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Community Congratulates Van-Far State Champs

Bring out the band and the fire trucks, police cars, trucks and the motorcycles! A congratulatory parade and recognition ceremony was held at Van-Far last week for the Class 2 State Champion Indians basketball team on Thursday, March 15. Coaches Pat Connaway and Brett Reading addressed those attending the ceremony following the parade. Above, Caden Wilburn signs the back of a t-shirt for a little fan as Trey Miller and other team members greet members of the community. Find more photos on page 20 and at www.thepeopletribune.com.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

Frazier Named Interim Manager Of Eastern MO YMCA



Jeff Frazier

In this role, Frazier works to coordinate the efforts of getting a building erected to house the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA. These efforts include overseeing the construction, purchasing fitness equipment, fundraising, and coordinating the efforts of the Vandalia Recreation Corporation, Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Board, and the Mexico Area Family YMCA Board.

Frazier's history with the YMCA dates back to 1979. Jeff was involved in his first fundraising efforts for the YMCA by being part of a musical production in the summer of 1981. The production of student actors and singers helped to raise money for the first YMCA building in Mexico.

Since then, Frazier has been active in the YMCA as a board member and was President of the Mexico Area Family YMCA Board during the most recent \$4.5 Million expansion.

Frazier is very familiar with

Vandalia and the surrounding area. He owned and operated 10 U.S. Cellular stores throughout central Missouri, including a store in Vandalia which served the area for 11 years.

Frazier resides in Mexico with his wife Margaret and 6 children. When he isn't working on business ideas and ventures he loves being outside. Jeff enjoys many sports and outdoor activities. He serves as Huddle leader for the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Mexico.

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Two Route 79 Bridge Replacement Projects Awarded In Pike County

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission recently awarded a contract to Bleigh Construction Company of Palmyra, for two bridge replacement projects on Missouri Route 79. One of the bridges is located over Ramsey Creek, about 2.5 miles north of Annada, and the other bridge is over Fox Creek, located 2 miles south of Clarksville. The total combined

cost of both projects is \$1,773,151.82.

"These bridges have been let out to bid as one project, and we have included in the contract to close both bridges at the same time for replacement. Once the contractor closes either of the bridges, they will have 110 calendar days to complete both bridges and reopen Route 79," explained

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Clopton Approves Going To Four-Day School Week Next Year

Board Cuts Six Teaching Positions, Staff Hours In Response To Tough Budget Situation With Other Programs Under Review

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The Clopton school board approved measures to save money recently that include moving to a four-day week in the next school year, slashing six teaching positions and reductions to hours for non-certified staff.

The board has also agreed to cut non-teaching (professional development) days by five for teachers and reduce benefit packages and insurance.

"Our numbers have dropped and our expenditures have continued to increase," explained Superintendent Mark Harvey. "We're battling to balance our budget and not continue to use reserves to do that."

He said the combination of those things forced the board to take some tough steps.

Letters were sent to parents recently explaining the changes that are on the way for the next

school year.

"Education continues to be the priority within the walls of the Pike County R-III (Clopton) Schools," the letter begins. "The District has continued to maintain small class sizes and to offer many additional opportunities to its student body. The tax base in the district has not rebounded from the economic loss experienced seven years ago. The patrons have been strong in supporting the expected quality of education at Clopton. The members of our school community appreciate the long-standing support of all patrons, families, booster organizations and Clopton alumni."

The letter continued, "In order for the district to be in the best position for the future, we must adapt to a shrinking student body, become less dependant on our reserves, and gather additional

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• Pike County Past & Present •

Tariffs Also Were Issue In Champ Clark's Time

Editor's note: Pike County celebrates its bicentennial in 2018. Following is the third in a series of monthly articles that will examine 200 years of local history.

The debate over new tariffs proposed by President Donald Trump brings to mind past dis-

putes over such fees.

One of the biggest thrust Pike County legislator Champ Clark into the spotlight, and may have influenced a foreign election while contributing to the re-election defeat of President William Howard Taft, American tariffs

See TARIFFS on page 10



DAR Hosts Candidate Forum At American Legion

A candidate forum was hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution on Thursday, March 15 at the American Legion in Louisiana featuring municipal candidates running in the April 3 election. Several questions from the media and audience were asked of the candidates in contested races for Wards 1, 2 and 3 and of the two mayoral candidates. The forum can be viewed on The People's Tribune website and see page 11 for more. The forum was free and open to the public as a community service. About 100 people were in attendance.

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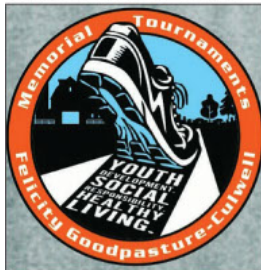
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Save The Date - Memorial Tournaments Planned



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Felicity Goodpasture-Culwell Memorial Tournaments on Saturday, May 26.

The event will be held at the Farber Ballpark and will feature Felicity's 5K Run/Walk, Sand Volleyball Tournament, Softball Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Silent Auction, and BBQ.

Felicity's ability to impact and influence positive change in our surrounding communities is a continued inspiration to us all. Please plan to attend this event and keep Felicity's passion thriving. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA, which is under construction in Vandalia.

Commemorative t-shirts have

been designed for the event and orders must be placed by April 13. Shirts are \$15 (XS-XL) and \$18 (2X+). Contact Kelsy Fowler at kelsyfowler@gmail.com or Melissa Deimeke at mdeimeke@vf.k12.mo.us to place your shirt order prior to April 13.

Additional event details are posted on the YMCA's Facebook site. Please search "YMCA Project Vandalia" to find the site. The Vandalia Recreation Corporation and the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Board would like to recognize Melissa Deimeke and Kelsy Fowler for organizing the event.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On March 22: There will be a meeting of the board of trustee's of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

On March 24: Senior and Friends Dance, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Hall, Martinsburg. Music by Country Plus Band.

On March 25: Dennis Ebers benefit, Modern Maturity Building, Vandalia, 1-5 p.m., country music show (lots of local artists). Food served. Prizes awarded. Admission is \$10.

On March 29: Ecumenical Maundy Thursday services at 6 p.m., will be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church.

On March 30: Ecumenical

Choir will present the Easter Cantata "The Lamb" at the First Baptist Church, 608 S Carolina Street at 7 p.m.

On April 7: Encore presents Soulful Voices, Rhythm & Blues at the Apple Shed at 6:30 p.m. For Reservations call before March 28 Louisiana Flowers and Gifts 754-5522. Tickets on sale now for \$25 per person. Dinner is catered by Louisiana Flowers and Gifts. Dinner, song and silent auction benefit for the Raintree Arts Council.

On April 7: New Harmony Christian Church "Well" project quarter madness, Pike County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with food, games and fun for everyone. More information to follow.

Voter ID Explained

Pike County Clerk Melissa Kempke explained Missouri's Voter ID law at the March 14 membership meeting of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. The law took effect on June 1, 2017. Identification options for voters include a Missouri-issued driver's license or non-driver license, U.S. passport or military identification. Also acceptable if forms are filled out are voter registration cards, identification from a Missouri university, college or technical school, a utility bill and a bank statement. Registered voters who have no ID may cast a provisional ballot. More information is available by calling Kempke's office at 573-324-2412.



Smith Shows Art Work At Capitol

Emily Smith, second grade student at Van-Far Elementary School, attended the youth art month at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City on March 12. She was accompanied by her art teacher, Mrs. Hanson and arents, Mike and Charla Smith of Vandalia. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Pat Miller and Dave and Ellen Hamby, all of Vandalia.



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Farmer-Farmerette Club News

After a two-month hiatus the Farmer-Farmerettes met at the home of Clara Shaver for the first meeting of 2018 Saturday, March 3.

After catching up on news about each other, etc. Shaver led the group in the pledge to the American flag and Kay Reading said grace before a carry-in meal was enjoyed.

President Reading called the meeting to order by asking for ideas for roll call for the following year. Those answering were Pauline Oberman, Kerri Reading, Jeannie Smith, Claudine Lybarger, Ginger Mangan, Clara Shaver, and Kay Reading.

For the devotional Shaver read "Precious of God" from Our Daily Bread. Song leader Oberman led the singing of "God Bless America."

The secretary's report was read by Smith and Shaver read the treasurer's report. Reading read a thank you card from the New Harmony Youth Group thanking the club for

their donation toward the Christmas shoe box program.

Kay, Pauline and Kerri shared memories of how the club got started and they stated that it used to be extension club and that the meetings were held in the daytime and lasted all day. The structure has changed since then plus there are fewer members now, but basically the routine is the same.

The mystery gift donated by Pauline was won by Kerri. Each member bought several cans of food for the Laddonia Food Bank and on Tuesday Claudine, Clara, and Kay delivered them.

Each member received St. Patrick and Easter gifts/cards from their secret pals. Pauline gave each a pot of gold full of candy.

The schedule was finalized and approved. Looks like an interesting year ahead.

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 7 at the home of Kay Reading.

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Lloyd Herman Browning

Lloyd Herman Browning, 95, of Vandalia died Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at his home.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born March 19, 1922 in Miami, Fla., the son of Orville Herman and Rosa Dale Foreman Browning. He was married to Martha Louise "Snookie" Goodin on Oct. 15, 1942 at Bowling Green. She preceded him in death in Sept. 7, 1960. He then married Betty Ann Adkins on June 14, 1962. She preceded him in death Jan. 26, 2000.

Survivors include one daughter, Marcia Harrelson of Farber; one sister-in-law, Martha L. Coil of Mexico; two grandchildren, Teresa McCullom of Columbia and Julie Pehle of Mexico; three step-grandchildren, Sean Wiser, Gina Wiser, and Kara Wiser; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: one stepdaughter, Linda Hagood; and two brothers, Leon and Raymond Browning.

Mr. Browning was a lifetime area resident and a 1939 graduate of Farber High School. He served his country in WWII in the US Army from Oct. 4, 1942-Dec. 8, 1945 and attained the rank of Tech 4.

He was Christian by faith. He enjoyed painting, reading, photography and watching Cardinal baseball and Mizou basketball.

Martin Mike 'Slim' Golan

Martin Mike "Slim" Golan, 72, of Hannibal died Monday, March 12, 2018 at Beth Haven Nursing Home in Hannibal.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Thursday at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Pastor Paytie Hinch officiated. Burial with full military rites by Emmette J. Shields American Legion Post #55 was at Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home.

Martin was born May 24, 1945, in Hannibal to Martin Mike Golan, Sr. and Viola Oliver Golan. He was married to Fannie M. Schindler on April 8, 2009 at the Frankford Worship Center in Frankford. She survives.

Other survivors include two children, Tara Fuget and Eric Berheger of New London, Nicholas Golan of Hannibal; two step-children, Douglas Caldwell of Monroe City, and Renita Dean of Excelsior Springs; one brother, Dave Golan and wife, Jan of New London; and one sister, Rochella Woodford of Center; two grand-

children, Justin Fuget and Hunter Golan; four step-grandchildren, Ramsey Phillips, Justin, Fred and Brian Caldwell; and two great-grandchildren, Preston Fuget and Alecia Fuget.

He is preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, John Golan, Joe Golan, Virgil Golan, Charles Drew, Kenneth Drew, and three sisters, Helen Rogers, Lola Drew and Delores Lynn Girard.

Martin was a United States Army Veteran. He worked maintenance on several oil rigs.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and doing carpentry work. He liked playing the drums and once played in a band.

He was a member of the Emmette J. Shields American Legion Post #55. Martin attended the Frankford Worship Center in Frankford. He was a Christian by faith.

Pallbearers were Garrett Schindler, John Schindler, Paytie Lee Hinch, Rob Windford, John Golan, and Johnny Golan.

Honorary pallbearer was Don Hendren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that Memorial contributions be made to James E. Cary Cancer Center or Community Loving Care Hospice.

Online condolences may be made and video tribute may be viewed at www.jamesodonnellfuneralhome.com



Garland Willis

Garland Edward Willis, 76, of Middletown died peacefully Friday, March 16, 2018 at his home in Middletown, with his family by his side.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday (today) at the Hopewell Baptist Church in rural Wellsville. The Rev. Nathan Payne officiated. Serving as organist was Mary Ellen Wilkinson. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery in Middletown.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Monday at the church.

Services were under the direction of Myers Funeral Home in Middletown.

Mr. Willis was born Aug. 28, 1941, in rural New Hartford, a son of Otto and Ruth Maureen Reese Willis. On July 28, 1963 at the First Baptist Church in Vandalia, he married Sandra Kay DeLancey. They celebrated over 54 years of marriage together, living most of their married life in the Middletown area, the last six years at their current address.

Garland had worked for 41 years at Harbison-Walker Refractories in Vandalia. He worked in the maintenance department as a welder, retiring in 2005.

He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church in rural Wellsville, former member of the Lions Club in Middletown, Middletown Fire Department, Khoury League Coach and Spencer Creek Coon Hunting Club.

Garland was a lifelong hunter and fisherman, using his skills as a means of providing for his family. Later in life he then turned hunting and fishing out of necessity into a pastime and excuse to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. He was a hard worker, he liked to garden and was a meticulous lawn man. Garland was a friend to many and loved nothing more than to share stories with his friends and family. His pride and joy was his family and the time he got to spend with them.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kay "Sandy" Willis, of the home in Middletown; daughters, and sons-in-law, Tammera Kay "Tammy" and David Smith, of Foristell, Cheryl Annette and Rick Blau, Wellsville, and Michelle Lynn and Jeffery Fort, of Auxvasse; six grandchildren, Lindsay Danielle Johnson and husband, Darren, of Moberly, Bryan David Smith, of Fayette, Nichole Danielle Bondy and husband, Paul, of Brunswick, Branden Dale Blau, of Wellsville, Alexandria Lynn Fort, of Mexico and Rachel Deanne Fort of Auxvasse; four great-grandchildren, Charlotte Marlene Johnson and Maggie Grace Johnson, of Moberly, Layne Paul Bondy, of Brunswick and Kaysen Michael McCandless, of Mexico; sisters, Lena Esther Woodward, of New Florence and Imogene "Jean" Eastman, of Louisiana; sisters-in-law, Kay Willis and Pauline Willis, of Mexico and Dorothy Willis Turner, of Springfield; in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Charles Thomas Willis, Clara Louise Willis, Walter Kenneth Willis, Otto Major Willis, Wilma Marie

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Willis and Orville Lewis Willis.

Serving as pallbearers were Branden Blau, Bryan Smith, Paul Bondy, Darren Johnson, Nick Scott and Melvin "Whitey" Turner. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Blau, Dale Blau, Tony Heim, Norman Heim, Don Sprouls and Jerry Williams.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Angelman Syndrome Foundation, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 East Bates Street, Wellsville, MO 63384.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.myersfuneralhome.biz.



Bobby Jay Penrod

Bobby Jay Penrod, 85, of Louisiana died Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Tuesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana with the Rev. Alvin Young officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home.

Bobby was born Feb. 13, 1933 in Ashburn. He married Carolyn Joan Guthrie Oct. 3, 1952. She

preceded him in death Jan. 19, 1996.

Survivors include daughters, Robin Martin of Louisiana, Shannon Willis and husband, Rodney of Louisiana and Kathy Walker and husband, Roger of Louisiana; grandchildren, Wendell Martin, Meagan Slate and husband, Chad, Bobby Willis and Julia Davis, Elizabeth Wilhite and husband, Branden, James Walker and Christina Short, and Justin Walker and Danielle Woemmel; great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Hannah, Kiltin, Kyndle, Braxton, and Ajax; many nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law and brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sisters Dorothy Traynor and Pearl King. Bobby lived most of his life in Louisiana and attended Louisiana High School.

He served in the United States Army as a corporal during the Korean War. Bobby worked for 30 years in maintenance at Sonoco Products company in Louisiana. He was a member of the American Legion Post #370.

Bobby enjoyed playing cards at the Trimble House, fishing and camping. He was a simple man and always had a smile.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Boston, Bo Ringhausen, Trey Sharp, Jimmy Pitzer, Danny Wood, and Rob Starman. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Tom Duncan, John Shade, John Sittin, Phillip Joseph, Jim Pitzer, Bill Boston, Bill Ringhausen and Peggy Branstetter.

Memorials may be made to the Trimble House or Fairview Cemetery.



THANK YOU

The Vandalia Recreation Corporation and the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Board would like to thank Joni Barnett and all those who assisted her with the March 2 Mouse Race Fundraiser. The event was unique and monumental for the YMCA project and the community. Thank you Joni!!!

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Men's League

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In memory of Lloyd Buffington: Jenny Early.

In memory of Howard Collins: Jim and Talley Saucier, Bill and Betty Richard.

In memory of Mark Coons: Glenda Coons.

In memory of Wilbert Crumes: Castella Crumes.

In memory of Tom Gregory: Kevin and Sonya Gilbert, Sean and Pam Meier.

In memory of Dennis Grote: Elizabeth Grote.

Happy 96th birthday to Wilene Henry: Jim and Talley Saucier.

In honor of Bonnie Ingram: Wayne and Marjorie Young.

In memory of Bob Jennings: Sean and Pam Meier.

Merry Christmas to Phil and Pam Kottwitz: Jim and Talley Saucier.

Merry Christmas to Bill and Nada McIlroy: Jim and Talley Saucier, Dr. and Mrs. Phil Pitney.

In memory of Alice Mosley: David Nutt and family, Marion and Sherry Allen, Carl and Brenda Nutt, Pat and Nick Quattrocchi, Jenny Early, Dale Knaus and Beverlia Orf.

In memory of Flora Motley: Moore-Pike Nursing Home, Sean and Pam Meier.

In memory of Emmett Niffen: Charles and Mary Ann Brown, Robert and Mona Brown, Sue Winn, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Marion and Pam Duff.

In memory of Virginia Sanderson: Bill and Betty Richard.

In memory of Harry Scherder: Dr. Steven and Barbara Scherder-Goetz.

In memory of Robert Schleuter: David and Janice Robinson.

In memory of Jimmie Shade: Moore-Pike Nursing Home, Sean and Pam Meier.

In memory of Ted Waddell: David and Janice Robinson.

In memory of Jerry Wilhoit: David and Janice Robinson.

In honor of Hazel Worrell: Wayne and Marjorie Young.

General Donations: Church of Christ, Long Timers Organization at WERDCC, Amy Deters, Damon Luebrecht, Mike Schuckenbrock, Ben Schuckenbrock, Glen Hickerson, Yolanda (Dempsey) Maksymiw, Thomas and Carolyn Hooton, Sally Jane Cassidy, Community State Bank employees, Gerald and Gail Smith, Earl and

Shari Niemeyer, and Yolanda Maksymiw.

Donations received by Pike County Hospice will be used to benefit Pike County residents dealing with terminal illness.

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In memory of Bill Rauber: Sue Rauber.

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In memory of John Rauber: Sue Rauber.

In memory of Phillip Rauber: Sue Rauber.

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Ruth Jensen Village Celebrates Developmentally Disability Awareness Month

BY SUSAN OBERMAN
HR MANAGER

Ruth Jensen Village Residential Services, Inc. (RJV) provides residential services for 51 individuals with developmental disabilities, operating 15 homes in the Bowling Green community.

RJV promotes an agency philosophy of helping individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve as high a quality of life as possible; to become as independent as possible; to grow and learn in the least restrictive environment possible; to pursue to the fullest extent, personal lifestyles and goals; and to participate, as fully as possible, in all decisions of their lives.

To achieve this philosophy we support the importance of family involvement; the recognition of each person's individual potential;

the responsibility of RJV to help people reach that potential; and the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect in all aspects of their lives.

RJV focuses on teaching individuals the skills they need to realize their goals and dreams and also places an emphasis on community involvement. We believe that the people we support are capable of being fully contributing members of the community and we strive to ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to participate in community activities of their choice. Individuals supported by RJV are active members in their churches; belong to various social organizations; work in competitive employment; and are generally involved in their community just as we all are.

RJV employs approximately

120 employees, making it one of the largest private entity employers in Pike County. We strive to assure that each employee receives valuable training that enables them to provide the highest quality of service and care possible to each individual we support.

RJV is licensed by the Department of Mental Health through the Medicaid Waiver program, which provides the majority of our funding. We receive this certification through an on-site survey process every two years.

RJV is overseen by a five member Board of Directors. Donna Burt is the current Executive Director and has held that position since moving to this area in 1989. Our administrative offices are located at 5 Industrial Drive, Bowling Green.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Auxiliary, Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, March 9, at the post home in Vandalia. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m. meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The December minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's reports showed the current balances for January and February with her reports being filed for audit.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Missouri President, the Missouri Veterans' Home Assistance

League requesting donations for their current furniture project, and a note from Barbara Elzea thanking the Auxiliary for her second cancer grant. Community Service Chair Ann Wasson collected hours and funds spent from the members present.

During the business meeting donations were made to memorials for Kimberly Graves and Harold Fowler, to the Past Presidents' Scholarship Fund, to the Hospital Fund, to the Patriotic Art Fund, to the Voice of Democracy fund, to

Van-Far Project Prom, and to VFW Post 2173 for Buddy Poppies.

It was announced Ted Hesse had moved to the Missouri Veterans' Home.

The eight members attending were Janet Armstrong, Joy Davis, Vivian Davis, Val Galloway, Mary Gramley, Victoria Shaw, Norma Shaw, and Ann Wasson.

The next auxiliary meeting is Thursday, April 12, at the post home. All members are encouraged to attend each meeting.

Sixth Grade, Jr. High Bands

Clopton Sixth Grade and Junior High Band members showed off their talents at the annual Spring Band Concert March 6. Sixth Grade and Junior High Band members each performed three selections for the audience. The Junior High Band members also joined High School Band for a special performance. Pictured are some members of the Sixth Grade Band including Daisy Luke, Stacia Talbert and John Cooke. Various members of the Junior High Band include: Lauren Denslow, Jayde Warner, Sydney Graver, Austin Lair, Errett Fitchett, Kaylee Ellis and Landon Blackwell.



DEBBIE HOPKE FOR MAYOR

As a candidate for Mayor of Vandalia I think it's important for voters to be well informed about each candidate's work experience, community involvement, and moral compass.

I am a candidate for Mayor because I care about Vandalia from several viewpoints – as a resident, as a community leader, and as a smart business woman. I know that what I've learned in the workforce makes me multi-faceted, open minded, compassionate, and unafraid to do what's right. Vandalia needs a proven leader's perspective and guidance. I am that leader.

"WHY VOTE FOR ME?"

With my knowledge of municipal programs and government regulations, I will provide valuable insight and assistance to staff and the board about securing affordable, quality city services (electric, water, sewer). I understand electric costs, inflow and infiltration issues, street program revenue, and aging infrastructure.

As Mayor, I will encourage and participate in organizations and programs that provide opportunities for recreational and economic development.

I am a real working class person. I can draw upon my proven work experience to resolve tough issues.

I believe in working with other communities and evaluating their successes and failures to help develop a strategy that will benefit Vandalia residents. If one small part of a successful program in another community can help Vandalia, then I believe it is worth consideration.

I will work toward re-establishing an active bridge of communication between the community, the board, the Mayor, and City Hall. I, just like you, want what's best for Vandalia and its residents.

I am honest and candid, even when it is unpopular. It's never easy to tell someone something that they don't want to hear. Every aspect of my life through work, faith, and community involvement has centered on telling the truth, even when it's not easy. I will continue to deliver consistent, honest messages to the public; it's who I am.

"GETTING TO KNOW ME"

I was raised on a farm north of Laddonia, the daughter of Anita Hoyt and the late Glenroy Hoyt. In 1981, I married Daryl Hopke and we moved to Vandalia, where we raised two daughters.

My professional career began 30+ years ago as Assistant Cashier/Loan Documentation Officer for First Bank of Montgomery County, where I managed the day to day banking operations and team for nine years. I sat my career aside for one year to be a full-time mom. My oldest daughter was approaching pre-school and I wanted to be accessible in Vandalia to participate in our daughters' activities.

For the next 17 years, I worked for Green Supply, Inc. as Purchasing Director for their sporting goods business. I negotiated with vendor representatives regarding buying programs and incentives for the sales team, developed an efficient purchasing system, and worked with my team to create a national sales publication.

In 2007, I transitioned to a new work home for nine years with the City of Vandalia, where I worked in a management position as Assistant to City Administrator. I helped create and balance a \$4.2 million budget. I was responsible for organizational compliance with safety and risk management, and I successfully secured the Enhanced Enterprise Zone benefit for the Vandalia area, which provides incentives for new businesses. When faced with rising employee health insurance costs, I took the lead and delivered an affordable, quality program.

I am currently in charge of Human Resources for Trailerman Trailers, Inc. where I manage employee relations for all team members, develop company policies and procedures, and maintain compliance with governmental regulations and risk management.

In my spare time, I enjoy walking my dog, Bella, all around town. Perhaps you've seen us?

"GIVING BACK"

I have been a member of the Sacred Heart/St. John Catholic Church for more than 50 years and active in the Altar and Rosary Society for more than 30 years. I taught CCD classes for two years in addition to serving on the Parish Council for two different terms. I served as a member of the Play Care Board during and long after my girls attended the program. I was president of the Play Care Board for approximately 7 years with the constant focus of securing funds to maintain a long-term Vandalia program.

Throughout my daughters' junior high and high school years, I was active in the Booster Club, Project Prom, fund raising events, and served as a member of the committee that supported and passed the bond issue for the Science/Ag addition to the High School. Since 2000, I have served as treasurer of the Vandalia Country Club responsible for preparing monthly board meeting reports and processing revenues, expenses, and payroll.

I am a founding member of the committee for the YMCA, which recently broke ground. I serve on the Vandalia Recreation Corporation which is responsible for overseeing the YMCA project. In addition, I am treasurer of the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA board.

My time working for the City of Vandalia piqued my interest to start giving back to the community in a new way. Last year, I was elected as Ward 3 alderman and I continue to work in that capacity. I am prepared to take the next step in commitment to the Vandalia residents by serving as Mayor of Vandalia.

As always, I appreciate your support and vote on April 3rd.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Grand Prairie Society, C.A.R. Meet At Historical Society

The Grand Prairie Society, C.A.R., held their March meeting on Sunday, March 11, at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Room.

The 2 p.m. meeting began with business of the society. President Alec Adam called the meeting to order followed by the ritual opening including the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the USA and the National Anthem.

Chaplain Taryn Adam gave the invocation. Senior Recording Secretary Beth Motley read the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Rebecca Motley distributed the January Newsletter. Treasurer Paige Dameron read the Feb. 11, 2018 and the March 11, 2018 reports prepared by Senior Treasurer Teresa Wenzel.

The Senior Registrar Ruth Miller reported 24 members with three prospective members being Ashlynn, Tyler, and Mikinlee Maiden.

During the business meeting Senior President Joy Davis read the National Merit Award entry and the Annual Society report. Officers for the 2018-19 term were elected. President Trent Maiden, Vice President Alec Adam, Chaplain Grace Nation, Secretary Claire Motley, Treasurer Paige Dameron, Registrar Trevor Miller, Historian

Rebecca Motley, and Librarian Kylie Dameron. Installation will be at the May meeting.

It was agreed to meet monthly on the second Sunday at 2 p.m., in the VAHS Genealogy Room.

Davis led a program about the History of Writing Utensils. Everyone got to try writing with pen and ink on parchment like paper. Mrs. Miller shared pencils with four color leads for everyone to try writing their names in multicolor. An eversharp pencil from the 1930's was displayed along with ink wells from country school desks and an ink bottle with the well for dipping your nibs. Refreshments were the sharing of favorite finger foods and bottled water.

The members attending were Alec and Taryn Adam, Paige and Kylie Dameron, Rebecca Motley, Trevor Miller and Trent Maiden. Prospective members attending were Ashlynn, Tyler, and Mikinlee Maiden. The adults, including senior leaders, attending were Beth Motley, Ruth Miller, Joy Davis, Teresa Wenzel and Heather Maiden.

The next meeting is Sunday, April 8. Mikinlee Maiden will be sharing a history of the backpack with everyone bringing their favorite backpack to show and tell.

PLTC Students Participate In Legislative Day

Many members of Pike-Lincoln Technical Center's student organizations, FBLA and Skills USA, had the grand opportunity to participate in the annual CTSO Legislative Day on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018. Right: (back row) Beth Like, Alaina Jennings and Taylor Anthony and (front row) Larissa Smith and Rebekah Henderson. The event was held at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO. Students had a chance to meet and converse with State Representative Jim Hansen, and State Senator Brian Munzlinger. Senator Munzlinger offered them a rare opportunity to go inside of the Senate Chambers to discuss different issues about Career and Technical Education, student organizations and agricultural issues pertaining to the future. After speaking with Senator Munzlinger, students met up with State Representative Hansen and discussed the importance of Career and Technical Education as well as the many steps it takes for a bill to become a law. Overall, the students had a wonderful experience in the Capitol and obtained many new skills that will benefit them for the future.

**Elect
Joni Jennings-Barnett
Van-Far School Board
Tuesday, April 3**
Paid for by Joni Jennings-Barnett



Notice

Bowling Green Rural Fire Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m. at the

Bowling Green Fire House

**Agenda - Elect 5 directors
& conduct business meeting**



**Diane
(Sisson)**

Kirkpatrick

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Career Math & Algebra Teacher in the Bowling Green Schools

Lived in Ward I most of my life with no plans to relocate.

Partner in Main St. Pools & Spas

Co-Owner of Main St. Apartments

My father, Harry Sisson, & my mother, Gussie Sisson, were life-long residents of BG & taught me common sense and value in serving our community.

See the potential for continued growth in BG as well as having concern for its effects on our life here.

Would like to be a part of the effort in preparing for the changes to come.

Willing to study budgets and research information to be well informed.

Known as a stand-up person who will ask questions and support what is best for Bowling Green.

Currently serving on the Honey Shuck Board of Directors, past member of BG Business and Professional Woman's Club, former president of St. Clement Parish Council, and served on numerous committees as member or chair person for Bowling Green

Schools, which included being Student Council Sponsor for 20 years.

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Tract 4: Directions to Tract 4: From Vandalia, MO, Take Hwy 54 East Approx. 3 miles, Building located on left hand side. Watch for Allen Auction Signs Day of the Sale. 1.85 Acres in Vandalia, MO (Tract 4), Old Sinclair Gas Station, 3 Bays, (Tanks have been removed), Large Covered Awning, Small shed w/ roll up door, concrete floor, electric, REFI Electric, Rural Water, Large Gravel Parking Lot, Office Area, insulated, Wood Stove, wood room, Bathroom, new roof in 2017 on building.

Auctioneer's Note: Outstanding 2-Day Estate Auction that we will conduct for the Calvin Bontz Estate. Calvin Bontz was very well-known attending auctions all across the Midwest & it is our pleasure to have this auction. We will sell tractors, farm machinery, trucks, trailers, & livestock equipment on Day 1 at the farm. Day 2 we will be at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Vandalia, MO selling the real estate, guns, & coins. Any questions at all, feel free to give us a call at the office. Thanks, Nick & Kyle

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FRAZIER

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"I am excited about this venture for Vandalia and the surrounding area. From my many years of involvement with a Y, I know first hand what it can do for a community. A YMCA not only serves to help make its members healthier, but also increases the health of the

whole community. I see folks of all ages using the Y for health and social reasons. It's great to have a central place for activities that can benefit everyone and that's exactly what this Y will do for this area. I can't wait to hand over the keys to the Director, so they can open this fantastic facility and get busy serving all the great folks from the area. I love meeting folks, so I am ready to get out and start talking about the new YMCA."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PROJECTS

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MoDOT Area Engineer Brian Haefner. Haefner added that he and the project manager contacted residents who live between the bridges about the options, and there was consensus that closing both simultaneously was the best option. "The marked detour will be Pike County Route W and Pike County Route H, and we will inform the public through social media and local press of the progress along the way. There will also be message boards in place to

warn motorists of the upcoming work," said Haefner. The notice to proceed on the replacements is April 9 and the contract requires all construction to be completed by Sept. 15, 2018 to limit the impact on harvest season. A more specific schedule will be shared once the contractor has determined the date to start the work.

"The existing bridge over Fox Creek is 24 feet wide and the existing bridge over Ramsey Creek is 22 feet wide. Both of the new bridges will be 32 feet wide and much safer for the traveling public," explained Haefner. Ramsey Creek and Fox Creek are the last bridges to be replaced on

Missouri Route 79 between Hannibal and Winfield. The bridge at Winfield, over McLean Creek, is scheduled to be replaced in 2020.

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TARIFFS

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American tariffs date to 1789 and traditionally have been a sore subject for politicians because they're generally a no-win issue. If charges on exports or imports are too high, America gets into a trade war with other nations. If they're too low without foreign reciprocity, U.S. debt climbs.

Clark had debated the issue almost from the moment he was first elected to Congress in 1892.

"The study of the tariff has been the favorite study of my life," he admitted. "I have studied it much."

By 1909, tariffs were such a big matter that Taft called the Republican-controlled Congress into a special session.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require the attention of the Congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to other subjects for legislation in this session, the better for the country," Taft said.

The result, called the Payne-Aldrich Act, was a compromise that hardly anyone liked. Rates for some products went up while fees for other items went down.

Clark called the measure a "transparent humbug." He noted that even sponsoring Congressman Sereno Payne was not happy, saying the New Yorker "appeared to be in about as cheerful a frame of mind as a lawyer appointed by the court defending without fee a man that he feels certain will be convicted and hanged."

On March 24, 1909, Clark gave a lecture against the overhaul. It lasted more than five hours - a record for a continuous House speech that would remain in place until Nancy Pelosi of California broke it on Feb. 7 of this year.

Newspapers said he began shortly after 11 a.m. and continued until just shy of 4:30 p.m. Sounding like a modern-day Republican, Clark called tariffs an unfair tax on consumers and said the best way to produce a balanced budget was to reduce government expenses.

"Taxes should never be increased where it is possible to avoid it," he said. "Cutting down appropriations, where it can be done without stinting the Government in any of its proper functions, is the most proper remedy for deficiency, but our Republican brethren seem utterly incapable of cutting down appropriations."

Clark continued that it was "extremely difficult" to debate the bill because it featured more than 4,000 consumer items.

"I thought when these hearings began that I knew practically all about it," he said. "When we got through, I felt like Sir Isaac Newton said he felt after making those great scientific discoveries which placed his name at the top of the scanty list of the immortals—'Like a boy walking upon the seashore, picking up shells.'"

Clark's speech "attracted great attention," wrote the Los Angeles Herald. "At times, he injected humor into what he had to say and was frequently interrupted by applause."

Though the acknowledged Democrat leader, Clark drew the ire of some in his own party, especially East Coast legislators whose constituents had been hurt by trade wars.

The Washington Evening Star called upon readers to remember that Clark was "not at present in any especially conciliatory frame of mind." Despite the Missourian's efforts, the bill passed 217 to 161 on April 9, 1909. Historians cite the tariff as one of the issues that helped Democrats regain control of the House in 1910.

The matter was broader than politics and prices, however. Following the Industrial Revolution of the late 1800s, America was on its way to becoming the world's economic leader. Clark saw the future, and he wanted to give the green light to free trade while stopping protectionism.

In exchange for Democrat support of tariff reform, Taft backed the proposed 16th Amendment to the Constitution that allowed Congress to set up an income tax, which Clark supported. Some Republicans never forgave the President. Taft then angered many Democrats by vetoing further attempts at tariff reform, including one in 1911 on wool. Clark remained defiant.

"The (St. Louis) Globe-Democrat said that I had come around to a tariff on wool because I had heard the bleating of 184,000 sheep in my district," he said. "I tell you what I did hear. I heard the cry of 93,000,000 American citizens for cheaper and better clothing."

Two months before becoming Speaker of the House on April 4, 1911, Clark met with Taft concerning tariffs. A few days later, he inadvertently stuck a foot in his mouth on the subject. During debate over a reciprocity agreement with Canada, Clark delivered a widely-criticized speech suggesting America would eventually annex its northern neighbor.

"I look forward to the time when the American flag will fly over every square foot of British North America up to the North Pole," he said.



Casey's Holds Grand Re-Opening At New Location

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce held a grand re-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, March 16 at the new location in Bowling Green. Pictured are members of the Chamber and employees of Casey's.

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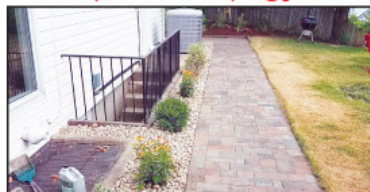
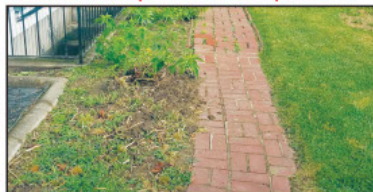
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DAR, American Legion Hosts Forum For Louisiana Municipal Candidates

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The Pike County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and American Legion Post 370 sponsored a candidate forum on Thursday, March 15.

Several questions from the media and the audience were asked of the candidates in contested races for city council and mayor on a number of issues facing Louisiana.

Each candidate had the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak about the reasons they decided to seek office.

The entire forum can be watched on The People's Tribune website. Due to space purposes, the council races will be briefly discussed in this week's edition followed by the race for mayor between Marvin Brown and Joey Minor.

There are two individuals running unopposed for city council seats which include Rodney Dolbear in Ward 4 for a two-year term and Bob Ringhausen for a one-year unexpired term in Ward 4. Neither candidate spoke at the forum last week.

The candidates for city council in Ward 1 were the first to take the stage and include incumbent Tim Jackson and challenger James Davis.

Both candidates were asked about blighted properties within Louisiana and their specific recommendations about how to address them. They were also asked about the upcoming comprehensive Georgia Street project and what measures they may introduce to help keep the economy healthy and sustainable.

The candidates for city council in Ward 2 (the seat that will be vacated by Marvin Brown) include Robert Jenne and Myles Neff.

The candidates were asked specific ideas they had to encourage development in their ward which includes business and industrial zoning. They were also asked about their budgeting and fiscal experience as well as their plans to address blighted properties. Jenne was also asked about the discrimination lawsuit he currently has against the city.

The candidates for city council in Ward 3 include incumbent Chuck Hoffman and challenger Tim Carter.

Both candidates were asked how they would help bolster economic development efforts and how they planned to provide transparency while in office. They

were also asked about the measures they hoped to take to help build city reserves while providing services to citizens.

A break was taken before the mayoral candidates stepped up to the stage. Mayor Bart Niedner opted against seeking another term this year. The two candidates seeking the four-year office include Marvin Brown and Joey Minor.

Brown currently serves as the finance chairman on city council and is in semi-retirement after a more than 35-year career in forestry and has lived in Louisiana for the past seven years.

Joey Minor currently serves as detective for the Pike County Sheriff's Department, has served in the military and is a long-time resident of the area.

The first question to the candidates was about the tax increase initiative that the Pike County Commission will be placing on the August election ballot to fund centralized 911 services.

Minor pointed out that as someone who has responded to life-threatening 911 calls the centralization of services is a good idea and will help the community.

Brown also expressed support for centralized 911 services. He added that he would like to see Louisiana continue to maintain 911 services as a redundancy for the county.

The next question to candidates was how to continue and prioritize the projects underway such as the complex Georgia Street corridor.

Brown pointed out that Georgia Street has been planned and prioritized and a funding mechanism is in place. He said work will begin in a couple of weeks on the south side of the city. Infrastructure underground will be addressed first with the streets and sidewalks coming afterward. Brown remarked the next thing to tackle is how to address other areas of the city. He noted that it would take about \$375,000 per year to keep streets at a 15-year age and that Louisiana realistically has about \$50,000 annually to devote to that endeavor. He added the city will have to begin taking a hard look at new sources of revenue.

Minor agreed that new sources of revenue should be investigated. He added the Georgia Street plan is eloquent but noted he would like the city to investigate who is buying the bonds to fund the project. He further noted the city needs to have a plan in place if sales tax revenue declines. He said it has gone down for the past two years and a plan should be in place to continue committed projects

such as the Georgia Street corridor. Finally he pointed out that drawing new business to the area will mean examining old buildings and blight.

The candidates were asked if they supported and planned to continue the efforts started by Mayor Niedner.

Minor pointed out that it would be silly to negate what Niedner has done and praised projects that have been started. He added he isn't interested in reinventing the wheel but would like to take the current plans and add what he has to offer.

Brown also praised many of the efforts and plans that have been started under Niedner's tenure. He added that at the request of city council he has been developing a comprehensive community-wide plan. He noted the plan has been shared with many individuals and will be discussed with planning and zoning on March 29. Brown said there will be numerous joint meetings and that the plan addresses a variety of issues such as natural resources, housing, economic development, city services, etc., which are all connected. He noted it would be a living, breathing document that council would be asked to examine on a monthly basis.

The candidates also answered questions about conflicts of interest and their view of the mayor's position as full or part-time.

Marvin has served as president of the Louisiana R-II school board and plans to continue serving on the board, though not as president. He noted that he doesn't see a conflict of interests since the revenue



Mayoral candidate
MARVIN BROWN



Mayoral candidate
JOEY MINOR

streams are separate and neither party interferes with the other in terms of decision-making. He added that there could actually be an opportunity for greater coordination. He said the position of mayor should be part-time though the mayor should be available when there is an opportunity to represent the city and for the scheduled meetings. He added that he will make himself available to the public.

Minor also said he didn't see a conflict of interests as a member of the Pike County Sheriff's Department. He noted that he is often out mingling with the public and that will afford him the opportunity to see what people want and need. He also said the role of mayor should be part-time and that he is accustomed to making himself available when he is needed.

Both candidates also spoke about the transition into the role as mayor.

Brown noted that he's served

on the council for two years and has been involved in the ordinance committee, chairs the finance committee and is very well-acquainted with the budget. He said the transition should be a smooth one because he's been in the thick of it for some time.

Minor noted that he's had bumpy transitions and that it will be testing. He added that he won't pretend to know everything that is going on but will lean heavily on the experience of past mayors and will rely on department heads to guide the process.

Both candidates further answered questions about blight, the sales tax, the future of expanding Highway 54, their plans for bolstering economic development and addressing the high ratio of individuals living in poverty.

The complete forum is available to view on The Trib's website. More from the forum will be featured in next week's edition on the races for council seats.

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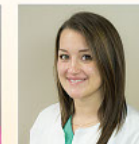
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COMMUNITY NEWS

From the Mayor's Desk...

Although Missouri is known for its unpredictable weather conditions, it should come as no surprise to learn that we are not alone. Arriving in Washington, D.C. to sunshine and following checking into the hotel and coming down to begin the walking trek to the first venue of the evening, finding a SNOW STORM in progress was a first clue!

Participation in the 2018 Capitol Meeting of MRCTI was yet another exhilarating experience. Gathering with Mayors from the entire expanse of the Mississippi River is a reward unto itself, but the sharing and fruitful discussion of common issues and our common purpose raises the scale of significance greatly. It is a distinct pleasure and honor to continue to represent the City of Clarksville and Pike County and to keep our story alive for all to hear and know.

The subjects of our meetings are often familiar but are always discussed with greater depth and understanding. Disaster



JO ANNE SMILEY, MAYOR
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resilience and adaption is certainly high on my list in each opportunity I have for listening, learning and speaking. Global food and water security and global trade include consideration of all involved in the future of farming and the lives of farmers and thus the future of our country. Our River, the Mississippi

River supports the most agriculturally productive region on the planet. Securing the vitality of the upper Mississippi River System is a major element of concern and an issue necessary to be resolved before answering most of the rest of the questions regarding the Mississippi River and its future.

Those with whom we meet have sometimes heard from us previously, others are hearing for the first time and among them could very well be the one person whose voice could make a difference in securing the answers we seek. It is important to keep the reality of the needs of the River on the table, in front of every entity with responsibility in this area, at all times.



Flapjack Attack

Charlie Shelton, left, and Don Hamilton of the Louisiana Lions Club had cakes on the griddle as part of the annual Pancake and Sausage Day fundraiser March 17 at the Pike Pioneers Senior Center. In addition to traditional pancakes, the club served green flapjacks in honor of St. Patrick's Day. All proceeds will be used for local Lions Club sight, hearing and community services.

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

Accepting bids for mowing the Pike County Sheriff's Office. Must have own equipment and submit proof of insurance liability along with your bid.

Bids are due by Friday, April 6, 2018 by 5 p.m.

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NECAC Warns Of Utility Assistance Deadline

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has federal funding available for utility assistance in its 12-county service area of Northeast Missouri.

The deadline to apply for the winter portion of the programs is March 31. Applications for income-qualifying people are available at NECAC County Service Centers or by calling 573-324-0120.

There are two types of assistance available: the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP). They are funded by the federal government and distributed through the states, which contract with non-profit groups such as NECAC to administer the programs at the local level.

LIHEAP assists with paying part of the energy bills of income-qualifying people. Eligible households could receive a minimum of \$45 up to a maximum of \$450, depending upon income, household size and type of heating source. Payments are made directly to utility companies.

The Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) offers assistance of up to \$800 to qualifying households of those who have received a utility shut-off notice.

"We encourage anyone needing heating assistance to apply before the deadline," said NECAC Energy Assistance Supervisor Angela Kattenbraker from the agency's Central Administration

Offices in Bowling Green.

Last year, NECAC was awarded \$1,255,987 in direct assistance and \$154,192 in Utilicare funding and processed 7,711 energy assistance and 5,700 ECIP applications. This winter, the agency received a slight increase in direct assistance at \$1,354,825, but has no Utilicare funding.

For more information, call one of the following NECAC County Service Centers:

Lincoln County: 11 Woodcrest Dr. in Troy -- 636-528-7604.

Pike County: 805 Bus. Hwy. 61 North in Bowling Green -- 573-324-2207.

Ralls County: 411 Main in New London -- 573-985-2411.



Hamilton Honored For 30 Years

Louisiana Lions Club President Don Hamilton recently was recognized for 30 years of service to the organization by Susan Paden, second vice president of Lions District 26M3. Hamilton is a Farmers Insurance agent based in Bowling Green and has served many roles with the Louisiana club over three decades. The club will host its annual Pancake and Sausage Day fund-raiser for sight, hearing and community services from 7-11:30 a.m. March 17.

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All donations will be given to The Ready Readers program, a St. Louis based nonprofit organization which Taylor supports with her personal platform, "Readers Are Leaders" and/or Children's Miracle Network, which is the national platform for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen program, which helps save children's lives in our local community.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Judy Schmidt is pictured playing the hammered dulcimer that she won as the best musician in a national contest in 1993.

Ecumenical Women's Breakfast Group Holds First Meeting Of '18

Women from eight area churches were represented at the first meeting of the Ecumenical Women's Breakfast group of 2018, which was held on March 13 at Centenary United Methodist Church with the ladies of Calumet Presbyterian Church serving as co-hostesses. There were 34 in attendance.

The program was given by Judy Schmidt, a member of Centenary, who talked about the history of church music from back in Medieval times. Father Lou Dorn demonstrated by singing in Latin how early chants in churches relied on single tones. Music then progressed through the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods, and Judy played examples of each on her hammered dulcimer, which is a 96 string chromatic dulcimer.

She explained the concept of "shape note" music and shared a framed picture she had purchased that was from the year 1580 showing square musical notes printed on vellum. She explained how church music is constantly evolving, though we still hold on to favorite hymns, gospels and spirituals of the past in modern-day hymnals. Many of our current hymns have a background in

classical music, all the way back to the 1300's, though the music is always evolving according to the wishes of the people.

From the 13th century through the 19th century, the harpsicord, along with the developing church organ, was the main keyboard instrument. Radio accessibility for the masses after World War I conveniently brought church music to the general public.

Judy and her husband, Carl, have travelled extensively to play in dulcimer festivals over the years, with each of them winning national titles for their skills.

President Judy Allely conducted a brief business meeting. At each quarterly meeting, the group in attendance votes on how to spend the funds that were donated that day for the breakfast. This time it was decided to split the money between the proposed Splash Pad at the Aquatic Center; the performing arts center/storm shelter that is proposed to be built at Louisiana High School, and also to Community Food Pantry.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12 at the First Christian Church with the ladies of Bethel AME Church serving as co-hostesses. All women of faith are invited to attend.



21st Century Community Learning Centers

Louisiana, Clifton, BONCL
Bowling Green/Frankford Sites

Students in the Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Before and Afterschool Program at BONCL have been busy participating in a variety of activities. The before school program operates from 6:45 - 8:15 a.m. and the afterschool program runs from 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. providing a seamless transition from the regular school day with transportation to the program and home provided by the BONCL R-X School District. Students enrolled in the program participate in a variety of activities including technology, academic enrichment, food and fun, STEM, multicultural activities, physical activities, career education, and swimming at the Twin Pike Family YMCA. Students also participate in enrichments made possible by the Lay Family Foundation presented by local individuals including Creating Comics to Learn Spanish by Helen Boyd and Junior Achievement by Cassie Huckstep-Spangler.

In the Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program at BONCL, Lisa Phillips recently began using the Career Cruising online program with students in grades kindergarten through eighth. As students participate in Career Cruising, they are guided through lessons and planning that connect school to real life encouraging students to consider their future college and career readiness. Throughout the program, students are able to explore career options and consider their own interests as they move through interactive career games and lessons. By doing so, students learn essential 21st century skills to help prepare them for life including financial literacy and goal-setting through video interviews and role-playing activities.

In addition to career education, service learning continues to be a considerable component of the Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Program at BONCL. At Christmas time, students in the before and afterschool program made Christmas cards for soldiers deployed overseas. Coming up in March, students will participate in Coloring for a Cause. This program was created to help brighten the days of patients at Pike County Home Health and Hospice. Throughout the month of March, students will color and create drawings to send to hospice patients.

Students in the Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Program at BONCL regularly enjoy hands-on learning and technology activities similar to those described above. Along with a healthy snack, homework help, academic enrichment, and physical activity scheduled daily, these aspects of the program have translated to a solid program enrollment and consistently strong attendance. There are currently 23 students enrolled at BONCL. "We are excited to continue to offer new and exciting learning opportunities for our before and afterschool students," says Cassie Huckstep-Spangler, BONCL Site Coordinator. "The program enrollment is truly reflective of the before and afterschool staff's effort to integrate program activities that are interesting to students and enrich the skills and concepts students learn during the regular school day to help prepare them for life." The Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC program staff at BONCL include Heather Larenson, Leslie Lovell, Lisa Phillips, and Cassie Huckstep-Spangler, Site Coordinator.

For more information on the YMCA 21st CCLC program at BONCL, individuals may contact Cassie Huckstep-Spangler, BONCL Site Coordinator, at 573-754-5412 or the YMCA 21st CCLC Office at 573-754-4999.

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Award of the contract resulting from this RFP will be based on the most responsive applicant whose offer will be the most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to:

Reject any or all offers and discontinue RFP process without obligation or liability to any potential applicant

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured, front row, (l-r): Brooklyn Cadwallader and Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson. Second row: Katelyn Watts, Haylee Miller, Abby Moore, Maria Gutierrez. Third row: Michelle Watts, Tyler Hopkins, and Spencer Butler.

Youth Civic Leaders Summit Held

For the third year, Louisiana Community Betterment participated in the Youth Civic Leaders Summit at Windermere at Lake of the Ozarks.

It is a full weekend of constructive learning, sharing and interactive thinking between the many rural counties of Missouri. The YCLS is a sponsored collaborative effort between Missouri Community Betterment and the MO 4-H Clubs of Missouri.

LCBA took eight youth from our community this past weekend, March 2-4. The youth have the opportunity to learn leadership skills as well as volunteer opportunities. It is a great avenue for the youth to learn, that they do have something to contribute to their home community and learn constructive ways to communicate their ideas for the betterment of their home town.

The basketball court in Sunset Park was a direct result of this Youth Summit in 2016 and the Beautification of the Riverfront was also derived at the 2017 summit. They are still seeking funds to complete the Riverfront project this year.

To date we have received approximately \$1,300 toward the purchase of rock and materials needed to build new flower beds. They are still in need of about \$3000 more to finish the complete project.

If you have any questions about the project or you are interested in helping us achieve our \$3000 goal, please contact Diana Huckstep, chairperson of the LCBA at 314-640-4420 or by mailing your contribution to: Louisiana Community Betterment, 13384 Hwy NN, Louisiana, MO 63353.

Culvert Work Planned For Pike Rt. WW

Weather permitting, MoDOT will be doing the following culvert work on Pike County Route WW. Please see the dates and locations below. All work will be completed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Route WW - March 29, road closed between Pike CRD 229 and Pike CRD 227 for a culvert replacement.

Route WW - March 30, road closed between Pike CRD 228 and 0.10 mile east of CRD 228 for a culvert replacement.

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This work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled or delayed. For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). All roadwork is posted on the traveler information map. You can also visit us online at www.modot.org/northeast.

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Read Across America

Mrs. Picone's kindergarten class at Louisiana Elementary School had the opportunity to make their own hats to help celebrate with volunteer helper Ms. Judy. Pictured, front row (l-r): Willie Ardeneaux, Hunter Fuget, Hunter Sealock, Kamden Anderson, Ben Rivera, and Brennan Loveless. Second row: Rebecca Miller, Genesis Vasquez-Santos, Madi Myers, Emmie Parsons, Ms. Judy, Cristyn Dowell, Colbie Addison, and Madison Hansen.



Read Across America

Two of Mrs. Picone's Kindergarten students, Brennan Loveless and Cristyn Dowell show off their "Read Across America" Dr. Seuss Day shirts. The event was held March 2 at Louisiana Elementary, and students enjoyed listening to many Dr. Seuss stories.



CHS Band, Chamber Ensemble

Performances by members of the Clopton High School Band and Chamber Ensemble were on display at the annual Spring Band Concert held March 6 at Clopton. The Chamber Ensemble performed four songs including "Lids" using trash cans as instruments and "Stool of Rock." The High School Band performed four selections for the audience, as well as a special performance with the Junior High Band. Members of the Chamber Ensemble pictured during the performance of "Lids" include: (front row, left to right) Dylan Smith, Grace Cooke, Alyssa Harry and Madeline Hartwell. Second row: Olivia Hembrough, Kasey Leake and Bailey Dykes.



Band members during "Aliens Landing" include (left to right) Dykes, Stephanie Talbert, Abbi Patchin and Austin Lair.

Bethel AME To Host MO Conference

The Bethel AME Church, Louisiana will host the Missouri Conference AME Area 1 Missionary meeting on Saturday, March 24.

Registrations beginning at 10 a.m., they will be making a presentation to the Louisiana Community Food Pantry, at 1 p.m., they are doing this as there theme this year is "MISSION OUTREACH".

The group attending is from the Churches attending is from the St. Louis/Columbia, Joanne Hammuck, Division 1, Sis. Maymie Carter, is the Area 1, Chairman, St. Paul Columbia

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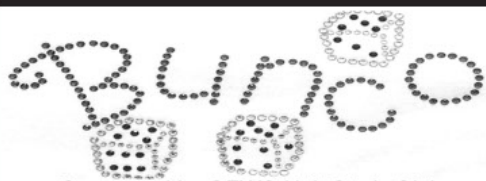
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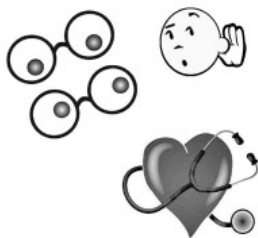
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tri-County Saddle Club News

The Tri-County Saddle Club held its meeting Saturday, March 3 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds.

They had 15 members in attendance and they welcomed new members, Shelley and Kaalynnna Yager to the club.

The show committee met prior to the meeting and has made a few changes in classes. The club is also contemplating changing the date of the shows from the third Saturday to the fourth Saturday due to conflicting with other shows in the area. This was tabled until the next meeting in April when more members will be present.

The saddle club will be hosting a shot clinic on April 7 at 1 p.m. This will include Coggins, 4-way, West Nile, and rabies. Dr. Nancy Roth will be the veterinarian; she has also requested NO WILD

horses.

She will not climb into trailers to vaccinate as she has recently had hip replacement.

If you are planning on attending the shot clinic you need to notify Ernie Turner by text, 573-619-9013 as to what you want. This is to make sure Dr. Roth has plenty of supplies on hand. If you are only wanting Coggins there will be plenty, you do not have to notify Ernie.

April 7 will also be the spring clean-up of the grounds and facilities. They will also have a wiener roast and meeting to follow. The directors will be having a short meeting after the regular club meeting.

The kids will be able to ride their horses while the adults are at the meeting. Come and spend the day with family and friends. Everyone welcome.

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To those of you who know Debbie Hopke; the words you're about to read will ring true. For those of you that don't know Debbie, allow me to introduce her:

I have known Debbie for over 5 years now. We first met at the Twin Pike Family YMCA. We both participated in a variety of exercise classes. I remember thinking, "That lady works hard and pushes herself to be better. I want to get to know her!" When an opportunity came up that Debbie might be seeking employment, I got so excited. I knew I wanted her on our team!! She has worked for TrailerMan for over 2 years now and not a day goes by that TrailerMan is not thankful for her. Debbie was hired as our Human Resources Manager and has taken that position so much further than we ever thought possible. She was everything we needed (as a growing company), and more! Three words come to mind when I think of her; Tenacity, Integrity, & Competent.

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Because she has a high quality of being honest integrity comes to mind. She has strong moral principles which are evident in her everyday work. She strives for the best for all our employees and for TrailerMan. If she can do half for the City of Vandalia, of what she has done for TrailerMan, your city will have a rock solid foundation for prosperity and growth.

Competent; she has the necessary ability, knowledge, and skill sets to be a success at whatever endeavor she chooses to pursue. Vandalia is very lucky to have Debbie wishing to pursue being your Mayor. I wish I was a citizen just so I could cast my vote for Debbie.

When you go to the polls April 3rd - I urge you to vote for the right person for the job - Debbie Hopke. She is the one who possesses all the traits a leader needs to be successful. Vote Debbie Hopke!!

Sincerely,

Mary J. Perkins

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Niemeyer Awarded Hickory Grove Scholarship

On Hwy. U, east of Curryville there was a one-room school-house called Hickory Grove.

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It has since closed and it was decided among the remaining members to use the remaining money as a scholarship for students who wish to continue their education or are already in college.

Following is a map of the area that is circled. This is the walking distance to the school approximately three miles. You or a family member that is continuing their education must live within the circled area to be an applicant for this scholarship.

The application for this scholarship will be at the Bowling Green High School counselor's office. It is worth \$1,000 for a single applicant.

The latest recipient of this scholarship is Ethan Niemeyer, son of Tim and Monica Niemeyer of Bowling Green.

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Ethan Niemeyer

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CLOPTON

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Coach Pat Conway (left) and Assistant Coach Brett Reading wave to the crowd in the parade while holding the state championship trophy. The parade ended with a reception at the school for the coaches and players. Find more highlights at www.thepeopletribune.com. Trib photo by Nancy Case



Van-Far players threw candy and waved from the backs of trucks during the parade through town on Thursday, March 15 celebrating the Class 2 state championship the team brought home from Springfield last week. Find more highlights at www.thepeopletribune.com. Trib photo by Nancy Case



The trophy table featured the state championship hardware in addition to the district and conference plaques and trophies from the Madison and Bowling Green Tournaments. A video highlight package was also shown at the school during the reception. Trib photo by Nancy Case



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input from stakeholders over the coming year. Adaptation and change are not easily accomplished in a district with such strong academic, curricular and extracurricular traditions. Ultimately, those same traits will enable us to progress through these changes and enhance the learning opportunities available to our students."

Harvey said there are still a number of decisions that have to be made including how to best shape the four-day week.

"We will be looking to get a lot of input from the community."

He said school officials have examined how the four-day week works for other districts such as Montgomery, Wellsville, Community and North Calloway. He added the most likely scenario is a Tuesday through Friday schedule with a longer day by about 45-50 minutes each school day.

Harvey admitted there are drawbacks for families but pointed out there are positives as well. He noted the transition will be tough, particularly for families who have a traditional five-day week.

"That will be the most difficult part of implementing this."

He added that some of the positives will include more time for teaching content and less transition time. Savings in transportation costs should be about 20 percent of what is currently spent.

He said that dates have not been set at this time but the district will host community forums to hear from the public about their suggestions and concerns before hammering out next year's schedule.

Clopton will continue to have a seven-period day rather than moving to a block-schedule.

The district has opted to cut six teaching positions and will also look to combine some smaller classes to save money. Non-certified staff will also have hours reduced.

"The board looked at this in detail and with a lot of thought," Harvey remarked.

The district has also decided to place an operating levy transfer initiative on the ballot for the

April 3 election.

"The proposed levy transfer will result in no net increase to the total tax levy to the district. We are asking the voters to allow the district to transfer \$0.3300 from the debt service fund to the operating fund. This will allow the district to use these monies for educational necessities," the letter stated.

"The debt service fund is exclusively utilized to repay general obligation bond financings. The proceeds generated from bond issuance are used to pay for large, one-time capital facility expenditures. The district's operating levy currently is set at \$3.9215 while the levy in debt service is \$1.0802 (\$5.0017 total levy). If the \$0.33.. transfer is approved by the voters, the operating ceiling will be \$4.2515 and the debt service levy is estimated to be reduced to \$0.7502 (\$5.0017 total levy). this, in addition to planned cuts and future adaptations, will position the district to better address upcoming years."

Harvey said that overall the district looks to save about \$820,000 or about 10 percent of the total budget through the cost-saving measures.

The cuts and change to schedule will only affect the Clopton school district. The Pike-Lincoln Tech Center will continue to operate with a five-day week.

He noted the district has lost about 30 students but the administration and board will continue to be vigilantly watching the numbers.

Harvey encouraged the community's involvement in the process.

"They may see things that haven't been or should be considered," he remarked.

Harvey said the board is still looking to find savings in other areas as well throughout the district.

He added the district will make every effort to keep the community informed about upcoming meetings and decisions.



Musical History

Louisiana Bicentennial Committee members Lori Lewis, left, and Michelle Niedner conduct a Music Bingo fund-raiser March 16 at American Legion Post 370. Instead of numbers, players used the names of songs and television themes from the 1960s through the 1990s to match those on their cards. The \$100 grand prize was donated back to the committee for use during the bicentennial celebration June 30 to July 4. More information is available at www.louisiana200.com or on Facebook.

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