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Epperson Hired As New Lady Cats Basketball Coach

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Bowling Green Lady Cats varsity basketball team will have a new head coach next season.

Last week, the school district announced they have filled the coaching position

left vacant after Noah Pafford resigned with McKenzie Epperson. She will also take on the role of PE teacher at the high school.

"I am very excited to announce that I am the new High School P.E. Teacher and Varsity Girls Head Basketball

Coach," Epperson said in the announcement. "I am thrilled to be able to bring my playing/coaching experiences to Bowling Green."

Originally from Ralls County, Epperson graduated from Mark Twain High School and went on to play four years of varsity basketball while attending the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Culver-Stockton College.

"This allowed me to have a great career and the opportunity to play at the next level where I was blessed with five years of college basketball at two different levels," she continued. "During those years, I competed at the NCAA Division 2 level with the University of Missouri- St. Louis then with Culver-Stockton College at the NAIA level for my final year. In my last two collegiate seasons, I was a part of a 23-6 program and a 19-11 program. I feel that I know what it takes to win at the next level and am ready to bring my knowledge and dedication to your community."

Bowling Green fans might recognize Epperson from the opposing side of the court. During her high school athletic career in 2014-2018, she left her mark as Mark Twain's all-time leader in points, steals, and assists.

More recently, she was an assistant-coach for Mark Twain this past season.

"We were very excited that Coach Epperson reached out inquiring about the PE/ Head Girls Basketball position," Bowling Green Athletic Director, Matt Chance told the Tribune. "She is very familiar with Bowling Green athletics and the EMO Conference as she played at Mark Twain High School. I've watched her play many times in high school and followed her career at UMSL and Culver-Stockton and the one thing that I really like about Coach Epperson is her passion for basketball. She is going to fit in really well at Bowling Green High School."

This will be Epperson's first year as head coach.



Officer Of The Year

Austin Winegardener was awarded the senior non-commissioned officer of the year away on Saturday, Feb. 24 for the 375th Air Mobility Wing at Scott AFB in Illinois. He is pictured above receiving the award. Pictured below is Winegardener with his wife, Kelsey, far right; daughter, Lillian, 7 years old and son, Grayson, 10 years old. The family will be moving to Guam in the near future. He is the grandson of Claudie and Donna Tipton of Farber. His parents are Kimberly and Marvin Marty of Palm Beach, Fla.



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MAGGIE SCHERDER
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Maggie Scherder To Represent U.S. In Turkey

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Maggie Scherder, the competitive swimmer from Troy has once again made the USA Down Syndrome Swimming National Team.

Scherder has had an impressive athletic career on the global stage representing US athletes with intellectual impairments in Canada, Italy, Portugal, and the 2023 Virtus Global Games in Vichy in France.

And now, she'll add the Trisome Games 2024 in Turkey to that list.

Maggie spent her childhood in Peoria, IL where she first discovered her love of the sport before moving to her current hometown in Troy.

Maggie has several connections to Pike County and the Bowling Green area from her father, Greg Scherder,

who grew up in Bowling Green along with many other relatives that still in the area.

Her impressive accomplishments resonate with many residents, but as an athlete with Down Syndrome even more so for those with physical and intellectual impairments.

Scherder is currently a student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis's (UMSL) Succeed Program.

Last year she earned prestigious gold medals in both the 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle events. She also triumphed as the World Champion in the 100-meter backstroke. Her stunning performance set a new DSISO Americas Open record with a time of 36.51 in the 50 freestyle.

The Trisome Games 2024 – an international sporting event specifically for athletes

with Down Syndrome. This prestigious competition set to take place in Turkey from March 19 through March 26. It offers a platform for these exceptional athletes to showcase their talents on a global stage.

Maggie has had a decorated career in competitive swimming, with previous international successes including a gold medal win at the 10th World Down Syndrome Swimming & Artistic Championships in Albufeira, Portugal in 2022. She was the first US woman to win a gold at the Portugal event and helped the team secure a fourth-place finish out of 23 countries.

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



Woods Fort Club House Burns

At approximately 1 p.m., on Sunday, March 3 a 911 call was made that the club house at Woods Fort Country Club in Troy was on fire. The event center and club house were completely destroyed. The barn sustained no damage. Some property was salvaged. Those responding include Lincoln County Fire Protection District #1, Lincoln County Ambulance District, Lincoln County 911 - Troy, and Troy Police Department.

Community News

Time To Buy MDC 2024 Annual Hunting, Fishing Permits

Buy Missouri Hunting, Fishing Permits Online

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds Missouri hunters and anglers that related annual permits expire at the end of February, including 2023 permits for small game, fishing, trout fishing, and combination hunting and fishing.

Buy Missouri hunting and fishing permits from one of many vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunting and MO

Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

Save time by buying hunting and fishing permits for multiple people in a single transaction. Select the "Additional Customer" option during the permit purchase.

Avoid having to manually renew permits each year by using MDC's Permit Auto-Renewal Service. It allows customers to enroll eligible

permits in a service that will automatically renew their permits prior to the start of the next season or permit year. The process was designed to ensure customers never have expired permits when they need them most. Learn more at mdc.mo.gov/permits/permit-auto-renewal.

Commercial and lifetime permits can be purchased only through the MDC Permit Services Unit by calling 573-522-0107 for an application.

Award To Honor Local Livestock Producers

Local livestock producers who demonstrate outstanding achievements in the livestock industry are asked to apply for an award recognizing their accomplishments. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award.

Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered.

According to the committee chairman, Garry Mathes, this award recognizes live-

stock leaders from across the state.

Vice-chairman, Zac Erwin states "We know there are individuals, business and agency personnel, and educators that have made tremendous contributions to the livestock industry in this state and beyond, and we want to recognize them for their career achievements."

The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 6, 2024.

The award nomination form can be found at <https://missourilivestock.com/achievement-award>, by emailing missourilivestock@gmail.com and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County MU Extension office at 660-665-9866. Nominations are due Sept. 1, 2024.

The 25th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 6-7 at the William Mathew Middle School. Go to missourilivestock.com or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

Nominate An Outstanding Missouri Volunteer For 22nd Annual Show Me Service Awards

Nominations Close March 11, 2024

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) is seeking nominations for the 22nd Annual Show Me Service Awards.

The Show Me Service Awards highlight the service and volunteerism that Missourians provide to strengthen communities and improve quality of life.

To provide a diverse group of awardees each year, the awards are presented by region and include age-specific awards, national service

awards, business awards, and community awards.

The Show Me Service Awards are divided into seven categories and awarded across four regions: North/Central, St. Louis area, Kansas City area, and Southern. Categories include Youth, Adult, Senior, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors (Senior Corps), Business Excellence, and Community Excellence. Award nominees will compete with only those

from their region and in their same category.

To nominate someone who is making a difference in your community, complete the form now available here or use the button below. The nomination period is now open and will close on Monday, March 11, at 11:59 p.m.

The Show Me Service Awards ceremony presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 23 in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:30 p.m.

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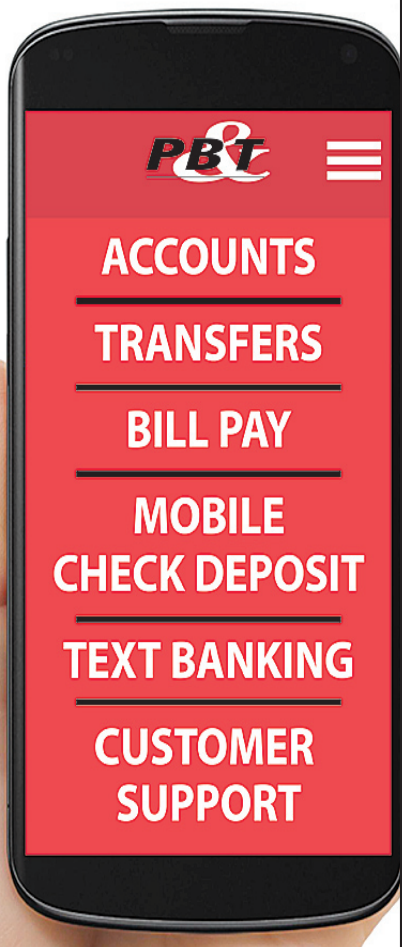
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From The Mayor's Desk...

As Black History month concludes, I hope that you investigated and come to appreciate and honor the legacy of all the Black communities around the world who have contributed and have impacted our lives for the better. I agree with Dr Martin Luther King's statement, "Injustice anywhere threatens justice everywhere." Please, be supportive in our Bowling Green's Black Community in paving new paths for progress, development, and betterment.

March is National Women's History Month. The message is the same as Black history concerning valuing and acknowledging the importance and influence women worldwide have contributed over the centuries. We can start our search for contributions in our own back yard with Genevieve Clark, wife of Champ Clark, and their daughter Genevieve who were extremely active in the Women's Suffragist Movement which brought about Women's Right to Vote in America. If you've never been to the Honey Shuck House in our wonderful city, you need to put it on your "to do" list. We need to understand and know our past so that we don't make the same mistakes in the present and the future.

It is exciting to see all the house building going on in Bowling Green and houses already being sold, contracts on yet to be built, duplexes and such already being filled with renters, and new people moving into our city. In working with the Department of Economic Development for our town, many invitations to come to Bowling Green for businesses and light manufacturing plus bowling allies, theaters,

golf courses, steak houses, Italian restaurants, and more have been invited. In each case, demographics of our town have been included with these invitations. One of the first things these businesses etc. do is to look at traffic patterns and count vehicles coming in and out of our town. The next thing they count is roof tops. This tells them if there is an ample number of people to create a workforce for their business. Too often, this number in the demographics has deterred them from coming. However, there is still great interest and desire in coming to Bowling Green because they see growth potential and they have heard of the work ethic, positive environment and amenities, excellent schools, and a good selection of businesses and services which are attractive to their companies.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Attempts to start a senior citizens center, (name to be determined by our senior adults 50 and over), will have a meeting on Thursday, March 7 at the High Rise on the west end or right side of the Center. This will take place in their multipurpose room where light snacks, coffee, games, and simply meeting people will hopefully occur. The times will be from 8:00 to 12 noon but will be determined by the interest and decisions of the participants. This event is independent of City Hall and is an attempt to provide socialization and activities for our senior adults. This is designed to be every Thursday for now with hopes of future expansion. This will be totally led by involved citizens. Come and see that it is good to fellow-ship with others.

MDC Warns Not To Burn

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people that strong winds, low humidity, and dry conditions this time of year means extra caution is needed to avoid unexpected wildfires. According to MDC, a main cause of wildfires is improper burning of debris such as leaves or brush piles.

"It's been drier and warmer than usual, which means fires could get out of control very quickly," said MDC Fire Program Supervisor Ben Webster. "We want everyone to check weather conditions and be extremely careful when burning leaves or debris. Check with your local fire department regarding burn bans or Red Flag Warnings that may be in place because critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly."

Areas of Missouri have already seen an increase in wildfire activity over the last week, mainly in the southern half of the state. MDC staff have been working with other agencies and area fire departments to contain numerous wildfires.

Help Prevent Wildfires
A person who starts a fire for any reason is responsible for any damage it may cause. MDC urges landowners, hunters, campers, and others in the outdoors to help prevent wildfires and offers the following tips.

OUTDOOR BURNING: Don't burn during wrong conditions. Dry grass, high temperatures, low humidity, and

wind make fire nearly impossible to control. Check with local fire departments regarding burn bans or Red Flag Warnings that may be in place because critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly.

DRIVING OFF ROAD: Wildfires can start when dry fuel, such as grass, comes in contact with catalytic converters. Think twice before driving into and across a grassy field. Never park over tall, dry grass or piles of leaves that can touch the underside of a vehicle. When driving vehicles off road, regularly inspect the undercarriage to ensure that fuel and brake lines are intact, and no oil leaks are apparent. Always carry an approved fire extinguisher on vehicles that are used off road. Check for the presence of spark arresters on ATV exhausts.

MAKING A CAMPFIRE: Clear a generous zone around fire rings. Store unused firewood a good distance from a campfire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid to start a fire. Keep campfires small and controllable. Keep fire-extinguishing materials, such as a rake, shovel, and bucket of water, close. Extinguish campfires each night and before leaving camp, even if it's just for a few moments.

For more info visit the mdc.mo.gov/your-property/fire-management/fire-department-assistance-programs.

MDC Offers Free Virtual Mushroom Hunting Class

Spring warmth stimulates natural life, including fungi such as morels and other edible mushrooms.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering a free virtual Mushroom Hunting 101 class from 1-2

p.m., Saturday, March 16.

This online course will cover how mushrooms are produced and their role in ecology. Nikki King, MDC naturalist, will explain where and how people can look for mushrooms. King will provide tips on identifying edible mushrooms and avoiding those that are not safely edible.

Mushroom Hunting 101 is open to all ages. Registration is required. To register, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/48U>. For more information about mushrooms in Missouri, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/48i>.

MDC March 7 Virtual Program To Focus On Equipment Needed To Clean Fish

Program Is First In Three-Part Series On Fish Cleaning

Part of the fun of catching fish is eating what you've caught. However, before any fish fillets get put in a fryer or on a grill, anglers need to know how to properly clean what they've caught.

People who would like to learn more about the equipment needed to clean fish should register for the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) virtual program "Pond to Plate: Fish Cleaning Equipment." This free online event will be from 2:30-3 p.m., Thursday, March 7 and is the first in a three-part series of programs on how to clean fish. This online program is being put on by

the staff of MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin.

At this program, MDC Education Administrative Specialist Tim Smith will discuss the knives and other equipment needed to clean fish. People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/197907>

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling

324-6111 or e-mail to:

peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On March 13: Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce member meeting will have Susan Fry as guest speaker. Susan will speak about "Sharing is Beautiful, Period," a community drive sponsored by the Troy chapter of Little Black Book (LBB). LBB is a "professional organization for like-minded women committed to improving themselves and their community through purposeful networking, on-going self-development, and charity work." The current drive collects feminine hygiene products such as tampons, pads, period underwear, Diva cups, etc. to distribute in local schools. This year the drive is expanding to include the Bowling Green R-I Schools. one in five teens struggle to afford menstrual products while one in four teens in the U.S. miss class due to lack of access to period supplies. If you are able, bring some items to donate to the Sharing is Beautiful, Period campaign. For more information about the meeting, contact Sarah, 324-3733.

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS SUPPORTS MISSOURI'S EFFORTS TO SECURE THE BORDER

Rep. Chad Perkins supports Governor Parson's decision to send aid to Texas to secure the border. Rep. Perkins said, "This demonstrates our commitment to national security and the rule of law." By assisting Texas in its efforts to strengthen border security, Missouri is upholding the integrity of our immigration system and protecting our communities from potential threats. "Joe Biden has made an absolute mess of border security. Allowing illicit drugs and millions of people to flood into our country unabated is unconscionable, and I'm proud to stand with Gov. Abbott to secure the border."

HOUSE PASSES BILL THAT PREVENTS FEES ON STREAMING SERVICES

The Missouri House has passed HB 2057 to modernize the state's regulation of video service providers and address concerns related to franchise fees for streaming services.

The bill proposes amending the definition of "video service" to include streaming content, adapting to the evolving video services landscape. While maintaining the exemption of streaming providers from franchise fees, the legislation asserts that attaching such fees to internet services may violate federal law. Supporters argue against imposing traditional franchise fees on satellite and streaming services, emphasizing potential consumer bill increases. "This legislation not only ensures fairness in franchise fee exemptions for streaming providers but also protects consumers from unwarranted increases in their bills," the bill sponsor said. "By addressing the evolving landscape of video services, we are fostering innovation while safeguarding the interests of both providers and the public. This bill reflects our commitment to responsive governance and a thriving digital future for Missouri."

The bill is positioned as revenue-neutral, maintaining the status quo, and now advances to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

MISSOURI HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO SAFEGUARD STATE WATER RESOURCES

The Missouri House has successfully passed a comprehensive environmental protection bill, HBs 2134 & 1956, with the primary goal of preventing companies from storing and spreading meat-packing waste on rural Missouri farmland. This bipartisan initiative gained support from both rural and urban lawmakers.

Under the legislation, companies intending to construct

storage lagoons for animal byproducts would be required to conduct monthly tests on waste for heavy metals and pathogens. Additionally, the bill mandates the installation of groundwater monitoring wells to prevent any material seepage into water bodies. Notably, large animal feeding operations are exempt from these provisions, with the overall intention of addressing environmental concerns while supporting the meat processing industry.

Originating from complaints in southwest and central Missouri, residents have expressed concerns about the odor and environmental hazards associated with the storage and spreading of waste material from poultry and meat processing.

The bill sponsor highlighted the exploitation of a loophole by companies, affecting both the environment and the agriculture industry. He emphasized the need for regulation and reasonable application of waste management.

The bill introduces a nutrient management standard overseen by the Department of Natural Resources, emphasizing responsible waste management. It focuses on protecting hydrologically sensitive areas and grants the department enhanced monitoring capabilities. Moreover, it restricts the Clean Water Commission from exempting entities from water pollution permits unless engaged in product sales. The legislation also streamlines operating permit processes, ensuring compliance with construction standards for facilities.



Foundation Accepts Donation

Hannibal Regional Foundation was honored to recently accept a \$2,300.00 donation to the Team Member Assistance Fund at Hannibal Regional Healthcare System from the Hannibal Regional Auxiliary. Starting in 2018, the Auxiliary began donating tips and change from The Caring Cup coffee shop and the Courtyard Café tip jars to this important fund which assists Hannibal Regional team members when faced with an emergency financial need. To date, the auxiliary has donated over \$10,000 specifically to this fund. For more information about getting involved with Hannibal Regional Auxiliary, visit hannibalregional.org or call 573.248.5272. Pictured, from left: Todd Ahrens, Hannibal Regional Healthcare System President & CEO; Janet Taylor, Hannibal Regional Auxiliary President; JD Dodd, Director- Volunteer & Guest Services; and Wendy Harrington, Hannibal Regional Foundation President & CEO.

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Obituaries



Lois Jane Colbert

Lois Jane Colbert, 84, of Eolia died at Parkside Manor in Bowling Green on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024.

Visitation was Saturday, March 24 from 12-2 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Funeral was held Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Sammy Lorton and the Rev. Frank Welch officiating. Interment followed in Old Alexandria Cemetery in Troy.

She was born Nov. 12, 1939 in Troy to Clarence and Cornelia Lovell Creech. Lois attended the local schools along with her siblings, Lillian and Sonny. She and James Colbert were united in marriage on Nov. 25, 1957 in Troy. To this union were born, James Jr., Lisa, twins, Mark and Clarence, Quintin, and Julie.

Lois worked part-time as the kids were growing up, selling Tupperware and insurance. She loved to crochet, listen to music, play cards, square dance, and read. Lois and James enjoyed hosting their large families for holidays and special occasions. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, James Colbert of Eolia; children, Lisa Scherder and husband, Jeff of Bowling Green, Quintin Dale and Brenda Colbert, and Julie Mae Colbert and wife, Dawn of Troy; grandchildren, Adam Scherder and wife, Stephanie, Laura Scherder-Lemons and husband, Mike, Brittany Lynn Colbert-Howell and husband, Cole, Brandon Dale Colbert and wife, Bailye, and Dillon James Colbert; great-grandchildren, Summer Scherder and boyfriend, Logan Farrow, and Adam Scherder Jr., Daphne and Zoey Lemons, Kinza, Karson, and Kayt Colbert.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents and her children, James Franklin Colbert Jr., Mark Andrew and Clarence Matthew Colbert, and siblings, Lillian Pruitt and Sonny Creech.

Family and friends are invited to sign our registry at: www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Donna Jean Beedle Hanson

Donna Jean Beedle Hanson, 85, of Vandalia died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, surrounded by the love of her family at Boone Hospital in Columbia.

Visitation and services were held Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Visitation was from 11 a.m.-1p.m., followed by funeral services at 1 p.m.

She was born May 5, 1938, in rural Vandalia to Floyd and Thelma Hodges Beedle. She was united in marriage to James Dean Hanson on June 3, 1956.

Donna was a 1956 graduate of Vandalia High School. She lived in Washington State and Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband during his military service prior to returning home to raise her family. She was a homemaker and was an Avon Lady for over 40 years winning numerous awards for her sales achievements. Her family fondly remembers her sitting in the floor of the living room filling Avon orders and riding along with her as she delivered those orders to her cus-

tomers. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and attended regularly prior to 2020 and loved reading the church newsletter.

Donna could be found cheering her children and then her grandsons on in all of their athletic endeavors, traveling to softball, baseball and basketball games and was always their number one fan. She was a loving and caring grandma and never failed to tell Rylee and Ryan that she loved them.

In her spare time, Donna spent endless hours working on her lawn and flowers and in the spring, summer, and fall there were always lots of colorful blooms. She loved visiting with her neighbors and sitting outside directing lawn and garden work as well as driving around and admiring other people's lawns and flowers.

Donna was a wonderful cook and everyone loved when she made her pimento cheese. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by a daughter, Kim Hanson; and one son, Scott Hanson; grandsons, Rylee Hanson and Ryan Hanson; her closest cousins, Dianne Hammett and husband, Dick, Penny Gottschalk and husband, Alan; and their children as well as numerous cousins living out of state; and her great-granddog, Kimber. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim, of 52 years on Aug. 28, 2008; her father- and mother-in-law, Lee and Merle Hanson; and her cats, Lucky and Hallie.

Pallbearers were Rylee Hanson, Ryan Hanson, Dick Hammett, Colby Stuart, Tom Stuart, and Doug Wood.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that expressions of sympathy be made to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry, Vandalia. Donations may be mailed, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Donna will be greatly missed by those closest to her.



Mary Louise Palmer Gessman

Mary Louise Palmer Gessman of Crandall, Texas died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, in Crandall, Texas.

She will always be remembered as a funny, loving, caring, and amazing mom, best friend, memaw, sister, and friend to all who knew and loved her. She was born June 13, 1945, in Louisiana to Sam and Lola Palmer who resided in Bowling Green.

Mary was a graduate of Bowling Green High School with the class of 1963, then went on to be a license beautician, worked at Bobbie Brooks garment factory in Vandalia, then moved to Mexico where she had her first day care business.

She and her family relocated to Balch Springs, Texas in 1979 where she worked at Dal-Tile in Dallas. She then proceeded to be a stay home mom and licensed day care operator. She always smiled and enjoyed life to the fullest, playing softball, bowling, camping, attending family reunions, sitting outside in her swing with neighbors, singing and boot scootin' to her favorite country and western songs, playing cards and games with family and friends and drinking her Mountain Dew and Diet Dr. Pepper.

Mary cherished every moment she shared with her three daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. There was never a sport or activity that she did not attend. She enjoyed rodeos, baseball, softball, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics, track meets and BMX racing.

Mary is survived by three daughters, Audy and fiance, Michael, Marla and fiance, Gary, Molly Lon and husband, Rusty; grandchildren, Aaron Pass, McKol Gray, Brynanda Langston, Haley Waugh, McKinley and Ryder

Burford; great-grandchildren, Preslee Gore, Lakelynn Pass, Braxton Gray, Gentson Langston, and Bryln Blunt; a sister, Connie Sue Hoover and husband, Roger of Vandalia; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Lola Palmer; a sister, Wanda Lou Sharpmack; and her husband, Roger Dale Gessman.



Barbara Jean Lake

Barbara Jean Lake, 73, of Hannibal died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at her home in Hannibal.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Friday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Chaplin Mark Burkey officiated. Burial was at Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal.

Friends and family were invited to Barbara's Life Celebration at a visitation from 10-11 a.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Barbara was born Dec. 26, 1950, in Mexico to Lloyd and Kathleen Duncan Buffington. She was married to Ronald Dale Lake on Dec. 3, 1983, in Monroe City. He preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 2020.

Survivors include her four children, Amy Hager and Larry Davis Jr., of New London, John Hobbs and wife, Angela of Kansas City, Julie Wheeler and husband, Darrell of New London, and Samantha Hobbs and Jared Yargus of Hannibal; one stepson, Ron Lake and wife, Barb of Palmyra; three sisters, Janette Minor and husband, Les of Monroe City, Marlene Fischer and husband, Barry of Vandalia, and Kathleen Buffington of Middletown; 11 grandchildren, Chris Lake and wife, Kirby, Amanda Wasson, Tony Gamble, Cara Riley and husband, Jared, Wes Wheeler and wife, Jordy, Heather Lake, Dalton Wheeler and wife, Mercedes, John Michael Hobbs, Landyn Holman, Alexa Rickey, and Katie Hobbs; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; one stepdaughter, Vestal Lake and one step grandson, Dakota Lake.

Barbara dedicated her professional life to meticulous care and attention to detail as a bookkeeper. Her career began at Levering Hospital, where her proficiency and work ethic were as evident as her warm smile. Later, she brought her talents to The Display Center, where she not only managed accounts but also formed lasting friendships and left an indelible mark on the hearts of her colleagues.

Barbara's interests painted the picture of a woman who found beauty and pleasure in

life's simple treasures. Her hands were rarely still, often busy with quilting and sewing, creating intricate patterns and colorful designs that reflected her vibrant spirit. Her flower garden was a testament to her patience and nurturing touch, with every bloom expressing the joy she took in planting and caring for them.

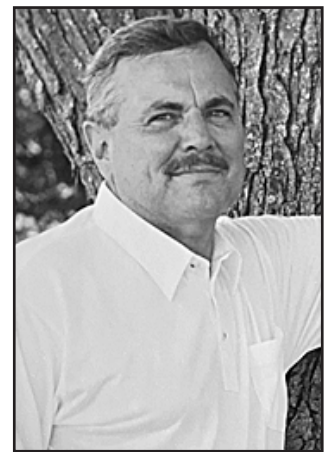
A lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Barbara found excitement in the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd. Her love for romance novels, particularly those by V.C. Andrews, offered her an escape into worlds of intrigue and passion. Barbara's younger years were filled with the rhythms of dancing and clogging, her feet tapping out the beat of a life lived with enthusiasm and energy.

Above all, Barbara's greatest joy was the time spent with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each moment with them was cherished, as she imparted wisdom and shared laughter. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Barbara was Christian by faith.

Pallbearers were Landyn Holman, John Michael Hobbs, Tony Gamble, Jared Riley, Wes Wheeler, and Dalton Wheeler.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice.



Ronald 'Ron' Auwarter

Ronald "Ron" Dean Auwarter, 83, of Louisiana died Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 at the MO Veterans Home in Mexico.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Monday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Dirk Otterstein assisted by the Rev. Jeffrey Dock officiating. Burial with military honors was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m., until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

Ron was born Feb. 9, 1941 in Ft. Madison, Iowa to Herman O. and Anna Mae Wright Auwarter. He was married to Rita Kay Sparks Sisson on Sept. 6, 1994 in Las Vegas, Nev.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Auwarter; a daughter, Kimberly Ann Roesch and husband, Roy of St. Louis; a son, Mark Scott Auwarter of Lake of the Ozarks; four grandchildren, Bryce Bradley Sparks and wife, Paige, Molly Judith Sparks, Haley E. Walker and husband, Kenny, and Anna Elaine Auwarter; two great-grandchildren, Rory Nichole Sparks, and Emma Elaine Walker; two step-sons, John Sisson and Stephen Sisson; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and

Anna Mae Auwarter; a brother, Jack Auwarter, who was killed serving with the U.S. Army in Italy during WWII and was buried in Sicily; an infant brother, Billy Auwarter; and three sisters, Vernadine Wabel, Norma Whitesell, and Doris Moffitt.

Ron was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from 1960-62. He was stationed in Greenland during the time of the Vietnam War. He had been employed with Dundee Cement, later named Holcim Inc., in Clarksville for about 30 years until his retirement.

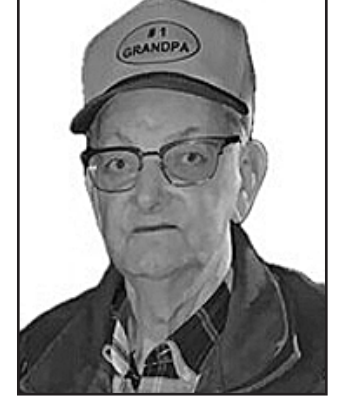
He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #5553 in Bowling Green, member of the Lions Club in Louisiana, and Mason's Perseverance Lodge #92 in Louisiana.

Ron had many talents. He was an artist, a photographer and videographer, and wood carver. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, boating, golfing, his time living in Ft. Meyers, Fla., but mostly spending time with his family.

Honorary pallbearers were Richard Rosenmiller, Steve Sisson, and John David Sisson. Pallbearers were Harold Wilson, Ed Pennington,

Kenny Walker, Roy Roesch, Bryce Sparks, and Dan Moffitt.

Memorials may be made to the MO Veterans Home in Mexico.



James 'Jim' Colbert

James "Jim" Colbert, 85, of Eolia died Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 at Parkside Manor in Bowling Green.

He was born March 11, 1938 in Clarksville to Andy and Maggie Luckett Colbert. Jim attended the local schools along with his eight siblings.

He and Lois Creech were united in marriage on Nov. 25, 1957 in Troy. To this See OBITUARIES on page 7

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Bud Teague wishes to express sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and visits during our recent loss.

We especially wish to thank the Rev. Bob Hoehn, Bro. Kenny Haddock, nephew, Tim Crow (for the memories), and the staff of Waters Funeral Home.

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Agape House Updates Guest Rooms, Landscaping

In its Tuesday, Feb. 20 meeting, Agape House of Vandalia board members learned that front entrance landscaping had recently been updated.

Additionally, board member, Eldora Lowry, reported guest rooms were outfitted with new wall hangings and other decorative details.

House manager reported the need for work on interior lights. Board president, Rich Duffner, will evaluate and repair the lights for the safety of guests when they stay while visiting loved ones at the state correctional centers in Bowling Green and Vandalia.

Treasurer Kay Robnett stated that an audit had been completed for the previous year and was found to be satisfactory. She further noted tax papers had been filed as required.

Members in attendance were Jane Duffner, R. Duffner, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, E. Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, K. Robnett, Terry Rudolph, and Mary Thomas.

Monetary gifts received in January include the following: Edgewood Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Ramsey Creek Baptist

Church of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church; Knights of Columbus #11928 of Elsberry; Farber Baptist Church; Laddonia Christian Church; Knights of Columbus #572 of Mexico; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; and Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Spencer Creek Baptist Church, St. John Lutheran Church and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia.

A gift of service was provided by Laura Cash of Mexico.



Honey Shuck Planning

The Champ Clark Honey Shuck Restoration Inc. board met March 2 to plan activities and events for the coming year. Among items discussed was the Champ Clark Heritage Festival in September and the annual Honey Shuck roast in October. Pictured around the table from the left are Milan Berry, Kim Witte, Rebecca Glenn, Joy Davis, Charlene McCune, Glen Leverenz, Larry Twellman, Paulette Bruch, Julie Leverenz, Harriet Meissen, Erin Sommer and Nick Fregeau. Not pictured is board member Brent Engel.



Magic Dragon Vape, CBD Opens In Vandalia

A second location of Magic Dragon Vape and CBD Shop has opened in Vandalia in the County Market shopping center on Hwy. 54 West. Pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, March 1 are members of the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce, family members of owners, McCoy Thompson and Hunter Smith, customers, and well-wishers.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

MO State Fair To Host FOREIGNER Farewell Tour

The FOREIGNER Farewell Tour kicks off the State Fair Grandstand, presented by CFM Insurance, on opening night of the 2024 Missouri State Fair, Thursday, Aug. 8, with Maggie Rose.

With 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 Top 30 hits, FOREIGNER is universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world with a formidable musical arsenal that continues to propel sold-out tours and album sales, now exceeding 80 million.

Responsible for some of rock and roll's most enduring anthems including "Juke Box Hero," "Cold As Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Waiting For A Girl Like You," "Feels Like The First Time," "Urgent," "Head Games," "Say You Will," "Dirty White Boy," "Long, Long Way From Home" and the worldwide #1

hit, "I Want To Know What Love Is," FOREIGNER still rocks the charts more than 40 years into the game with massive airplay and continued Billboard Top 200 album success.

FOREIGNER began their Farewell Tour in July 2023. The goal is to get to all the cities that the band has played since its reformation in 2004, including the Missouri State Fair!

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Maggie Rose has shared her empowering new single, "Underestimate Me." The galvanizing anthem, delivered with an assured confidence, is the launching pad for an exciting new chapter in Maggie's musical journey, and her first release with her new label partner, independent powerhouse Big Loud.

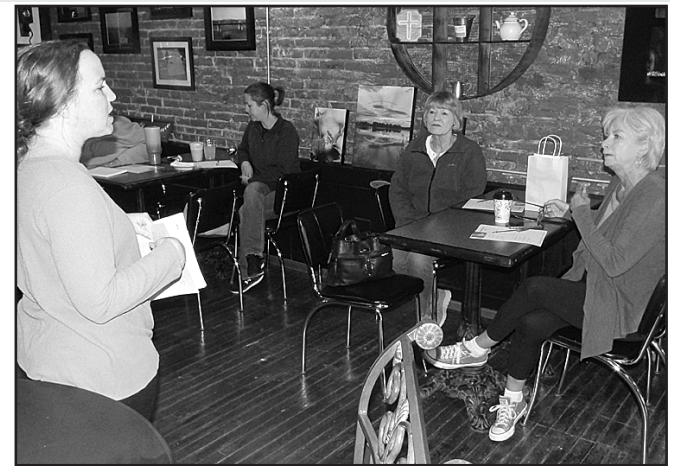
Maggie has been hailed for her passionate individualism

and influences spanning rock, soul, Americana, folk and funk. Her previous lauded studio albums were embraced by the likes of Rolling Stone who declared she's a "star" and NPR Music who called her a "multi-genre powerhouse," among others. A respected fixture of the Nashville community (she was recently elected Governor of the Recording Academy's Nashville Chapter and has played the iconic Grand Ole Opry almost 100 times), she has carved out a unique path for herself, refusing to be pigeonholed in any one genre.

Tickets to this show and State Fair Grandstand concerts to be announced will go on sale to the public starting at 9 a.m., May 21 through Etix. More information about State Fair concerts can be found on the Fair's website.

Helpful Hints

Emily Romig, left, of Romig Bookkeeping Services, presented information on a variety of business and financial topics during the March 2 "Money Moves Mixer" at The Bridge Coffee House in Louisiana. The event was the first of a monthly Louisiana Chamber of Commerce series entitled Innovate-U. Romig discussed recordkeeping accuracy, financial pitfalls, limiting a combination of personal and business accounts, reconciling bank statements, tax implications, computer software options and other subjects. She repeated that when in doubt, call your tax preparer.



We Welcome Your Local News

A NOTE FROM YOUR PIKE COUNTY ASSESSOR

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF CONFUSION GOING ON REGARDING FIELD VISITS BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. IT IS A REQUIREMENT BY MO STATE TAX COMMISSION THAT WE UPDATE ALL PARCELS EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SEVERAL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VISITED FOR OVER 10-15 YEARS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO VALUE ALL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY, THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DO IF WE DO NOT HAVE UPDATED INFORMATION OR RECENT PHOTOS OF WHAT WE ARE VALUING. JUST BECAUSE WE COME TO YOUR PROPERTY FOR NEW PHOTOS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR VALUATION IS GOING TO INCREASE OR DECREASE, IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO UPDATE OUR INFORMATION. PLEASE TREAT OUR FIELD WORKERS WITH RESPECT, THEY ARE JUST DOING THEIR JOBS. I AM VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT YOUR PRIVACY; THIS IS WHY PHOTOS OF YOUR PROPERTY ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE ON OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE @573-324-3261 OR STOP BY, WE ARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, MY DESK IS THE FIRST ONE YOU SEE WHEN YOU WALK IN OUR OFFICE.

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OBITUARIES

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were born, James Jr., Lisa, twins, Mark and Clarence, Quintin and Julie. Jim was not afraid of hard work. He would get up early and go to bed late.

Early on in his life, he was helping to support the large family, working as a farmer and logger with his family. Once he had his own family, he also worked as a self-employed logger and farmer, never missing a day of work.

Jim and Lois enjoyed hosting their large families for holidays and special occasions. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

He and Lois loved listening to country music, going to music shows, dancing and an-

tiating. Jim will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his children, Lisa Scherder and husband, Jeff of Bowling Green, Quintin Dale and Brenda Colbert, and Julie Mae Colbert and Dawn of Troy; grandchildren, Adam Scherder and wife, Stephanie, Laura Scherder-Lemons and husband, Mike, Brittany Lynn Colbert-Howell and husband, Cole, Brandon Dale Colbert and wife, Bailye, and Dillon James Colbert, great-grandchildren, Summer Scherder and boyfriend, Logan Farrow, Adam Scherder Jr., Daphne and Zoey Lemons, Kinza, Karson, and Kayt Colbert; and a sister-in-law, Liz Creech; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Colbert; his parents and children, James Franklin Colbert Jr., Mark Andrew and Clarence Matthew Colbert; siblings, Helen, Virgil, Cecil, Clark, Roy, Charlie, Sarah, and Betty.

Visitation was Saturday from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Funeral was also held on Saturday at 2 p.m., at the funeral home. The Rev. Sammy Lorton and the Rev. Frank Welch officiated. Interment followed in Old Alexandria Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, c/o the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign our registry at: www.mccoymblossomfh.com.

MDC Reminds Snaggers About Paddlefish Season

Imagine catching a giant, prehistoric fish whose ancestors swam during the time of dinosaurs. That is a reality for thousands of paddlefish snaggers during Missouri's annual spring paddlefish season. Missouri's official state aquatic animal, the paddlefish is highly valued as a sport fish.

The season for the state's major paddlefish waters -- Lake of the Ozarks, Harry S. Truman Reservoir, and Table Rock Lake -- along with most other waters in the state runs March 15 through April 30. The season for the Mississippi River is March 15 through May 15 with a fall season of Sept. 15 through Dec. 15.

Paddlefish -- named for their large, paddle-shaped snouts -- are an ancient species that can grow to seven feet and weigh more than 100 pounds. Paddlefish swim slowly through water with their mouths wide open, collecting tiny crustaceans and insects in their elaborate, closely set gill rakers. The paddle-shaped snout functions as an electrosensory organ that allows it to sense plankton as it swims through water.

Because the giant fish eat tiny crustaceans and insects, they do not bite on traditional fishing hooks. They are usually caught through the practice of snagging where anglers drag large triple-sided hooks through the water to "snag" a fish in the body with the hooks.

A fishing permit is required for snagging and other allowed methods, unless exempt. The daily limit is two paddlefish, and the possession limit is four. No person shall continue to snag after taking a daily limit of two paddlefish.

The statewide minimum length limit is 32 inches -- measured from eye to fork of tail -- with a minimum length limit of 34 inches for Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock Lake, Harry S. Truman Reservoir, and their tributaries.

All paddlefish under the legal minimum length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after

being caught. MDC offers these tips for returning undersized fish:

Use landing nets, not gaffs, which can kill young fish.

Wet hands before handling fish and avoid excessive handling.

Never put fingers in the gills or eyes.

Remove hooks carefully and get undersized fish back into the water as quickly as possible.

Cleaning paddlefish while on the water, dumping the carcass overboard, and returning to shore with fillets and/or eggs is illegal. Extracted paddlefish eggs may not be possessed while on waters of the state or adjacent banks and may not be transported. Paddlefish eggs may not be bought, sold, or offered for sale. These regulations are necessary to confirm length-limit requirements and to address the illegal caviar trade.

Snaggers and others are allowed to haul paddlefish carcasses out by boat to deeper water for disposal under the following conditions:

The head, tail, etc. must remain intact so the fish could be measured if contacted by a conservation agent.

Extracted eggs must remain where the fish is cleaned and cannot be transported to deeper water for disposal.

Paddlefish fillets cannot be possessed or transported on the water.

Learn more about paddlefish, snagging regulations, snagging reports, and more at mdc.mo.gov/fishing/species/paddlefish.

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Upcoming Planned Roadwork For NE Missouri

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/>.

Inclement 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
Route C -- March 12, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 248 to CR 132 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route CC -- March 12, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from west of CR 209 to east of CR 209 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Lincoln County
U.S. Route 61 (Northbound) -- March 7, LANE RESTRICTION for clean-up following a recent traffic incident from 3,000 feet north of Missouri Route 47, continuing north for approximately 3,000 feet between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

U.S. Route 61 (Southbound) -- March 12-13, LANE RESTRICTION for bridge maintenance from Route C to Route U between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. A 10-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily.

Route U -- March 14, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from U.S. Route 61 (outer road) to John Creech Road between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Macon County
Route KK -- March 6 - 7, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route K to Owl Street between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route KK -- March 8, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Orchid Street to Olympic Avenue between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Route KK -- March 11 - 12, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Orchid Street to Olympic Avenue between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

U.S. Route 63 (Northbound) -- March 11-13, LANE RESTRICTION for signing operations from 0.5 miles north of Knoxville Road to Route M between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route KK -- March 13, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Olympic Avenue in Macon County to CR 201 in Shelby County between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Monroe County

Route AA -- March 7, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from east of CR 831 to west of CR 835 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Pike County
Route U -- March 14, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from U.S. Route 61 (outer road) to CR 48 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Route U -- March 15, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 36 to Cr 48 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Ralls County
Missouri Route 19 -- March 7-14, LANE RESTRICTION for bridge maintenance from 0.5 miles before to 0.5 miles after the bridge over U.S. Route 61 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily.

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Route J -- March 4 - 8, CLOSED for core drilling operations from approximately 0.6 miles west of Route W between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

Route KK -- March 13, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Olympic Avenue in Macon County to CR 201 in Shelby County between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Route KK -- March 14-15, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 201 to Cr 207 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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