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## Pike County Clerk Issues State On Results Delay

This statement from Pike County Clerk Susie Oberdahlhoff is in reference to the delay in results of the recent election held Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The security and integrity of local elections is the highest priority of the county clerk's office.

Extra safeguards were put in place to ensure that voters of Pike County received a fair election. Due to two county clerk office staff members appearing themselves on the ballot, a smaller number of staff

were left to do the bulk of the work thus slowing down the process.

The two staff members on the ballot had their usual roles altered to put them in positions where no undue influence could be placed on voting results.

While these safeguards resulted in a delay, the county clerk office is confident that a fair election took place and that the integrity of the process was protected.

## 2020 Heritage Festival Postponed

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
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whoseAs with many other organizations throughout the country, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has decided to postpone the city's popular Heritage Festival.

While not stated as a contributing factor by the organization, the decision was made in the wake of a recent increase of positive cases of COVID-19 in Pike County.

The event which is held in September draws a large crowd to Bowling Green's square with a parade, craft vendors, quilt show, and more.

"After much consideration and discussion, in addition to seeking the advice of Pike County Health Department concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, the board of directors of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has determined that it would be in the best interest of the public to postpone the 2020 Heritage Festival," the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce released last week.

But the organization hasn't given up on holding events in the city. They hope to combine the festival with another event in November.

"The board will continue to monitor the health situation but is tentatively planning to combine the Heritage Festival with the annual Holly Jolly event. This combined event would possibly be held at the end of November. Vendors and sponsors who have already registered for the Heritage Festival will be allowed to choose whether to transfer their registration to the potential combined event or to receive a refund."

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce made a similar decision recently by canceling to the fall Colorfest.

"Thank you for your understanding as the board made this difficult decision," The Bowling Green Chamber closed their statement.

The People's Tribune will continue to release more information as it becomes available.

Readers can also follow the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and website for updated information on the status of all upcoming events.

Any questions may be directed to the executive director at the chamber office.

## Body Of Missing Woman Found In Pike

The body of Amanda Johnston, 32, of Monroe City was discovered by investigators around 5 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8.

A multi-agency search for Johnston beginning last Wednesday ended early Saturday morning in family and friends' worst fears.

Her body was discovered south of Frankford off Route B near US 61. Monroe County Prosecuting At-

torney Talley Smith has charged Jerry Asbell, 29, with first-degree murder in connection to Johnston's death. He has also been charged with armed criminal action and is currently being held in the Monroe County Jail without bond.

Jessica Ellsworth, 37, of Monroe City has also been charged in connection with Johnston's death.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 2020 PIKE COUNTY FAIR

Trib photos by Brice Chandler



Pictured are the trophy winners at the 2020 Pike County Fair 4-H/FFA Cow Show.



Pictured are siblings Allison and Cole Hunter of Annada showing their cows at the 2020 Pike County Fair. Allison won grand champion and Cole was the reserve champion.



Pictured is Steve Brookshier of Riverside who played in the beer garden at the 2020 Pike County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 1.



Pictured is Trenton Haas at the 4-H/FFA sale at the 2020 Pike County Fair.

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## USDA Extends Deadlines, Defers Interest Accrual Due To COVID-19

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced Wednesday, Aug. 5 it will authorize Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to extend deadlines for premium and administrative fee payments, defer the resulting interest accrual and allow other flexibilities to help farmers, ranchers, and insurance providers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"USDA recognizes farmers and ranchers have been severely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic this year and to help ease the burden on these folks, we are continuing to extend flexibility for producers," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "The flexibilities announced today support health and safety while also ensuring the Federal crop insurance program continues to serve as a vital risk management tool."

Background:  
Specifically, USDA is authorizing AIPs to provide policyholders additional time to pay premium and administrative fees and to waive accrual of interest to the earlier of 60 days after their scheduled payment due date or the termination date on

policies with premium billing dates between August 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020. In addition, USDA is authorizing AIPs to provide up to an additional 60 days for policyholders to make payment and waive additional interest for Written Payment Agreements due between August 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020.

RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through AIPs to deliver services, including processing policies, claims and agreements. RMA staff are working with AIPs and other customers by phone, mail and electronically to continue supporting crop insurance coverage for producers. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business remotely (by telephone or email). More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. A list of insurance agents is available online using the RMA Agent Locator. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [rma.usda.gov](https://rma.usda.gov).

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## NOTICE

The City of Bowling Green will begin street resurfacing, within the next two weeks, of Court Street from Main Street to Business 61. Court Street will be closed to through traffic during the day. We encourage you to plan accordingly and take alternate routes during this time as there will be fresh oil. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## From The Mayor's Desk...

Amazing weather so far for August! I hope you're enjoying this unique time!

Congratulations goes out to the City of Bowling Green and its board of aldermen and women for receiving a FAA \$667,000 grant to widen and rejuvenate our airport.

Many people in Bowling Green do not even realize we have an airport. Plans beyond the widening are still being. So far, it must fit into a master plan that was developed in 1987 and approved by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

The Convention and Visitors Bureau officially opened the Bowling Green Visitor Center last Thursday with a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. This is a vision come true for the board and its members. I encourage you to visit this wonderful new addition to our city and service to our entire area. The center welcomes and needs volunteers for this new venture.

This will help promote our businesses and our city attractions such as Champ Clark Honey Shuck House, our parks, the Amish community and their handcrafted wood-working and bake goods, our library, the Bowling Green Airport, churches, the historic county courthouse with the Champ Clark statue, our beautiful War Memorial, and the Genealogy Society and Museum.

For outdoor activities, our Bowl-



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

ing Green Lakes attract boating, fishing, and kayaking, as well as great hunting. Cozy C Campgrounds offers RV parking and camping.

We also offer various celebrations throughout the year with Champ Clark Heritage Festival, Christmas in the Green, Small Business Saturday, Downtown Revitalization, Cry Out, and non-profits like Lion's Club, Rotary, the VFW and a variety of their activities as well as church related events.

Bowling Green welcomes a new business just north of town on Business 61 called Vision of Dads Resale and Stuff. They are offering open air family movie nights in August.

Plans are in place for the start of "in-person" schools at Bowling Green R-I, Frankford, St. Clement, and Pike County Christian. Remember Rhythm in the Park on Aug. 29, Bobcat sports and activities, (see school webpage), and Crusade for Christ at Second Baptist Church.

Alliance has been patching and prepping Court Street for oil and rock this week and next, as well as finishing Champ Clark Drive west of Court Street. Court Street will be blocked off to local traffic so please make necessary arrangements for such. To keep you informed, MODOT may not be able to begin work on the round-about at Business 61 and 161 until March, 2021. We'll keep you informed as we know more.

## Grazing School In Warren County

Are you interested in increasing the plant diversity and quality of your pasture, and possibly increasing the number of cows per acre that you can graze?

Rotational grazing could be the answer that you have been looking for! The Lincoln County SWCD and NRCS in cooperation with University of Missouri Extension are holding grazing school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at the University of Missouri Extension building, 107 West Walton, Warrenton.

There is a cost for the two day school. This fee covers the cost of a speaker and lunch for three days. Other speakers and materials are provided through a NRCS grant. Please register by Friday, Sept. 18. This event is sponsored by the NRCS, Lincoln County SWCD, and Missouri University Extension. This school is limited to the first 25 paid participants and is an approved school for the DSP-3 cost share practice.

If you are sick or are showing signs of illness, please don't attend. Masks will be required and Social Distancing will be observed. If you are interested in receiving more information contact the Lincoln County SWCD office at 636-528-4877 ext.3.

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Honeybees and bumblebees are the insects most people think of when they hear the word "bee," but Missouri's bee population is much more diverse than this. Miner bees, mason

bees, and leafcutter bees are examples of the many types of bees that can be found in Missouri. Many of these bees don't store honey or live in hives, but their pollinating activities play a critical role in the health and integrity of our natural habitats. MDC Naturalist Cameron Johnston will discuss what kinds of homes native bees prefer and will provide pointers on how people can build a "hotel" for bees. Creating these special habitats will help ensure that important pollination activities will continue to take place.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using 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 interact with the presenters.

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# OBITUARIES



## LeNora Farabee

LeNora (Hinch Swan) Farabee, 72, of New London died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Thursday at the Hannibal First Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Jason Young, Pastor Mark Burkey, and Pastor Wayne LaForce officiated. Burial was in Grand View Burial Park.

Visitation celebrating LeNora's life was from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday at the church.

The family was served by Smith Funeral Home & Chapel of Hannibal.

LeNora was born Dec. 20, 1947, in Newton, Iowa the daughter of George and Nancy Gooch Hinch. She was previously married to William "Fred" Swan on June 28, 1980, in Hannibal. He preceded her in death on March 3, 2010. She later married Gordon Farabee on Nov. 7, 2015, in Hannibal. He survives her of the home.

Other survivors include a son, Dennis Dooley of Hannibal; two daughters, Kathy Womack and husband, Paul of Quincy, Ill., and Kari Garrett and husband, Louis of Hannibal; two brothers, Joe Hinch of Frankford and Paytie Hinch of Frankford; two sisters, Shirley Johnson and husband, Dwayne of Hannibal, and Teddie Cook and Ernie of Rensselaer; grandchildren, Katelyn Edgar and husband, Andrew, Britta Dooley and Austin Simms, Hayley Womack and Brady Sloup, Brant Dooley and Kylie Sutton, Jaycie Spake and husband, Noah, and Maddie Garrett; great-grandchildren, Jordy Bartels, Ava Edgar, River Dooley, and Carter Simms; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

In addition to her parents and husband Fred, LeNora was preceded in death by her sisters-in-law, Janet Hinch and Debra Hinch and brother-in-law, Ron McIntosh.

LeNora graduated from Hannibal High School in the class of 1965.

Professionally before retirement LeNora worked as the office manager for the Missouri Department of Conservation in Hannibal.

LeNora loved her job working for the Conservation Department, she enjoyed going out electrofishing at area lakes, Eagle Days and was known by her colleagues as "Mother Hen".

Family was everything to LeNora. LeNora loved spending the holidays with her family, Black Friday shopping together and preparing holiday dinners especially Christmas. She was always there to support her grandchildren and great grandchildren in any event they were involved in.

In her younger years, LeNora was an avid bowler and had bowled on several all-star teams. In her free time, LeNora enjoyed watching the Hallmark channel, decorating her home and church and watching the wildlife around her home.

LeNora was a faithful member of the Hannibal First Church of the Nazarene, where she was the president of the Mission Board for 30 plus years, taught the Caravan Children's Group for several years and sang in the praise team.

Pallbearers were Andrew Edgar, Noah Spake, Brant Dooley, Austin Simms, Dwayne Johnson, and Ernie Cook. Honorary pallbearers were Justin Pafford, Mike Hinch, Bill Hinch, Joe Johnson, and Paytie Lee Hinch.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, c/o Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Online condolences may be made to the family, video tribute viewed, and funeral service viewed on LeNora memorial page at [www.smithfuneralhomeandchapel.com](http://www.smithfuneralhomeandchapel.com).



## Marlin Craig 'Slick' Thompson

Marlin Craig "Slick" Thompson, 65, of Vandalia died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 at SSM Audrain Hospital in Mexico.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation rites were accorded by Bienhoff Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1954 in Hannibal, the son of George F. "Sport" Thompson and Edna Gruer Thompson Belts. He married Paula Jane Uhey in Vandalia on March 10, 1979. She survives.

Other survivors include a son; Paul Thompson of Vandalia; two sisters, Kandace Gasperini and husband, Ron of Naperville, Ill., and Karla Thompson of Vandalia; one brother, Monte Thompson and wife, Joyce of Mexico; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and his best friend, Holly, the West Highland Terrier.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Edgar Wade Belts.

Mr. Thompson was a lifetime area resident and 1972 graduate of Van-Far High School. He worked as a farmer for most of his life. He enjoyed collecting, refinishing antiques, working on his home, painting, wallpapering, gardening and watching the St. Louis Cardinals and Blues.

He enjoyed all things Ford and John Deere.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Animal Shelter, 101 S. Morris St., Mexico, MO 65265.



## Jay Brownlee Taylor

Jay "Bird" Taylor died the evening of Monday, Aug. 3, 2020 after months of battling cancer. Throughout the proceeding week he was surrounded and visited by friends and family.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Burial services were at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Monday at 1 p.m.,

Visitation as from 1 p.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Born in Nebraska, Jay spent much of his childhood in California. He followed in his father's footsteps, joining the Air Force and serving active duty for more than four years. Afterwards, Jay spent almost two decades proudly serving in the National Guard.

He was a certified Honda mechanic and dedicated his life fixing anything with a motor. Jay was best known for being a selfless friend with a contagious laugh. He would tell you that he's most proud of his daughter, Nicole...she was everything to him.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Nancy, his son, Matthew, and brother, Ric. He leaves behind his brother and sister-in-law, John and Kelly, their kids, Cameron and Claire, his beloved daughter and her husband, Nicole and Dan, their kids, Taylor and Ashlyn, his daughter-in-law, Trinity, and her kids, Dean and Romy, his niece

and her husband, Angela and Mike, their two kids, Kingston and Caroline, and his younger niece and her husband, Jennifer and Martin, their three kids, Sarah, Emma and Hanna. "Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul..."



## Kitty Sparks

Catherine "Kitty" Cox Sparks, 82, of Clarksville passed into her Savior's arms at her daughter Vicky's home surrounded by her loving family and good friend and neighbor, Bill Sterne, on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Rev. Kevin Collins will officiate. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

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

Kitty was born in rural Pike County on Nov. 6, 1937, the daughter of Ira and Myrtle Griffith Cox, who preceded her in death. She attended rural schools in Pike County and Louisiana High School. Kitty married Charles "Bud" Sparks in Louisiana on April 22, 1956.

Bud and Kitty first made their home in Louisiana where Bud drove a tank truck for Rogers Cartage. They moved to rural Clarksville in 1966 and lived in the same house until Bud died in January of 2019.

Kitty was the spiritual influencer of her immediate and extended family. Her home was the central gathering place for all her family, including nieces and nephews who sometimes stayed for days at a time. Kitty searched high and low for a table big enough for everyone to eat together when they came to the farm, where everyone found the home of Uncle Bud and Aunt Kitty's a wonderful and favorite gathering place. Kitty had a servant's heart and acted as caregiver to her mother, her father-in-law, Ralph Sparks, Bud's two aunts, Lena and Margaret Brown, and her sister-in-law, Sue Coy. She homeschooled her grandson, John, from 1st grade through High School. She was also a faithful prayer warrior. And, even though she really didn't like driving the boat, she would do it so Bud could ski.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Collins and husband, Kevin of Powersville, and Vicky Aldridge and husband, Paul of Clarksville; as well as a foster son, Bill Myers and wife, Tresea of Norfolk, Va. Kitty is also survived by two grandsons, Jacob Collins and wife, Courtney, and John Aldridge; three great-grandchildren, Jaymie, Harlee, and Timber Collins, and a host of nieces and nephews who found her home a warm and inviting place. Kitty is also survived by the members of the Hake family who have been the closest of friends for years; Cordie Hibdon, Karla Libbert, Alan and Charles Hake.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Ira William Cox, and four nephews, Randy Coy, Charles and David Cox, and Tony Coy.

Memorials are suggested to Heartland Hospice and may be entrusted with Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Dr., Louisiana, MO, 63353.



## Nicholas Weinpert

Nicholas Weinpert, 54, of Vandalia died Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at SSM - Audrain Medical Center in Mexico.

A visitation celebrating the life of Nick was at 4 p.m., until the time of funeral service Monday at 7 p.m., at Waters Funeral Home. Pastor Brian Lehenbauer officiated.

Nicholas was born Feb. 26, 1966, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Steffan and Agnes Basinger Weinpert. He was united in marriage to Stephanie Woodward on Sept. 9, 2017. She survives him of the home.

Other survivors include his

mother, Agnes Weinpert of Vandalia; daughter, Brittany Weinpert of Houston; sister, Vicki Kurz of Eureka; stepson, Woody Schoneboom and wife, Hanna of Crystal City; stepdaughter, Chelsea Westling and husband, Alan of Fulton; granddaughter, Alexis Butkke and grandson, Layton Westling.

He was preceded in death by his father, Steffan Weinpert.

Nick attended school at Van-Far and worked as a laborer for Harbison-Walker Refractories. He enjoyed carpentry work and building things, motorcycles and playing with his German Shepherds. Nick loved hanging out with his friends - Robbie, John, Richard and Tim.

Nick was a member of First Baptist Church of Vandalia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family and the video tribute viewed on Nick's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com).



## James Blakey

James Blakey, 60, of Quincy, Ill., died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Darrel Wiser will officiate.

A memorial gathering celebrating the life of James Blakey will be held from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

The public is welcome to attend the memorial services for James but due to Covid-19 we are asking you follow social distancing guidelines. Please stay six feet apart and avoid close contact. Anyone in attendance is encouraged to wear a mask or other personal protective equipment.

James was born Aug. 4, 1960 in Hannibal the son of James and Willa Bishop Blakey.

Survivors include his daughter, Marisa Stroub and husband, Brian of O'Fallon; two sisters, Jacqueline Horton of St. Louis, and Joyce Horton of Kansas City; two nephews, Steven Horton and Jamal Horton; and many other loved family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two cousins, Valeria Wiser and Carol Fisher.

James graduated from Hannibal High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force. He worked in the road construction industry.

He enjoyed flying remote control helicopters and auto mechanics. James never knew a stranger and enjoyed visiting with people.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on James memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com)

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## Mary Evelyn Kelley

## Frazer

Mary Evelyn Kelley Frazer, 93, of Louisiana died Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at the Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m., at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Pastor Mark Sheppard will officiate. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 21, 1927, in Dixon to James Franklin and Lula Ellen McKinnon Kelley. She was married to the Rev. Willard Edward Frazer on April 18, 1952, in Karter, Ark. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She is survived by three daughters, Gloria Armstrong of West Memphis, Ark., Teresa Van Fleet and husband, Gary of Louisiana, and Marcella Hess and husband, Steve of Ursa, Ill.; a son, Edward Frazer and wife, Sue of New London; one brother, Warren Kelley of Nebo, Ill.; one sister, Delia Burnett of Rockport, Ill. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was of the Pentecostal faith. She served along side her husband in ministry for 37 years until his death. She was a strong woman of faith and prayer. She loved helping others and loved her family dearly. Evelyn was employed at Brown Shoe Company in Pittsfield, IL, for 5 years in the late 1940's and worked in many factories and restaurants throughout her life. She loved to travel with her husband in Evangelism. She said, "Those were the best years of her life and she was happiest." Not one day went by that she didn't talk about all the healings and miracles she witnessed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband the Rev. Willard Edward Frazer; one granddaughter, Cheryl Light; one grandson, Zachary Van Fleet; and six siblings.

Her greatest desire was to see her family "Saved" and to receive Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

Pallbearers will be Greg Cassady, Jeremy Piper, Chad Knight, Joshua Waelder David Cunningham, and Ronald Dean Singleton. Honorary pallbearers will be, Billy Armstrong, Jake Piper, Ryan Cassaday, Bryan Cron, Logan Waelder, Brantley Waelder, Nathan Armstrong, Joseph Bumgardner, Jonathan Cassaday, Jon Light, and Brayden Waelder.

Online condolences may be shared and video tribute may be viewed at [www.JamesODonnellFuneralHome.com](http://www.JamesODonnellFuneralHome.com).

## Okey McCormick

Okey McCormick, 88, of Louisiana died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

A full obituary will be printed in next week's Tribune.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Pike County Fair Horseshoe Winners**  
Class A horseshoe tournament winners (r-l): first place Rodney Brewster, second place John Steele, and third place Gary Scherder.



Doubles (r-l): first place John Steele and Seth Stewart; second place Rodney Brewster and Kenny McCormick; and third place Dan and Patty DeClue.



Class B winners (r-l): first place Matt Peabody, second place Greg Luckett, and third place Jason Kneiss.

## Roadwork Continues On Pike Routes

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be performing patching operations on routes in Pike County. Please see below for locations and details.

Pike County Route HH – Aug.10-12, the road will be closed from U.S. Route 61 to Route Z between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., for pavement repair operations.

Pike County Route Z – Aug.10-12, the road will be closed from U.S. Route 61 to Missouri Route 161 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., for pavement repair operations.

Pike County Route F – Aug.13, the road will be reduced to one lane from U.S. Route 61 to the end of the route between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., for patching operations.

Pike County East Outer Road at Eolia – Aug. 18-20, the road will be closed from Route D to U.S. Route 61 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., for pavement repair operations.

Pike County Route FF – Aug. 17, 19-20, the road will be closed from U.S. Route 61 to the end of Route FF between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., for patching operations.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes during closures and use caution when driving through work zones during these times. This work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled or delayed. Work zones are active throughout the state. As you approach a work zone, please don't drive distracted. Always buckle up and put your phone down for your safety and the safety of highway workers. All work zones are online at [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org), and you can receive the latest news about road work in your area by signing up for e-updates.

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Pictured, from left, Caroline and Claire Williams who completed the Summer Reading Program at the Farber Branch Library.



**Farber Library Summer Reading**  
The Farber Branch Library held a Summer Reading Program at Farber Branch Library. This year the children enjoyed filling out bingo sheets which were marked with reading activities. Prizes were received when activities were completed. On completion of the program each received two books of their choice and a bag of surprises. Pictured are those who completed the program, from left, Madilon Oligschlaeger, Brandon Oligschlaeger, Danielle Franke, Elijah Franke, and Rachel Franke.

## Easy Summer Tomato Salad Recipe

This recipe is great ending to a hot summer day. It is a family recipe passed down to me from my great grandmother. My grandmother and I used to sit outside with candles all around us with this salad and warm conversation. The original recipe was first used in 1912.

Prep: 15 mins  
Additional: 30 mins

Total: 45 mins  
Servings: 6  
Yield: 6 servings

**Ingredient Checklist**

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 pint yellow pear tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup chopped green onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro

1 pinch freshly ground black pepper to taste  
1 pinch ground red pepper to taste  
1 pinch salt to taste

**Directions**

In a bowl, toss the cherry tomatoes, yellow pear tomatoes, green onions, garlic, basil, cilantro, black pepper, red pepper, and salt. Refrigerate 30 minutes and toss again before serving.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Bowling Green R-I School District serves notice that all the District's facilities and programs meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person having inquiries should contact Dr. Matt Frederickson, Superintendent's Office, Bowling Green R-I School District, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green, MO 63334. Phone 573-324-5441.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Bowling Green R-I School District provides equal opportunities for employment, promotion, and education without regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, disadvantaged, or handicapping condition. Concerns and complaints regarding possible discrimination should be directed to the Superintendent's Office, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green, MO 63334 Phone 573-324-5441.

Any person having inquiries concerning Bowling Green R-I School District compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Dr. Matt Frederickson, Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green, MO, 573-324-5441, who has been designated to coordinate the institution's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Bowling Green R-I School District has conducted a complete re-inspection of its facilities on December 11, 2017, utilizing the services of Trutest Environmental Solutions, LLC. The results of this inspection have been included in a management plan. This management plan is available in the Bowling Green Superintendent's Office (and in the offices of the Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green Elementary and Frankford Elementary) during normal business hours, without cost or restriction, for inspection by representative of the EPA and the State, the public including teachers, other school personnel and their representatives, and parents. The Bowling Green R-I School District may charge a reasonable cost to make copies of management plans.

Any person having inquiries concerning asbestos in the Bowling Green R-I School District is directed to contact Dr. Matt Frederickson, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334. Phone 573-324-5441.

### Bowling Green R-I School District Tax Rate Hearing Notice

A hearing will be held at 6:20 p.m., on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Bowling Green R-I Central Office Board Room, Bowling Green, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Bowling Green R-I School District, a political subdivision.

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	Estimated Current Tax Year 2020		Prior Tax Year 2019		
Real Estate	\$86,477,570		\$83,973,100		
Personal Property	\$34,682,700		\$32,908,907		
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	\$121,160,270		\$116,882,007		
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	\$121,160,270		\$116,882,007		
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)	\$2,663,760		\$1,962,790		
The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	
	Incidental	\$3,969,089	3.2759	\$3,812,925	\$3.2622
	Teacher	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000
	Debt Service	\$605,801	0.5000	\$584,410	\$0.5000
	Capital Projects	\$121,160	0.1000	\$116,882	\$0.1000
	Total	\$4,696,051	\$3.8759	\$4,514,217	\$3.8622
	Total New Revenue:	\$160,443			
	New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements:	\$89,926			
	New Revenue from Reassessment:	\$70,517			
	Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment:	1.7944%			

\*Estimates reflect the most accurate information provided by the County Clerks at the time of this posting. These figures are based on information available as of Tuesday, August 4, 2020. It is possible the estimate may change by the Tax Rate Hearing or that the Board of Education may make changes until September 1, 2020.

Board of Education  
Bowling Green R-I  
School District  
Bob Kirkpatrick, President



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Voting For Cuivre River Coop Board Continues Until Aug. 24

Voting for candidates to fill four, three-year term seats on Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's (CREC) Board of Directors is open and continues until Monday, Aug. 24. Candidates are as follows (incumbents have an asterisk following their name):

Lincoln County District 1: Mike Cherry, Christopher F. Williams

Warren County District 3: Michael Daniels, Al Herter, Phil Dunk\*

St. Charles County District 4: Michael W. MacCormack, Denise O'Mara\*, Bob Shive

St. Charles County District 5: Frank Sgroi, Michael W. Donnelly, Ted House\*

The voting process is being handled by the independent firm of Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS), based in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Candidate bios are available when voting via a secure internet site, by paper ballot or in person. To obtain a paper ballot, call 952-974-2339 or email support@direct.vote.net. Support is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays.

Bios are also available on the CREC website (www.cuivre.com/content/2019-candidate-bios) and in

the August issue of Current Times/Rural Missouri. Members may vote online until 11:59 p.m., Aug. 24, or by paper ballot which must be received at SBS by the close of business on Aug. 24. Members also have the option to vote in person at the CREC's Annual Meeting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at the cooperative's Lake Saint Louis branch office.

While members are welcome to attend the annual meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27, the meeting will also be streamed live online to view. To access, visit the home page of our website, cuivre.com on Aug. 27.

A reminder for members who

choose to attend the meeting in person – the format of the meeting, which was modified starting last year – means that there will not be any food, entertainment or registration gifts. However, all members who cast a vote (online, paper or in person) will be entered into a drawing for free electricity. Attendance at the meeting is not required to be eligible for voting participation prizes; the winners of these prizes will be announced in the week following the meeting. The complete slate of winners will also be posted in CREC's monthly newsletter, Current Times, on the CREC website, social media channels, and in CREC Connections,

the cooperative's e-newsletter.

"There is still opportunity to win prizes – if you vote," said Kevin Hurd, manager of administrative services. "Members do not have to attend the annual meeting to win. They simply need to vote."

For further information, contact

Kevin Hurd, manager of administrative services, or Chris Ryan, manager of member services and IT, to confirm eligibility and learn more about serving as a director. Contact Kevin at 636-695-4871/email khurd@cuivre.com or Chris at 636-695-4831/email cryan@cuivre.com

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*Donna Hoover*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BODY

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Ellsworth has been charged with felony tampering with evidence. She is being held in the Macon County Jail.

While information is still limited, officials from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) stated the investigation was ongoing and more would be released.

According to MSHP Sgt. Eric Brown stated that Monroe City Police responded to a call to investigate Johnston's home Wednesday afternoon around 1:30 p.m. after one of her friends went to visit and found signs of a break-in and Johnston missing.

After the initial investigation, the Monroe City Police Department determined she was possibly the victim of a violent crime and requested assistance from MSHP leading to the mobilization of the Northeast Missouri Major Case Squad.

Officers now believe Asbell and Ellsworth burglarized Johnston's residence and Asbell killed Johnston earlier that morning around 3 a.m.

Police stated Asbell, Ellsworth, and Johnston entered St. Jude's Cemetery in Monroe City earlier that night where Asbell used a handgun to kill her.

Asbell then tried concealing the murder by driving Johnston's car from the cemetery and cleaning the inside of the vehicle.

Officials also stated that Ellsworth helped Asbell attempt to

conceal and destroy evidence by helping him remove Johnston's body from the cemetery.

Asbell was arrested Thursday on charges of first-degree kidnapping, second-degree assault, and armed criminal action after a 911 hang-up was made.

According to court documents, a call was received Wednesday evening from a female who was "not acting right" and "abruptly" hung up the phone.

Officers arrived and entered the residence where the call originated after a woman answered the door with multiple abrasions on her face and a bleeding ear.

The unnamed woman told police Asbell had struck her face and body multiple times and chased her with a kitchen knife after demanding money he claimed she had stolen.

The woman also told officers that Asbell took her phone and hid it after she attempted to call for help.

According to officials, Asbell initially cooperated with officers but later began to fight.

Afterward, police discovered a needle with "clear substance" in his right front pocket, and that he had two Social Security cards and a food stamp card that did not belong to him.

Monroe County Associate Judge Michael Wilson ordered Asbell held without bond.

According to MSHP, 8-10 agencies assisted with the search for Johnston.

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*Thank You!*

"I wanted to make sure that I let the people of North Missouri know how much I appreciate their support in the August 4th primary, and what an honor it is to continue serving them in Congress. I will keep working every day to represent your values."

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### Tri-County Nursing Home District Tax Rate Meeting

NOTICE - The annual meeting for Tri-County Nursing Home District for setting property tax rate per \$100.00 valuation will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at The Spiced Apple, Vandalia. Citizens of the Tri-County Nursing Home District may be heard regarding the tax rate to be budgeted for operational and physical maintenance.

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