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Lady Hawks Win Class 2 District 5 Championship

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EDITOR

The Clopton Lady Hawks pulled off a huge win against Canton to win the Class 2 District 5 Championship. This was the Clopton ladies first district win since 2019 when they defeated Paris and eventually claimed the fourth-place at the state tournament with a tough five-point loss to Hartville.

Their 54-38 win wasn't an easy victory. A slow start and some bad bounces had them trailing after the first half.

"The first half we were plagued by missed shots partially due to nerves I believe," Head Basketball Coach, Deaven Streed told the Tribune. "However, the quality of our shots were really pretty good. We just couldn't get

any of them to fall for us."

The Lady Hawks turned the tables on Canton in the second half.

"We talked about that at halftime and how regardless of our shooting woes, we were just trailing by three," Streed explained. "The girls came out in the second half and turned up the defensive pressure, which helped ease our nerves and got us in the flow of the game like we are used to."

The defensive pressure worked.

"Canton struggled with the backcourt pressure quite a bit, and we converted some steals to points," Streed continued. "This made the biggest difference in the game for us."

Braya Smith contributed to that backcourt pressure with

six steals that helped make her Clopton's top-scorer for the night with 18 points on the board. She also snagged 11 rebounds before the night was over.

Campbell Lindsay also stole the ball three times in the game to rack up 7-points on the board.

Tinleigh Spoonster was the team's next highest scorer with 12 points and five rebounds. Followed by Ashlyn Noah with 10 points-9 rebounds, Charleigh Spoonster had three points-10 assists, Skylar Parker and Jasmine Hammett both netted two points each.

Clopton hits the road to face Schuyler County in sectionals on Monday, Feb. 26 prior to this week's print deadline.



Pictured speaking at the 2024 National Outstanding Young Farmers Convention Feb. 15-18 is Travis Dixon of Laddonia, as his wife, Bethany, looks on.

Dixons Are Top 4 Of Young Farmers

The Outstanding Farmers of America gathered in the state of Washington on Feb. 15-18 to honor the past and encourage the future.

Through a selection and interview process, the group names finalists and the top four young farmers to receive the National Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

National Outstanding Young Farmers select 2024 winners.

First gen and legacy farmers take steps to build and sustain operations.

Innovation, conservation and community service rise to the top.

From raising poultry to pigs and dairy cows to spinach, the nation's top young farmers are a diverse group.

Selected by the Outstanding Farmers of America, four farmers, all under the age of 41, achieved the highest honor in the oldest farmer recognition program in the U.S., which started in 1955 — the National Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

"Technology plays a larger role in farming, and these

younger people adapt more quickly," says New Mexico farmer Don Hartman, president of Outstanding Young Farmers of America. "This group of winners are truly the best in the nation in terms of innovation, conservation and community service."

"These young farmers, from our four winners to the other six finalists, value their land and their families," says Cheryl Hartman, a farmer from New Mexico. "That is important to the sustainability of not only their farm, but also agriculture."

Like many young farmers, Travis Dixon first worked off the farm, but his passion for raising row crops called. However, it took a leap of faith into pork production to gain those acres.

"About 12 years ago, we started a 7,500-head hog operation, and that was our foot in the door," Travis says of the farm he owns with wife Bethany. "I was doing everything I could to turn some money."

Then after his grandfather's death, the small family farm became available. Travis

was able to purchase everything and finally start his row crop operation. That was five years ago.

Today, the Dixons turned 400 acres into 1,500 acres, and next year should be a little over 2,000 acres, either through owning or renting the land.

Travis employs ridge till for flat land and cover crops for erosion-prone hills. He manages his acres with precision technology such as in-furrow nutrition. "I like to say that we spoon-feed our acres. We put the right thing out at the right time in the right way," he says.

The Dixons conduct on-farm trials and share the results with other farmers. Always pushing forward, Travis wants to figure out new and innovative ways to maximize crop management practices while regenerating the soil.

"People will tell you that a lot of things are impossible, that it was impossible to break into farming from scratch," Travis adds. "I'm here to tell you they are wrong. It can be done."



Pictured is the Clopton Lady Hawks with the championship plaque for the Class 2 District 5. Also pictured are the Clopton Hawks cheerleaders along with coaches and assistant coaches and managers.

Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson

Van-Far Indians Post Season Comes To Heartbreaking End

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The Van-Far Indians exciting basketball season ended with a heartbreaking 57-48 loss to Harrisburg in the Class 2 District 5 District Championship on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Indians slogged it out with Harrisburg all four quarters, holding on to a narrow lead until the last quarter when the Bulldogs outscored

them 21-11.

"It was a physical dogfight from the opening tip," Van-Far Head Basketball Coach, Patt Connaway, said. "It was very physical, but my kids didn't shy away. We had two bleeding in the first quarter, with one who went to the ER for a concussion and stitches after the game, but we didn't back down."

Backing down was never

an option for the Indians who fought off the tough Harrisburg team and held onto a three-point lead going into the second half.

"Pacey got us off to a good start hitting three, three-pointers in the first quarter and our defense was pretty solid," Connaway explained. "Unfortunately, they threw a prayer up and had it answered, hit-

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Bobcats Head Basketball, Softball Coach Accepts Vacant LHS Principal Position

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After several months, the Louisiana R-II School District has filled the vacant high school principal position. During the 2023/24 school season, Louisiana Superintendent Dr. Tom Ward, has served as the interim principal.

"At the Jan. 15 Louisiana R-II Board meeting, the Board voted to accept the application of Craig Smith to fill the position of high school principal at LHS," Dr. Ward told the Tribune. "Craig is a Pike County resident having served in different positions at Clopton and presently in Bowling Green. We are excited to add his experience into our system."

Smith, the current Bobcats Basketball Coach and Lady Cats Softball Coach, said in a media release that leaving the Bowling Green School District was a difficult choice.

"This has not been an easy decision, as it comes with a heavy heart and a deep sense of gratitude for the experi-

ences I've had during my tenure here," he wrote. "I have an unwavering love for the softball and basketball teams. While the decision to step away is undoubtedly difficult, I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together."

According to Smith, on the softball field, the Lady Cats have had All-State, All-District, All-Conference and Academic All-State players and conference championships.

"They have served the community in several capacities, giving back with camps, working the concession stand at the BG tournament, holding positions in school organizations, and working at businesses in the community," he wrote. "The basketball team has improved their GPA in each of the last 3 seasons, have had several All-District, and All-Conference players. They have participated in youth camps and shown remarkable growth in the weight room. I extend my gratitude to our players for their work ethic and dedica-

tion to BGHS."

Smith said he is driven to connect with the young students and build authentic relationships, while providing them with an enduring experience that they can carry throughout their lives. An aspect that he aspired to reach in the softball and basketball programs by prioritizing holistic development of the student-athletes and placing their needs at the forefront of the coaching efforts.

"BGHS places a premium on men and women that would prioritize our players as individuals as part of a team and dedicate themselves to helping players become not just better athletes, but better people," he stated.

Smith said he was grateful for the incredible experiences and relationships built during his tenure at Bowling Green middle and high schools.

"While I will miss the school community dearly, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead at Louisiana R-II," he closed. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the Louisiana administration, faculty, students, and community to continue to strive for excellence in education. I want to thank my family, friends, and colleagues for supporting me in this endeavor. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the players, parents, fellow coaches, and the entire Bowling Green community for their unwavering support and dedication to the Lady Cat and Bobcat programs."

Smith is scheduled to start the new role on July 1, 2024.

Smith, Pafford Resign From Bowling Green Coaching

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Last week, Bowling Green School District announced that both Craig Smith and Noah Pafford have resigned from their coaching positions.

"Craig Smith has resigned from Head Boys Basketball coach. He has accepted a principal position at Louisiana High School," Bowling Green Athletic Director, Matt Chance said.

"Noah Pafford has also resigned from assistant football/head girl's basketball. He has accepted another teaching/coaching position at a Missouri School District."

According to the Chance, the search to fill the vacant jobs is already underway.

"We have posted the positions and will be looking to fill these positions with our teaching openings in the near future," he said in a release.

10th Annual Walk For Life Is May 11

Options for Women will hold its 10th Annual Walk For Life and barbecue on Saturday, May 11, at the Bowling Green City Park.

Check-in and registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the actual walk beginning at 11 a.m. You may register online at <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=26994>. Each walker who raises \$150 or more will receive a free T-shirt.

Walk For Life T-shirts will also be available for purchase on the day of the event as well. Event sponsors are Cindy O'Laughlin, People's Savings Bank, People's Bank and Trust, and WGCA/88.5 FM.

A barbecue will be held at park with eat-in or carry-out available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The menu will include hamburgers, pork burgers, hot

dogs, prepackaged chips and desserts, and bottled water and lemonade.

Proceeds from the barbecue and donations from the Walk For Life will go to support the Options for Women Pregnancy Resource Center, located at 1420 S. Bus. 61, Suite B at the roundabout in Bowling Green.

Options for Women opened in Bowling Green in 2016, and in the fall of 2022, opened a Hannibal location. Options for Women serves pregnant women and young mothers and fathers from Pike and surrounding counties. Services provided include medical grade pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and life coaching, all confidential and at no charge.

Pregnancy, parenting, and life skills classes are offered free at the center and online,

with incentives for participation.

Options for Women also offers referrals for medical help and temporary housing for expectant mothers in need, prenatal vitamins, coaching and support for those grieving an abortion or miscarriage, adoption referrals, information on abortion and abortion pill reversal, a mentoring program for young men, and ongoing support and encouragement to young parents.

The center is maintained through the generosity of donors and community volunteers. Donations will be accepted on site the day of the walk or may be made online at www.supportlife573.com.

For more information, please visit the website or call 573-213-5119.

MFA Oil Foundation Awards Grant To Bowling Green FFA Chapter

The MFA Oil Foundation has awarded a grant to the Bowling Green R-I School FFA to assist with purchasing livestock holding pens.

The MFA Oil Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where MFA Oil has a significant concentration of members and employees. Since it was established in 1998, the MFA Oil Foundation has awarded more than three million dollars in grants.

MFA Oil Senior Director of Employee Engagement and Culture Tom May described the MFA Oil Foundation as "a program that allows our company to give support back to the rural communities that are the foundation of our business. The grants the Foundation awards help support many youth programs and organizations active in addressing and solving community problems and improving the quality of life."

About MFA Oil Company:



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For more information about MFA Oil, visit www.mfaoil.com

Community News

Fall 2023 MU Graduates

The University of Missouri is a place where every student can thrive. In December 2023, MU celebrated the accomplishments of 1,806 students who received a total of 2,515 degrees and certificates. Those Tigers are now spread throughout the world — joining more than 362,000 alumni worldwide. A recent annual career outcomes survey shows more than 95 percent of recent MU undergraduates found employment, continued their education, joined the military or started volunteer service within six months of graduation.

Area graduates include: Joshua William Payton Hodde of Vandalia, bachelor of science in civil engineering in civil engineering-BSCIE; minor in mathematics-MI, and Sam Middleton of Vandalia, bachelor of science in agribusiness management-BS; minor in plant sciences-MI. Bowling Green: Sylvia Lorraine Wagner, bachelor of science in business administration in business administration-BSBA with an emphasis in marketing, undergraduate certificate in sales and cus-

tomor development-Ugrd Cert.; minor in economics-MI. Curryville: Clint Thomas Bailey, bachelor of science in agriculture - BS, minor in animal sciences-MI. Eolia - Olivia Margaret Brune, bachelor of science in agricultural education-BS with an emphasis in communications and leadership, minor in agribusiness management-MI, minor in plant sciences-MI; and Damian Dean Walker, bachelor of science in civil engineering in civil engineering-BSCIE; minor in construction management-MI.

MDC Helps Sponsor Native Landscaping Series February Through April

Creating a better world for nature can start one backyard at a time. To help homeowners get started with native plants, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is joining local conservation partners to sponsor the 2024 Spring Partners for Native Landscaping. The series will run February through April and will consist of three separate portions. The first component will be a series of online webinars from now through March 20 hosted by St. Louis County Library. The 10 free webinars will cover a wide range of native gardening topics, presented by acknowledged experts in the field. Each session is free; however, preregistration is required. For a complete list of sessions and to register, go to <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/47q>. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering. Programs will be recorded and available on the St. Louis County Library (SLCL) YouTube channel within three business days. The next part of the series will be an in-person workshop and plant sale which takes place Saturday, March 23 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the

Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvy Road. Presenters will include keynote speaker Carol Davit of the Missouri Prairie Foundation. Davit's talk will be "Native Plant Nation: Cultivating an Ethic of Native Landscaping". A four-member native gardening panel will engage in a discussion on native landscaping advocacy, moderated by Jean Ponzi of the Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center. Missouri Native plants will also be available for sale. There will be a fee to attend the workshop and preregistration is required at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/4gh>. The third component of the Spring Partners for Native Landscaping series is the Native Plant Fair Sunday, April 28 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Beyond Housing Headquarters at 6506 Wright Way, 63121. The fair will feature a native plant sale, along with a team of experienced native plant gardeners to offer guidance and answer questions. Educational tables and tours of nearby rainscaping/bioretenation installations will offer native gardeners more opportunity to grow their expertise. The Native Plant Fair is free, but participants should regis-

ter in advance at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/47c>. The goal of the 2024 Spring Partners for Native Landscaping series is to inspire and help individuals create gardens that are not only beautiful but also provide habitats for native wildlife. The workshop series is made possible by MDC, Shaw Nature Reserve, St. Louis Audubon Society's Bring Conservation Home program, St. Louis Community College, the St. Louis Chapter of Wild Ones, BiodiverseCity St. Louis, Metropolitan Sewer District's Project Clear, Grow Native!, the St. Louis County Library, and Beyond Housing. Native plants have evolved in Missouri's landscape. They are better acclimated to our climate conditions than exotic plants and resistant to local pests and diseases. This translates into less time, effort, and costs consumed by watering, fertilizing, and insecticide use. Likewise, native Missouri wildlife has evolved to coexist and use native plants for cover, food, and habitat, so, increasing native plants also tends to increase desirable wildlife, like birds, butterflies, and pollinators.

Clarksville Memorial VFW, Auxiliary To Plan Egg Hunt

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary will hold their regular meetings on Monday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Commander Herbert Everett, and Auxiliary president Mary Tarpein would like to have all officers and members that can to attend. Plans will be finalized for the annual Easter egg hunt to be held at Clopton School on Saturday, March 30 at 12 p.m.

They are asking everyone to please bring candy to fill eggs for the event. Also plans to attend the District 17 meeting to be held at Hannibal VFW Post 2446 on April 21. Regular business will also be discussed. Commander Herbert and President Mary needs everyone input at these meetings. Congratulations goes to John Cooke who placed ninth at state in the Voice Of Democracy essay contest in Columbia on Saturday, Feb. 10. Attending the celebration was Commander Herbert Everett and wife, Carolyn, president Mary Tarpein, scholarship chairman, Joanne Hammuck, and John's mother, Amy Cooke, and grandmother, Joyce Lafary.

MO Leap Day History

Leap Day history goes back at least to the century before Jesus Christ's birth. And Missouri had five chances before it officially observed Feb. 29. The state was 23 years old before finally recognizing Leap Day in 1844. Prior to that year, it was just ignored. A national effort in 1960 to name Feb. 29 "Leap Year Day" failed. The man who championed the legislation, Missouri U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington, died in a Leap Year. The same year Symington passed, a group of St. Louis women proposed to their boyfriends. The effort was called "Sadie Hawkins Day" after the comic strip whose main character was known for taking charge. According to Time magazine, the addition of a day to the calendar every four years comes from "a long history of timekeeping, astronomy and the evolving attempts to align the two through mathematics."

MDC Reminds Anglers About Trout Season

March 1 marks the annual opening of catch-and-keep trout fishing in Missouri at the state's four trout parks: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Licking, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, and Maramec Spring Park near St. James. The catch-and-keep season at the trout parks runs through Oct. 31. The daily limit is four trout, and the possession limit is eight for all four parks. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) operates trout hatcheries at all four parks and will stock about 20,000 trout among the four parks for opening day. MDC will continue to stock the trout parks daily during the catch-and-keep season, totaling more than 800,000 trout annually at the four trout parks and about 1.5 million trout annually statewide. Trout anglers need a daily trout tag to fish in Missouri's trout parks during the catch-and-keep season. The cost of a daily trout tag is \$5 for adults and \$3 for those 15 years of age and younger. Daily trout tags can only be purchased at each of the four trout parks. MDC encourages trout anglers to have the correct amount of cash for daily tags if possible.

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ANTIQUES & FURNITURE: Kellogg wall phone; Aladdin lamps; - one amber; other oil lamps; Enterprise coffee mill Pat. 1873; unique Reuge music carousel; Royal Haeger chickens; large crock bowl; several crocks - small to 6 gal.; unique hanging lamp; mirrors; crock jugs; 3 stable boys - one cast, 2 concrete; Wagner & other skillets; sad irons; copper pans & teapots; rolling pins; bean pots; large brass kettle; dinner bell & yoke; Noritake & Haviland china; cookie jars; cook-books; large glass bottle; Star Trek Barbies - NIB; spinning wheel; 33 rpm records - Beatles, most 70s & 80s; old cheese bottle; old ranning jars; antique transit - in box (Service Bluebring Co., St. Louis; Lennox wheat dishes; Dazey #20 (jar only); cut geode bookends; coo coo clock; Avon steins; hurricane lamps; shelf clocks; mantle clocks; wall clocks; baskets; Old Sleepy Eye pitcher; Coke pitcher & glasses; cruet set; mirrors; several table top scales; bowl & pitcher; several nice frames & prints; model sailing ships; brass & copper items; milk can; child's wood rocker; wicker rocker; horse collar mirror; scythes; old wood recipe box; coffee grinder; Moses candy jar; parking meter; 2 Bob Colbourn carvings; leaded windows; milk crates; sled; sewing machine base; cast pots; Tonka trucks; wood planes; hatchets; Heckendorn antique mower & parts mower; tractor seat; Meissen blue onion & tureen & platter; more not listed.

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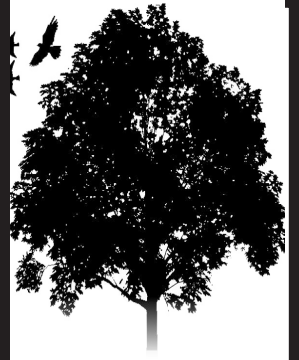
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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Another large sale. Nice private estate, many unique items collected over many years. Large amount of antiques and collectibles. Much not listed! May run 2 rings part of day. Don't miss this one. Go to website for pictures.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

ATTENTION: a Senior Adult Action Group will be doing an experimental Senior Adult fellowship get-together at the High-rise on Champ Clark Drive. Starting on Thursday, March 7 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., on the west side of the High-Rise, located in a multipurpose room.

We will have a place to meet new people, share life stories, play cards and games, dance, chair exercise, or simply "hang out." There is no cost. Light snacks will be provided, and volunteers will be requested for various future activities and other ideas that will arise. This is a Thursdays only experiment currently and I am hoping for a full-time site to open eventually. Casual dress is welcomed but no tuxedos or pajamas are allowed.

So, what are the components of a thriving town? Vision, Teamwork, Strategy, yes! Yet there are many more attributes where these talents are spread throughout the community. There are plans, various skills for multitudes of jobs and projects, partnerships, and cooperation, plus communicating the needs and desires of you citizens. Fostering a thriving community involves growth and well-being.

Cultural Week is coming to our Bowling Green schools. This is an excellent time to learn about and appreciate various cultures in Bowling Green, our country, and our global societies. From foods to famous individuals, it is an excellent experience, especially during Black History Month.

If you went to Bowling Green

High School, are you proud to be a "BOBCAT?" I am very proud of our schools and it's a great day to be a BOBCAT! I'm sure we have many others that are just as proud of their former high schools in our wonderful town. This then bodes the question, "Are you proud to be a Bowling Green-ite?" When I say proud, I don't mean prideful, arrogant, or boastful. I mean having "civic pride," to live in this community, proud to be involved in the day-by-day life experiences, proud to be a part of its development and yes, its history, its vitality and contribution to a better life here and in Pike County, Northeast Missouri.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
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March is near and Easter with Easter egg hunts in the main park, and daylight saving time springing ahead. Golfing is on the agenda, and I have already played Payne Valley at Tee Time Golf in Bowling Green. It is fun, instructional on distance and club placement on the ball, and good exercise. You can play a golf course of your choice on the screen. Located on Business Hwy. 61 South.

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS SUPPORTS HB 2547 (CHRIST)

HB 2547, championed by Rep. Brad Christ, aims to streamline the adoption process by addressing several key goals. As Perkins stated, "We all know that there are families ready and willing to adopt children, but the red tape can sometimes be a barrier. With HB 2547, Rep. Brad Christ is trying to cut through that red tape. I'm proud to support that effort."

This comprehensive bill encompasses various provisions to facilitate a smoother adoption journey. Firstly, it emphasizes community-based intervention methods to pre-

vent children from entering the foster care system in the first place, promoting a proactive approach to family preservation. Secondly, it focuses on actively recruiting potential adoption families and promoting adoption as a viable option for creating loving, stable homes for children in need. Furthermore, the bill recognizes the importance of post-adoption assistance, providing essential support services to families and children as they navigate the complexities of their new lives together.

By addressing these critical aspects, HB 2547 aims to remove barriers, streamline processes, and create a more supportive environment for successful adoptions.

MISSOURI HOUSE APPROVES COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

The House this week sent to the Senate an extensive bill aimed at reducing crime in Missouri. Among its provisions are several proposed changes to how juveniles are treated by the state's legal system; the launch of a collaborative fight against online harassment and stalking; and Blair's Law, which would increase penalties for what has become known as "celebratory gunfire."

Numerous components of

HB 1659 had previously been approved by the legislature last year under Senate Bill 189, which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Mike Parson. Notably, the reasons cited for the veto are not part of HB 1659, and the Governor expressed support for several provisions that have been retained.

Emphasizing crime prevention as a top priority this year, House leadership sees the early transmission of this bill to the Senate, just six weeks into the session, as a significant step toward its potential enactment.

IP REFORM MOVES FORWARD IN THE SENATE WITHOUT KEY PROVISIONS

Initiative Petition reform has been perfected in the Senate, but unfortunately, key provisions of the original bill were stripped out during the process. Rep. Perkins said, "It is absolutely imperative that the language taken out be put back in. We must insure that only US Citizens are allowed to vote in Missouri elections. I will make certain, should that resolution make it to the House, that language is added back." Perkins concluded, "That is a cornerstone of our representative republic and my constituents expect that language to be included."

Workshop To Reduce Barriers For Adult Learners

The Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development (MDHEWD) hosted a Student Journey Mapping Workshop on Feb. 22-23 in Jefferson City to help identify and reduce barriers to higher education for adult learners. Representatives from nearly a dozen Missouri colleges and universities spent the two days focusing on ways they can help adult learners have smooth paths toward postsecondary credentials and degrees.

The workshop is part of MDHEWD's Adult Learner Network, an initiative MDHEWD's Office of Postsecondary Policy launched in 2022 to help institutions implement strategies for serving adult learners and put them on a path to learn, work, and prosper.

More information about the Adult Learner Network can be found on the MDHEWD website.

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Community Calendar...

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On Feb. 22: The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., and will be held at HLGU Burt Administration Building, Room 129 in Hannibal. Robert Henderson will be the speaker. The presentation is titled "Here They Come! The Cicada Plague of 2024 Arrives This Spring." Learn what to expect and how to respond. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at (573) 769-2177.

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March Library Book Review



Kasi Welborn

MARCH 2024 LIBRARY STAFF ADULT BOOK REVIEW

HALEY AND THE YETI
 BY LAURA LANGA
 REVIEWED BY

KASI WELBORN, LIBRARY CIRCULATION ASSISTANT-MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Haley had to get away for a while from her old life after a bad break up. She packed up and accepted a traveling nurse position in Arizona. Talking to her best friend via video chat on her back (shared) balcony about her neighbor, who resembles a yeti because of his beard, she

is appalled to learn that said neighbor has been sitting there the whole time! In his hammock! Covered in pillows! Reading a book! That is how she first meets him and starts talking to him. What follows is a sweet, sweet fall. Haley and Yeti have some trauma to process after the cards life has dealt them. This sweet, comedic romance shows that sometimes all you really need to move on is a good push in the right direction. And maybe a razor.

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Louisiana High School presented the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" Feb. 23 and 24. It tells the tale of a nerdy flower business worker who finds success and romance with help from a mysterious plant that feeds on human blood. The cast featured William Murry, Kol Green, Max Patrick, Dominic Hathaway, Michael Poyser, Alexis Chatman, Crystal McDaniel, Nakiya Griffith, Samantha Martinek, Izabella Wharton, Emilie Chandler, Xander Baker, Wyatt Dove, Ciana Hernandez and Emerson Bradley, with crew members, Julian Ham, Ben Bautista, Lina Lesley, Lilah Bilpush, Taegen Rogers, Kaydence Jacobs, Noah Baker, Ashlynn Tredway, Dayla Correon, Griffen Murry, Virginia Bennett and Emilee Phillips. Musicians were Joanna Brock, Joshua Braden, Andrew Hanson, Jericho Olson, Jaelin Woods, Nick Fregeau, Hector Gonzalez-Santos, Logan Elder, Braedon Cox, Chloe Elliott and Lainey Hausmann.

VAN-FAR

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ting almost a half-court shot at the horn."

The shot cut the Indian's lead down to 17-14.

"In the second quarter, the play remained physical, and we kept fighting," Connaway said. "We weren't great offensively, but we did enough to take a 28-25 lead into the locker room."

It was there that Connaway said the physically punishing game was taking a toll on the players.

"The third quarter had been our best quarter all year long, but that night it wasn't," he

explained. "Harrisburg scored five quick points and took the lead, but we battled back and did enough to take a 37-36 lead."

Despite battling most of the fourth and tying the game at 44 with 3:25 left in the game, Connaway said the team had a couple of costly defensive breakdowns that ended up with the Bulldogs outscoring Van-Far 13-4 in that final three minutes of play.

"Give Harrisburg credit. They hit shots when it mattered and ultimately, they wore us down," Connaway said. "It wasn't the way we wanted to end the season, but it was a great season and I'm

totally saddened I will not coach my three seniors anymore. I can't say enough about Nikos, Gage, and Carter. They have dedicated themselves to Van-Far basketball and have done it the right way. They have patterned what being a student athlete should be and I hope all the younger players recognize that and follow the path they have carved out. These three have rebuilt the program and have left it at a very high standard. I am truly saddened that we couldn't get them the district title they deserved. I will miss the three of you on the court more than you will ever know. Thank you for everything these past four years!"



Chief Justice Of MO Supreme Court Visits

Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, the Honorable Judge Mary R. Russell, recently visited with the judges and court staff of the Pike County Circuit Clerk's Office to express her appreciation and discuss several matters, local and statewide, in the Missouri Judiciary. She is a seventh-generation Missourian and one of five children raised on a dairy farm in Ralls County. Judge Russell is only the third woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri since its statehood in 1821. Pictured, from left: James D. Beck (45th Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge); Kristen Griego (Deputy Clerk); Janey Menne (Senior Clerk); Brenda Haddock (Deputy Clerk); Deborah Kraft (Deputy Clerk); Mary R. Russell (MO Supreme Court Chief Justice); Cindy Plowman (Court Reporter); Kathy Turner (Pike County Circuit Clerk); Tina Fisher (Deputy Clerk); Charis Lockard (Deputy Clerk); and Milan Berry (Pike County Associate Court Judge).



LCBA Beautification Award

Representatives of the Louisiana Community Betterment Association presented the LCBA Beautification Award to Brian and Heather White, owners of The Pierre restaurant. The restaurant is located at 221 Mansion St., Louisiana. Brian and Heather have put a lot of hours into redecorating and making The Pierre into a wonderful place. Brian told the committee they had been gone from the area for about 10 years, but decided they wanted to raise their children in a small town, so they returned to Louisiana. "We wanted to give back to our community and do something good, so we decided to open the restaurant," stated Brian. "If you are looking for a pizza, some tasty wings, or a great burger, please be sure to give them a call. Pictured, from left: Glenda Sherman, committee member, Diana Huckstep, LCBA chairperson, Brian and Heather White, Owners, Susan Fregeau, committee member, Paulette Powelson, LCBA Treasurer. Photo by Charlie Cogar, LCBA committee member.

Donations Made To LHS Alumni, Friends

The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association accepts all donations, memorials and honorariums from anyone who wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund.

The donations are tax-deductible contributions which allow the alumni association to continue presenting scholarships to those who need them to further their education.

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Candy Is Dandy

The Changelings Theatre Company of Raintree Arts Council wrapped up a successful four-show run of the family musical "Willy Wonka" over the weekend. The cast is portraying a scene in which Wonka showcases all the rooms in his chocolate factory. Pictured, from left, are Ricky Fournier as Grandpa Joe, Kasey Leake as Charlie Bucket, Wendy Straube as Mrs. Beauregarde, Caramia Harrelson as Violet Beauregarde, Gene Nothaker as Willy Wonka, Donna Grote as Veruca Salt, Paul Turay as Mr. Salt, Macy Weitkamp as Augusta Gloop and Mary Fournier as Mrs. Gloop. Other cast members were Angela Maier, Clint Mullen, Jeanie Eisenhower, Bella Dempsey and Codie Hudson Sr. Crew members were Trey Carnley, B. Carnley, Luke Powell, John Cooke and Shea Williamson. Upcoming Raintree events include the annual Encore fund-raiser and The Changelings' production of a 1940s radio play.

Bowling Green Senior Center To Meet

Bowling Green Mayor Jim Arico is looking for input on an exciting new "senior adults gathering" he's putting together for the city's older community members.

The first gathering for senior adults will take place on Thursday, March 7 at the High Rise.

"We're going to try from 8-12pm," Mayor Arico told the Tribune. "We'll have light snacks, card games, storytelling, and planning for what

our seniors would like to see happen next."

According to the Bowling Green Mayor, the gathering is more than simply a time for senior adults to meet and catch up.

It will also feature informative guest speakers and more.

"We'll need to give their organization a name," Mayor Arico continued. "We'll also maybe discuss plans for guest speakers on nutrition and ex-

ercise, police coming and informing about scams against Seniors, Genealogy Society tracing some longtime family heritage. It's their center, and I'd like for them to take ownership and organize."

To find out more about the endeavor, show up the Bowling Green High-Rise Apartments on March 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., or contact Mayor Arico at Jarico@bowl-inggreen-mo.gov or call the city hall at 573-324-5451

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