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The 2022 Pike County Fair farm tractor pull was held Tuesday, July 26 despite the heavy rain-fall received.

2022 Pike County Fair Is Big Success

The 2022 Little Mr. & Miss Pike County Fair are, Sawyer Stribling and McKinli Scherder.

Cannon Selected As Interim AD For Bulldogs

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

With recent changes at Louisiana R-II School District and Ryan Griffin, accepting the middle school principal position, school board members needed to quickly find an activities/athletics director before moving into the 2022/23 school year.

That position was filled (at least temporarily) during last week's July 21 school board meeting.

Matt Cannon, formerly the AD for Clopton, was selected as the interim activities director at the guidance of the district's new superintendent, Dr. Tom Ward.

"Because of the time crunch and having someone with experience to fill that position, I thought it was in the best interest of the fistrict to fill it quickly and open it up next year," Dr. Ward told The Tribune. "Matt has experience from Clopton and will be coming to R-II for the first time this fall. With all the changes in our district this was the avenue I elected to take."

Find Photo Highlights of the 2022 Fair Throughout Today's Tribune

NECAC Board Chairman Mike Bridgins, left, and new NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page.

Page Named To Top Job At NECAC

Dan Page has been named North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer.

The NECAC Board of Directors made the decision Tuesday, July 26. Page had served as acting director since the April 1 retirement of agency President and CEO Don Patrick after more than 36 years.

"NECAC is a wonderful organization making a difference in our 12-county area," Page said. "My predecessor left big shoes to fill, and I'm humbled to be given this opportunity. Working with a staff second to none, I'm eager to accept the challenges ahead."

"The board unanimously approved Dan Page as NECAC's new CEO," said NECAC Board Chairman Mike Bridgins. "I look forward to working with Dan and continuing NECAC's great legacy."

Page joined NECAC as a Finance Specialist in 2011 and was promoted to Chief Deputy Director in 2012 following the retirement after 38 years of Ann Ellison.

Page is a former resident of Eolia and graduated from Clopton High School near Clarksville in 1977. Page is a retired Navy veteran with 21 years of honorable service from 1978 to 1999, all in the personnel and human resources field. He retired at the rank of Navy Chief E-7.

Page earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., in 2000 and a master's of business administration with an emphasis in human resources from Keller Graduate School of Management in St. Louis in 2004. He has management and business experience at AT&T Broadband, Charter Communications and SSM Health Care.

Page and his wife, Kim, have two daughters and two grandchildren, and are members of Elm Grove Baptist Church near Curryville, where he also serves as a minister.

NECAC is a 12-county area social service, community health and public housing agency that serves low-to-middle income families and individuals. The agency has an annual budget of almost $29 million, with 100 full-time and more than 85 part-time employees.

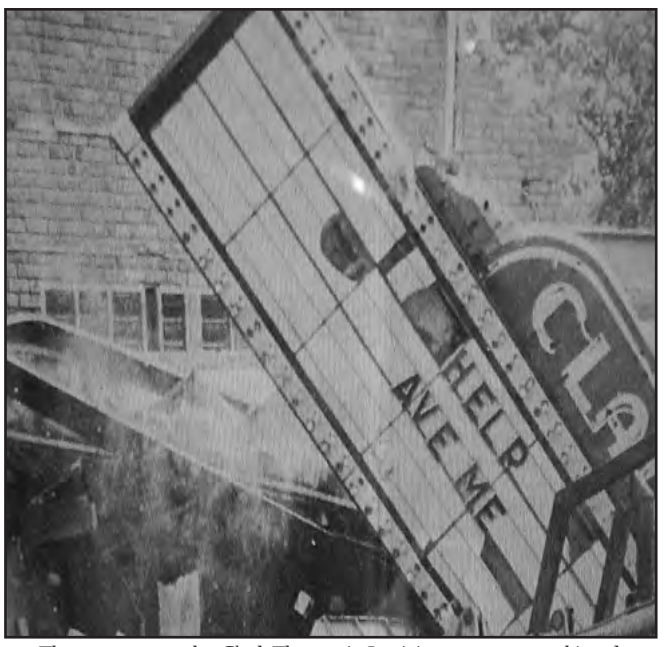
The Last Picture Show - 1987 Fire Closes Movie Theatre

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the final part of a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel of Louisiana.

Louisiana's Clark Theatre shined brightly as a place for family outings, first dates and social confabs.

Having survived a mysterious bombing just six days after its 1931 opening, the movie palace on the southeast corner of Fourth and Georgia would be a source of entertainment for 50 years.



The marquee at the Clark Theatre in Louisiana comes crashing down during a 1987 demolition of the building following a destructive fire. (Louisiana Press-Journal photo)

The 1932 closing of the Lou-Mo just a block away left the Clark as the only cinema in town. First-run films and iconic features from the past were showcased and were "always enjoyable," wrote frequent patron Joy Cleaver.

"Yes, going to the movies regularly at the Clark Theatre was almost a ritual when I was growing up," she said.

PERFECT REMEDY

The Clark offered a source of escape during the Great Depression.

Along with such blockbusters as "Gone With the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz" and "King Kong," there were regional favorites such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

The crime drama "Girls on Probation" starring 27-year-old future President Ronald Reagan was touted as a "film (that) proves the old adage 'You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose, but you shouldn't pick friends who rob banks.'"

The 1939 movie "I'm From Missouri" was written by Homer Croy, whose first book had used the Pike County community of Curryville as its setting.

The matinee scheduled for Dec. 7, 1941, was the comedy "Shadow of the Thin Man." It is uncertain if the Clark closed due to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that day, but many theaters remained dark.

Less than three years later, the Gene Autry movie "The Old Barn Dance was playing as the Allies stormed continental Europe on D-Day. Tickets were 35 cents for adults and 13 cents for children. The Clark welcomed enemy soldiers, albeit well-guarded Germans and Italians from the local prison camp.

As Elvis Presley rose to fame, the Clark showed "Reap the Wild Wind" with John Wayne and "Love Me or Leave Me" starring Doris Day.

While Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon, Louisiana moviegoers were treated to "Guns of the Magnificent Seven" and "Angels From Hell." The highest priced ticket was 85 cents.

"Star Wars" was so popular in the winter of 1977-78 that it had to be held over, with special matinees added to accommodate crowds. Actors were hired to perform "their live Star Wars skit, pose for pictures and meet all the kids," according to an advertisement.

The screen finally went dark in the early 1980s. But as it had before, the Clark would borrow a line from Dylan Thomas and not go gently into the good night.

REVIVAL UNDERTAKEN

A rebirth was in the works just before flames erupted.

The Louisiana Civic Theater Association had been in negotiations for a couple of months in 1987 to buy the Clark from a holding company and turn it into a community center.

Two thousand dollars had been raised, a board of directors had been named and bylaws were being written.

Smoke was reported coming from the building at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. The fire started in an electrical outlet on a wall between the auditorium and lobby, and it spread quickly. Part of the roof collapsed, sending debris from the balcony onto the ground floor.

More than 30 firefighters deserved "a world of thanks and praise," the Louisiana Press-Journal said. "They responded quickly and efficiently, containing the fire to one building. A less professional and quality-oriented fire department may have been sifting through ashes of the entire block today."

Instead of a film name, the large marquee had featured the message "Help Save Me." An effort to keep it intact failed when the large marquee came crashing to the sidewalk when what remained of the building was demolished.

The Press-Journal held little back in a July 23 editorial, saying the fire helped to "highlight some of the problems downtown." It said infrastructure was "deteriorating" swiftly.

"The fire boosted that deterioration," the paper editorialized. "But it also fueled an atmosphere of despair downtown. Some stores are moving out, others are struggling. And now, buildings are burning."

Though loss of the Clark marked the end of an era, downtown Louisiana bounced back, and continues to attract new businesses.

MEMORIES, FOND & OTHERWISE

Cleaver found only one bad thing about the Clark – the restrooms.

They were "located in the bowels (forgive my pun) of the theatre, down a long, very narrow flight of steps," she wrote. It was "dark and very gloomy" on the "perilous" descent.

"If you had to go down to the bathroom, you ALWAYS went with a friend and you ALWAYS hurried," Cleaver recalled, saying she and others labeled the area "The Pit."

In the days before cable television and streaming devices, many popular movies would be shown again long after their premieres. It was during another screening of "Gone With the Wind" that Cleaver almost paid for her disdain of The Pit.

Waiting impatiently on the edge of her seat for the lengthy movie's intermission, Cleaver was about to burst as Scarlett O'Hara proclaimed she and her family would never go hungry again.

"The picture dissolved, the music rose to a dramatic crescendo, I headed for the aisle…and the movie went on," she remembers, noting that the original break had been edited out. '"Only in the Clark Theatre,' I thought, as I groaned and sat back down."

Next to the girls' restroom, which featured three toilets in a 10-by-10-foot space, was a storage area that Cleaver thought "harbored all kinds of hideous creatures" that would drag children off "never to be seen again."

"Who says kids of yesteryear had no imagination?" she asked.

Parents would drive their offspring to the Clark and wait patiently while tickets were bought. The children would come back and let the folks know when the movie would be over. It was, after all, a time before cell phones.

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Chamber Vice President

Christine Rutherford was recently sworn in as vice president of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce by executive director Sarrah Gigous. Rutherford is assistant vice president and loan officer of Peoples Bank & Trust in Bowling Green. She has served on the chamber board since 2005, including serving as president, director, chair of the special events committee, and chair of the scholarship and grant committee.

Tri-County Care To Close Doors

By Brice Chandler

Vandalia's last nursing home will shut its doors at the end of August.

Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia has had a turbulent past two years with the Covid-19 pandemic, staffing and resident shortages, state health inspection deficiencies, and financial losses.

According to board members, the closure could only be temporary until a private entity takes charge of the facility or funding is found.

TCCC could lose its state license if a buyer is not found within the next two years.

Since mid-July, TCCC has sought help from the city of Vandalia to cut employee paychecks for the last pay period of the month. An expense of just under $90,000.

Vandalia City Administrator, Darren Berry, recommended utilizing $90,000 of unused American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to bail out the facility. That amount is a reduction from the $100,000 originally suggested.

However, the motion died without a second during the special Vandalia Board of Aldermen meeting on Wednesday, July 27.

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In Loving Memory

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Neal 'Riney' O'Leary, 90, Mexico

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2022 Pike County Fair Photo Highlights

Reese Turner, 14, was crowned the 2022 Pike County Fair Junior Miss on Tuesday, July 26. Pictured, from left: Khloe Spires, Turner, and Brylie Mills.

Pink leopard-print gum boots and all didn't stop Autumn Shinn from having a great time on the rides at the 2022 Pike County Fair.

The farm tractor pull took place Wednesday, July 27 despite the muddy track conditions.

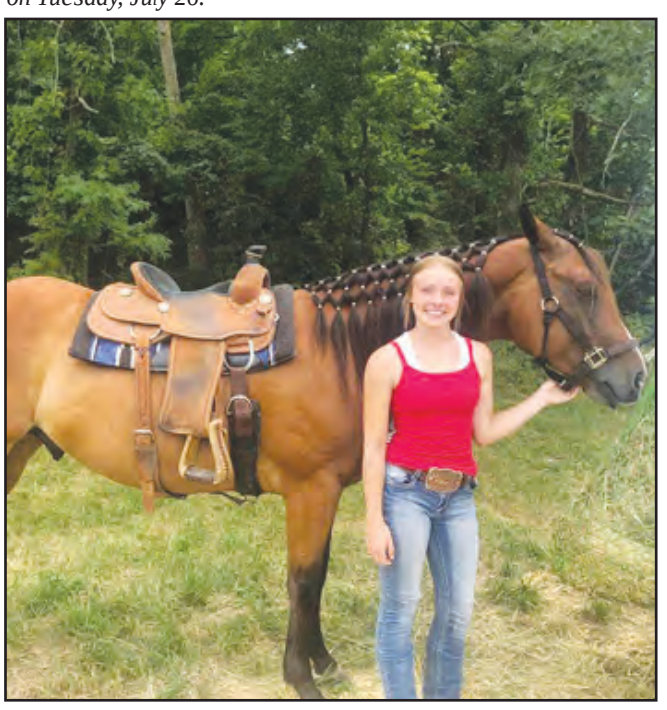
A host of friends are pictured enjoying onje of the carnival rides on opening night of the 2022 Pike County Fair on Tuesday, July 26.

Stella Cagle is pictured having fun at the 2022 Pike County Fair.l

A full 10 event rodeo was held on Tuesday, July 26 by the Outlaw/5J Rodeo Company. Pictured is a cowboy during the calf roping at the 2022 Pike County Fair. The rodeo company is owned and operated locally by Lance and Joey McCollum and their daughters, Kacey and Emma. Along with Lance's brother, Jeff, and Nanny Linda who oversees all the family.

Casey McCollum was flag bearer at the 2022 Outlaw/5J Rodeo at the Pike County Fair on Tuesday, July 26.

First place ribbon winners during the Look-A-Like Contest at the 2002 Pike County Fair on Tuesday, July 26.



Layla Berry of Bowling Green and her horse, Chip, are pictured waiting for the 4-H Gymkhana to begin on Sunday, July 24.

Kort Schlueter of Curryville is pictured in the Pedal Tractor Pull Saturday.

Eddie Montgomery is pictured performing at the 2022 Pike County Fair on the Nolan Miller Pulling Track.

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Pike County Collector

COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green, a community of possibilities and potentials.

As we progress as a city it is important that we grow together in our closeness and our identity. Friendship can be defined as: "the connection and energy that exists between people when they feel 'seen, heard, and valued.'" For someone to feel a part of a community it takes people being friendly and willing to take "time" and practice "seen, heard, and values."

Unfortunately, National League of Cities surveys say 43 percent of us feel a disconnect from our cities across America. What can happen when we reach out to our neighbors, businesses, cashiers, nursing homes, churches, organizations and get involved in peoples' lives and activities?

Our town will bond together and be more supportive, accepting, and trusting of one another. America is at a crucial stage of division and polarization. Rural America has always been a model for close-knit and friendly environments. Have we, as a nation, lost compassion, and consideration for others?

In business, we keep score with money, but in life we should keep score by our contribution to the welfare of one another. We do that by encouraging and inspiring people around us. Teamwork is required at all levels and aspects of life. When we work together for mutual success, our city and we as citizens, will not only grow statistically, but in love, support, mutual admiration, and care.

In referring to the National League of Cities again, a poll of mayors across the country has retail development as their city's top priorities. Number 2 was infrastructure which is a top priority by our board of aldermen and women. Number 3 was commercial real estate development and projects. Number 4 is budgets and management where, again, your elected officials have done a very good job in Bowling Green. Number 5 is public safety.

I believe this mayor's priorities would be number 1, infrastructure for wider and improved surfaces of streets and sidewalks for walkability for handicapped, children, and access to our businesses and services. Number 2 is affordable and good housing. We cannot progress as a community if we do not offer a plausible place to live and a place to work.

Number 3 is the further development of our downtown to fill the vacant and dying buildings, along with the development of businesses and services on Business Highway 61 North. Fourth, is enticing entrepreneurship for new and expanding businesses throughout our great city. Fifth is Community Development for youth, families, and senior adult opportunities. This would involve recreation, socialization, multigenerational, inclusion, and fun activities and programs for the citizens of Bowling Green!

As a former coach and administrator, I would tell my athletes/co-workers that, "Good players/people inspire themselves. Great players/people inspire their teammates/those around them."

Community Calendar...

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

On Aug. 9: Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the First Christian Church in Louisiana. The drive will be held at the Elks Lodge located at 120 N. 5th St., Louisiana from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter EPW to schedule appointment.

On Aug. 5: Quarter Madness at the former Jennings Opry building in Frankford. Contact for info is Lee Ann Kelly @ 573-754- 0034.

2022 Pike County Fair Photo Highlights

The always-popular bloomin' onion stand volunteers take a moment to give a smile on Tuesday, April 26 at the 2022 Pike County Fair.

D.J. Koester of Bowling Green is pictured during the swine show at the 2022 Pike County Fair on Wednesday, July 27.

Hallie Turnbaugh, left, and Sylas Kirk are excited to receive their ribbons at the Looke-A-Like Contest on Tuesday, July 26 at the Pike County Fair.

The 2022 Pike County Fair Power Wheels Derby was held Saturday, July 30 prior to the demo Derby.

Gary Scherder of Bowling Green it pictured throwing some horse shoes on Saturday, July 30 at the Pike County Fair.

Allie Jenkins is pictured preparing to participate in the western fun horse show on Wednesday, July 27.

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OBITUARIES

Alan Paul Johnson

Alan Paul Johnson, 56, of Louisiana died Saturday, July 23, 2022 in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. John Davis officiated. Burial was at Barkley Cemetery in New London.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Alan was born Dec. 30, 1965 in Louisiana to Robert and Lena Mae Wright Johnson.

He is survived by a son, Loren Johnson; a sister, Kelly Cisco of Louisiana; three brothers, Tim Johnson of Louisiana, Glenn Johnson of Quincy, Ill., and Bob Johnson of Bowling Green; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lena Johnson, two brothers, Joe Johnson, and Van Johnson, and a sister, Judy Smith.

Alan was a veteran serving as an MP in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana. He had been employed at Dura in Hannibal for a number of years. He retired in the late 2000s. Alan was an avid fan of the Oakland Raiders, he enjoyed listening to music, and could always answer a lot of questions about songs and musicians. Most of all, he enjoyed being with family and spending his time with them.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Cisco, Bob Johnson, Tim Johnson, Glen Johnson, Travis Cisco, Gary Smith, and Larry Silvey. Pallbearers will be Mike Johnson, Phillip Francis, Kyle Johnson, Nick Cisco, Kurt Johnson, and Shawn Johnson.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice, c/o Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.

Gwendoline 'Gwen' E. Nelson

Gwendoline "Gwen" E. Nelson, 89, of New Hartford died Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at her residence.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday (today) at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Bowling Green. Officiating will be the Rev. Jennie Gosnell. Interment to follow in the Siloam Cemetery, New Hartford.

Visitation is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday (today) at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

She was born Sept. 6, 1932 in Pike County to Chester and Jewell Hellyer Wilhoit. After her formal schooling she and her girlfriend from school moved to St. Louis and worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. About a year later, they transferred with the telephone company to the state of California.

This is where she met Russell Kenneth Gilbert. The rest is history, the couple was married on April 16, 1955 in California. Their first child, Kim was born there. After serving his time in the U.S. Navy, her husband and family relocated back to Pike County. Four more children were born: Karen, Kevin, Kerry, and Kay.

She helped on the family farm as they raised, hogs, cattle, sheep and grew row crops. Gwen was a very hard worker and nuturing mother to her five children. She loved working outside with animals and farming. She later married Glen H. Nelson on July 3, 1975. She worked along side her husband as a crop insurance adjuster while also living on the farm.

Tending to her flower gardens and bird watching were some of her pastimes. Her family remembers her delicious angel food cakes made from scratch and her homemade meals from the garden or freezer. Gwen worked up until the age of 81 and so enjoyed helping people. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her children, Kim Bowman of Yellsville, Ark., Karen Graver and husband, Dan of Bowling Green, Kevin Gilbert and wife, Sonya of New Hartford, Kerry Gilbert and wife, Theresa of Middletown, and Kay Elwood of Middletown; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Gwen was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands and an infant sister, Mary Wilma.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's choice, c/o the funeral home.

Friends and family are invited to visit our website at mccoyblossomfh.com to sign the on-line guest register.

Neal 'Riney' O'Leary

Neal Riney O'Leary, 90, of Mexico died Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, surrounded by family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Thursday at Arnold Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Jones officiating. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday, July 14 from 10 a.m., until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. O'Leary was born on April 21, 1932, in Vandalia, the daughter of Raymond Guy and Rosa Frances Noel Riney. On Sept. 16, 1967, in Vandalia, she married Allan O'Leary, Jr.

Neal was a graduate of Vandalia High School, the class of 1950. She enjoyed spending time outdoors working in her flower beds and watching the hummingbirds.

Neal and Jr would spend leisure time visiting flea markets and swap meets. She would use these trips to look for antique dishes and glassware to add to her collection. Neal and Jr traveled the country, visiting nearly every state.

She would immensely look forward to visits with friends and family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would always put a smile on her face. She was a member of Wellsville Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Allan O'Leary, Jr.; two sons, Danny Hoagland of Mexico, and Jerry Hoagland and wife, Karen of Mexico; two grandchildren, Jeff Hoagland and wife, Holly of Mexico, Kim Gramke and husband, Luke of Centralia; three great-grandchildren, Will Davis, Chayse Davis, and Riley Gramke; two sisters, Ann Wasson of Vandalia, and Doris Powell of Vandalia; four step-children, Helen Burkhardt and husband, David of Palmyra, Sheree Weddle and husband, Steve of Mason, Ohio, Kathy Tuley and husband, Ed of Palmyra, Ed O'Leary and wife, Julie of Palmyra; 14 grandchildren, Steve Garner, Eddie Jo Garner, David Sanders, Sarah Sanders, Cass Lowry, Brandy Ramirez, Steve Webster, Tri Tuley, Tate Tuley, Tanner Tuley, Tinslee Sutter, Adam Schneider, Dalton O'Leary, Jenna Pryor; 24 step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. O'Leary was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Rosa Riney; one sister, Wanda Thompson and twin infant brothers, Mayo and Marvin Riney.

The family requests memorial donations be made to American Lung Association or American Heart Association. Memorials may be sent c/o Arnold Funeral Home, 425 S. Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265.

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First aid for leaky basements: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/first-aid-for-leaky-basements-2572

Reducing flood damage to home and property: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/reducing-flood-damage-to-home-and-property-1155

Let flood-damaged homes dry thoroughly before installing new coverings: https://extension. missouri.edu/news/let-flood-damaged-homes-dry-thoroughly-before-installing-new-coverings-3073

Scams and fraud add insult to injury after a disaster: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/protect-yourself-from-contractor-fraud-1170

Property loss from disasters may be tax deductible: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/property-loss-from-disasters-may-be-tax-deductible-1113

Use shock chlorination to disinfect contaminated wells: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/use-shock-chlorination-to-disinfect-contaminated-wells-1096

Snakes on a flood plain: https://extension.missouri.edu/news/snakes-on-a-flood-plain-1175

Logan Named Branch Manager Of Louisiana Branches Of Peoples Bank & Trust

Ben Logan

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. is pleased to announce Ben Logan has stepped into the role of branch manager and loan officer of the Louisiana branches.

Logan started his banking career 23 years ago in St Charles before coming to Bank of Louisiana in 2006. Then in December of 2021, Bank of Louisiana and its employees became part of the Peoples Bank & Trust organization when the two banks merged.

As branch manager, Logan will oversee the daily operations of the Louisiana downtown and west locations in addition to continuing his duties as a loan officer.

Jim Ross will be assisting Ben during the transition into his new role. This will allow Jim more time to focus on lending and other duties as a senior officer of the bank. "We're all excited for Ben at the bank," said Jim Ross. "He's going to do a great job managing the daily needs of the branch and its staff."

In addition to his job at Peoples Bank & Trust, Logan is also actively involved in the Louisiana Rotary Club and the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce. When he's not at the bank, you can find him out enjoying his boat or spending time with his son, Jack.

Join them in congratulating Logan on his new position by stopping by at 101 S. Third Street in Louisiana or giving him a call at (573) 754-5517.

Quincy University Releases Dean's List

Quincy University released its dean's list for the spring 2022 semester.

Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual rean's list.

In total, 342 students received the honor during the spring 2022 semester. Jayle Jennings of Vandalia was named to the list.

First United Methodist Church To Host American Red Cross Blood Drive

The First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, located at 8 North Broadway at the corner of Church and Broadway, will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 12:30-6 p.m,. in the church's fellowship hall.

Donors giving blood in August will receive a $10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Plus, donors will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year! (A $6,000 value!)

This will be the 22nd drive the church has hosted as part of its "Acts of Kindness" mission. Snacks and homemade sandwiches will be served to donors.

The American Red Cross is currently experiencing a shortage of blood. In June, the Red Cross collected approximately 12 perent fewer blood donations than needed to sustain a sufficient blood supply. The need for lifesaving blood transfusions never takes a break. It is important to have blood ready to go when every second counts, so please consider donating.

Walk-ins are welcome, but to schedule an appointment to ensure a lesser wait time, visit the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: FUMCBowlinggreen, use the blood donor app, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or call or text the church's blood donation program coordinator, Carolyn Shaw, at 573-470-5379.

Every donor is also encouraged to use Rapid Pass, which offers donors a way to complete their pre-reading and donation questions online THE DAY OF THE DRIVE. To use Rapid Pass, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass, read the information, answer the questions, and print the pass or email it to yourself so you can show it at the drive. Please remember that all donors are required to provide a valid photo ID the day of the drive.

NECAC Featured In National Publication

NECAC's Clintan Caldwell looks over doors to be installed in homes. Caldwell is one of the first two graduates of the agency's weatherization apprenticeship training program.

The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has again been featured in a national publication.

A story about the weatherization training program developed by NECAC was featured in the July 25 edition of "This Week in OA," a newsletter of the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration National Office of Apprenticeships.

Two graduates of the NECAC apprenticeship program were presented with certificates July 7 by the U.S. Department of Labor. Two additional weatherization crew members are entering the program.

"The apprenticeship program is an excellent opportunity for a new employee to begin a career path in green energy," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts, who oversees the program. "NECAC is excited about the opportunities this brings to Northeast Missouri. We appreciate the national recognition."

The apprenticeship was developed by NECAC in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Missouri Department of Labor, the Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board and Pike-Lincoln Technical Center.

The goal is to provide newly-hired weatherization employees with skills that will allow them to work in a variety of construction and energy job fields. It also is a way to reassure other nonprofit weatherization agencies that they're developing top qualified employees in the post-COVID labor market.

The NECAC effort began in March 2021. The program consists of 144 hours of classroom learning and 2,000 hours of on-the-job education.

Upon completion, participants earn a Department of Labor certification as a home performance laborer. Northeast Workforce Development will recruit potential employees from schools and vocational programs.

The apprenticeship may be used as a model for weatherization across the country. With a national increase in funding to weatherization from the $1.2 trillion bi-partisan infrastructure bill approved by Congress last November, Community Action Agencies and other nonprofits across the country are gearing up and adding new employees.

NECAC plans to add 20 to 30 additional employees to do work at an estimated 500 additional homes in the agency's 12 Missouri counties.

Spader Scholarships

These junior members received a $5,000 scholarship in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Association executive vice president at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 6-8 in Kansas City. Pictured from left are Sheri Spader, presenting; Jonwyn Ayres, Medford, Ore.; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green; and Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas, recipients.

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"The impact to the city is a secondary concern compared to the impact to the employees and the residents and their families," Berry told the Tribune.

Two days after the Vandalia Aldermen meeting, TCCC's Board of Directors held an emergency meeting (Friday, July 29) to determine if the nursing home could stay afloat.

After a lengthy discussion, all attending board members voted to temporarily shut the facility down.

Without the assistance from the city and after dipping into savings funds, TCCC may only have enough funds to pay employees one final check mid-August.

Now, the shorthanded staff along with the families of around 40 residents will only have 30 days to relocate before the doors are locked. It's anticipated the building could be empty much sooner.

"The employees who are still working at TCCC are now tasked with finding another job and the remaining residents will need to find another care facility that very likely will be further away from their family and loved ones," Berry continued.

During the Aldermen meeting, one spokesperson for TCCC told the council the facility had overspent on projects in previous years which strained their budget. Project including a roof and sewer line replacements.

"At the end of the day, we did spend more than we took in during those projects those years," the spokesperson said.

"If we cover that payroll for July, can you turn that negative balance into a positive balance?" an aldermen asked. "I'm concerned about the month of September. Helping you get through July into August would you be okay in September?"

"At this time, I can't answer that because State hasn't came in yet?" answered one of TCCC's representatives. "Until they come back in, I don't know how to answer that question."

Inspectors for a follow-up state audit were expected to show up in July to address some of the 204 deficiencies the facility has accumulated over the past few years. The audit team would review the home's CSM audit which would determine Medicare and Medicaid certification. Not meeting the criteria could result in fines or complete drop in state funding.

What brought TCCC to this point?

A mix of several issues coupled with nationwide staffing shortages in nursing homes and Covid-19.

The state's last completed CSM audit conducted in March of 2022 listed several problems from resident care to financial records.

One such problem listed on page 17 of the 201-page March report documented the facility's failure to ensure resident funds were placed in an account separate from the facility operating account:

"Based on record review and interview, facility staff failed to ensure resident funds were placed in an account separate from the facility operating account and did not allow the residents/guardian the right to manage his/her financial affairs. The facility did not provide residents access to their funds as soon as possible for 20 residents."

According to the document, the resident amount held in operating account totaled $34,890.67

"During an interview on [DATE] at 9:02 A.M., the Accounts Receivable Staff said he/she was told by the administrator not to pay any resident refunds, because the facility did not have the money and needed to pay bills, such as payroll, food, and utilities instead of resident refunds," the report continued.

The report also hit the nursing home for a failure "to provide care in a manner that enhanced resident dignity for three residents, in a review of 19 sampled residents" which could possibly be attributed to the shortage of staff.

In TCCC's July 20 board meeting minutes, "one staff member spoke about the loss of staff and how [TCCC] is struggling to keep staff employed."

According to those minutes, the Director of Nursing explained the staffing situation was a very crucial point where the loss of one more licensed staff member would drop the facility below state requirements.

The state audit is available to the public and can be found at the website: https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/ and typing in Vandalia or Tri-County Care Center on the search menu.

As for the facility reopening.

"I am still hopeful that TCCC will be able to find a buyer who would purchase the facility and keep it operating in Vandalia," Berry said.

Connie Hesse told the Tribune that TCCC's board will meet with resident's and their responsible party and next of kin on Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed transfer plan.

"Members of the board along with some community members are looking for a company interested in leasing/managing or perhaps purchasing the facility," she noted.

Until one is found, Vandalia will have an empty building, residents will be further removed from family and friends, and both recent and longtime employees will be searching for employment.

The People's Tribune will update as more information becomes available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brenda Gower

August Book Reviews

AUGUST 2022 STAFF YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW THE WOMAN ALL SPIES FEAR: CODE BREAKER ELIZEBETH SMITH FRIEDMAN AND HER HIDDEN LIFE BY AMY BUTLER GREENFIELD REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER BRANCH MANAGER

This is a young adult nonfiction book that tells the story of Elizebeth Smith Friedman, a female pioneer who worked to help break secret codes, a cryptanalyst. She did this from WWI to after WWII. The book takes you from her yearly life through her death in such a way that you just keep turning the pages to see what is going to happen next. It tells you about a woman that was able to lead, teach, and command others, including men, while achieving their respect.

I enjoyed reading this book, as well as learning how this couple and those that they trained protected our country during this period in history and developed the groundwork for the code work done today. I would give this book a 5/5 rating.

Kasi Welborn

AUGUST 2022 STAFF PICKS BOOK REVIEW THE LIBRARY OF THE DEAD BY T. L. HUCHU REVIEWED BY KASI WELBORN, LIBRARY ASSISTANT (MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY)

The first in the Edinburgh Nights series, based in a distant, yet near, future where the supernatural is just another part of the everyday.

Our heroine, Ropa Moyo, runs a messenger service for the dead. While just trying to help her grandmother make ends meet and keep her little sister in school, she spends late nights communing with the ghosts of those who won't (or can't) let go.

When one ghost starts following Ropa, begging for help finding her lost child, everything else takes a back burner for a bit.

Huchu has done a wonderful job of bringing this world to life. Full of adventure, spooks, and even a library full of unbelievable information, this book is the perfect mix of mystery and fantasy.

Clark Announced As Spring UCA Graduate

Alexis R Clark of Elsberry graduated with a master of science in college student personnel adm from the University of Central Arkansas during the May commencement exercises.

Clark was among 1,032 undergraduate and 282 graduate students who earned degrees or certificates.

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Time To Transplant Irises

They Do Best When Transplanted August-October

Now is the time to transplant one of America's most popular flowers, the iris.

Although irises can be transplanted at any time, they do best when established in the landscape from August to mid-October, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Irises are relatively easy to grow. They need at least eight hours a day of direct sun and a well-drained garden loam. Divide clumps when blooming declines. Under normal conditions, divide every three to four years, said Trinklein. Reduce the size of the clump by removing several small divisions, leaving part of the clump in the ground, or by digging the entire clump, improving the soil and replanting a few large rhizomes.

According to Greek mythology, when the gods wanted to communicate with mortals, their messenger was a golden-winged goddess named Iris who traveled on a rainbow. Legend has it that colorful flowers sprung up at the end of the rainbow wherever Iris stepped.

Just as the Greek gods gifted iris to the mortals, friends and neighbors gift iris today. Because of their hardiness and beauty, irises are among the most shared plants of gardeners. Relatively few irises are sold in commerce, Trinklein said, since most gardeners get them free from their friends and neighbors.

Today, the flower named in honor of Iris comes in every color of the rainbow and adorns yards and gardens everywhere with its showy flowers. Iris is very durable while maintaining its intricate and delicate beauty, Trinklein said.

In ancient Egypt, the iris' three petals symbolized faith, wisdom and valor. Its petals are known today as "standards" and stand upright. In contrast, its three sepals, known as "falls," droop downward. The shape of the iris inspired the fleur-de-lis emblem. In the Christian world, the fleur-de-lis became associated with the Virgin Mary and purity. The fleur-de-lis was extensively used in medieval heraldry, and it remains common in architecture today. It is also the emblem of many Boy Scout organizations around the world.

The most popular garden iris today is the German or bearded iris, named for its thick, bushy "beards," which appear on the falls of the flower and attract pollinators. "By careful selection of iris cultivars and species, a gardener can enjoy a remarkable range of colors and a bloom season that extends for weeks," said Trinklein. Some bearded irises bloom again in the summer or fall and are classified as "rebloomers."

Irises are propagated through division of their fleshy rhizomes. A propagule must have at least one growing point (fan) attached to survive. Expose the top of the rhizome—at least the top third of it—to the sun when planting. Shallow planting is best. Space 12-24 inches apart. Plant closer for more color impact, but these need to be divided in two to three years.

Rhizomes need to be watered immediately after planting. Established irises need less water; avoid overwatering them. Deep, occasional watering is preferable to frequent watering.

Irises are heavy feeders and need proper fertilization. Soil type and inherent fertility determine needs. Use a 6-10-10 fertilizer when needed. Avoid fertilizers high in nitrogen because they encourage soft, vegetative growth susceptible to diseases. A light application of fertilizer in early spring when new growth emerges and again a month after blooming is best, Trinklein said. Avoid applying fertilizer directly to exposed rhizomes.

Irises are susceptible to several insect pests. The most troublesome is the iris borer, a moth whose larvae feed on the fleshy rhizome. This allows bacterial soft rot to enter and kill the rhizome. Inspect iris often and discard infected plants. Other common pests include bud moth, iris weevil, thrips, slugs and snails.

Common diseases include bacterial leaf blight, bacterial soft rot and fungal crown rot. Keep the garden free of debris and encourage good air circulation to avoid diseases.

NECAC Food Bags

NECAC's Penny Dixon, left, and Linda Fritz look over some of 5,000 insulated food storage bags that will be distributed to income-eligible clients in the agency's 12 counties. NECAC has food pantries or distribution sites in each. For more information, call the agency at 573-324-6633.

State Fair Public Camping Line Up

The Missouri State Fair's public campground, sponsored by Missouri State Parks, is set to open by 9 am, Friday, Aug. 5. The 60-acre campground is located west of the fairgrounds on Clarendon Road. Unreserved spot rental is $35 per day, per vehicle/unit. There are approximately 100 full hook-up sites available for first-come, first-serve. These spaces are in the white sections and offer 50-amp service. Once the 100 spaces are full, dry camping will be offered.

All types of camping units are accommodated, including tents. Other amenities include three sewage waste dump stations, restrooms, shower facilities and free Wi-Fi, provided by GoNetspeed. Visit the Fair's website for more information.

Public Camping Line Up Process: The public campground will open by 9 am on Friday, Aug. 5.

The public camping line up process will not start any earlier than the morning of Friday, Aug. 5.

Starting at 7 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5, campers will be allowed into the fairgrounds to line up for camping. All campers MUST enter the fairgrounds at the Centennial Gate, or Gate 12, located on 65 Highway. This gate will remain open until 6 p.m. After 6 p.m., campers may enter the campgrounds directly through the main campground entrance on Clarendon Rd.

Permits will be given to camping units only (motor homes or vehicles pulling campers); other vehicles (without campers) lining up to save a space will not be issued a camping permit.

Payment may be cash or credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express.) Credit card payments will be charged 2 percent plus $0.50 service charge.

No campers may be left in the line-up area unattended.

The public campground will open by 9 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5, and campers will be accepted in the order of their permit number.

To expedite the process, campers are encouraged to have their form of payment ready and to also download and fill out the emergency contact form found on the Fair's website.

Please note – No early line up will be allowed and no early permits will be distributed. In the interest of public safety, the Missouri State Fair reserves the right to start allowing campers into the public campground prior to 9 am, Friday, Aug 5, in the order of their permit number.

More information, including a map of the camping line up route, can be found on the State Fair website.

THINK. SHOP. BUY. LOCAL

Department Of Natural Resources Warns Residents In Flooded Areas Of Potential Hazard

The still backwaters in areas affected by flooding may seem like an enticing place to cool off with some swimming or wading, but the Missouri Department of Natural Resources warns that such sites could be contaminated and are not safe for recreation.

Once water escapes from its river's banks, it has ample opportunity to pick up wastewater, chemicals, petroleum products and other hazardous materials.

In addition to the water being released from reservoirs upstream on the Missouri River, localized rainfall can also stretch sanitary sewer collection systems to capacity and untreated wastewater may overflow into floodwaters. It is important to avoid contact with floodwater due to potential contamination with raw sewage and other hazardous substances, and chemicals the water may have assimilated. Avoid swimming and boating in floodwaters and do not allow children or pets to wade or play in floodwaters.

Similarly, flooding can disrupt normal operations of wastewater treatment and drinking water treatment and supply systems. It is important to follow boil water advisories when issued by your drinking water system or the department.

It is important to stay hydrated while working on flood relief efforts, but avoid drinking or eating while in direct contact with floodwater. Routine and frequent hand washing with a disinfecting soap will reduce exposure to contaminants in floodwater. Anyone with open wounds that comes into contact with flood water should seek immediate consultation to prevent possible illness.

To report spills or releases that may affect public health or the environment, contact the department's 24-hour spill line at 573-634-2436. For more information, visit dnr.mo.gov/disaster-resources/response-recovery.

For health-related information, visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' website at: health.mo.gov/living/environment/floodrecovery/index.php.

Five area high school students sponsored by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative traveled to Jefferson City July 13-15 to attend the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) program. Pictured, from left, are Emma Thomas (Liberty High School), Christine Wehmeyer (Elsberry High School), Brody Kuehn (Liberty Christian Academy), Grace Richardson (Liberty High School) and Megan Geisler (Liberty High School).

CREC Sponsors Five Students At CYCLE

Five area students sponsored by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative were among nearly 100 students who participated in the Missouri Electric Cooperative CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience) program. The conference was held July 13-15 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jefferson City.

The local delegates were Christine Wehmeyer, Elsberry High School; Brody Kuehn, Liberty Christian Academy; and Grace Richardson, Emma Thomas and Megan Geisler, all of Liberty High School.

Each year in July, this action-filled three days provides high school students opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, the cooperative form of business and being a leader. The program included nationally known speakers and time at the Missouri State Capitol learning how a bill goes through the process to become a law. To learn more about electric cooperatives, the group was divided up into teams that competed in various events like the "build a cooperative" game.

Another highlight was hearing from the Rachel's Challenge Organization. Rachel Scott was one of the students killed in the Columbine High School tragedy in 1999. Her family and friends speak to youth around the world about Rachel's legacy of being a positive role model to everyone she met in life. Students also toured the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City and saw a live powerline demonstration as well as several electric vehicles at the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperative headquarters.

The CYCLE program is in its 19th year and is a recipient of the National Community Youth Service award for the top youth program among all electric cooperatives in the country.

The annual contest is open to high school sophomores who live and attend school in Cuivre River's general service area, or who have Cuivre River Electric service in their homes. Applications for next year's program will be accepted in the spring. For more information about the CYCLE program, contact Tim Schmidt at 800-392-3709, ext. 4837 or email tschmidt@cuivre.com.

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest member-owned electric distribution cooperative in Missouri. It provides service to more than 70,000 residential, business, commercial, industrial and agricultural members in Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles, Warren and Montgomery counties.

Reed Graduates From MO State

Missouri State University awarded 2,878 degrees to students in spring 2022.

The commencement ceremonies took place May 20, 2022, at Great Southern Bank Arena in Springfield.

Kelly Reed of Silex graduated with a bachelor of science, hospitality leadership.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NECAC Seeks Board Nominations

The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) is accepting candidate nominations for open board positions in Pike County.

The deadline is Sept. 16. Nominations are being accepted for a civic interest representative and a low-income representative. Terms are for four years from October 2022 to September 2026.

Candidates must reside in Pike County. Civic interest nominees must be a member of or nominated by a local business, labor, civic, fraternal, social, educational or religious organization. Low-income representative candidates must be nominated by a low-income resident of the county or an organization that serves the low-income, but need not be low-income themselves.

The board will hold the election Sept. 27, with installation and term of office beginning on Oct. 25. Nominations must be made on forms available from the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 North in Bowling Green. A biographical questionnaire provided by NECAC or a personal resume must be completed.

The board meets the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, October and November at 7 p.m., at the agency's headquarters in Bowling Green. A complimentary meal and travel reimbursement are provided. NECAC is a 12-county area social service, community health and public housing agency that serves low-to-middle income families and individuals. The agency has an annual budget of almost $29 million, with 100 full-time and more than 85 part-time employees.

More information is available by calling the NECAC Pike County Service Center at 573-324-2207.

Blood, Platelet Donors Needed

Just as most cars need to be refueled constantly, so does the nation's blood supply. The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood and platelet donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage.

The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20 percent in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors and platelet donors are especially needed now.

"This is a concerning trend that may soon make it tougher to keep blood products stocked on hospital shelves," said Paul Sullivan, Red Cross senior vice president of donor services. "By choosing a time to give now, donors can help pump up the blood supply for those in immediate need of lifesaving care and those who rely on transfusions for treatment."

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fuel up on us

As blood and platelet donations drop, gas prices have reached all-time highs in the U.S. As a thank-you, all who come to give Aug. 1-31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a $6,000 value. There will be three lucky winners. Everyone who comes to give blood or platelets in August will also receive a $10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 1-15:

Tuesday, Aug. 2-5 p.m., Millwood Knights of Columbus, 24 St. Alphonsus Rd.

Food Safety After Flooding

Floods can devastate property and have lasting effects on a community. In the aftermath, people might not think about the consequences flooding can have on food.

Floodwater often contains sewage or animal waste that could contaminate foods with harmful organisms, said Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist for University of Missouri Extension and Kansas State Research and Extension.

Organisms in floodwater might include pathogens like E. coli and salmonella, which can cause foodborne illness.

"Floodwaters might also contain petroleum products such as gasoline and oil, which can cause nausea, vomiting and other short- and long-term effects if consumed in large quantities," she said.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

The only foods you can keep after exposure to floodwater are commercially prepared foods in undamaged metal cans and retort pouches. Retort pouches are used to package items such as shelf-stable juices.

"All other foods exposed to floodwater should be thrown away," Nwadike said.

This includes food in the refrigerator and freezer, as well as all foods in boxes, paper, foil or cloth. Also dispose of spices, seasonings and extracts. Throw away any home-canned foods exposed to floodwater, as it is difficult to properly disinfect the seals.

Toss out flooded foods stored in open containers, packages or canisters, as well as foods with caps and pull-tabs, such as condiments and soft drinks.

CLEAN & DISINFECT

Don't open cans or retort pouches until you have sanitized them. Remove labels and note the contents with a permanent marker. Brush or wipe away any dirt or silt. Wash the containers thoroughly with soap and water, then rinse.

You can sanitize cans and retort pouches by two methods. The first method is to put them in a bleach solution for 15 minutes. Use 1 tablespoon unscented chlorine bleach for every gallon of water. The second method is to place them in continuously boiling water for two minutes, then air-dry.

Thoroughly wash all metal and ceramic utensils and cookware with hot, soapy water. Then rinse and disinfect by boiling in clean water or immerse for 15 minutes in a bleach solution.

Throw away all dishes with deep cracks. Plastic cookware, utensils, plates, dishes, cups, and wooden utensils and bowls can't be disinfected, so get rid of them. Plastic baby bottles, nipples and storage containers must also be pitched.

For more information

"Resources for Your Flooded Home" (MU Extension publication MP904), extension.missouri.edu/mp904.

"Food Safety After a Flood" (K-State/MU Extension fact sheet), www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF3199.pdf.

"Frequently Asked Questions About Handling Flooded Produce" (MU Extension/K-State fact sheet), missourifamilies.org/foodsafety/newsletters/FSfactsheet_FloodedProduceFAQ.pdf.

More flood-related resources at extension.missouri.edu/programs/flood-resources.

"What Consumers Need to Know About Food and Water Safety During Hurricanes, Power Outages, and Floods" (U.S. Food and Drug Administration food facts for consumers),www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/food-and-water-safety-during-power-outages-and-floods.

The Bubble Professor

On Monday, July 25 The Bubble Professor provided the last 2022 summer reading program for the Farber Branch Library. Those present enjoyed seeing large bubbles that they were able to chase, pop and blow bubbles into to see bubbles inside bubbles. They also had a choice between having a bubble snake or bubble mohawk. The day was perfect for bubble making and having an activity outside in the Farber Park. More pictures can be found on the Mexico-Audrain Facebook page.Those attending were: Rosalie Kleinsorge, John Kleinsorge, Elijah Franke, Rachel Franke, Daniell Franke, Ben Wagner, Ann Wagner, Meah Lynn, Brandon Oligschlaeger, Madi Oligschlaeger, Peyton Jost, Owen Keith, Will Bybee, Raylyn Power, Karson Powell, Lizzy Dalton, Peytan Dalton, Ryder Dalton, Bryson Chrisman, Adley Elliott, Jayxdyn Hull, Harper Haynes, and adults. The children present received bubble bottles to take home.

Mr. Bubbles is pictured making various bubble figures for those who attended the Farber Public Library program.

Participants in the Mr. Bubbles visit at Farber Public Library are pictured having fun with them.

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The family of Steve Gamm wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the entire community for your many acts of kindness, condolences, and support that we received after the passing of Steve.

A special thank you to all our family and friends who have reached out to us, offered food, donations, and love to our family during this very difficult time.

Love,

Barbie Gamm, Drew, Jenny & Carly Robbins, Tyler, Amber & Aria Gamm, Scott, Jodi, Porter, and Wren Gamm

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to everyone who answered their doors while stumping, to those whom I met at the fair, as well as businesses who received me. I so appreciated your consideration.

Thank you to everyone who voted for me. You indicated your confidence and belief in me and I cannot thank you enough for that trust.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to family, friends, and supporters who contributed their time and effort for my campaign for Judge of Pike County.

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2:30 p.m. Plaques will be awarded to Best of Show motorcycle participants
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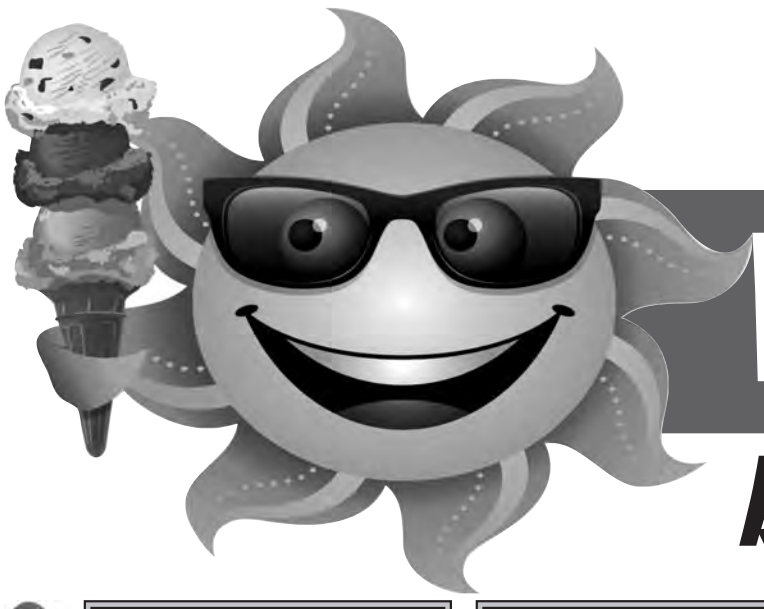

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Farber Fun Fest Committee Meets To Finalize Plans For The 2022 Sesquicentennial

Farber Fun Fest committee met Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m., at Sportsman's Field in Farber.

The meeting was called to order by Brandi Gay. Those present were Brandi Gay, Ruth Etta Williams, Lynn Flowers, Judy Hull, Brenda Babb, Brenda Gower, Anna Flowers, and Marie Bounds.

The planned events for the upcoming Aug. 5-6 Sesquicentennial Farber Fun Fest were reviewed. All activities this year for the Fun Fest will be located at the ballfield in Farber.

On Friday:

5:30 p.m., is registration for the Little Mr. and Miss Contest

6 p.m., the concession stand will open offering ribeye sandwiches, barbecued pork burgers, and 'big' hot dogs Friday. There will also be chips, potato salad, ice pops, and soft drinks.

6:30 p.m., is the crowning of the princess and queen. The contestants will be selling raffle tickets until Aug. 2 for the meat bundle and the gift certificates.

6:30 p.m., the ice cream social begins. Cakes donated are to be dropped off at the concession stand.

7 p.m., the Missouri Farm Pullers begins. No admission for watching

7 p.m., lucky starts under the pavilion.

7:30 p.m., long-time Farber residents will be recognized under the pavilion. Those being recognized will have been notified.

Saturday

The bounce house, car rides and corn trailer will be located on outfield.

9 a.m., the YMCA Color Run starts at the Farber City Hall

9 a.m., NARCO Reunion begins at the pavilion.

9 a.m., Vendor/Farmers Market will open. It will be located outside the ballfield.

Deanna Terry's table there will have Sesquicentennial t-shirts for sale, raffle tickets for the day vendor raffle, and jars for voting on Mr. Legs.

9:30 a.m., the concession stand will be open with soft drinks and ice pops. Serving food will begin at about 11:30 a.m., with barbecued pork burgers, 'big' hot dogs and chips. Ribeye sandwiches and potato salad will be offered while supplies last. The concession stand will close around 3 p.m.

10 a.m.-noon, the Farber Post Office is open. The post office will be open for individuals who want to obtain a specially designed hand cancelled stamp for Farber's Sesquicentennial. Sara will also be at the pavilion from 3-5 p.m., to hand stamp documents. The stamp will be for use only on Saturday, Aug. 6. Post cards can be purchased at the post office or you can bring your own document.

10:30 a.m., the volleyball tournament will begin at the volleyball courts

10:30 a.m., is registration for the baby show under the pavilion.

1 p.m., cornhole tournament

3 p.m., lucky for kids at the pavilion

3-5 p.m., table available with Sesquicentennial stamp at pavilion. Postage paid postcards will also be available for purchase while supplies last and individuals can bring their own document.

4 p.m., Several area food trucks will be providing food for the evening.

5 p.m., cake walk. Cake donations are to be dropped off at the concession stand, at pavilion.

5:30 p.m., pedal tractor pull

6 p.m., games for all ages on the ballfield

8 p.m., Funkytonk live music begins. Free admission.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m., at Sportsman's Park in Farber.

National Jr. Angus Show Awards

These young ladies were the Auxiliary's female scholarship winners and will compete for Miss American Angus at the Angus Convention in November. They are pictured receiving their award at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 8 in Kansas City. Pictured from left are Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, Ill., first; Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn., second; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan., third; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, fourth; and Presley Sliger, Hamilton, Texas, fifth.

Photo by Pearl's Pics

These junior members won top honors in the intermediate B division of the career development contest at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 8 in Kansas City. Pictured from left are Lauren Wolter, Aviston, Ill., first; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, second; and Bethany DeDonder, Admire, Kan., third.

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These junior Angus members won top honors in the intermediate division of graphic design at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 8 in Kansas City. won top honors in the intermediate division of creative writing at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony. Pictured from left are Lauren Wolter, Aviston, Ill., first; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, second; and Brenlen Humpert, Windthorst, Texas, third.

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Stunt riding by Real Encounter performed on the track on Friday, July 29.

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THEATRE

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"And there was always the inevitable line at the (lobby) telephone at the movie's end, filled with kids trying to procure a ride, or telling Mom and Dad that Billy or Bonnie or Bobbie was riding home, or taking us home, or coming to spend the night, or whatever," Cleaver said.

After reaching adulthood, Cleaver and her brother, Jay, saw the Fred MacMurray picture "The Absentminded Professor" at the Clark. The audience was made up mostly of young people, who apparently didn't find the comedy very funny. Cleaver and her brother drew stares as they laughed hysterically.

"They kept turning around and looking at us like we just dropped in from Mars," she said. "I think a couple of the kids even shook their heads at us and our stupidity. Oh, well, we had a good time."

Cleaver called the 1987 fire an "unfortunate blow," but was consoled by many good memories.

"It just seemed like a simpler time in my mind," she said. "And they were definitely happy times, too."

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PIKE COUNTY FAIR PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Laine Hardy entertained the crowd on Friday, July 29 at the 2022 Pike County Fair.

The Tornado proved to be a popular ride during the 2022 Pike County Fair July 26-30.

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