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## Issues Facing Voters On Next Week's Ballot

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Voters will take to the polls next Tuesday for the April 6 elections. Audrain and Pike both have propositions asking voters to impose a sales tax increase.

The Silex R-I School District and the Cities of Louisiana and Vandalia also have issues on the ballot.

The biggest issue for taxpayers in Pike County will be the decision whether to support Proposition P – a countywide sales tax increase of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1 percent) for the general revenue for the purpose of providing funding to support current and future operations and capital improvements of the Pike County Sheriff's Department and Jail.

See our interview with Sheriff Korte for more details.

In Audrain County, voters face a similar decision as the county proposes imposing a continuing countywide sales tax at a rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one percent (1 percent) for a period of 10 years from the date on which the tax is first imposed. According to the ballot language, the increase will be used to replace small road structures and maintain bridges

along with other related purposes.

The Silex School District is proposing to borrow 5 million dollars to provide funds to implement safety and security improvements. According to the language on the ballot, the C.A.R.E proposition is being asked without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy; however, if the proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.9629 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

If approved, the ballot language includes a list of projects the school district hopes to accomplish including: "interior and exterior lighting and new interior doors; constructing, equipping, and furnishing six additional classrooms; paving driveways and parking lots; renovating the old gymnasium; installing new drainage systems; upgrading the baseball field; and other repairs and improvements."

In Louisiana, voters will decide whether to increase the general property tax. City officials are proposing a series of increases over the next few years on the general property tax. The increases would take the current rate of \$0.7330 on \$100 valuation to

\$0.80 on \$100 valuation, and further increased in the year 2023 to \$0.90 on \$100 valuation and again in the year 2025 to the full amount originally authorized by state statute of \$1 on \$100 valuation for municipal purposes.

Vandalia also has language on the ballot to address the conveyance of the 69kV transmission line running from the Central Electric substation to the city's substation. The measure is the result of the substation fire last April which left the city without power for approximately 12 hours.

The fire occurred after a cut down tree landed on the power lines. According to city officials, without the support of Central Electric manpower and mobile substation and also Consolidated Electric's manpower the city would have been without power for much longer.

Central Electric is proposing to construct a new substation, along with installing two new transformers and a new feeder reclosers. With this agreement, the city will also be transferring ownership of the 69kV transmission line. The measure would be a cost sharing agreement for the Vandalia substation.

Central Electric expects the sub-

station to cost between \$2.65 - \$3.15 million and completely rebuild the 69KV line at a cost of \$3-\$4 million.

According to an informational flyer released by the city, Vandalia would pay between \$2.5-\$3 million to rebuild the substation themselves.

With transferring the 69KV line to Central, the city's cost would reduce to \$1,253,600.00.

"At this time, Central Electric already maintains our 69kv transmission line because the City of Vandalia does not have the training or equipment to service it. The City of Vandalia pays Central Electric to maintain and service these lines. The City of Vandalia will continue to service and maintain our distribution lines throughout the city that distributes power drawn from high voltage transmission systems to end customers," the handout stated.

A meeting on the issue has been scheduled for Monday April 5 at 6 p.m.

Listed below are municipality and school board elections on the April 6 ballot.

### Bowling Green

Ward I: Diane Kirkpatrick (I)  
Ward II: Terry Burris (I)  
Ward III: Kim S. Luebrecht (I)  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Louisiana

Ward I: Nancy Evans (I)  
Ward II: Joshua A. Mooney  
Ward III: Nick Fregeau (I) and Mike Sherman  
Ward IV: Delores Lynn Patrick and Robert R. Ringhausen (I)  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Clarksville

Mayor: Jo Anne Smile (I), South Ward: Angi Grossnickle North Ward: Sue Lindemann (I) and Robbert Howland  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Eolia

Only two have filed for the three seats open on the Village of Eolia Board of Trustees:  
John J. Burbridge and Katheleen Watson.  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Curryville

Collector one-year unexpired term: No filing.  
Those who have filed for the two seats for alderperson include:  
Ronald Singleton (I) and Ashley Norell

### Question:

Shall the City of Curryville, Missouri be authorized to forgo annual elections if the number of candidates who file for a particular office is

equal to the number of positions in office to be filled by election?

### Frankford

Mayor: John A. Schindler (I)  
Those who have filed for the two seats as council person At-Large include:  
Eddie Heffner and Glen Hicker-

son.  
\*Above seats are two-year terms.  
For the one-year unexpired term for Councilperson At-Large includes: Susan Ellis

### Farber

For Mayor: Steven (Tony) Shade  
Those who have filled for the two seats for Alderperson include:  
James Day, Jeff Gay, and Lee Scrogin

\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Proposition 1

Shall the City Clerk of the City of Farber, Missouri, be authorized to forego annual elections if the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in the office to be filled by the election.

### Vandalia

Ward I: Teresa Wenzel (I)  
Ward II: Edna Wheeler (I)  
Ward III: Debbie Hopke (I)  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Village of Paynesville

Those who have filed for the two seats as Trustee include:  
Stephen Eisele and Lamont Davis  
\*All seats are two-year terms.

### Clopton School Board

Those who have filed for two seats include:  
Clay Lockard (I), Bob Danuser, Michele "Mickie" Henderson, and Bobby Evans

\*All seats are three-year terms.

### Silex School Board

Those who have filed for two seats include:  
Bernard J. Henke (I), Kimberly J. Ellis (I)  
\*All seats are three-year terms.

### Pike County 911 Board Members

Those who have filed for the two seats include:  
Bill Sterne (I) and Thomas Beauchamp

### Eastern District

Those who have filed for the two seats include:  
Richard (Al) Murry (I), Thomas DuBach, and Clarence Henke

### Pike County 911 Board Members

Those who have filed for the two seats include:  
Richard (Al) Murry (I), Thomas DuBach, and Clarence Henke

### Western District

Those who have filed for the two seats include:  
Richard (Al) Murry (I), Thomas DuBach, and Clarence Henke

### Both seats are for four-year terms.

## Pike County Deputy, Detective Retires

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER  
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Joseph E. Minor, a 1989 graduate of Louisiana High School joined the United States Marine Corps immediately upon graduation. Minor served in the United States Marines a total of nine years from 1989-98 obtaining the rank of sergeant.

In 1999 Minor joined the 2175th Military Police Company out of Hannibal. Minor retired from the Military Police as a staff - non-commissioned officer in 2016.

Minor contracted as a bomb dog handler abroad. In 2010 he brought his Explosion Detective Dog, "Jogi", pronounced Yogi home to the United States. Jogi then served for the Pike County Sheriff's Office as a narcotics detection K9.

Jogi worked with numerous Deputies and assisted multiple agencies throughout his life. Jogi passed away after a very long life in 2019. Together Minor and Jogi worked multiple years in the country of Qatar for US Central Command before coming home to the United States.

Minor is a 2005 graduate of Hannibal La-Grange College, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice.

In 2007 Minor was hired by Sheriff

Jim Wells as a deputy after obtaining a Class BPOST license.

In 2010 Minor was rehired by Sheriff Stephen Korte as a deputy and obtained his Class A POST license.

In 2012 Minor was promoted to the rank of detective. During his time as Detective, he has solved numerous cases raising the solve rate of burglaries far above that of the national standard. Minor worked hard to rid the county of dangerous narcotics and drafted numerous search warrants leading to arrests and convictions.

He was recognized by the St. Louis Post Dispatch in being instrumental in arresting a multi-state copper theft ring. Minor has successfully applied for and obtained federal indictments through application to the assistant U.S. attorney in St. Louis.

When asked what he planned for retirement, Minor said, "for now I'm just going to work part time at Fed Security and spend more time with the family."

Minor ends his law enforcement career with a combined service of 27 honorable years.



Joseph E. Minor

## Korte Addresses Need For Proposed Sales Tax Increase



Pike County Sheriff's Department

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

In an interview with The Tribune, Pike County Sheriff, Stephen Korte addressed the need for the proposed sales tax increase. If the one-half of one percent increase passes Tuesday, April 6 Sheriff Korte hopes to make the department more competitive in the region.

The Pike County jail shut down temporarily last year due to the impact of COVID-19 on a already shorthanded staff.

Korte explained the then hourly wage of \$11.50 an hour couldn't compete with neighboring counties. Since the new year, that wage was increased to \$13.50 and the jail is once again operational, and fully staffed.

"With the wage increase, we were able to hire employees who live in Bowling Green that previously left to work at Audrain County's Jail," Sheriff Korte explained. "There are no guaranteed raises," he previously stated. "Raises happen at the beginning of the budget year, if there is enough projected revenue for the commission to grant them."

The situation with the jail is currently being mirrored in the law enforcement side of the department.

Korte explained that the retention rate for deputies is also difficult because their current wage isn't competitive with other police departments in the area.

Deputies currently start at \$15.50 an hour.

One deputy plans to return to his hometown in Palmyra for a better housing situation and higher pay.

According to Korte, wage competitiveness is a problem that keeps the department from bringing on new deputies or sending a promising jailer to the academy.

The departments retention is only amplified by officers being out due to on duty injuries and retirements.

"I'm only able to have one deputy on the road in the day and two at night," Korte said. "What a lot of people forget about is just how big Pike County is. Answering calls can take a deputy across the county which takes time. That doesn't count the amount of time they're working on the required paperwork which takes them away from patrolling."

To become more competitive and provide more deputies on the road at a time, Korte plans to utilize the revenue from a sales tax increase to hire four more deputies and hopefully in-

crease their wages.

Currently the department is allotted 10 officers; however, one deputy works full time with the Bowling Green School District as the resource officer. With retirements, injuries, and another leaving, the department is down to only six deputies to cover the 685 square miles of Pike County.

In 2020, deputies answered just over 8,000 calls for service.

Currently the department is allotted 10 officers; however, one deputy works full time with the Bowling Green School District as the resource officer. With retirements, injuries, and another leaving, the department is down to only six deputies to cover the county.

The department received some criticism for purchasing two new vehicles last year with money left over within the budget. Some residents thought that money should go towards raises for officers, but as Korte explained that he can't hire new officers based on that factor. "You don't know from year to year if that money will be there at the end of the budgeted year."

According to Korte, as far as medical benefits, since 2019, county employees have had two options.

"Plan A is employee pays nothing out of their paycheck, but even after meeting the deductible the employee has to pay 20 percent of all costs," he explained last December. "Plan B costs the employee \$148 a month and has a standard deductible and max out of pocket. To add a spouse or children to the plan would cost almost more than they are paid. From 2008 thru 2020 the pay for jailers and deputies has only increased by \$2 an hour, \$9.50 to \$11.50 and \$13.50 to \$15.50 respectively. For that same time period, the minimum wage has increased by \$2.80 an hour and \$3.65 come January first." (Effective January first, jailers now make \$13.50).

## City Of Farber TRIM Grant Progress

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER  
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The City of Farber is progressing with its T.R.I.M grant and now vying for Tree City USA status this year.

A display of the City of Farber Park Tree Inventory Summary Report and Maintenance Plan prepared by Davey Resource Group as part of the Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance cost-share program (T.R.I.M) has been set up at the Farber Library.

"The City of Farber's vision to promote and preserve the urban forest and improve the management of public trees was a fundamental inspiration for this project," the report acknowledges.

"This vision will ensure canopy continuity, which will reduce stormwater runoff and improve air quality, public health, and aesthetic values. Farber is thankful for the grant funding they received from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forestry Council and the U.S. Forest Service through its Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) cost-share program. The TRIM grant program is designed to encourage communities to create and support long-term and sustained urban and community forestry programs through-

out Missouri."

The display at the Farber Library also has literature on the emerald ash borer and other tree information available for free. Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in the City of Farber and poses a serious threat to the health and condition of Farber's ash tree population.

"Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a small insect native to Asia," the report states. "In North America, the borer is an invasive species that is highly destructive to ash trees in its introduced range. The potential damage of EAB rivals that of chestnut blight and Dutch elm disease."

The literature was supplied by Missouri Department of Conservation and a copy of the report is also available at Farber city hall. There is also a link to the cloud-based map showing tree names.

The information gathered was based on trees sampled from public, city owned/managed properties, and right of ways.

The data will be used to develop a tree maintenance and removal program. City officials hope to wrap up the grant with the next month. They are also inviting the public to an Arbor Day program on Friday, April 30, 5 p.m. at the Sportsman Park Pavilion.

This service of listing all obituaries in today's paper, for any funeral home, is sponsored by McCoy & Blossom Funeral Homes

### OBITUARIES

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Rep. Chad Perkins Capitol Report

### House Moves to Protect Children in Unlicensed Residential Care Facilities (HBs 557 & 560)

The news that children in some unlicensed residential care facilities have suffered mental, physical, and sexual abuse has prompted legislators to take quick action to create stronger protections for young people in faith-based reform schools. This week the House gave initial approval to a bill that would create stronger oversight for boarding schools run by religious organizations.

An exemption in current law allowed residential care facilities managed by a religious organization to operate without supervision. This allowed some bad actors to set up reform schools with no oversight from the state. The sponsor of the bill noted these bad actors came here because Missouri is one of only two states that had such an exemption.

The sponsor said, "There were people who came here, and they were truly not religious people. They set these homes up ... and we had some horrible, horrible results happen." He added, "These homes, all you had to say was that it was a religious organization, you were religious. You couldn't even check into if they were a recognized religious organization."

The issues with the unlicensed facilities were brought to light by the media, which then prompted the House Children and Families Committee to conduct hearings to investigate further. Most recently, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt filed a total of 102 criminal charges, including rape, sodomy, and physical abuse, against the operators of the Circle of Hope Girls Ranch. The attorney general's office is also working to assist authorities in Cedar County with an investigation of the Agape Boarding School, which has also received allegations of abuse.

The bill approved by the House will ensure anyone working or volunteering at an unlicensed facility is subjected to a federal criminal background check. It requires all such facilities to notify the Department of Social Services of their existence and to comply with provisions that protect the safety of the children in residence. Additionally, the bill outlines a process to allow the department to intervene when there are allegations of abuse or neglect.

The sponsor said the bill was crafted to stop bad actors, and to protect the religious freedoms of the organizations who are operating facilities legitimately. The bill includes a provision making it clear the state is not permitted to regulate any religious program, curriculum, or ministry.

### House Approves Bill to Create Birth Match Program (HB 432)

The members of the Missouri House have given strong bipartisan support to legislation that seeks to protect newborns from potential abuse. Known as the Birth Match Program, the bill requires data sharing between state departments that would better allow the state to offer prevention and crisis management support to families who may need it.

The bill orders data sharing between the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services and the State Registrar's office to compare birth reports with reports of parents who have been convicted of

certain crimes or have a termination of parental rights in order to ensure the safety of the child and provide services, if needed. Local Children's Division personnel will then initiate contact with the family, or make a good faith effort to do so, to determine if the parent or family has a need for services and provide such voluntary and time-limited services as appropriate to help the family.

### House Gives First-Round Approval to Bill to Prevent Misuse of Seclusion & Restraint (HB 387)

The members of the Missouri House gave first-round approval to legislation to prevent the misuse of disciplinary practices known as seclusion and restraint. The bill provides stronger definitions for the practices and regulates how they can be implemented and utilized.

Seclusion and restraint are disciplinary practices used by some schools when dealing with kids who pose a threat to themselves or others. The practice is meant to be used as a last resort and involves restraining the child or removing him or her to a separate space. Currently there are no federal laws governing how seclusion and restraint can be used.

"I think it's time Missouri gets up to speed," said the bill's sponsor. She also called seclusion and restraint "archaic" and noted there are "many, many other alternative therapies that have been used and have been proven to be adequate without hurting the child and hurting their growth, and not traumatizing them further."

The bill would require schools to create policy that prohibits the use of restraint and seclusion, including "prone restraint", for any purpose other than situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others. The bill also requires any incident requiring restraint or seclusion to be monitored by school personnel with written observation. Additionally, it ensures parents and guardians are promptly notified when schools have used the measures on their child, and it mandates annual trainings for the school personnel who use them.

One of the supporters of the bill said, "This bill goes after a handful of irresponsible bad actors who regularly misuse these rooms and who regularly put kids in these rooms as punishment."

The bill requires another vote in the House before moving to the Senate.

### Other Bills Sent to the Senate

HB 543 creates the Public School Open Enrollment Act, which establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools. The bill specifies that any student beginning kindergarten or already enrolled in a public school may attend a public school in any

nonresident district. Districts must declare participation in the Open Enrollment Program by October 1. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall develop a model open enrollment transfer policy. Any student that applies for a transfer may only accept one transfer per school year, although the student may return to their resident district and must complete a full semester before applying for another transfer. For the purposes of federal and state aid the student shall be counted as a resident pupil of the nonresident district. Supporters say the bill provides districts with an option to participate and accept students, however it does not prevent students from leaving a district. The bill addresses common concerns such as siblings attending the same district and athletes transferring merely to participate in sports. Supporters state that where you live should not dictate where you go to school and that public school choice would be beneficial for parents and districts that offer a "good product". This bill focuses on students and creates flexibility and opportunities, while allowing local policy development and holding districts responsible.

HB 738 makes numerous changes to the state's election laws. The bill authorizes the Secretary of State (SOS) to audit voter registration lists and require election authorities to remove improper names. Beginning January 1, 2022, it requires the use of a paper ballot and repeals electronic voting system language with certain exceptions for voting equipment used for the disabled. It allows use of absentee ballots without stating a reason beginning the third Tuesday before an election provided that photo identification is provided or other exceptions are met. The bill also specifies photographic identification requirements for voting a regular ballot, but allows use of provisional ballots with any type of documentation currently allowed for voting. Supporters say the bill will ensure fair and secure elections in Missouri. Most of the measures are designed to combat actual problems and attempts at fraud personally witnessed by the sponsor in past years. The use of hand-marked paper ballots will greatly help in securing elections and providing an audit trail. Photographic identification provisions are modified in accordance with court rulings so that they can be implemented. The bill will provide assurance to the general public that Missouri elections will not be questioned in the same way as other state elections.

HB 687 exempts new motor vehicles from the requirement that motor vehicles receive a safety inspection immediately prior to their sale regardless of any current certificate of inspection and approval. Supporters say this will provide

more transparency and safety, and fix a mistake that required even new cars to be inspected.

HB 76 adds a newborn safety incubator, as defined in the bill, as a place a parent of a child up to 45 days old may voluntarily deliver the child with the intent not to return, without being prosecuted. The bill authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate rules relating to the Safe Place for Newborns Act of 2002. Supporters say there are charitable organizations that would be willing to donate newborn safety incubators that are climate controlled and alarmed, and similar incubators have saved lives in other states.

HB 850 modifies provisions for ballot summary language adopted by the General Assembly. The bill prohibits the modification of summary statements or ballot language approved by the General Assembly for Constitutional amendments or statutory measures. Courts will not have jurisdiction to rewrite or edit such language prior to placing it on the ballot. Supporters say judges should not modify ballot language as this violates the separation of powers between the legislative and

judicial branches. Ballot language may be reviewed as to form by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. Courts will retain power to rule on the constitutionality of ballot language, but are restricted only with regard to the remedy of substantially rewriting ballot language that is passed by the legislature.

## Hannibal Regional Begins Vaccinating Phase 2

Beginning Thursday, April 1, Hannibal Regional will begin offering COVID-19 vaccines to Missouri residents in Phase 2.

Missouri Governor Parson recently announced that Missouri will be expanding the group of Missourians eligible to receive the COVID vaccine to include Equity & Economic Recovery.

Criteria for this phase can be found at: <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/priority/Phase2/>.

Appointments can be made online at [hannibalregional.org](http://hannibalregional.org) or by calling the vaccine line at 573-629-3570. Vaccine appointments are available to those in the new phase as well as those who have met previous criteria for eligibility.

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303 South 25th St. Louisiana - INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! This home has 2 BR, living room, kitchen, 1 BA, and utility room and nice screened in porch. Home has been updated in the last few years. Currently rented for \$550 a month. List Price: \$45,000



704 Maryland St. Louisiana - INVESTORS! 3 BR/ 1BA, kitchen with full concrete basement. Extra lots with home that are in flood plain. Currently rented for \$600.00. List Price: \$38,000

520 S. Main St. Louisiana - Property includes 3 lots. Has Mississippi River view. Home has no value. Ground is in the Flood plain. List Price: \$30,000

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## From The Mayor's Desk...

"Show Me the Potential" of Bowling Green and I will talk about our antique stores.

For instance, Kay Redding, who started and has continued with Christmas in the Green, has Reading's Shed and Stark's Cabin which features antiques on West Centennial. Sue Haley owns and operates The Garden Gate located at 212 North Main Cross. Henny Penny has antiques plus a variety of styles and décor at 600 West Champ Clark Drive. Rena, Cindy, and Anna opened the The Kountry Store with antiques, collectables, and other gifts in 2004 and located at 822 Business Highway 61 North. Ann Layne and Gypsy Soul have sections of antiques on Church Street as well as the Bowling Green Pharmacy on the Square. Blackwell Cottage sells antique furniture through Justice Furniture which manufactures in Missouri. The Vintage Farmhouse at 120 West Main, (behind the Boutique florist), transforms ruins into treasured furnishings. Robbie Scott of Bowling Green also refurbishes antique furniture.

If I have missed anyone please let me know. I have accentuated these businesses because we have an Antique District that not everyone knows about. People will come from many areas of Missouri and even out of state to look for antique stores. This will attract visitors and tourist which brings in revenues for our city which then allows us to fix sidewalks, drainage, street lighting and repairs, etc. Show Me the Potential is a platform for Bowling Green to attract young families, build new houses, open new businesses, and offer more opportunities and quality of life for you and the citizens of Bowling Green.

Kudos goes out again to our health department for servicing our community with the covid vaccine. Many may not know that Denise Foster and privately



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

owned clinic, Bowling Green Medical Group, has administered almost one thousand covid shots. Thanks to both for your service and care to Bowling Green and Pike County. Congratulations goes also to Michael Starks for breaking the BGHS record in the high jump. He jumped 6' 4.5" for

the new record. New head coach Craig Smith for boy's basketball and Katie Splain for girl's volleyball were hired at the last Bowling Green school board meeting.

I am continuing to invite Adopt-A-Project to: citizens, clubs, churches, non-profits, and high school students, teams for community service, projects, and even fundraisers with sponsors. Clean up Bowling Green is my desire to help those that cannot clean, pick up, throw away, tear down, or get rid of branches, old sheds, tires, unused appliances, lumber, toys, bikes, ill-repaired fences, take away old campers, cars, and to beautify our town. Let's take pride in what we have and keep our city junk, rats, and mosquito-carrying infections, free!

As your mayor, I have also been requested to ask for donations to build, "Welcome to Bowling Green" signs at our city's on-ramps off Highway 61. This would be a \$1 donation given to the city by as many citizens as feel led to give. This is your city project. If you would like to see it happen, then please donate by sending a check to city hall made out to: city of Bowling Green and designate welcome sign.

A Bowling Green Volunteers meeting was held Tuesday, March 23 where many short and long term goals were discussed and prioritizing of these for grant applications.

March is Women's History Month and in 1848 the first Women's Rights Convention was held in New York where the Declaration of Sentiments plea was signed to end discrimination against women.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Bethany Cemetery is a small cemetery located just off of HWY UU in Louisiana.

It was nearly abandoned in 2016 when the grass was nearly 4 foot tall, tombstones were toppled over and many severely damaged. Concerned family members joined the cemetery association to ensure the cemetery does not get left in such horrid shape again. Since then many of us have donated hundreds of dollars and spent countless volunteer hours to get it to where it is today.

Our annual donations barely cover the cost of our mowing expenses each year so we have started working on creative ways to raise funds for necessary improvements and maintenance. We are currently hosting a raffle fundraiser that ends on Friday, April 2, check out our facebook page (@bethanycemetery) or website for more information [www.bethanycemetery.com](http://www.bethanycemetery.com)

Since 2016 our original plat-book has been missing and we are offering a \$400 cash reward for its safe return. It was last known to be with a previous board member Charles

Stewart of Centralia who claims he lent it out and it was never returned. We have found that we have nearly 40 people laid to rest within Bethany Cemetery that without this plat-book, we have no record of where they are buried as there are no tombstones to be found for them. It is priceless to our organization and we would be eternally grateful for its safe return.

I feel most people this day and age do not value the importance of cemeteries and their history. This particular cemetery is where I found many of my descendants that I was unaware of and is why it holds a special place in my heart. Find out where your family is laid to rest and donate to it, large or small, cemetery associations need funds to ensure our families resting places are maintained for future generations and to honor their memory.

You never understand the meaning of helping others until you do something for someone who is unable to return the favor; and for us cemetery associations there is no statement with more truth.

Tracy Brookshier

## Learn The Basics Of Safe Hunting

Missouri has ample opportunities to enjoy safe hunting—like spring turkey season, which runs from April 19-May 9 and includes a youth season April 10-11. No matter what your quarry, the most important aspect of any hunting trip is safety.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer a free virtual Basics of Safe Hunting program, Thursday, April 8 from 6-7 p.m. This virtual class will help new hunters ensure that they are keeping safety in mind, as they take to the field this spring.

The program will review the key components to becoming a safe hunter. These include general safety considerations, along with those specifically for handling firearms. MDC staff will introduce participants to safe loading and unloading of firearms, safe firearm carries, safe zones of fire, and the special steps required to safely cross an obstacle. The class will examine the differences in hunting from ground blinds and elevated stands, and the importance of using a hunting plan.

Participants can also ask questions during the program using the chat feature. While this program is an excellent introduction to hunting safety or refresher course, it does not meet Missouri hunter education certification requirements.

Basics of Safe Hunting is a free virtual program open to ages 6 and up, but advanced online registration is required at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZDE>. Attendees will receive an invitation and program link by email from WebEx the day before the program.

To learn more about or enroll in the

Missouri Hunter Education program, go to <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Z45>.

MDC offers many free educational programs in the St. Louis region to help people discover nature, fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. Stay informed by going to the MDC St. Louis regional events page at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZP6>.

## Clarksville VFW, Auxiliary To Meet

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary to hold their Regular Meetings on Monday April 5, at 6 p.m.

Election of 2021-22 officers will be held for both Post and Auxiliary. They will also hold a memorial service for deceased members for the year, along with some special recognitions.

The Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein would like to have all officers and members to try and attend, along with several of the youth will receive recognition

Please try to attend. Please continue to wear your mask.

## Pike County Health Department COVID-19 Clinics

Pike County Health Department continues to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinics weekly as vaccine supply is received.

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# OBITUARIES



## Waneta M. Gamble

Waneta M. Gamble, 66, of Wright City, formerly of Louisiana died Friday, March 19, 2021 in Wright City.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Burial of her ashes will be held at a later date in the Riverview Cemetery, Louisiana.

Visitation was from 1 p.m., until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Waneta was born Nov. 5, 1954 in Springfield, Ill., to Homer H. and Mara Parson Gamble.

She is survived by her significant other of 27 years, Michael Minor of Wright City; a daughter, Angelia Gamble of Wright City; a granddaughter, Mercedes Bell; one great-grandson, Daris Lee III; two brothers, Tommy Gamble, and Ron Gamble, both of St. Louis; and a sister, Gwen Bell of St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Waneta was a graduate of Louisiana High School with the class of 1973. She had been employed at Louisiana Plastics for 17 years. She later worked as a cook for several places over time, with the last 17 years at the Travel Center of America Truck Stop. She loved her cats, enjoyed going fishing, and taking care of plants and gardening, and spending time with family. She will be remembered as a wonderful partner, and a loving mother and grandmother.



## Beverly Sue Young

Beverly Sue Young, 83, of Frankford died Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Friday at Grand View Funeral Home. Bro. Larry Cornelius officiated. Burial was in Grand View Burial Park.

Visitation celebrating Beverly's life was at 10 a.m., until the time of the services Friday at the funeral home.

Beverly was born Feb. 22, 1938, in Curryville, the daughter of James and Opal Deane Hendrix Dudley. She was united in marriage to Kenneth Young on Sept. 12, 1959, at the Curryville Baptist Church. He survives.

Other survivors include her two daughters, Evelyn Sue Bontz and husband, Steve, and Karen Lynn Miller; a brother, Charles Bowles and wife, Joyce; grandchildren, Christopher Bontz and wife, Dona, Ryan Bontz

and wife, Amy and Christa Myers and husband, John; five great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Young was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cassandra Bontz.

Beverly was a 1957 graduate of Bowling Green High School. She enjoyed the life on the farm and worked as a homemaker. She enjoyed helping raising cows, pigs, chickens and sheep along side her husband and children. Beverly also enjoyed gardening, canning and was a very talented at cooking and baking. Her biggest love was her family and the time spent with them was something she cherished.

Mrs. Young was a member of Salem Baptist Church where she was active in teaching Sunday School, Bible School, Awana's and helping in the nursery.

Pallbearers were Chris Bontz, Ryan Bontz, Will Ruther, John Myers, Leslie Cornelius, and Dwayne Patton. Honorary pallbearers were granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Christa Myers, Katie Ruther, Jessica Arnold, Lindsay Arnold, Madison Arnold, and Callie Bontz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Baptist Church, c/o Grand View Funeral Home

Online condolences may be made to the family on Beverly's memorial page at [www.grandviewfuneral.com](http://www.grandviewfuneral.com)



## Reta Fern Dempsey

Services for Reta Fern Dempsey, 84, of Vandalia were at noon Monday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with the Rev. Jamie Franke officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery in Middletown.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of services Monday at the funeral home.

She died Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Reta was born at home in Middletown on Feb. 14, 1937, the only child of Melvin "Pete" and Leta McCoy Straube. She was married to Leon Dempsey from 1956-70 and was blessed with three sons.

Survivors include three sons, Melvin Dempsey of Hannibal, Mike Dempsey and wife, Jan of Kansas City, and Larry Dempsey and wife, Sandy of Rapid City, S.D.; seven grandchildren, Beth Blanchard and husband, Chad, Sarah Waddell and husband, James, Becky Williams and husband, James, Brad Dempsey, Josh Dempsey and wife, Ashton, and Jacob and Zach Dempsey; 16 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Annabel, and Aaron Blanchard, Madisyn, Mathew and Mara, Bennet, Brennah, Grant, Makenna, Elliot, and Quinn Waddell, Kaeden and Kyndal Williams, and Dax and Channing Dempsey; and extended special family, Mike, Charla and Emily Smith of Vandalia.

Reta was a lifetime area resident, member of the Vandalia First Christian Church and a 1955 graduate of Wellsville High School and valedictorian of her graduating class. The family began their home in

Bowling Green where she worked

## Audio-Enhanced Storybooks Can Improve At-Risk Preschoolers

A new study by the University of Missouri has found that using interactive, pre-recorded storybooks can improve the vocabulary of at-risk preschoolers – good news for getting a vulnerable population of children ready for school.

"While we are working with children who are only 4 or 5 years old, we teach them the vocabulary words they will need to know when they eventually enter elementary or middle school," said Elizabeth Kelley, an assistant professor in the MU School of Health Professions, who collaborated with Howard Goldstein at the University of South Florida, on the project. "If we can teach them more challenging words while they are young, we can give them the language skills they will need to be ready for school and set them up for success throughout their lives."

In their study, Kelley and Goldstein developed Story Friends, an audio-based intervention program designed to improve vocabulary knowledge of at-risk preschoolers. The program was implemented into 24 preschool classrooms in Missouri and Florida, where select students listened to audio recordings as they followed along in storybooks that

had embedded vocabulary lessons within the stories.

The result: the preschoolers learned specific words from the stories such as 'disappointed,' 'enormous,' 'brave' or 'protect.' These were common, yet challenging words the preschoolers had previously not understood.

"We know the experiences students have early on can greatly influence their future performance in school and their overall health and well-being," Kelley said. "If we can give teachers tools that help them deliver effective instruction, we can help kids have the language skills they need to be successful in school and in life."

Research has shown a preschooler's vocabulary knowledge is strongly correlated with their future reading comprehension capabilities, and children with strong language skills not only have better academic outcomes, but they also are less likely to engage in troubling classroom behavior.

Although the intervention was designed to specifically target individuals struggling with language skills, the preschool teachers reported that using the pre-recorded storybooks

with embedded vocabulary lessons in their classrooms helped expand the word banks for all of their students.

"Our primary goal is to focus on assisting kids with language concerns, but we found that this strategy can be utilized with all preschoolers," Kelley said. "Going forward, this strategy can be used to help young students expand their language skills in general, and at-risk students with limited vocabularies can be identified for more specialized, tailored training and additional support."

Kelley plans to expand her research by examining the long-term effects of her intervention on preschoolers' vocabulary development as they enter kindergarten, elementary school and beyond.

"Feasible implementation strategies for improving vocabulary knowledge of high-risk preschoolers: Results from a cluster-randomized trial" was recently published in the Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research. Funding for the study was provided by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences.

Dempsey, Chad Blanchard, James Waddell, and Shea Williams.

In lieu of flowers the family asks memorials be given to the First Christian Church, Vandalia, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bienhofffuneralhome.com](http://www.bienhofffuneralhome.com).



## Bessie 'Betsy' Blackwell

Bessie "Betsy" Blackwell, 86, of St. Louis, formerly of Eolia, died Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

She was born Nov. 21, 1934 in St. Louis City to Denny and Mary Nancy Graham Jester. She attended schools in St. Louis and Eolia along with her three siblings. Bessie and Milford Blackwell were united in marriage on Nov. 29, 1952 in Pocahontas, Ark. To this marriage were born five children, Brenda, Gail, Neil, Tammie, and Benjamin. Betsy was employed in various garment factories in Pike and Lincoln counties, sharpening her excellent seamstress talents and later was a pri-

vate duty housekeeper.

She loved to read, travel, bake and garden. Her best days were spent visiting with her family and always preparing delicious meals. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her children, Brenda Runkles of St. Louis, Gail Robinson and husband, John of Eldon, Neil Blackwell of Dallas, Texas, Tammie Joyce of Wentzville, Benjamin Blackwell of St. Louis; grandchildren, Matthew Simpson, John Robinson II, Denny Robinson, Abigail Smith, and Kathryn West; great-grandchildren, Tyler Simpson, Magnolia Smith, Kyle Simpson, Camellia Smith, Shelbie West, and Miles Robinson, as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and siblings, Patsy Daffron, Vickie Fenner and Herman Jester.

Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association or the Missouri Humane Society, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Federal Contracting Trends, Impacts In Missouri An Important Generator Of Economic Opportunity

Missouri ranks eighth in federal contracting dollars as a share of total state gross domestic product. Missouri-based firms received \$15.1 billion in prime federal contracts and almost \$3 billion in subcontract awards in the federal fiscal year 2019. These contracts represented 5.4 percent of Missouri's \$332 billion 2019 GDP.

This information is from Federal Contracting Trends in Missouri, a report by Mark C. White, state specialist with the University of Missouri Extension labor and workforce development program. The report, available for download at [extension.missouri.edu/mx53](http://extension.missouri.edu/mx53), draws on the USAspending.gov database to show the impact of federal contracting in Missouri over the last decade, including

- Federal contracting dollars in Missouri relative to other states.
- Which federal agencies spend the most money in Missouri.
- Which Missouri-based companies receive the most federal contracting dollars.
- Federal contracting benefits to small and veteran-, minority- or women-owned businesses.

Federal contracting is an important generator of economic activity throughout the country. "Private firms of all sizes provide the products, equipment and services that the federal government needs to function," the report states. "These federal contracts support many jobs and create business and growth opportunities for additional firms through sub-contracting opportunities."

Over the past decade, the U.S. Department of Defense has been the main source of federal contracts. In FY19 that amounted to \$12.5 billion, or 83.3 percent of the prime federal contract dollars in Missouri. Other federal agencies granting significant contracts in Missouri include the departments of Energy and

Agriculture, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Veterans Administration. Overall, 42 federal agencies had contracts performed in Missouri in FY 2019, the last year the study covers.

For firms interested in federal contracts, the biggest challenge often is getting started on securing the first contract, White said.

"Federal contracting comes with several unique challenges that sets it apart from more typical private sector business activities," he said. "The bidding processes and regulations often associated with these activities can prove frustrating for companies that are lacking the experience with securing federally funded contracts."

To overcome these challenges, the Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC), affiliated with MU Extension, offer mentoring and support to Missouri businesses and suppliers. Located throughout the state, PTAC specialists provide counseling to firms — including small, disadvantaged, and women-, veteran- or minority-owned businesses — to help them take advantage of federal contracting opportunities. Missouri PTAC helps businesses and suppliers learn how to navigate regulations and cut through the red tape often associated with applying for federal, state or local government contracts.

In calendar year 2019 alone, Missouri PTAC helped 221 Missouri businesses win 2,324 government contracts worth more than \$304.7 million and helped create or save 2,241 jobs. Specialists help businesses identify opportunities, understand the contracting process and register in the federal government's System for Award Management.

Although a few large Missouri firms, such as Boeing, receive the lion's share of prime federal contract dollars, almost 3,400 Missouri-

based firms performed prime federal contracts in FY 2019. Many of these firms were businesses owned by veterans, service-disabled veterans, women or minorities; businesses in areas designated as "historically underutilized zones"; and sole proprietorships and disadvantaged businesses participating in the Small Business Administration's certified 8(a) business development program. This included 485 minority-owned businesses receiving 4,770 awards valued at nearly \$817 million and 574 women-owned businesses awarded 5,620 contracts valued at more than \$267 million.

"The key takeaway for the general public is that federal spending makes important contributions to the Missouri economy," White said. "For the broader business community, it is worthwhile understanding that providing products and services for the federal government is a market worth exploring for many companies."

The USAspending.gov database can help companies better understand the federal contracting landscape in Missouri to assist them in identifying market opportunities. It can also help firms find other firms already involved in government contracting, which in turn may lead to subcontracting opportunities.

This research is supported by Missouri SBDC CARES funding so business counselors, their customers, and community leaders can benefit from timely information to help businesses and the economy rebound. The Missouri SBDC is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and is a University of Missouri Extension partner. All opinions, conclusions and/or recommendations expressed herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA.

## Celebrate MO Trees With MDC

Spring is a great time to plant trees. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages Missourians to celebrate the value of Missouri trees and forests during Arbor Days in April by planting native trees and practicing proper tree care.

This year's Missouri Arbor Day is Friday, April 2. Missouri has been observing the state's official Arbor Day on the first Friday in April since 1886 when the General Assembly declared that day be set aside for the appreciation and planting of trees. National Arbor Day is recognized on the last Friday of April, which is April 30 for 2021.

Missouri forests cover about one-third of the state and provide outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, jobs, timber for many wood products, and much more. Spending time in Missouri woods and forests can also provide health benefits. Exposure to nature contributes to physical well-being, reduces blood pressure and heart rate, relieves stress, and boosts energy levels. Trees also work to help our wallets, our families, our communities, our environment, and our economy. Learn more at [mdc.mo.gov/forest](http://mdc.mo.gov/forest).

Get information on backyard tree care — including types of trees for urban and other landscapes, selecting the right tree for the right place, planting tips, watering and pruning info, and more -- at

[mdc.mo.gov/tree-health](http://mdc.mo.gov/tree-health).

MDC's George O. White State Forest Nursery near Licking offers residents a variety of low-cost native tree and shrub seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, and wildlife food and cover. Orders are accepted from Nov. 1 to April 15 every year. For more information, visit [mdc.mo.gov/seedlings](http://mdc.mo.gov/seedlings).

### LEARN MORE WITH MDC AND FOREST & WOODLAND ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

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- Friday, April 2 – Missouri Arbor Day
- Friday, April 9 – Finding Peace, Health and Wellness in the Outdoors
- Friday, April 16 – Wood Enthusiast
- Friday, April 23 – Keep Your Trees Healthy
- Friday, April 30 – National Arbor Day Favorite Trees

For more information on Arbor Day and Missouri's Tree City USA communities, visit the Arbor Day Foundation at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## MDC Reminds Public To Dispose Of Fish Waste Responsibly

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds the public to dispose of waste responsibly when cleaning fish. Each year, MDC receives numerous nuisance complaints of fish-cleaning waste on the banks around public fishing accesses, especially during the paddlefish snagging season. It's important for anglers to do their part to keep fishing areas clean for others to enjoy.

In addition to using trash receptacles, disposing of fish-cleaning waste back into the water is allowed. Waste should not be piled up near the water's edge, and instead should be discarded into deeper water or in the flowing part of the stream. This assures waste cannot wash up to the bank or be concentrated in one area.

The Wildlife Code of Missouri states that extracted paddlefish eggs may not be pos-

sessed while on the water or adjacent banks and may not be transported. This means paddlefish eggs cannot be transported out into deeper water for disposal.

Most species of fish have daily possession limits and disposing of an entire fish is not only wasteful, but a violation of the Wildlife Code. Entire fish cannot be tossed on a bank or dumped back into the water. Anglers fishing in Missouri waters should have a plan to use the fish they keep.

Maintaining public fishing areas for everyone to use and enjoy requires the help of all citizens. Anyone fishing in Missouri should be mindful of regulations and impacts to others.

For more information on fishing regulations, visit <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/regulations>.



## Chandler Inks With Meramec Archers

Bowling Green High School senior, Haylee Chandler, signed a letter of intent to continue her education and play softball with the St. Louis Community College - Meramec Archers. "I'm very excited. It's something I've wanted to do since before middle school," Haylee said. "I want to get an MBA with an emphasis in accounting. I've been blessed to be a part of this program at Bowling Green High School." Pictured, front row, (l-r): James Chandler, Haylee Chandler, and Jennifer Chandler. Second row: Matthew Jayne, Craig Smith, and JaCee Hickerson.



## Walker Signs With Central Methodist

Clopton senior, Riley Walker, signed a letter of intent Thursday, March 25 to continue his education and play football at Central Methodist University. "I'm excited," Riley said. "It's been between two schools for the last couple of months and all that stress has come to an end. Central has a good program for what I'm going into." Riley plans to major in athletic training. Riley's grandfather, Bob Frank, also attended CMU to play basketball. Pictured front row (l-r): Devlon Walker, Riley Walker, and Erica Walker. Second row: Matt Kliewer, Butch Wolanski, and Nick Gremaud.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Louisiana Welcomes Heidi's Trading Post

Cheryl Abrams is no stranger to adversity when it comes to opening a new business. She owned and operated two hair salons in St. Charles. Both required persistence and not being afraid of getting her hands dirty.

She told The Tribune it was far easier opening the "preloved" furniture and décor shop in Louisiana than in St. Charles. There she worked to rehabilitate a condemned property into a fully functioning and gallery like salon. Unfortunately, she had to continue approaching city officials after receiving pre-formatted emails saying no or not returning phone calls.

"No is not an option here," she recounted the story of finally getting the officials to meet at the building and approving her project. According to Abrams, the salon was well received and wanted by the locals in that area.

But the rehabilitation was hard work that she completed on her own.

After that success leading the way for her expanding and eventually selling two businesses, she moved to Louisiana where she bought and remodeled an older house.

All the while, she kept her eye on the brick building at 900 Georgia Street with the idea of turning it into an antique furniture store.

"Both [salons] were loaded with antique furniture," Cheryl noted the origin of the refurbished antiques.

When asked why she named it a trading post, she explained, "It was the very first general store. This was where anyone could buy anything, and they also would do their trading here. That's why I named it the Heidi's Trading Post. Since then, it's been a lot of things over the years and fell into disrepair."

The property had previously been a restaurant and ethnic grocery store. Before she had the opportunity to attempt to buy the building after the restaurant closed, an entrepreneur



Cheryl Abrams (left), owner of the new Heidi's Trading Post at 900 Georgia Street in Louisiana stands in front of some of the refurbished antique furniture and collectibles along with sales associate, Cynthia Hunt of Louisiana.

out of St. Louis bought the property along with others in the town.

Her no-can-do mentality came into play again.

After watching the building sit empty, she decided to contact the owner and explained how an entrepreneur could roll through the town and "very irresponsibly" buy up every historic building and then forget about them. "I explained that these buildings mean so much to the people who live here. Then I demanded he sell it to me for what he purchased it plus some for his trouble... and he refused," she explained. But according to Abrams, her now landlord contacted her the next day after considering what she had told him. "He's a great guy - nicest guy on the planet - and he got what I told him." Instead of selling the building, he offered her another deal that she couldn't pass up.

After rehabbing some of the minor problems with the building,

Cheryl along with her salesperson, Cynthia Hunt, were ready to launch.

Cheryl says there's still work to be done for the building, but she's excited for the future of Louisiana. She's also eager to see other businesses come to the town which has struggled economically.

"The city is very welcoming to for people to do business here," she told the Tribune. "It's so important that we all support the local small businesses in this town and encourage buying local. Maybe that will inspire others to follow their dream. It is all very possible, and so important to the growth of our community."

Cheryl plans on becoming more active in the community and continuing to engage new businesses. A task she's pursued before. She founded the St. Charles City Small Business Network to help businesses network in addition and learn from each other beyond what the city's chamber of commerce provided.



North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick, front left, and Chairman of the Board Mike Bridgins, front right, were sworn in with other officers and directors during a recent installation meeting.

## NECAC Installs Officers, Directors

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) recently held its Annual Installation of Officers and Directors meeting.

Charles McCann, former director of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) with the Missouri Department of Social Services and a Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP), performed the ceremony via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick completed his 35th year with the agency. New Chairman of the Board Mike Bridgins of St. Charles County took over from Fred Vahle of Warren County. Several new board members also were among those seated or approved.

Following are the other officers McCann installed for 2020-2021: Vice-Chairman Glenn Eagan of Shelbyville, Shelby County; Secretary D. Randall Cone of Louisiana, Pike County; Trustees Troy Dawkins of Shelbyville, Shelby County; Jane Dorlac of Montgomery City, Montgomery County; and Lowell Jackson of Center, Ralls County. Also approved or sworn in were the following directors:

Lewis County: Travis Fleer of Lewistown and Paul Kinney and Kim Darnell of Canton.

Lincoln County: Matt Bass and Jere Burkemper of Troy and Curtissa Kerr-Hunter of Elsberry.

Macon County: Clarence Walker, Jean Jones and Mickey Shipp of Macon.

Marion County: Larry Welch of Hannibal, Josh Wilson of Palmyra and Roy Hark of Hannibal.

Monroe County: Mike Whelan of rural Stoutsville, Jessica Chase of Paris and Maxine Jones of Holliday.

Montgomery County: Dave Teeter of Montgomery City and Richard Veinot of High Hill.

Pike County: Tommy Wallace of Louisiana and Curt Mitchell of Clarksville.

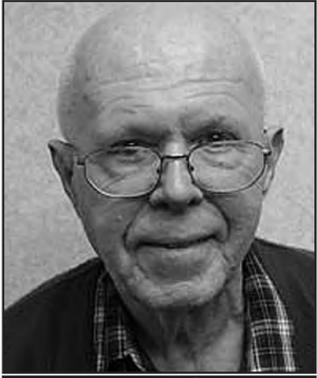
Ralls County: John Lake of Center and Janet Hoyt of New London.

Randolph County: John Truesdell, Lorna Miles and Shawn McGee of Moberly.

St. Charles County: Mary Hutchison of St. Charles and Diane Hileman of St. Peters.

Shelby County: Melissa Killen of Leonard.

Warren County: Amy Lombardo of Warrenton and Cheryl Wisdom of Wright City.



D. Randall Cone



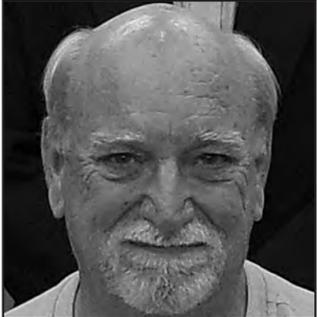
Jane Dorlac



Glenn Eagan



Lowell Jackson



Mike Bridgins

## Silex FFA News

Silex FFA Celebrates FFA Week Saturday, Feb. 20 was the start of the week FFA members a crossed the country have waited on all year.

Silex FFA members were no exception. The members began the week attending St. Alphonsus Church together on Saturday evening.

On Monday, the ag classes competed in ag olympics. Students enjoyed all of the games, but the unanimous favorite was the "COVID" test. The Ag II class won the gold medal for the day, while ag sales and green house came in second and won the silver medal.

On Wednesday all FFA members tucked in their tally-wackers and wore their official dress proudly all day during school and delivered teacher appreciation gifts. On Wednesday the officer team also traveled around to our sponsors delivering an appreciation gift.

On Friday students put on a Farm Safety Day. FFA members brought in animals for Food For America to showcase them to elementary students. On Friday they also had our famous drive your tractor to school day, all our members were very enthusiastic about their event this year, resulting in the biggest turn out for the amount of tractors driven to school.

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### Bowling Green Elementary School PRE-K SCREENINGS

May 24-28

Call For Appointment 324-2042  
Child must be 3 before Aug. 1, 2021

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, shot records, 2 proofs of residency, and court documents if applicable

### BGE KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Dates - May 24-28

Child must be 5 before Aug. 1, 2021

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**Frank Wallace**

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## Real Estate AUCTION

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56599 Columbus Trail/Ralls County, MO  
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### GARAGE SALES

**ART'S FLEA MARKET** - Furniture, tools, misc., Bus. 54 W., Bowling Green, 573-470-6837. Open Monday-Saturday, 9-4; Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

**YARD SALE** - Bus. 54 & 61, B.G. Friday, 9 a.m.-?. Twin bed, small dresser, night stands, ladders, trash can, jewelry, hats, rings. Lots of misc.

**HUGE YARD SALE** - Antiques, furniture, misc., 519 W. Centennial, B.G. Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m.-?.

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### FOR RENT

**SELF-STORAGE** - In Vandalia. Units in 3 sizes - 10x20, 10x10, and 8x10. L&S Storage, 573-248-4563. (tf)

**MODERN MATURITY BUILDING** - Vandalia - Family reunion, shower, birthday. Call Art Wiser, 594-3224. Memberships available. (tf)

### FOR SALE

**ISA BROWN PULLETS**, laying well. Albert L. Hilty, 11116 PIKE 466, B.G. (x-2-23)

**WEST END CABINS & STORAGE** in Louisiana announces the sale of units 9 & 59 for non-payment of rent. Contents will be sold via online auction on Facebook on "West End Auction Page" on April 7. Please call our office at 573-754-5888 with questions.

15 FT. fiberglass boat, 50 HP Mercury motor, trolling motor, fish finder, 2 new life jackets, new cover, trailer, nice outfit, \$2,500. 573-470-7515. Curryville area. (x2-22)

**HAY** - Grass-Alfalfa mix, \$25 bale. Ralph Penrod, Louisiana, Louisiana, 573-470-4056. (x8-18)

**GOOD** used tires, passenger & light truck, \$15 & up. Vandalia Firestone & Appliance, 594-6624.

**METAL** - We specialize in new pole buildings and new metal house roofs and all buildings. Wagler Metals: 21764 Pike 409, Bowling Green. (tf)

**HYDRAULIC** rock clearing rake, \$1,500. 636-697-8499. (tf)

**HILLTOP FURNITURE & VARIETY** - Open every day except Sunday & major holidays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 7735 Pike 469, Curryville.

### AUTOS FOR SALE

'09 DODGE Journey, 160,xxx, heated seats, new battery, third row seat, Navigation, bluetooth, new bakes & rotors, no rust. \$4,500 cash OBO. 573-470-2719.

### HELP WANTED

**LOUISIANA ELKS** Lodge 791 is hiring a housekeeper. Contact Andy Young, 630-864-0759 for more information. (x2-23)

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### HELP WANTED

**EXPERIENCE** farm hand for large farm operation in Pike County. 573-784-2281. (x2-23)

**THE LEARNING CENTER** is accepting applications for a full time teacher aide. Must be 18 and have a high school diploma or GED. Applications are available at 801 S. Business Hwy 61, Bowling Green. (x2-23)

### NO HUNTING

**NO HUNTING** or trespassing, Murry Shepherd Farms. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries. (10-20)

**NO HUNTING** or trespassing on land owned by Orey and Elizabeth Shepherd. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. (11-10)

### WANTED TO BUY

**VCR** good working condition. 573-253-6873. (x2-20)

### AD DEADLINE MONDAY AT NOON

### HELP WANTED

**Class A CDL** flatbed driver. Home nightly. 217-242-1677. (x2-20)

### SERVICES

**GEEKY HILLBILLY COMPUTER SERVICES LLC** - B.G. computer repair & recycling, 573-567-6164. (x6-22)

**KUYKENDALL FARM SERVICES, LLC** - maintenance, property maintenance, mowing, 15 years experience. 573-470-9416. (tf)

**BETTS EXCAVATING** - Dozer, backhoe, bobcat, ponds, clearing, basements, gravel hauling & more. Reasonable rates. 754-2371. (tf)

**B&J SEPTIC PUMPING** - Commercial or residential, septic pumping & repair, sewer augering & repair, grease trap pumping and porta potty rentals. Butch Menne, 573-384-5536. (tf)

### SERVICES

**ALL AMERICAN PUMPING & DRAIN** - Sewer and drain cleaning, septic cleaning, clogged drains. David Charlton, 324-9932. (tf)

**BROWN'S SEPTIC PUMPING** - Commercial or residential, portable toilet rental, job sites, special events, auctions. Brown's Septic Pumping, 206 Brown Lane, Louisiana, 754-5812. (tf)

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The Bowling Green R-I School District is accepting applications for bus drivers preferably with their Commercial Driver's License Class B with the passenger and school bus endorsements. District paid health insurance and sign on bonus available. Route pay is higher than adjacent districts. Interested candidates should contact the Superintendent's Office, 700 W Adams, Bowling Green, MO (573) 324-5441.

### Louisiana Housing Association Inc. ACCEPTING BIDS

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**573-754-4434 TDD**  
**1-800-735-2966**  
*This institution is an equal opportunity provider*

### Contractors Sought

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) is seeking contractors for the 2021-2022 Weatherization Program to perform **HVAC, plumbing, general contracting and/or electrical work** in the following counties: *Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby, St. Charles and Warren.*

Must have proof of:

- General Liability Insurance** at a minimum of \$300,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence and aggregate.
- Vehicle Insurance** at a minimum of \$300,000 bodily injury per person / \$500,000 bodily injury per accident / \$300,000 property damage per accident for a split liability limit (SLL) policy OR \$800,000 for a combine single limit (CSL) policy.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage** as required by law. (Even if you are a self-employed with zero employees this coverage is required).
- Current Business License/ or Occupation License(s)** as required by local statutes.
- Must be registered and remain in good standing with the State of Missouri.**
- OSHA-10 Certification** for ALL employees.

For an application and requirements contact  
NECAC  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
619 West Champ Clark Drive  
Bowling Green, Mo. 63334  
573-324-2251

Rules for acceptance and participation for the bid process in this program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disabled status. EOE/MFDV.

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Pick up an application at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green, MO OR Online at [www.pikecountyhealth.org](http://www.pikecountyhealth.org)

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North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) is accepting bids on materials for the 2021-2022 Weatherization Program. Materials to be bid on include: Caulks, Smoke and CO Detectors, Lumber and Insulation Board, Weather-strips and Sweeps, Doors, Windows, Glass, Mobile Home Doors, Insulation, Vents and Insulation Barrier.

Bids are also being accepted for furnace cleaning and tuning, furnace repairs and gasoline for at least eight trucks (leaded/unleaded). Gas bids must be pump price less discount per gallon.

For a more comprehensive list and bid requirements contact Joe Findley or Brittany Kidd:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
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Bowling Green, Mo. 63334  
573-324-2251

**Closing date and time:**  
**May 17, 2021, at 2 p.m.**

**Bid Opening: May 18, 2021, at 8 a.m. at the NECAC Weatherization Office.**

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