

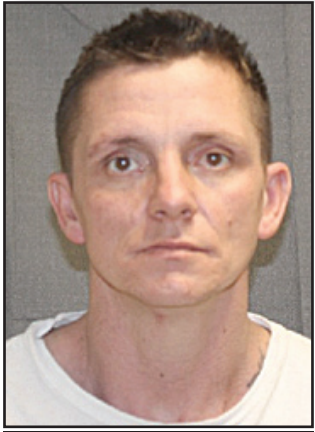


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Douglas P. Grote



Dawson G. Miller

Investigation Leads To Recovery Of Stolen Trailers And Arrests

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

Last week, the Audrain County Sheriff's Office released information on a two-month long investigation that led to multiple arrests and the recovery of stolen property.

Multiple law enforcement agencies including the Missouri State Highway Patrol, East Central Drug Task Force, the Pike County Sheriff's Office, and the Bowling Green Police Department assisted the Audrain County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) on the recovery of six stolen trailers, which resulted in the arrests of Dawson G. Miller, 25, of Vandalia; Douglas P. Grote, 47, of Curryville; and Justin L. Schaedel, 41, of Laddonia.

According to the release, around mid-January, an Audrain County investigator assigned to the East Central Drug Task Force received information regarding the whereabouts of a stolen utility trailer during an unrelated narcotic investigation.

"On Jan. 26, information obtained led investigators to an address along Pike Road 442 near Middletown, where they located a 2023 Maxwell enclosed cargo trailer, valued at \$15,000, that had been reported stolen from Maxwell Trailers in Boone County," the statement read.

Five days later, on Jan. 31, the investigation took officers to an address along Missouri Route BB in Audrain County. At the address, they recovered a Lamar Dump trailer which had been stolen from a residence in Laddonia. The trailer was valued at \$10,000.

Information from that recovery led to another stolen trailer at an address along Missouri Route M in rural Pike County.

"While there, they recovered a Featherlite Aluminum car hauler valued at \$10,000," the release continued. "The trailer had been reported stolen the previous February from Chariton County, Missouri."

Using the previous information that identified people suspected of the trailer theft, an ACSO patrol supervisor located one of the named suspects, Dawson G. Miller, driving near Farber in Audrain County. The patrol supervisor, along with Sheriff Oller and K9 Andi, stopped the vehicle for an observed traffic violation. During the stop, K9 Andi alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle yielded methamphetamine and Miller's arrest for the drug offense.

"Later questioning of Miller regarding his involvement in the thefts of the two recovered trailers yielded further information about more stolen trailers," the release continued.

On Feb. 1 at an address along Pike Road 48 near Curryville, authorities found a 2022 Homesteader cargo trailer that was stolen from Mexico.

Also on Feb. 1, a trooper with the Missouri State Highway Patrol located a second named suspect, Douglas P. Grote. The trooper stopped the vehicle for an observed traffic violation and requested K9 assistance. Sheriff Oller and K9 Andi responded, and a vehicle search yielded methamphetamine and a firearm, along with Grote's arrest.

The third named suspect, Justin L. Schaedel, was observed driving with a revoked

license in Laddonia on Feb. 1. Undersheriff James Shrader stopped the car for the observed violation.

"[Schaedel] was arrested, and his vehicle was searched with consent, and Methamphetamine was located," the Audrain Sheriff's office stated. "[Schaedel] was transported to the Audrain County Jail. A later interview of Schaedel led to more usable information."

After the arrests and further questioning, investigators followed the leads to an address along US 54 near Curryville and recovered the final two trailers.

"On Feb. 29, 2024, investigators recovered a 2013 Maxwell cargo trailer, valued at \$8,000 and a 2023 Load Trail dump trailer, valued at \$9,000, both of which were earlier reported stolen from Montgomery City," the release stated.

"I can't thank my staff enough for their hard work and dedication to working with other agencies to bring stolen property back to rightful owners," Sheriff Oller said. "This investigation was long and intensive and is further proof that property crimes are many times directly tied to illegal drugs and illegal drug activity."

Undersheriff Shrader, though a command staff member, was directly involved in this investigation from start to finish and worked tirelessly to help our staff be able to keep up with their other cases. Through good leadership, my office remains committed to working with our community partners and other law enforcement agencies to hold criminals accountable."

Stand By Your Twang

Raintree Fundraiser Offers Country Theme

BY BRENT ENGEL
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Raintree Arts Council is channeling Johnny, Willie and Waylon, as well as Dolly, Tammy and Loretta.

The group's annual fundraiser is a hoedown entitled "Encore Goes Country." The jamboree takes place Saturday, April 6, at The Apple Shed on Highway 79 in Clarksville.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the meal catered by Vicky Keely and her crew. Tickets are \$30 each and reservations may be made by calling 573-754-0335.

Local musicians will provide entertainment and contests are planned. Debbie Ingram and Judi Bruce are putting the show together.

"People in our Encore audiences and in the Encore cast have been asking for a country theme for several years," Ingram said. "So, after years

of doing other themes, Judi and I decided it was time to dedicate an Encore show to just country music."

Ingram, who is known widely for her renditions of Patsy Cline songs, said the audience can expect musical gold from the 1950s to 1980s.

People are encouraged to wear country and western attire because there will be a best-dressed contest for women and men. Winners get a trophy and \$30.

Then, there'll be something to shout about. Bruce has conjured what amounts to a hollering contest, which she hopes will be a hoot.

"Who's the king and queen of the best earsplitting, piercing cattle call, spouse call, yee-haw or any obnoxious yelling?" Bruce asks. "Come to Encore and display your talent. I thought that would be more interesting than a dance-type contest."

"We hope to get some really unusual-sounding 'calls' or 'yells' during this contest," Ingram adds. "It should be a lot of fun for the participants and for the audience."

A cash bar and a silent auction will be available. Payment for tickets may be made by cash, check, Venmo or PayPal.

Raintree is a not-for-profit that sponsors arts programs throughout the year in Pike and Lincoln counties. Proceeds from Encore are used to host activities for all ages.

"Encore gives people the opportunity to be able to come and enjoy a dinner show experience and not have to drive in to the city to do it," Ingram said. "The atmosphere of The Apple Shed is rustic, but elegant, with dinner being served by the Keely crew to each table, so the audience can relax and enjoy the entertainment."



Debbie Ingram plays piano and emcee Judi Bruce listens as Angela Maier sings a song during the 2023 Encore, which featured a 1950s motif. This year's event takes place Saturday, April 6 and will have a country music theme.

Louisiana Chamber Seeking Volunteers For 2024 Colorfest

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

Like with any community, volunteers are the lifeblood of city activities, festivals, and organizations. The Louisiana Colorfest is no exception, and they're seeking volunteers to help plan the city's annual event.

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce was quick to start the search for volunteers when they started releasing announcements in Dec and Jan. via the event's Facebook page: Louisiana Missouri Country Colorfest.

Last week, they announced a March 28 planning meeting for the Oct. 19 and Oct. 20 event.

"We're seeking volunteers who are passionate about event planning, creativity, and community engagement," the group posted in Feb. "Whether you're a seasoned planner or someone with fresh

ideas, your input is invaluable. If you're ready to help make Colorfest 2024 an unforgettable experience, join us!"

The March 28 meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., at TNT Craft Studios located at 417 Georgia Street.

The group has also got the wheels turning on finding a motorcycle club or organization to once again host a bike show on Sunday, Oct. 20.

"We're gearing up for the 2024 Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Colorfest in October and we're on the lookout for a fantastic motorcycle club or organization to rev up the excitement on Sunday with a thrilling bike show," the group posted. "If you or someone you know is passionate about bikes and wants to own this showcase of two-wheeled beauties, reach out to us!"

"We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to vendors to

join us for the largest annual event in the heart of Louisiana," they wrote. "Since its vibrant beginnings in 1985, Colorfest has been a cherished celebration of culture, community, and creativity. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and connect with the community."

The 2024 vendor application is available online. A 10 x 20 space for craft vendors costs \$75. Food vendors will need to pay \$105 per space. Those needing electricity or water will have an additional charge.

Those interested are encouraged to contact the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce at (573)253-5201 or email info@louisianamocolorfest.com, follow the Louisiana Missouri Country Colorfest Facebook page, or attend an upcoming meeting.

Hop! Splash! Hunt! & Swim At Twin Pike Family YMCA

The Twin Pike Family YMCA, Louisiana, will be hosting a free Easter egg hunt in the swimming pool on Saturday, March 23.

Children, ages 0 - 12 will have the opportunity to swim and dive after Easter eggs which will float and sink to the bottom of the pool. Children will collect as many eggs as possible and turn them in for a prize. The Easter bunny will also be available for picture taking.

Children will be divided into groups according to age and will enter the pool at specified times as follows: Families with children of mixed ages (parent participation required) - 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.; 9-12 year olds - 2:30-3:15 p.m.; 5-8 year olds (parent participation required) - 3:30-4:15 p.m.; and 0-4 year olds (parent participation required) - 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Early registration is recommended through March 20. Walk-in registration the day of the hunt will be allowed on a space-available basis only. Contact the YMCA at 573-754-4497 to register or stop by the Welcome Center.

The Twin Pike Family YMCA serves Pike County, Illinois and Pike County, Missouri and surrounding communities. The YMCA offers a wellness center, indoor heated pool, indoor track, a gymnasium, an aerobics room, and before and after school programs for youth. The YMCA is dedicated to promoting core values of Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. Photo: Posing as the Easter Bunny - Lifeguard Ben Nichtula



Picture Perfect

Linda Beer, left, of the Louisiana Area Historical Museum looks over postcards featuring Louisiana scenes with Mike and Charlotte Howden of Corpus Christi, Texas. The Howdens donated the postcards to the museum Thursday, March 14. Howden's great-grandfather, William Joseph Howden, came to the United States from England at age 15 in 1866 and moved to Louisiana in the 1870s. The postcards show a variety of local landmarks and events. The museum is closed for the season, but plans to open Memorial Day weekend.

Community News

Pike County Genealogical Society Holds March Meeting

On Tuesday, March 5 the Pike County Genealogical Society held its first meeting of 2024.

They have had a lot of activity this winter. The winter book sales was a big hit again this year. Cookbook sales are ongoing as they sold a lot of them for the holidays. Bouquet Florist is also selling the cookbooks on the days they are not open.

In 2024 the meetings will return to the first Tuesday of every month. They tried for a year to make changes that would help those who live here to attend. That didn't work as they had hoped.

MO Humanities granted them a grant to help with digitizing the library's vast collection. This grant will help in many ways. They have been busy this winter digitizing.

At the April 2 meeting at 1:30 p.m., Charlene McCune will be speaking on Hon-eyshuck - their neighboring unique tourist attraction. At the June 4 meeting at 1:30 p.m., they are hoping to have Brent Engel speak. He is the local historical author and he was told to surprise them.

They have added some

great histories to the library: the Basye Family History, Haughts of America, and Kelsyck, Dobbysn and Sutton families. They have a large collection of family histories maybe yours is here also.

Please visit them on Diggin Up Bones on Facebook. They have a lot of pictures on there and conversations about history in Pike County. They have those who input on the pictures with history and stories and they love the way those conversations make them have the best group on Facebook. They have 1.2K members. Joining Diggin Up Bones is also free. And visit them at www.pikecountymofamilyhistory.com.

Even though they were closed this winter, they stayed busy. Time flies when you are busy. The girls are working on the obituary project within the library, making it simple to find that obit you have been looking for. The Poor Farm project is getting closer to the finish, we are excited for this project to be completed, for it's a lost history within our county.

This spring Audrey Jones

has two speaking engagements with the local DAR chapters, one in April and one in May. The subject is doodle-bugging.

In April the society will join the History Day at the local VFW on Saturday, April 13. It runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It sounds like a lot of fun and very educational. Re-nactors will be there in era pieces. Everyone is welcome.

This spring they are also going to be busy working on the library's floor. It needs some supporting and they will be doing this and be open at the same time, so please excuse the noise and the work.

The society is so excited to be open and to help everyone find your family roots here in Pike County. They want to share all they have done with the Old Jail Museum with anyone and admission is free.

If anyone is interested in a genealogy class please drop them a card or call they want to be able to do a class at least once a year or more depending on the interest. It's no cost to you only that you will find yourself in your research and learn more about those who came before you. It's well worth the journey.

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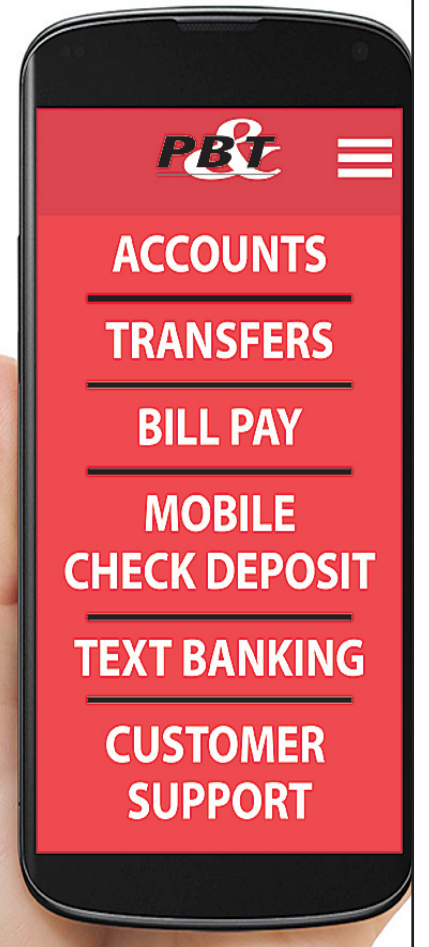
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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) thank the thousands of Missouri deer hunters who donated 247,575 pounds of venison to the state's Share the Harvest program this past deer season, including 5,394 whole deer.

MDC and CFM also thank the participating meat processors throughout the state who grind the donated deer meat into ready-to-use packages, and the many sponsors who financially support the program. The donated deer meat goes to local food banks and food pantries to

help feed hungry Missourians all around the state. Meat-processing fees are covered entirely or in part by numerous local sponsors, along with statewide sponsors that include Shelter Insurance, Bass Pro Shops, Feeding Missouri, and MDC.

Share the Harvest is coordinated by MDC and CFM and has been helping feed hungry Missourians for more than 30 years. Since the program was started in 1992, it has provided about 5 million pounds of lean, healthy venison to help feed hungry Missourians. To get Share the Harvest venison, con-

tact local food banks or food pantries.

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 naturally lean, locally harvested deer meat.

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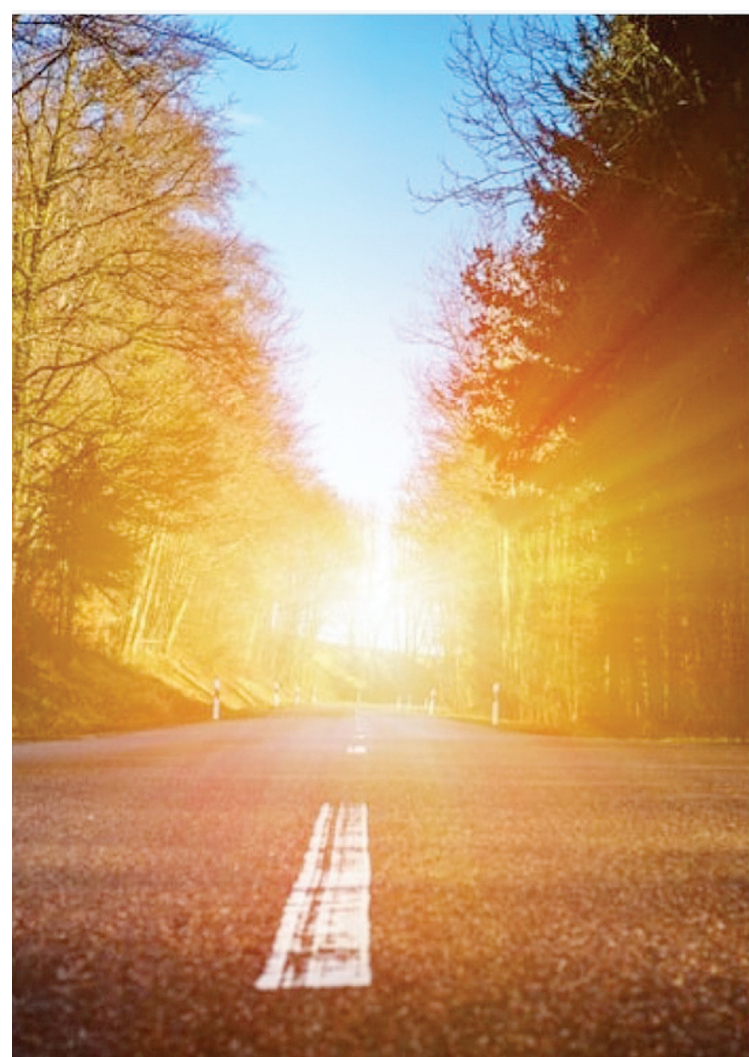
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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Already this year, 1 in 5 children could face hunger. Free school breakfast and lunch would eliminate this situation. Research shows that when students consistently obtain proper nutrition through school breakfast, it can decrease chronic absenteeism, boost test scores, and increase overall health and wellness. The conundrum is, it is at the taxpayers expense. As house and rent payments have risen to record breaking numbers as well as food, fuel, clothing, and other necessary items. Add 18% inflation over the past 3 years, billions of dollars in foreign aid, loss of industry and manufacturing, people simply can't afford increased taxation. On a positive note, America has always been able to climb out from the holes that have been dug. I missed last week being National School Breakfast Week and informing the importance of school breakfast programs and the value of school nutritionist who correlate nutrition and student success. Their studies are both in and out of school environments and emphasize the importance of nutrition in and out of school activities.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

I wrote about "showing the love" to one another last month because of Valentine's Day but also added that love doesn't last for just one day. We, as a community, need to express our support and care each day of the year-year in and year out. There are very easy ways to demonstrate Love thy Neighbor. A simple knock on the door to say hello, a note or phone call sharing your appreciation for a neigh-

bor. Clean up a yard, raking leaves, cleaning off a sidewalk for wheelchair travel, (if there is one), plant flowers for them. There are so many of us that don't even know our neighbors.

A program called Love Thy Neighbor is being developed by a local church to help those who cannot help themselves. They will be doing some fundraising because many who cannot help themselves can't do much with needed projects because they can't afford to add a ramp, build a porch, tear down a dangerous deck or shed because they are on a fixed income. The church will utilize qualified workers, volunteers, youth groups, and I hope that our Friends of BG Volunteers program and the Diversity Coalition that did Adopt-a-Project will join in this endeavor to demonstrate the love of Jesus or to just help those less fortunate in our town.

A nice time was experienced at our first Senior Adults meeting at the High-Rise last Thursday. It was a good time of getting to know one another and doing some preliminary planning for future experiences. We will be meeting again every Thursday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., or however long your choose, so if you're looking for card or game playing, interacting with other senior adults, desiring to meet new people, or just want to get out of your house or apartment, please join us for light snacks, coffee, and good fun.

Easter Egg Hunt in the main park on Saturday, March 23. Walk for Life and barbecue is Saturday, May 11.

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS SUPPORTS HB 1413
HB 1413 is a crucial step towards safeguarding the integrity of our electoral process by implementing a discernible symbol for U.S. citizens on their state-issued identification. Upholding election security is vital in fostering unwavering trust in our governmental institutions. As Representative Perkins rightfully asserted, "It serves as the cornerstone of our constitutional republic, and I remain steadfast in my commitment to championing secure and transparent elections."

SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL MISSOURI
Rep. Perkins was excited to welcome Mayor Steve Wilch to the Capitol today. Elsberry, like many rural communities throughout Missouri are struggling with deteriorating infrastructure. Rep. Perkins' goal is to make certain that these communities have a voice in the Capitol.

Often times, rural communities get overlooked, but it is a priority for Rep. Perkins to make sure that doesn't happen. Additionally, It is of great benefit to have representatives from rural communities in leadership positions like Budget Chairman Cody Smith. Perkins said, "I will always be a fierce advocate for rural communities to make sure they get the resources not only to survive, but to thrive."

MISSOURI HOUSE PASSES BILL TO PROTECT MILITARY SIGNING BONUSES
We also signed off on a bill aiming to relieve the financial burden on Missouri's military personnel by ensuring that a significant portion of their signing bonuses remains with them, rather than being surrendered to the government. This initiative, supported by the House, reflects the sentiment that those serving in the armed forces deserve support from their home state.

Currently, Missouri law provides a tax deduction for active and reserve members of the Armed Forces. House Bill 1713 extends this deduction to signing bonuses, recognizing their importance in major life events such as purchasing a home, a vehicle, or supporting a growing family.

Our soldiers, along with their families, already dedicate a substantial portion of their lives to serving their country. This legislation ensures that when they receive a bonus, it directly supports them and their families, without a significant portion being withheld by the government. It also acknowledges the significance of federal tuition assistance as a draw for young

people considering military service. By reducing Missouri's cut into signing bonuses, we aim to support recruitment efforts and honor our military personnel.

This proposal comes at a crucial time when both recruitment and retention in Missouri are experiencing a decline of around 30 percent.

We need to ensure that our military personnel receive fair treatment and support. This legislation not only honors their service but also acknowledges the sacrifices they make in protecting our freedoms. By extending tax deductions to signing bonuses, we are sending a clear message: Missouri stands with our brave men and women in uniform.

VALENTINE'S LAW SEEKS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

The Missouri House of Representatives has perfected HB 1692, also known as "Valentine's Law", aimed at enhancing public safety by addressing concerns regarding fleeing suspects. Inspired by the sacrifice of fallen St. Louis County Police Detective Tony Valentine, the bill introduces measures to combat fleeing suspects, streamline penalties for resisting arrest, and establish stricter consequences for aggravated fleeing. The bill aims to strike a balance between apprehending perpetrators and ensuring public safety, while also serving as a deterrent to reckless behavior. This legislation emphasizes our support for law enforcement and community safety, while also honoring Detective Valentine's memory.

Bradford Pear Buy-Back

By now, most gardeners know how invasive the Callery 'Bradford' Pear tree has become. Just drive around the countryside and you will see thickets where it has escaped cultivation and is taking over land. The Bradford Pear tree was popular in the 1980s, 90s and early 2000's for its' white blossoms that transformed the spring landscape, colorful fall foliage and its' disease resistance. However, over time, this beauty has become an invasive species. The tree has become an aggressive spreader that can quickly crowd out native species and make it difficult for anyone trying to manage acreage. Mowing tree saplings or cutting trees off at the base and not treating the cut, creates more sprouts from the base. If cutting one down, treat the cut with a recommended herbicide.

Those with a Callery Pear will notice that they attract very few if any pollinators. Take a look at the leaves in mid-summer. See any insect holes? Probably not. This is

because it is not native and not a good food source for insects and their larvae. Take a look at your oak trees, which are native. Do you see holes in the leaves? Probably so. Oak trees are a "keystone species" and great food source for insects, which are a food source for birds. According to Doug Tallamy, professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, oak trees support caterpillars of over 500 species of moths and butterflies. Native plants and insects have evolved together, with certain insects feeding on certain plants. Instead of reaching for the insecticide to kill what is eating holes in the leaves of trees, just let nature run its' course.

The Bradford Pear, one of several cultivars of the Callery pear, was brought to the West from China in the late 1800s as a small ornamental. Over the years, more cultivars of the pear were developed with an eye toward strengthening its weak branch structure. The breeding also moved the pear

away from being a non-fruiting tree that was cloned for sale in the trade, to being one that produced lots of fruit and seeds. The tree can spread both by seeds and vegetatively through sprouts from the base. The tree's white blossoms are now almost ubiquitous in any place where the sun shines-parks, highway rights of way, vacant lots, even areas under partially open forest canopies.

The Missouri Invasive Plant Council, in partnership with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, Forrest Keeling Nursery and the Missouri Department of Conservation will host a Callery (Bradford) pear buy-back program in locations around the state on April 23 from 3-6 pm. Kirksville is a host site. Homeowners can cut down their Bradford Pear tree and receive a free, non-invasive tree at the event. Participants must register and submit a photo of their cut-down Callery pear tree. Registration is open March 15-April 15 at <https://mo.invasives.org/2024/01/12/callery-pear-buy-back-2024>.

Community Calendar...

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

On March 23: The Pike County polling place for the Missouri Democratic Party Presidential Preference Primary Election will be at the Bowling Green Community Center, 201 West Locust St., from 8 a.m.-noon. This election is opened to all Missouri Democrats, Independents, and other undeclared voters. For more info call Margart at 754-2914.

On March 23: The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association's planning committee will meet at 10 a.m., at The Trimble House (on South Main at South Carolina St.). The all-school reunion events, newsletter, and scholarships will be on the agenda. Any alumni, current or former staff/administrator of the district are encouraged to attend.

On March 28: Clarksville Garden Club is holding its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Clarksville Christian Church annex, 500 S., 2nd St. The program will be presented by Joe Pridgeon on the Endangered Kestrel. The Kestrel is known as North American's littlest falcon. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

On March 29: Bowling Green Ministerial Association community Good Friday service at noon at the First United Methodist Church, 8 N. Broadway.

On April 9: BGHS Blood Drive in the high school auditorium, 700 W. Adams, 11:30-5:30 p.m. Community members are invited from 3-6 p.m. Call 324-5341 to make an appointment.

On April 13: Champ Clark VFW Post 5553 History Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 505 VFW Road, Bowling Green. For more information contact Mandi Bryant, 573-470-9067 leave message. Food available for purchase.



Introduction To Hydroponics

Horticulture educators from University of Missouri Extension and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension are giving programs and teaching classes in hydroponics, a system for growing plants without the usual constraints of the outdoors - temperature, water, sunlight soil or location.

In 2022, regional horticulture specialist Donna Aufdenberg, and state specialist, Dr. Juan Cabrera-Garcia received a Specialty Crop Block Grant through the Missouri Department of Agriculture to teach colleagues, producers and home gardeners how to grow plants hydroponically.

Each educator received a hydroponic unit for growing salad greens. Most units fit on a desktop and use the nutrient

flow technique, in which plants grow in a nutrient solution that circulates around the root system. Units require electricity and plants need some type of lighting, preferably LED lighting. Another option for greens is a deep water culture system. Plants sit in net cups suspended from holes in a Styrofoam mat. The roots hang from the net cup in a solution of water and nutrients. A third unit being used is a Dutch bucket system, which is a square bucket containing perlite or expanded clay pebbles. It is suitable for growing tomatoes or cucumbers.

More information about growing plants hydroponically will be in upcoming issues.

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RUTH Jensen Village Residential Services has an opening for a part-time (approximately 10 hours per week) employee responsible for cleaning and detailing vehicles. Hours are flexible. Starting wage range is \$14.50 per hour. Employees must pass a background check, have a valid driver's license, have excellent driving skills, and also possess strong attention to detail. Application for this position may be at through March 22, 2024 at Ruth Jensen Village Administrative Office at 5 Industrial Drive, Bowling Green, MO; Attention: Carla Garthe. RJVRS, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer. (x2-19)

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Community News



MO Angus Association Board

These men and women were elected to serve on the Missouri Angus Association board of directors and are pictured at the 2024 Missouri Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 24 in Columbia. Pictured seated from left are Tony Ward, Oak Grove, president; Brock Meyer, Bowling Green, past president; Roger Behlmann, Saint Paul, president elect; Josh Gilbert, Oldfield, vice president; Darla Eggers, Mexico, secretary; and Dave Eversole, Rocheport, treasurer. Standing from left are Jim Brinkley, Milan, American Angus Association board member; Jeff Rhode, Stewartville, district 1 director; Chad Sampson, Kirksville, district 2 director; Chas Wheeler, Paris, district 3 director; Mark Womack, Doe Run, district 4 director; Doug Frank, Wentzville, district 5 director; David Warfield, Butler, district 6 director; Brett Naylor, Half Way, district 7 director; Holly Meyer, Koshkonong, district 8 director; Kadin Boardman, Jackson, district 9 director; Alan Mead, Barnett, American Angus Association board member; and Julie Conover, Holden, executive director.

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Jr. Division Jr. Heifer Calf Of The Year

Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, right, won a three-way tie for the Junior Division Junior Heifer Calf of the Year award with Meyer LK Forever Lady 3106 at the 2024 Missouri Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 24 in Columbia. Also pictured presenting the award is Brock Meyer, Missouri Angus Association president, left, and Jaxon Meyer, in front.

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MO Angus Presidents

Brock Meyer, Bowling Green, right, was presented with an award for his service as past president at the 2024 Missouri Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 24 in Columbia, Mo. Pictured presenting the award is Tony Ward, 2024-25 Missouri Angus Association president, left.

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VFW Auxiliary Post 3173 Holds Memorial Service

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, March 14 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed. The February meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Correspondence included a thank you letter from Missouri Veterans' Home, Mexico, Assistance League for donation to the bingo program.

A memorial service was held for past national president 2000-01 Patricia Jankowski who died March 3. During the business meeting the Van-Far 2024 VFW Post and Auxiliary Scholarship monetary award was decided. First place application will receive a \$300 check and the second place application will receive \$250. There are eight applications to be reviewed by the executive committee.

The Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico is implementing a new memory care program "TOVER". The auxiliary will donate \$100 to the home towards the new program.

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

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

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, April 11 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.

OBITUARIES

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be Larry Smith, Irene Smith, Kaitlyn Langley, Kenneth Smith, Kathy Price, and Kay Love. Pallbearers will be Cody Smith Brad Stoops, Kenneth Smith Jr., Kyle Green, Cameron Price, and Josh Langley.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or donor's choice.

Collier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Francis Eugene 'Gene' Peak

Funeral services for Francis Eugene "Gene" Peak, 85, of Laddonia will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Laddonia Christian Church, with Pastor Bill Maupin officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Monday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Laddonia.

Mr. Peak died Thursday, March 14, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Gene was born Jan. 8, 1939 in Laddonia, the son of Gene and Grace Freyer Peak. He married Loretta Faye Hawkins on March 31, 1968, in Laddonia. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Phillip Peak and wife, Deanna of Wellsville and Paul Peak and wife, Desiree of Wellsville; one daughter, Shari Love of St. Charles; 11 grandchildren, Jacob Peak and wife, Sydney, Lucas Peak, Kaleb Peak, step-grandson, Christopher Brookman and wife, Savannah, Emily Boes and hus-

band, Austin, Erin Peak and Josh Christian, Danielle Love, Micaella Love and Jacob Johnson, Alexis Hummel, Bethany Regot, and Morgan Regot; nine great-grandchildren; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father; Fred Johnsten, one brother, Charles Peak; and one stepister and brother-in-law, Don and Deloris Waller.

Mr. Peak was a lifetime area resident, a member of the Laddonia Christian Church, the Martinsburg American Legion Post 552, and the Young Farmers. Gene was a lifelong farmer, who enjoyed hunting and traveling. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Peak, Lucas Peak, Kaleb Peak, Morgan Regot, Christo-

pher Brookman, and Jay Freyer.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Cauthorn, Marty Freyer, John Freyer, and Jason Howald.

Memorial contributions may be made to Martinsburg American Legion Post 552 or Laddonia Christian Church, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Laddonia, MO 63352.

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

Sharon Wombles

Sharon Kay Wombles, 78, of Louisiana died Friday, March 15, 2024 in Louisiana.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m., until time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Donna Hanson would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, messages and cards of sympathy, flowers and donations to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry and visits during our recent loss.

We especially want to thank Pastor Brian Lehenbauer and the staff of Bienhoff Funeral Home for the lovely service.

**Kim, Scott, Rylee & Ryen Hanson
Dianne & Dick Hammett**



Outgoing

Jr. President

Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, left, was presented with an award for her service as past president of the Missouri Junior Angus Association board at the 2024 Missouri Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 24 in Columbia. Pictured presenting the award is Monica Jordan, junior advisor, right.

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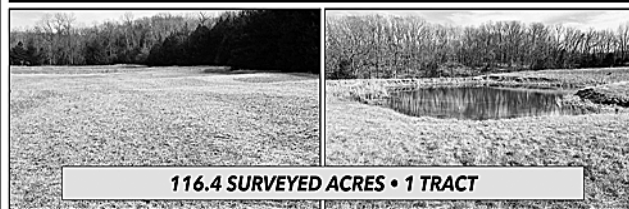
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Contact Jim Craig - 573-470-2554 For Info

We would like to invite you to a Community Sunrise Service. We encourage you to invite your church, family, and friends to join us as we worship and sing praises to our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will supply chairs on the basketball court. If you can please bring your own lawn chair.

Parking: There is limited parking at the park near the ball fields. We will likely be setting up remote parking & shuttle buses. We will have shuttle golf carts if you need assistance getting from the handicapped parking lot to the bandstand. See the website link & QR code below for more info on parking.

Contact us or email PastorJim@nhbc.church to let us know if you have special needs for this service. Please RSVP to with the following link with the number planning to attend in your group. RSVP is not required but will help us with planning.

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