proof Sets and other Coin Sets-Gold.
There will be an **Outstanding Collection** of Winchester Pump .22 cal. Rifles, Also 8 Remington Nylon 66; a Winchester Model 70 243 Featherlite. John bought a lot of long guns, new and only shot them enough to sight them in. All guns are in mint condition. There will be Browning, Winchester, Remington, Savage, Marlin, Henry and Ruger in long guns. Also a huge collection of Colt, Python, Ruger, S & W, Kimber and many other hand guns John bought new and most are still NIB. Lots of knives and ammo.
Also selling a collection of Aladdin Lamps and Butter Churns-a collection of Crocks, approx 40 pcs. Plus our normal run of other items.
Make plans to attend this huge Collection Auction. Due to security reasons the gun and coin collection will not be on site until morning of auction. We will be open for Preview at 6:30 a.m. We already have 2 other huge collections consigned for our Spring, April 27, 2024 Auction, along with several tractors, trailers, and golf carts already consigned.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

As we usher in a new year filled with promise and possibilities, on behalf of the City of Bowling Green and its Mayor, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for being an integral part of our City in 2023. You fostered working together, a drive for positive change, and advocating for the betterment of Bowling Green. Together, we have accomplished beautification, better roads, more special events and activities, updating, and replacing water and sewer lines, and upgrading and expanding our Municipal Airport as part of many new and expanded businesses. Together, we have experienced growth and progress in "Show Me the Potential of Bowling Green."



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

The number three most surveyed challenge for U. S. City Mayors is ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I've written in the last two weeks that the National League of Cities surveyed mayors across America in all sizes of cities, towns, and villages where the number one and two major spending points were INFRASTRUCTURE #1 and SAFETY #2. Economic Development especially for smaller towns "is a vital component of urban planning and policy making." (NLC). Higher wages for retaining workers, recruiting, benefits and other amenities, plus a smaller work force, have hindered small rural towns in seeking new producers and manufacturers. Yet, many producers and manufacturers are moving out of bigger cities where taxes are higher, greater crime and destruction rates,

while looking to an area that has a greater work ethic in small town America, looking for progressive areas where transportation, recreation, housing, and traditional American values are being upheld, and opportunities for all ethnic groups are welcomed. (This part describes Bowling Green, correct!). Job production, thanks to Bowling Green businesses, contractors, investors, farmers, ranchers, and entrepreneurs have invested back into our community. Thank You! Amazingly, National

League of Cities states, "parks and recreation facilities and their programs are a wise strategy for fostering economic growth and competitiveness in a city." "People will move into your city if they offer health and wellness plus parks and recreation opportunities." This is a challenge for us, Bowling Green, to invest and build a recreational facility(s) that reach the needs of children, youth, families, young adults, senior citizens, individuals of all ages.

National, State, and local governments are often compelled to innovate/build/expand out of necessity. Limited budgets, staffing, hiring specialist-like grant writers—simply are not in the scope or risk-taking for small towns. So, who motivates our cities to think creatively and propel our small towns beyond mediocrity? It's our mayors, city administrators, city councils, and local citizens! It takes a village! It only takes one person to have an idea and the initiative to share it with others that will support and push for adoption. It only takes a neighborhood group to ignite a city for betterment.

Have a very joyous New Year!

State Awards More Than \$7.9 Million In ARPA Funding To Expand Cell Service

The Department of Economic Development (DED) announced today that it has awarded a total of more than \$7.9 million through the second round of the Cell Towers Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to 14 projects to construct new towers that provide quality cellular service and greater 911 connectivity to high-cost areas. The program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is focused on investing in the expansion of cellular service statewide.

"This second round of funding awarded through the Cell Towers Grant Program will further promote economic growth and public safety statewide," said Governor Mike Parson. "As we continue to improve Missouri's critical infrastructure, including cellular service, we appreciate the efforts of the Office of Broadband Development. As a result of this program, thousands of locations lacking adequate coverage will now receive quality, reliable cellular connectivity."

Projects receiving funds through the Cell Towers Grant Program's second round are expected to serve more than 18,000 high-need locations that previously lacked quality cellular service. The program, administered by DED's Office of Broadband Development, was launched in May 2023 and awarded competitive grants to applicants who also contributed private funding in addition to grant funds. Each project awarded through this round will result in the construction of one cellular tower, for a total of 14 new

towers built statewide.

"Cellular connectivity is a must-have in today's economy, and we're grateful to help deliver this necessity to areas needing it most," said Michelle Hataway, Acting Director of the Department of Economic Development. "Thanks to partnerships with providers statewide, this grant program is helping Missourians prosper by ensuring that more businesses, communities, and families can get connected."

DED opened the second round of funding through the Cell Towers Grant Program on October 20, 2023. The entirety of the \$20 million appropriated by Governor Parson and the General Assembly has now been awarded to eligible providers and tower owners for the construction of new towers.

"We're thrilled to have awarded all of the \$20 million available through the Cell Towers Grant Program," said BJ Tanksley, Director of the Office of Broadband Development. "While there remains plenty of work to be done, today's announcement is a major step forward in enhancing cellular coverage to the hardest-to-serve areas of our state. Our team is as committed as ever to ensuring we build on progress made and meet our goal of connecting all Missourians."

Details on recipients of the Cell Towers Grant Program—Round 2 are available here.

To learn more about DED's ARPA-funded grant programs, visit ded.mo.gov/arpa.

About the Office of Broadband Development

The Office of Broadband

Development (OBD) is focused on addressing broadband availability and non-infrastructure barriers to full participation in the digital economy in Missouri by working with providers, communities, and stakeholders to expand and accelerate broadband deployment across the state. OBD's Connecting All Missourians initiative includes an extensive public engagement process to inform plans for programs funded by the Digital Equity Act (DEA) and the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, both part of the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA).

To learn more about the Office of Broadband Development or its programs and initiatives, visit DED's website.

About the Missouri Department of Economic Development

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) works to create an environment that encourages economic growth by supporting Missouri's businesses and diverse industries, strengthening our communities, developing a talented and skilled workforce, and maintaining a high quality of life. As one team built around the customer and driven by data, DED aspires to be the best economic development department in the Midwest. Through its various initiatives, DED is helping create opportunities for Missourians to prosper.

For the latest updates on DED's current or future programs and initiatives, visit DED's website.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling

324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Jan. 11: Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce 52nd annual awards banquet will be held at the Pike County Fairgrounds. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. All are invited to join us for our annual celebration, including the recognition of many through the Citizen of the Year and Best of Bowling Green awards, a silent auction, installation of board members, and more. Drawing of the "Fill the Freezer" raffle winner that night, too. Music by Michael Moore. Dinner by Karen's Catering. Tickets for the banquet available online or through Sarah at the Chamber office, 573-324-3733. Raffle tickets available from any board member, online, or through the office. Please note there is no regular January member meeting.

Learn Where To See Bald Eagles In Missouri

Seeing a bald eagle in the wild is always a head-turning occurrence. Bald eagles can be seen across Missouri in winter, but some locations have better eagle-viewing prospects than others.

People wanting to learn more about where to see bald eagles in Missouri at this time of year should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Where Can I - See Bald Eagles." This free virtual program will be Jan. 10 from noon-12:30 p.m. The program is being put on by the staff of MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin. It is part of the Shoal Creek staff's "Where Can I?" series of programs, which will be held the second Wednesday of each month. The Jan. 10 program is open to all ages. People can register at: <https://mdc-event->

web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/196578

At this program, MDC Administrative Assistant Tim Smith will have information about bald eagles and will also discuss where you can see them in Missouri during winter.

MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center is located at 201 W. Riviera Drive. People can stay informed about upcoming virtual and in-person programs at the Shoal Creek Center by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. They can sign up for Shoal Creek Center text alerts by calling 417-629-3434.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.



Bringing History To Life

Mia Hobson of Bowling Green works with Gordon Sanders of KJFM-WBBA Radio on the January "History Lives" segments, which will air throughout the month. Topics include the birth of Zebulon Montgomery Pike, the founding of Pike County, Ill., the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Pike County loyalty oath case, the book "Poems All the Way From Pike" and a codger who thought Curryville would be better as a potato patch than a town. The segments are sponsored by the radio station and the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank family and friends for the outpouring of love we have received during our time of sorrow.

Special thanks to the St. Clement Ladies Sodality for the delicious meal they served and to everyone who provided food we are deeply grateful.

Thanks to Fr. Dan Merz for the beautiful funeral service and to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home for their services. Also thanks to everyone for the flowers, food, Masses, cards, calls and prayers.

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band, Jason, Crystal Cook and husband, Jon, and Amy Wehlitz; great-grandchildren, Simon and Milo Gartner, Cheyenne and Austin Green; Christopher, Drew, Bradley and Nathan Wehlitz, and great-great-granddaughter, Summer Wehlitz.

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- Positive attitude and a desire to work with all age children and parents
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize
- Familiarity with computer applications
- Good communication skills
- Ability to manage difficult situations
- Flexible with workplace needs
- Manage office operations
- Organize and coordinate meetings
- Maintain schedules and calendars

Applications available at the Superintendent's Office, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334, or by phone 573-324-5441. (EOE)

Building Bobcats

Come Join Us for

BGE Parents as Teachers, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will be hosting **4 free events** for any student **entering kindergarten at Bowling Green Elementary** for the **2024-2025** school year.

All 4 parent-led learning events are **come and go from 6-7 pm** on the evenings listed below. They will take place in the BGE Multi-purpose room. Staff will be there to assist and explain the procedures/activities.

The goal of these events is to help familiarize you and your child with the building, work on kindergarten readiness skills and build relationships with teachers/staff they will see when they come to school. Come see us, get tips on how to prepare for Kindergarten and have some fun!

DATES: (all 6-7pm)

- October 16
- December 11
- March 12
- May 7 (This will serve as Kindergarten Orientation Night)

If your child comes to at least 3 events, they will receive a surprise incentive!

For questions, contact:
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