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Investors save historic building from demolition

A crowd gathers for an event in front of the old Bank Block building on the southeast corner of the Square. The undated photo shows that the building remained nearly unchanged in its appearance until the time it was owned by Green Hills Insurance. Photo from archives



By Caleb Osmon

A historic downtown building in Bethany, once on the brink of demolition, is getting a second chance thanks to local real estate investors Jason Bernard and John Taraba. The former Green Hills Insurance building, battered by storms and left exposed to the elements, will now be restored rather than reduced to rubble.

In 2020, Brian Carter, the owner of Green Hills Insurance Company, purchased the building his business operated in with hopes of restoring it. Although he had no concrete plan at the time, he recognized the build-

ing's potential and struck a deal with former owner Doyle Buetzer, who had previously sold him the insurance business but retained ownership of the structure. Carter envisioned transforming the first floor into retail space and the second into professional offices, rejecting the idea of apartments. His most ambitious goal was converting the third floor into a restaurant and piano bar.

Determined to breathe new life into the 130-year-old building, Carter began making improvements each year, including relocating heavy A/C units from the roof and researching elevator installation.

However, on June 29, 2023, disaster

struck. A powerful storm with 80-mile-per-hour winds swept through Bethany, causing extensive damage. Employees Kathy Carter and Lincoln Thomas watched from inside the believed safety of the building as wind gusts were forced through the window seals of the entry room. Kathy said, "I looked out the front window and saw debris being blown from the streets into the building, shattering the window and knocking out the glass, then we heard a terrible noise. We ran outside and saw the wind peeling back the

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District champions



Submitted photo

The Gilman City Lady Hawks proudly hold up their plaque after winning the district basketball championship Saturday at Jamesport. The Lady Hawks defeated Tri-County 61-32. The Lady Hawks moved on to play Santa Fe in Alma on Tuesday night in the state sectionals. The winner will advance to the state quarterfinals on March 8.

Man struck by car after running onto highway

A Minnesota man was struck by a car and badly injured last Monday, Feb. 24, in a bizarre incident on Highway 146, north of Gilman City.

A witness said the man, who was not wearing any clothes, appeared to deliberately walk onto the highway where he was struck by an oncoming vehicle near the Route H intersection.

The Highway Patrol provided only scant information about the incident which the patrol described as an "intentional act" involving a pedestrian not

involving a crash. The man, reported to be 46 years old, was flown by helicopter to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

A passerby said the man's vehicle apparently ran off the highway just after 6 p.m. and struck a church sign before plowing into a farm field about 50 yards off the roadway. The witness said he stopped to check on the accident and saw a man get out of the car while pulling off his clothing.

The witness, who asked not to be identified, offered to help the motorist

and returned to his car to call 911. He said the "man walked up to my car and begin trying to get into the passenger door. I was reluctant to open the door because I didn't know him. I told him that I had called the sheriff."

The unidentified man took off on foot up the highway and was struck at the top of the hill by an oncoming vehicle.

"He just ran out in front of the car," he said.

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NTA contracts with non-profit to operate ambulance service

The Noel T. Adams ambulance district board approved a contract with the non-profit North MO EMS board to operate the ambulance service for Harrison County and northern Daviess County at its board meeting Wednesday night.

The contract's approval came after the first meeting of the expanded non-profit board Wednesday night at the NTA office. Three newly appointed members from the North Harrison ambulance district including Jerry Johnson, Kineta Keith and Breann Warner officially joined the six NTA members already on the board on a motion by Brooke Loving.

The full North MO EMS nine-member board voted unanimously to submit a contract for emergency medical services to the NTA board for consideration. The motion was submitted by Laura Klindt.

In a separate meeting, the NTA board voted unanimously to accept the operating contract with the non-profit.

North MO EMS was licensed as an ambulance service within the state of Missouri on Feb. 26. The non-profit is expected to begin operations on April 1, 2025, with a one-year contract to operate ambulance services.

John Barclay, NTA administrator, said North MO EMS as a quasi-governmental body will be subject to the Sunshine Law requiring open meetings and open records as well as complying with the rules of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Barclay said the new service will be "starting from zero" since "we don't have any funds at this point in time."

But the new service will eventually

draw on tax funds from the two districts. The service will initially receive start-up funds of about \$300,000 and later will have access to about \$950,000 for operations.

Under the by-laws, the non-profit board will meet annually in April but will have special meetings throughout the year.

But board member Kineta Keith, representing North Harrison, suggested that the board needs to meet more frequently.

"I think we should have a meeting every month to keep everything in line and in check," she said.

Barclay has been in discussions with North Harrison personnel to work out radio communications issues that may develop during the merger. Both ambulance services work off separate towers that may require the purchase of additional handheld radio equipment. He pointed out that the ambulance service operates from "Pattonburg bottoms to the Hatfield nation."

North Harrison representatives on the board asked whether the building and other assets located in Eagleville will continue to be used under the new operation. Barclay said that will be determined by the new board. "We plan on using the personnel up there," Barclay said.

The non-profit's portion of the meeting ended with the board voting, 9-0, on Laura Klindt's resolution to offer a contract for North MO EMS to operate the ambulance service. That contract was later approved by the NTA board.

Barclay said under the new operations, the NTA personnel will be transferred to the non-profit agency.

County voting on first expanded ambulance district board

Harrison County residents began casting ballots last Tuesday on the six-member board for the consolidated ambulance district that will replace the NTA and North Harrison districts.

Voting booths have been set up in the lobby of the courthouse for absentee voting leading up to the April 8, 2025, election.

Elections will also be held for several other district boards and issues in the spring vote.

The following candidates are running for the board supervising ambulance operations in Harrison County and northern Daviess County:

District 1 (one year term)—Laura Klindt, Eugene Thatcher and Amy Holloway.

District 2 (two-year term)—David Crabtree, Michael Winder and Eric Rimmer.

District 3 (three-year term)—Kerrie Keith, Andy Brown, Phillip Martz, Melissa Cox Delgado and John Meek.

District 4 (one-year term)—Garry L. Robertson, Jacob Denum, Rachelle Karns and Connie McLain Guldner.

District 5 (two-year term)—Craig Foster and Brooke Loving.

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Thanking a farmer



FFA showcase

Harrison County's five FFA chapters are profiled in a special section inside this week's Republican-Clipper. Dozens of photos and stories of FFA activities are included in the 8-page section.



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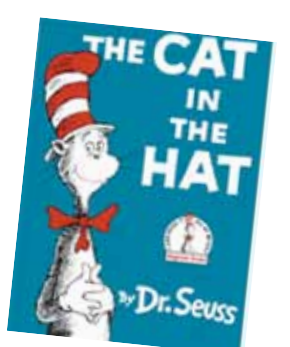
Farm Bureau President Jeff Gibson, front, shakes hands with Presiding Commissioner Jack Hodge who is holding a proclamation for Thank a Farmer Week March 1-8. They are pictured with other commissioners and FFA members. Back row (left to right) County Commissioner Jim Holcomb, North Harrison FFA teacher Brandon Craig, board members Jeff Bottcher, Jesse Jennings, Brian Barnett, and Kyla Findley. 3rd row (left to right) County Commissioner Mike Smith, FFA students Dustin Hamilton, Kyle Kimbrough, Jaxcynn Hansel, and Lela Hartschen. 2nd row (left to right) FFA students Kenzie Milligan, Carmon Fordyce, and Lani Briggs.

Dr. Seuss day to be held at library on Friday

The Bethany Public Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 7, with a movie and games.

The event honoring the late story book creator, Dr. Theodore Seuss, is an annual tradition at the library. The event will be held from 4 to 5:30. A special presentation of the movie "Suessy" will be shown at 4 p.m.

There will be appearances by Cat In the Hat and Thing 1. The celebration also will include face painting, prize drawings, creation of balloon animals, cookie decorating and guessing games.



We remember when...



A look back at the history of Harrison County from the pages of the Bethany Republican-Clipper.

69 Years Ago: March 7, 1956

Dial service at Bethany, Ridgeway and Cainsville should be established before September, according to the Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation.

The Outlet Store, operated south of the Wheeler Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. Roe Foster, has leased the location on the east side of the square next north from Thompson's Men's Clothing, where remodeling is being done for Miss Mildred Cuddy of Washington, D.C. the owner. The Outlet Store sells furniture, appliances and television sets.

59 Years Ago: March 9, 1966

The talented Cainsville basketball team carried county honors high as they went down to defeat in the quarterfinals of the Class S state tournament to Wright City by the 83-76 score. County fans are content to know the defeat was at the hands of the team, which went on to win the State Class S championship. Bethany is well represented on the St. Joseph Gazette's 1966 Class M All District basketball team. Gaining first team honors is LeRoy Kariker whose choice was described as follows: "Bethany which bowed out in the first round of Class M State play, is represented on the All-District roster by LeRoy Kariker who polled 28 votes for his brilliant play through his senior year. At 6-3, Kariker was both outstanding in scoring and rebounding." Honorable mention was given to David Ebersole and Rex Bowen.

40 Years Ago: March 12, 1984

The Department of Agriculture's new Conservation Reserve Program, devised to take highly erodible farmland out of production, appears to be a hit in Harrison County, judging from the number of farmers who have expressed an interest in the program.

A group of North Central, Mo., counties interested in establishing a regional jail complex met Thursday night at Trenton with a representative of a Kansas City bonding firm and a bond attorney, as part of their exploration of ways of securing public financing for the proposed facility.

19 Years Ago: March 8, 2006

About 50 persons, including several Boy Scouts, turned out on a chilly Thurs-

day evening for a National Weather Service storm spotter training session at the Assembly of God Church in Bethany.

National Weather Service official Mike Hudson, said storm spotters play a vital role in keeping the public informed about the development of severe storms and tornadoes that can occur any time of the year.

The Bethany City Council received bids from several contractors on a major upgrade of the electrical distribution system in a wide swath of western and southern sections of Bethany. Kenny Robertson, electrical superintendent, said the project would convert electrical lines service about 160 customers from the present 2,400-KV system to a 13,200-kv system. The latest upgrade continues a long-term project by the city to upgrade the electrical lines across the city.

The Missouri state Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control at the request of Governor Matt Blunt, is assisting numerous other state and local agencies in battling the on-going cattle

theft problem in Missouri.

All Missouri residents are asked to monitor and pay special attention to any suspicious activity or circumstances in their respective communities and report any such activity immediately to law enforcement.

The Gilman City Lady Hawks won the District 14 Tournament at Eagleville, defeating Worth County 42-37. Team members are: Coach, Tina Holt, Whitney Houser, Monica Wilson, Kyla Payne, Deborah Turiello, Rande Prindle, Jessie Robertson, and Abbie Herrold.

The emergency treatment area of the Harrison County Community Hospital has changed this year. Ambulances now drive into a covered garage to deliver their patients directly into the emergency department. The hospital district recently contracted with the Kansas City area organization Docs Who Care to provide emergency room coverage for the hospital.

County

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District 6 (three-year term)—Joe Baker, Darin Huit, Emily W. Jacobs and Steve Coulson.

In municipal issues, New Hampton will be voting on a proposed \$600,000 bond issue to make improvements in the waterworks and sewage system.

Ridgeway will be voting on two tax questions including a proposed local use tax at the same rate as the sales tax and a sales tax of one-half of one percent for repairing and maintaining streets, including sidewalks.

In Bethany, incumbent mayor Lance Johns will be opposed for re-election by Terry Butch Osmon, a former city councilman. Incumbent Westward Alderman Randy Mann will be opposed by Larry Simpson. Incumbent Eastward Alderman Dan Robertson is unopposed for re-election.

South Harrison will not be required to hold a school board election since incumbent board members Scott Neth and Caleb Guernsey are unopposed for re-election.

Other board elections to be decided on April 8:

Ridgeway R-5—Two write-in candidates will be elected to two 3-year terms on the school board.

Gilman City R-4—Candidates for two 3-year terms on the school board are Ross Oram, Kelly Sperry and Lindsay Hunter.

North Harrison R-3—Chyanne (Grabill) Pulliam and Billy Briggs are unopposed for the school board with no election required.

Cainsville R-1—Hilarie Vaughn and Adam Ratliff are unopposed for the school board with no election required.

City of Cainsville—Thomas A. Brown is unopposed for a two-year term as mayor. Melanie Chaney, Tracy McLain and Phoebe L. Everett are running for two 2-year terms as aldermen.

City of Gilman City—Jeffrey Wilson and Zachary Harris are unopposed for two-year terms on the board of aldermen.

City of New Hampton—John Munn, Donar L. Jordan, Stella Elsea and Nathan Peters are running for two 2-year terms as aldermen-at-large.

City of Ridgeway—Mike Storms and Scott Boswell are unopposed for two 2-year terms as aldermen.

Village of Eagleville—Cheryl Parkhurst Porter, Amanda Williams (Emig) and Wyatt Gibson are running for two 2-year terms on the board.

Village of Mt. Morah—Three members of the board of trustees will be chosen by write-in votes.

Village of Blythedale—Bradley Chandler and Shelby JoEllen Chandler are unopposed for the board of trustees. No election will be held.

Public Supply District No. 2—Board members, sub district 1, Mike Burkhead; sub district 5, Joe Baker. No election required.

Harrison County Community Hospital District—Board of directors, sub district 1, Kelvin Cox; sub district 3, Glenda Ellis, sub district 6, Sheila Robertson. No election required.

Harrison County Health District—Board of directors, Rhonda McCoy, Brian Carter and Alisha Purdun. No election required.

NTA Ambulance District—Board members, sub district 3, Rachelle Kerns; sub district 6, Laura Klindt. No election required.

Grand River Ambulance District—Board members, sub district 3, Terry Scheiber; sub district 6, Denise McConkey. No election required.

Cainsville Fire Protection District—Board member, Paul Mouzakis. No election required.

McFall Fire Protection District—Board member, Jared T. Lupfer. No election required.

New Hampton Fire Protection District—Board member, Rex Stevens. No election required.

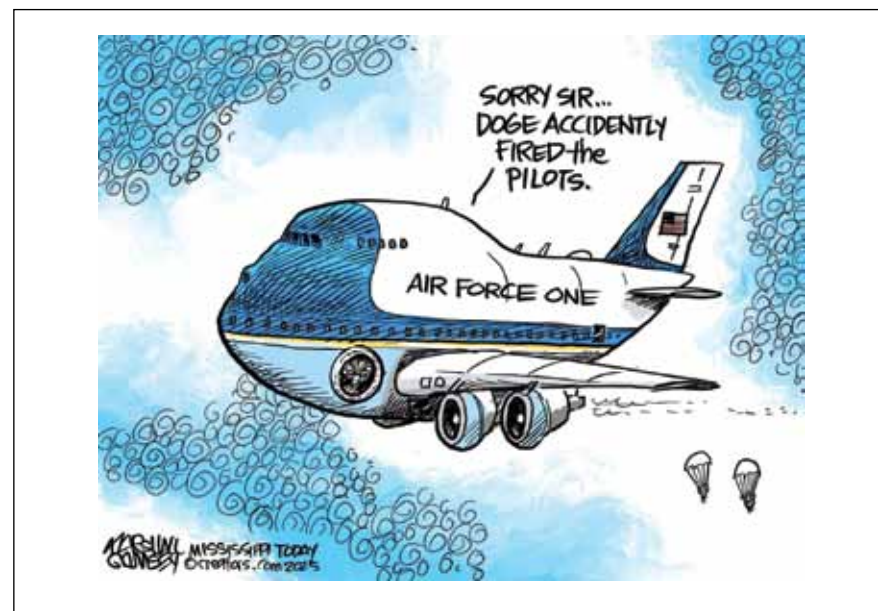
North Harrison Fire Protection District—Board member, John Lucken. No election required.

Ridgeway Fire Protection District—Board member, Misty Hoover. No election required.

"She was in shock." Her car appeared to have sustained extensive front-end damage after hitting the man who appeared to weigh from 250 to 280 pounds.

Sheriff's and Highway Patrol officers quickly arrived at the scene. An ambulance took the injured man to the hospital where he was transferred to St. Luke's Hospital.

No information was available on the man's identity or his condition.



Despite the damage from a devastating storm, the ballroom survived. The hand painted murals surrounding the room remain intact. This room was remodeled years earlier by the Fitzgerald family and hosted a few weddings and meetings.

Building

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roof of the building."

Rain poured through all three floors, making it impossible for Green Hills Insurance to continue operating there. The company temporarily relocated to Kathy's home.

Carter quickly hired a contractor to repair the roof, replacing rafters and stabilizing the structure. However, a lack of available brickmasons prevented the roof from being properly tied into the existing building. Before repairs could be completed, another storm drenched the town, dumping five to six inches of rain onto the already weakened building. This time, the front portion of the roof collapsed, sending water cascading through every floor. Brian recalls, "That's the one that got us," acknowledging that the building was salvageable until that moment.

With repair costs skyrocketing, Brian faced a difficult decision. He discovered that demolishing the building and replacing it with a single-story structure would be more cost-effective than restoring it. The demolition was scheduled but postponed due to the town's busy harvest season and the upcoming fair. Despite the delay, Carter secretly hoped someone would step in to save the building.

Interest in the property came from various parties, including a nonprofit and out-of-state buyers. However, Carter was adamant about selling only to someone who would commit to restoration. He had seen other buildings purchased by absentee owners, left to languish in disrepair, and he refused to let that happen to his building.

Just as demolition was imminent, local investors Bernard and Taraba ex-



The Green Hills building as it stands today. Even in its dilapidated state, the three-story structure is still impressive. Due to the building height it can be viewed from various places in town.

pressed interest. After touring the property, Bernard Real Estate confirmed their intent to restore the building. Carter was relieved. "I have no doubt it's not just going to sit there and deteriorate," he said, citing the investor's strong track record of successful restorations.

To ensure the building's survival, Brian made a deal with the duo at virtually no cost, prioritizing the building's future over personal profit. "We look forward to the building being saved; no one in this office was more heartbroken about leaving," he shared. Kathy Carter added, "That was our home."

Now, with restoration plans underway, Brian and his employees have one final request for the new owners: "We want first dibs to move back in when it's finished. We want to go back home." Bernard said he looked forward to the challenges ahead, with his first goal to fix the roof before more damage is done. Then he plans to turn his attention to the ground floor.

Thanks to a shared commitment to preservation, Bethany's historic Green Hills Insurance building will continue to stand tall.

Missouri House approves child care tax credit

By Natanya Friedheim, Missouri News Network

A bill to create three new child care tax credits received initial approval by the Missouri House on Tuesday. A similar measure received bipartisan support last year but fell victim to Republican infighting in the Senate.

The measure would help employers foot the bill for their employees' child care costs and encourage existing providers to grow their capacity. Rep. Brenda Shields, R-St. Joseph, said three-fourths of Missouri's 115 counties are considered "child care deserts."

"We have a child care crisis in our state. We're all familiar with it," Shields, who sponsored the bill, said on the House floor Tuesday. "We hear from our business leaders across the state that they have trouble recruiting and retaining employees because the lack of child care."

The bill creates three tax credits. Under the first, people or businesses who donate to child care centers would receive a tax credit worth 75% of their donation. The donor cannot personally benefit from the contribution; for example, a parent cannot make a donation and expect lower tuition.

The second is for businesses that help pay for their employees' child care costs or create child care programs for their employee's children.

The third allows child care providers to claim a tax credit worth up to 30% of expenses related to construction projects. The credit also grants tax relief equal to the provider's employer withholding tax, which applies to providers with at least three employees who work at least 10 hours per week and have been employed for at least three months.

A number of business groups have voiced support for the measure, including the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

"Without child care, Missouri's economy cannot grow," Shields said.

The credits cannot be transferred to another person or entity and cannot reduce a citizen's tax burden below zero, meaning the credits cannot be used to add to a tax refund. The measures proposed this year would expire in 2026 without reapproval by the legislature due to a "sunset" provision included in the bill. Parents would not be able to claim tax credits for child care tuition under any of the proposed credits.

Rep. Sherri Gallick, R-Belton, spoke about her own experience as a single parent while voicing her support for the bill.

"My career took a backseat because I didn't have adequate child care," she said. Earlier, the bill passed unanimously out of the House Economic Development Committee. Three of 10 members of the rules committee, all Republicans, voted against its passage, and it faced additional Republican opposition on the floor.

Rep. Jamie Gragg, R-Ozark, said the credits would pit the school system in competition with day cares.

Rep. Terry Thompson, R-Lexington, spoke in support of the measure, offering fellow legislators information about tax credits and citing a bill he said he planned to propose. This is the third year Shields has introduced tax credits for child care costs.

"Right now child care costs more than your freshman year at university," Shields said at the end of the floor debate. The measure passed on a voice vote, so it is not clear how many members opposed it.

Injured

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He said he called a friend to come to the scene to flag down any oncoming cars since the man was still lying in the road.

The driver of the car "thought that she had hit a deer," the witness said.

Letter to the editor

Dear editor:

Thank you for the front page article in the Clipper this week on health goals for the county.

I just want to clarify the paragraph about physical activity. It reads as if this will be implemented but these were just activities/goals we will work towards and we have a lot of steps we must work on to reach these goals such as having conversations with the Park and Rec Director and Board.

I don't want the community members to assume they have a free gym membership two days a week in the winter

months. Along with this, the other ideas on Mental Health First Aid and mental health screenings are also something we are working towards, not something that has been implemented or agreed upon by the schools or senior center.

Again, we must have conversations with partners to ensure we can provide this. I would appreciate the clarification that these items came out of discussion and are goals we would like to work towards with the collaboration of all our community partners.

—Courtney Cross, administrator
Harrison County Health Department

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Neighbors support food pantry: The local Neighbors Helping Neighbors organization presented a \$780 check to the Harrison County Food Pantry during a recent ceremony. Presenting the check to pantry volunteer Bob Skeens were, from left, Pam Fitzgerald, Jackie Spainhower and Susie Rollheiser.

Heather Young to stand trial in July in child's death

A new trial date has been set for Heather Young, 28, of Eagleville who faces charges in the death of her two-year-old child.

Ms. Young's trial was postponed until July 1 during a hearing last week in Harrison County Circuit Court.

The Eagleville woman, who is being held in the Harrison

County Jail on \$500,000 bond, waived a jury trial during a hearing in January.

Circuit Judge Matthew Krohn granted the defendant's request for a bench trial.

The young mother was indicted by a grand jury following the death of her child on July 31, 2022, at a RV park in Eagleville.

Students to participate in STEM events

Pupils from seven area schools are participating in the Williford STEM Event today (Wednesday) at the VeNue event center in Bethany.

The students will be involved in several learning projects during the morning long session. They include K-2 tinker gears, rubber band races, middle school hydraulic claws and high school robotics exhibitions and competition.

Schools involved include Cainsville, Gilman City, Pattonsburg, North Harrison, Ridgeway, South Harrison and Stanberry.

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Time to buy MDC 2025 annual hunting and fishing permits

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds Missouri hunters and anglers that related annual permits expire at the end of February, including 2024 permits for small game, fishing, trout fishing, and combination hunting and fishing. Annual permits are available for purchase. Permits for spring turkey hunting and some other upcoming hunting seasons will be available closer to the start of the respective season.

Buy Missouri hunting and fishing permits from one of many vendors around the state,

online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunting and MO Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

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

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

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

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Highway Patrol arrests

Daviess County
Feb. 27—Christopher L. Wright, 41, Ridgeway, felony possession of controlled substance, methamphetamine, no valid driver's license, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Incarcerated on a 24-hour hold at Daviess-DeKalb Regional Jail.

Feb. 27—Talia A. Nupp, 36, Bethany, arrested on Harrison

County Sheriff's Department felony warrant for operating a vehicle on highway without a license, no seat belt. Held at the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, bondable.

Harrison County
Feb. 25—Michael R. Bartlett, 54, Bethany, DWI felony, failure to drive on right half of roadway. Incarcerated at the Harrison County Jail on a 12-hour hold.

Harrison County Commission

February, 2025 Minutes

At the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Harrison County Commission meeting, the Commissioners met with a concerned landowner regarding brush removal.

Jack W. Hodge, Presiding Commissioner, and Jim

Holcomb, South District Associate Commissioner, attended the County Commissioners Association of Missouri's Annual Training Session at Margaritaville Lake Resort on Feb. 26-28.

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CRMC & NW Missouri OB/GYN Clinic

Welcome Dennis Albino, MD

Obstetrician-Gynecologist

Dennis Albino, MD

Barry Littlejohn, MD

Effective in April 2025, Dr. Dennis Albino will join the Obstetrics & Gynecology team at Cameron Regional Medical Center. Dr. Albino will deliver newborns and perform GYN surgeries, working with Dr. Barry Littlejohn and seeing patients at NW Missouri OB/GYN Clinic in Cameron.

Appointments can be made by calling the number below. Dr. Albino and Dr. Littlejohn will see all patients regardless of payor, including Medicaid.

NW MO Obstetrics & Gynecology
221 E. Seventh Street; Cameron
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Andover News

Margaret Gibson/Liz Carpenter 660-878-6118

So March definitely came in like a lion! The winds have been crazy strong! By the way, how did we get to March already?

Holly, Dylan, Benson, and Kyra Parkhurst have been enjoying the weather and taking advantage of getting outside work started and getting ready for spring and summer.

Keegan Parkhurst and his team earned second place in their basketball tournament on Saturday. Congratulations to Keegan and his team!

Axel and Kip Lane took a trip to Springfield, Missouri, with Chrissy and Chad Wiig over the weekend.

Liz Carpenter stayed close to home last week and worked on some outside and inside projects.

Tuesday Kay Herring and Philinda Snethen went to Corydon to visit their sister Fay Andrew. Afterward they had a picnic in the park. Later Tuesday Laura Williams and Philinda Snethen went to Linden Street Coffee House for treats. They highly recommend the cookies!

Friday Jaime Reyes and husband Nick Sobel and Manny Reyes took their aunt Philinda Snethen out for supper. They also stayed overnight. They were headed to a soccer game

in Des Moines to watch Jaime's nephews play.

Carrie Richardson visited Ivan Lane Saturday, and Shawn Lane visited Ivan Sunday morning.

Chad Osborn and sons Cotton, Coy, and Cole ate lunch with Gary and Sandy on Sunday.

Not much happening at Donna Ogier's place, just enjoying the nicer weather.

Have a good week, be kind to each other, and just a couple more weeks and spring will be here! (Probably a good idea to keep your winter clothes and shovels handy just in case though.)

Clubs

Bethany Rotary Club
Bethany Rotary Club meets at noon each Thursday at the Trullinger Multipurpose Center. Visitor's welcome.

Bethany T.O.P.S.
Bethany T.O.P.S. (take off pounds sensibly), #1146, meet every Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 2703 Crestview Road. For information call Lesa Gard at 425-2340.

Harrison County Genealogy Society
The Harrison County Genealogy Library opened for 2025 on March 4. They will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 8-2 p.m. Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

The first meeting of the year will be March 13 at 6 p.m. at the library. If you are planning a class reunion this year, please keep the Genealogy Library in mind. There is one room dedicated to schools. There is memorabilia from school years past and the library hosts the class composites. There is no charge for using the library for a class reunion or for meetings. There

are opportunities to show off the library and all that it has to offer and the Genealogy Library is always looking for new members that can work to help "Preserve the History of Harrison County".

Meet & Greet
Contact Louise at 660.425.6844 for more information.

OA Meeting
OA meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Community Center at 108 S. Chesnut St., Lamon, Iowa.

Melanie Chaney 893-5375

Cainsville News

Ms. Ashten Thompson has the pleasure of announcing that two of our seniors, Jayleigh Arndt and Bree Vaugh will receive the state FFA Degree. This year's Missouri State FFA Convention will be held Wednesday, April 23rd through Friday, April 25th. The state FFA Degree ceremony will take place on Friday April 25th as part of the evening session which begins at 4 p.m.

The Cainsville R-I School hosted an elementary tournament on Saturday, March 1st. Girls placed, Mercer 1st, Gilman City 2nd, Eagleville 3rd and East Harrison 4th. Boys placed, Mercer 1st place, Eagleville 2nd, East Harrison 3rd and Gilman City 4th. There is an elementary game on March 17th at Cainsville.

On March the 5th there will be FFA area interviews at Cameron starting at 4:30 p.m. and the elementary classes K-5 will

be attending the Wilford STEM event in Bethany. On March 6th the sophomores will be attending Vo-Tech Awareness at the Bethany Vo-Tech. On March 7th FFA will go to Brunswick for contest and they will go to Lathrop on March 10th. There is a varsity scholar bowl at North Daviess on March 11th and the FFA will attend area LDEs at Gallatin on March 12th.

Amy Stallworth visited with Carolyn Easum on Friday, February 28th at Carolyn's home in Cainsville.

Sunday visitors of Melanie Chaney were, Isaac, Shyanne, Lilah and Lakelynn Chaney, Ken and Barb McLain.

A great and giving crowd attended the fundraiser for Lyle Parkhurst Saturday, March 1st at the Cainsville R-I School. Lyle has been battling cancer for the last few months and is doing well.

Cainsville senior class is selling cinnamon rolls and sticky buns. Full pan (12) of cinnamon rolls is \$25 and a 1/2 pan is \$15. Same for sticky buns. Get in touch with Jayleigh Arndt, Bree Vaughn, Karlee Crouse, or Tryson Ratliff. Orders need to be picked up mid morning March 15th at the school cafeteria.

Sunday, March 2nd visitors of Lila McLain were Kay Thomas, Ronda Pash, Joshua Pash, Sawyer and Jackson.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Mina Hickman who recently passed away.

Lee and Phoebe Everett celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary, February 27th they went out to eat at Toot-Toot Family Restaurant & Lounge in Bethany.

Please send me some news! Have a great week.

Paula Scott 660-872-5288 paula@scottacres.com

Ridgeway News

CITY NEWS: The Ridgeway Community Betterment Association will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, March 10 at 6 p.m. in the Ridgeway Community Room. They will finalize the plans for the Spring into Homesteading Event and plan for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the city park. They are always excited to have new people join them, so if being part of an active community group appeals to you, please plan to attend this meeting.

The Ridgeway Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Ridgeway Community Room. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Toni Storms, city clerk, during business hours.

RCBA is holding a new event this month: Spring into Homesteading. This is an information and shopping fair geared to help anyone interested in learning those old skills of gardening and food preservation and allow

to you meet others who have knowledge and products they would like to share. Doors open at 10 a.m. Gwenlyn Funk, a field specialist at the Maryville MU Extension office, will speak at 11:45 a.m. about gardening and will be available afterward to answer your questions. Lunch will be available for purchase and will be served at 11:30 a.m. Admission is free to the public.

RCBA looking for more vendors for Spring into Homesteading. If you would like to demonstrate your skills, provide educational materials or sell related products for gardening, backyard chickens, recycling, up-cycling and any other do-it-yourself topic that helps people learn new skills, we would like to hear from you. Please call Paula Scott at 660-872-6500 or Susie Rollheiser at for more information.

Mark your calendars for the annual Ridgeway community-wide garage sales, set for May 30-31. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Lovitt.

SCHOOL: Diaper League Basketball will begin for the elementary school children this month. Games will begin at 5:30 p.m. on March 26 in the school gym.

The Sophomore class is offering an "Egg my House" as a fund raiser. They will fill Easter Eggs for you and hide them at your house the night before Easter. If interested, contact class advisor Brooke Hecker or Chrissy Wiig at the school.

Ridgeway RV is searching for a full-time or part-time book-keeper. Hours can be flexible. If you are interested, please apply or contact Mrs. Beavers at superintendent@rshk12.org

SOCIETY: Our condolences to the family and friends of Dolores Trammell, who passed

away last week. Dolores and her husband Henry were lifelong members of the community and she will be missed. Her service was held Sunday at the Methodist Church.

The sewing group will meet at the Ridgeway Baptist Church on Monday, March 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They are currently working on making some items to give away at the Spring into Homesteading event.

BIT OF HISTORY: The biggest story in the Local Mention section of the Ridgeway Journal dated March 7, 1902 was the surprising death of John T. Richardson. He "lived a couple miles north of Ridgeway" and had been to town on a Friday to do some shopping and pick up his mail. The next Wednesday afternoon, James L. McKern, a neighbor who lived about a half mile away, noticed that Richardson's horses "were acting strangely and as though they needed watering." He stopped to check on Richardson and entered the quiet house where he found Richardson stretched out on the floor in front of the stove, deceased. The stove was all ready for a fire and the items he had purchased were still in their wrappings. He was fully dressed with one shoe off.

An inquest was held. Dr. W. H. Wiley, a Ridgeway physician, examined Richardson. "Dr. Wiley could find no marks of violence on his person. There was evidently no foul play." Richardson's death was determined to be of natural causes, most likely heart issues as "it was generally known that the decease was afflicted with this."

Mr. Richardson was well known in Ridgeway, but had lived alone for several years and generally "associated very little with others and was what might almost have been termed a hermit." He was a great reader of "scientific matters"; his home was filled with books and he had written a book that he "desired published". He was about 68 years old and was in generally good health and "in his younger days, was one of the finest looking men in the county." His brother, W. S. Richardson, lived near Mt. Moriah. His funeral was held in the Christian church and he is buried in the Ridgeway cemetery. "Peace to his ashes."

CLOSING: Have a great week and as always, please be sure to send me any news items by Sunday evening.

Thank you for reading!

Harrison County Area Churches

Andover Community of Christ
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Bethany First Assembly of God
22311 East Hwy. 136: Rev. Edward & Anita Birdsong, pastors; Rev. Richard Birdsong, Asst. 10:00 am Sunday school; 10:45 am worship & children's church; 6 pm Service; Wed. 5 pm Bible study

Bethany Community of Christ
Richard Jackel, pastor; 9:30 a.m. pre-worship; 10:30 a.m. worship

Bethany First Baptist
Bro. Ryan Kuncze, Senior Pastor; Casey Joyce, Assoc. Pastor; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:30 am worship; 6:30 p.m. worship; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Awana/Youth; Wheelchair accessible; Nursery provided

Bethany First Christian
1901 Alder Street; 9:40 am Sunday school; 10:30 am worship; Handicapped accessible

Bethany United Methodist
2703 Crestview, Bethany; 9:30 a.m. Worship; Wheelchair accessible.

Bible Baptist
Matt Deardorff, pastor; 12th & Miller, 425-7775; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Worship; 2 p.m. afternoon service Sunday; Tuesday, 7 p.m., bible study; prayer time, Kids Club

Blessed Sacrament Catholic
1208 S 25th St., Bethany; 4:30 pm Saturday Mass; 6:30 Wednesday Mass

Blue Ridge Church
Trent Willhite, pastor; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:45 am Worship; Wed. 6:45 pm Kids Club

Cainsville Assembly of God
Bart Skroh, pastor; 10 am Sunday school; 10:50 worship; Wednesday 7 pm Children/Youth program

Cainsville First Baptist
10:30 a.m. Sunday school; 9:30 a.m. Worship; ; 7 p.m. Evening Worship; ; 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting; 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship

Cainsville First Christian
Joe Johnson, speaker; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Church Service

Coffey Baptist
10 a.m. Bible study; 11 a.m. & 6 pm worship; 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study

Church of Christ
17th & Central, Bethany; 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship

Eagleville Church of Christ
10 am Sunday Bible classes; ; 10:45 am & 6 pm worship

Eagleville Community Christian Church
Bruce Williams, pastor, 18387 US Hwy 69; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:30 worship; Handicapped accessible

Eagleville United Methodist
Jeff Jaekley, pastor; 9:30 am Worship; w/Sunday school to follow; ; Wheelchair accessible

Fairview Community Church
Gloria Caulkins, pastor; 4 miles S. on Hwy 146 east of Bethany; 10:30 am Service

Faith Community Christian
602 South 15th St., Bethany; ; Rev. Olin Slaughter, pastor; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. worship; 5 p.m. Supper; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Tuesday 6 pm Women's meeting; ; 7 p.m. Bible study

Gilman City First Baptist
Ron Ward, pastor; 5:30 Bible Study; 6 pm Worship; 7 pm Prayer to Praise & Worship; Friday 6:30 Man Up Revival

Gilman City United Methodist
Pastor Bendi Burgin; 10 am Coffee & Sunday School; ; 11:00 am worship; Kids Group to be announced

Heath Chapel
Rural McFall; Cristy Clark, pastor; 9 am worship; 10 am Sunday school

Strength to Carry On

“ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ”
Isaiah 40:29 NIV

Accounts of people surviving for long periods of time in the wilderness or lost at sea are amazing, and often uplifting. The will to live is strong, and you don't know how far you can go until you are forced to do it. There are accounts of polar explorers surviving for years because their ships were "iced in" or stuck in the ice, such as the Franklin expedition, which left England in 1845 seeking the Northwest Passage and was icebound until 1848, when the crews left their ships and tried to walk to safety (they never made it). The Donner Party was a group of migrants going to California who spent the winter of 1846-1847 in the Sierra Nevada mountains and resorted to cannibalism to survive. More recently, in 1972 a group of Uruguayan rugby players travelling by plane crashed in the Andes and survived by eating some of the remains of passengers who had died. The decision to eat human flesh to survive is surely one of the most difficult and horrific one can imagine, and yet it shows the strength of our will to live. These stories of survival also show that human beings, when pushed to the limit often find ways to push beyond the limit. The phenomenon of a "second wind," where we find reserves of energy hitherto untapped is familiar to every endurance athlete. What we seldom hear about, however, is that there can often be a third or a fourth wind, that is, we can almost always dig deeper to find further untapped reserves. And what is more, when the reserves within have truly run dry, we can sometimes tap into sources from without, and one of the greatest is the divine energy coursing through all of nature. So the next time you're feeling wiped out and that you can't go another step, look for that second wind, and ask God for strength to carry on.

-Christopher Simon

Highway Christian
I-35 exit 88, 1/2 mile S. on Hwy. 13; Darian Catron, pastor; 10 am Sunday school; ; 11 am worship

Hope Lutheran
Rev. Walter Peckman, pastor; 9:00 a.m. worship; 10:15 am Bible Study

Immanuel Baptist
Isaac Worley, Pastor, Trent Crawford, Youth & Music; ; 8:30 a.m. Prayer Time; 9:00 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15 a.m. worship; ; 6:30 p.m. worship; Wed. 6:15 Youth; 6-7:30 p.m. Children; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible study

Jehovah's Witness
10 am public talk; Mid Week Tuesday 7 pm Kirkley Chapel

Quinton Willis, pastor; 9:00 a.m. Devotional; 9:30 am Fellowship; 10 a.m. Worship; 6 pm Youth Group & Discipleship Class; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Martinsville Christian
Chris Nyhagen; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:30 am worship each Sunday

Martinsville Methodist
Speaker or Pastor 11am every Sunday; 10 am Sunday school

Melbourne Baptist
10 am Sunday school; 11 am Worship;

Mitchellville Church
Sean Hammond, pastor; 10 am Worship every Sunday

Morris Chapel
Andy Hamilton, pastor; 5 miles N on Hwy 69; 9 am Sunday School; 10 am worship; Wed. 6:30 pm Bible Study

Mt. Moriah Baptist
Rev. Victor Buntin, pastor; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:30 am & 8 pm worship; Discipleship 6:30 pm; Wednesday 7 pm worship

Mt. Pleasant No. 2
Rev. Robert Skeens, pastor; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:30 am & 6:30 pm worship; Wed. 7 pm prayer & Bible study

Mt. Pleasant No. 1
J. C. Davis, pastor; CC Hwy. North of Brimson 10 am Sunday school; 11 am worship

Mt. Zion
New Hampton; 10 am Sunday school; 11 am worship

New Hampton Christian
Paul Drummond; 9:30 am Sunday school; 10:45 am worship; Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible study

New Hampton Methodist
Guest Speaker, pastor; 9:30 am worship; 10:30 am Sunday school

New Hope Baptist Church
Rural McFall; Jason Crowley, Pastor; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m.; 3rd Wed Business Meeting; Supper 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

Pattonsburg Methodist
Cristy Clark, pastor; 10:30 am Worship

Prairie Chapel
Pastor Tim Wilson; 9:00 a.m. Worship; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Ridgeway Assembly of God
10 am Sunday school; 11 am & 6 pm worship

Ridgeway United Methodist
Jeff Jaekley, pastor; 8:30 am Worship w/ Sunday school to follow

Ridgeway Baptist
9:45 am Sunday school; 10:45 am worship; 6:00 p.m. Team Kid; Wed. 6:00 Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist
1207 Clay, Gallatin; Sabbath study 9:15 am; 11 am worship

Shady Grove Christian Bible
10 am Sunday school; ; 11 am & 6:30 pm worship; Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible study

Wesley Chapel Methodist
9 am worship; 10 am Sunday school; 1st & 3rd Sundays

Word of Life Christian Fellowship
Pattonsburg; 9:15 am Sunday school; ; 10 am worship

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- March 5 - March 14**
- March 5 - BBQ meat balls, cheesy mashed potatoes, carrots, Jello w/fruit
 - March 6 - Pulled pork on bun, yams, baked beans, peaches
 - March 7 - Chicken strips, cauliflower w/cheese, stewed tomatoes, pineapple
 - March 10 - Beef Hotdog on bun, peppers & onions, lettuce salad, chips, bananas
 - March 11 - Ham & beans, baby bakers, broccoli salad, corn bread, apricots
 - March 12 - Beef veggie soup, egg salad sandwich, beets, fruit salad
 - March 13 - Beef stroganoff w/noodles over mashed potatoes, green beans, Mandarin orange fluff
 - March 14 - Baked chicken, corn casserole, baked beans, applesauce
- The Senior Center shows no discrimination because of race, sex or religion. Meals subject to change according to supply and/or time for preparation. Bread, butter or margarine, milk, tea or coffee served daily. To order a meal, call 425-3220 before 9:30 a.m. Space donated by Bethany Republican-Clipper

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Deaths

Alois Mae "Snooks" Johnson

Alois Mae "Snooks" Johnson, 90, Gilman City, Mo., passed away at 1:28 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2025 at Sunnyview Nursing Home, Trenton, Mo.

She was born on November 22, 1934, the daughter of Earl Vernon and Lola Leona (Coleman) Findley.

On January 3, 1953, she married Bobby Lee Johnson. To this union three children were born.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gilman City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Johnson; parents, Earl and Lola Findley; infant sister, Leona Fay Findley; brothers, Herbert Lee Findley, Vernon Leroy Findley, Royce Dean Findley, and Billie Joe Findley.

Alois is survived by her daughter, Lynda (Bert) Swopes and two sons, Harold Johnson and Earl (Pat) Johnson, all of Gilman City, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Tammy Taylor, Jeremy Chad Johnson, Kelly Burke, Bobbie Roy, Rachel Johnson, Zachary Johnson, and Saige Burrows; 17 great grandchildren, Shelby Carlson, Shania McAtee, Maddison Kadence, Kinsley Johnson, Presley Burke, Kendra Gutshall, Bobby Aakhus, Caleb Fehring, Kammie Fehring, Nash Roy, Jacob Roy, Colton Roy, Jessica Roy, Maverick Roberts, Emberly Johnson, and Lincoln Burrows; seven great-great grandchildren, Kaya and Kemper Carlson, Alexis and Amelia McAtee, Colden Gutshall, Abigail Gutshall, and Vada Thorne; sister-in-law, Wanda Findley; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Alois has been cremated under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, at Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo. Inurnment will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Bethany, Mo. The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Cemetery in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, Mo. 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com.

Mina J. Hickman

Mina J. Hickman, 85, of Mt. Moriah, Mo., passed away Thursday, February 27, 2025 at a Bethany, Mo. nursing home.

She was born October 16, 1939 in Trenton, Missouri the daughter of Edgar and Lake (Shipley) Power.

Mina married Robert E. Hickman and he preceded her in death on October 20, 1973.

She attended 8 years at the Country Battle Creek-Wooderson School and was a 1957 graduate of Mt. Moriah High School. She worked for 18 years as the storekeeper for Farmers Exchange in Mt. Moriah, Mo., and for 12 years as Post Office Clerk at the Cainsville Post Office.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW #2176 and the American Legion Auxiliary, Cainsville, Mo. Mina was of the Methodist faith.

Mina was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Marcus E. Hickman; siblings, Eldon Power, Virginia Booth, Randall Power, Nadine Peugh and Charles Power and son-in-law, Steve Six.

Survivors include her significant other, Lonnie Wright, of the home; daughter, L. Christine Six of Elgin, OK; son, Edward W. (Kim) Hickman of Leon, KS; step-children, Stacy Miller and David Warren; 1 grandchild; three great grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 7 step-great grandchildren; 1 step-great-great granddaughter and a host of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial was Monday, March 3 at Lloyd Cemetery, Mt. Moriah, Mo., under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo. Memorials may be made to

the Lloyd Cemetery in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. box 46, Bethany, Mo. 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com.



James "Bob" Robert Gardner

James "Bob" Robert Gardner, 78, of Denver, Mo., died Thursday, February 27, 2025 at Mosaic Life Center, Albany, Mo.

James was born September 3, 1946 to James and Joanna (Samborski) Gardner in Kansas City, Mo.

He worked in construction running a bulldozer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Louis Gardner. Bob is survived by three sisters, Carole Gardner, Camden, Mo.; Mary Harrison, Claremore, Okla.; Virginia Kincaid, Richmond, Mo.; niece, Carly Miller, Albany, Mo.; nephews, Aaron Kincaid, Richmond, Mo., Allen Kincaid, Richmond, Mo. Great-Great Niece, Remington Miller; two great nephews, Logan Miller, Albany, Kaleb Miller, Albany.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Bethany Memorial Chapel, Bethany, Mo. Burial was in the Miriam Cemetery, Bethany.

Memorial gifts suggested to Remington's Education Fund. Tributes may be left at www.bethanymemorialchapel.com.



Dolores Kathryn Dale Trammell

Dolores Kathryn Dale Trammell, 99, passed away peacefully February 26, 2025. Born July 26, 1925, in Ridgeway, Mo. She was a lifelong resident of the area and a 1943 graduate of Ridgeway High School. Dolores married Henry Trammell (deceased) on May 31, 1944, and they shared 76 wonderful years together. She was a dedicated member of Buckley Chapel and later Ridgeway United Methodist Church.

Dolores was a farmer's wife, working alongside Henry on their farm west of Ridgeway where they raised row crops and milked dairy cows. She later resided in the "Tuggle" house, her grandparents' home in Ridgeway. Dolores had a gift for making friends feel like family, and enjoyed playing cards and games with loved ones. She was a talented quilter, gifting each grandchild a quilt upon their high school graduation. Dolores and Henry also loved to travel and spent over 20 winters in Mission, Texas, making many dear friends.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband Henry, sons Larry and Jerry; grandson Lynn; and son-in-law Wayne. She is survived by her daughter Denise; grandchildren Lisa (Randy), Ty (Nicole), Tristan (Kameron), Jared (Julianne), David, and Derek (Katie); nephew Doug (Rolanda); nieces Debbie and Esta Sue; 15 great grandchildren; 10 great-great

grandchildren.

Dolores will be laid to rest beside her husband at Ridgeway Cemetery. Strong and funny, she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. The next time you see a butterfly, remember Dolores and her loving spirit.

Services were March 2, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway Methodist Church.

Memorial gifts to the donors' choice. Services under the direction of Bethany Memorial Chapel. Tributes may be left at www.bethanymemorialchapel.com.

Robert Louis Hiatt

Robert Louis Hiatt, 99, of Bethany, Mo. passed away Monday, February 24, 2025.

He was born on October 19, 1925, the son of Louis and Dorothy (Youngman) Hiatt. He and his brother, Charles, were raised on a farm eight miles south of Bethany. He attended country grade school and attended two years of high school at Bethany.

Robert enlisted in the United States Army and was sworn in at Leavenworth on April 29, 1944, at the age of 18. He was sent to the 97th Infantry Division. He joined a fully trained unit but missing basic training. Robert spent much time on kitchen duty until his sergeant assigned him the infantry's rifles to clean, oil, and reassemble. He was then put on a Browning Automatic Rifle team.

In September of 1944, he was sent to Camp Cooke, California, for preparation to ship out to Japan. Before being sent, the Battle of the Bulge took place in Europe and their orders changed to be sent to Europe and replace lost troops in February 1945. The battle of the Bulge ended before leaving the states and the 97th division's job became following the tanks on foot across Germany. The division crossed the German border and took up a defensive position along the west bank of Rhine River. Robert was known as "Digger" to his friends because he could dig foxholes faster than anyone in their division. He was told that, "If they give a medal to you, it will have a shovel on it!"

His division crossed the Rhine River near Bonn and took a position on the south side of the Sieg River and their orders were to capture the town of Siegburg. The Germans had tunnels dug there and after they were on land and past the river, the Germans came behind and shot from both directions. They were trapped in the open under a barrage of heavy artillery fire. Out in the open on top of a hill he could see for miles and assumed the Germans could as well. He took refuge in a coal shed nearby when suddenly there was a huge explosion that coated his eyes and mouth with coal dust. He could barely breathe and couldn't talk. A member from his unit called, "Pappy," and a group of others, found him and got him out of there. They fought street-to-street engagement in Siegburg on April 10. The troops suffered 80% casualties during this four-day battle. Their tanks eventually circled the town; the remaining Germans had disappeared before the tanks got there. From there, they captured Cologne, Solingen, and Dusseldorf. The Ruhr pocket was eliminated, and the war was drawing to a close.

They rode from Dusseldorf to the Czech border to aid in liberating Czechoslovakia. On the way they came across the Moosburg POW Camp. This is where Dale Mitchell was incarcerated. The division freed him and thousands of others. Their division took 37 towns and villages in two days after crossing the Czech border. On the way to Pilsen Czechoslovakia, their Company B, 387th Regiment, 97th Division, were credited with firing the last official shot of the war in Europe just before midnight on May 7, 1945, when Pfc. Domenic Mozzetta fired at a German sniper. The war in Europe stopped on May 8, 1945, so further battle did not count.

Robert's division returned to

the states in June 1945, landing in New York to a grand welcome from fireboats and civilians. They were given 30 days furlough and then moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, where they prepared to leave for Japan. They were on their way to Japan before the peace treaty was signed. They stopped in Hawaii for refueling and supplies for two days and due to a storm at sea they stopped at Iwo Jima where he walked to the top of the mountain where the historic flag was placed. After the peace treaty was signed, his division became part of the occupation troops in Japan. He was there until the first of May 1946. During the occupation, Robert applied for schooling to get out of guard duty and the only open classes were for barbering. He became a barber and spent his time there giving haircuts. His division was inactivated on March 31, 1946. He was discharged at Leavenworth on May 15, 1946, after two years and two weeks in the military. He received a Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, European Theater and Asiatic-Pacific ribbons, and a Rifleman's badge. After being discharged he was "on call" for six years. In the early 1950's, while they were drafting for the Korean War, Robert enlisted in the Active Reserves and joined the 102nd Ozark Division. He was not called for the Korean War but decided to stay in the Reserves where he moved up in rank from Private to E7 Master Sergeant during his 31 years in the Reserves. He retired after a total of 33 years, through World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War.

After returning home from the war, Robert did various things including construction, picking fruit in Washington, working at the John Deere factory in Dubuque, IA and eventually buying two lots in Bethany, Mo., where he built houses.

He met Colleen Myers in 1954. They dated and were married on November 1, 1957, in New Hampton, Mo. They lived in a third house he had built in Bethany for about two years before buying a farm south of Bethany where he built a house for him and Colleen. Through the years he raised a few cattle on his land, rented out farm acres, did carpentry work, and hauled farm products.

Robert was a lifetime member of the American Legion and VFW Post #2176 and the NRA. He was eventually presented with a high school diploma from South Harrison High School and was also a member of Mitchellville United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Colleen, brother, Charles Hiatt, and sister, Margaret Gittens.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Julie (Dan) Pulley, Fenton, Mo., and Catherine Smith; grandchildren, Charles Hiatt, Harrison Pulley, and Emily (Bekzod) Pulley Tolipova; great grandson, Benedict Pulley Tolipov; and two sisters, Betty Paul, Glendale, Calif., and Ju-

dith Hiatt, New Orleans, La.

Funeral services were February 28 at Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo. Burial with Military Rites followed in Miriam Cemetery, Bethany, Mo.

Memorials may be made to Miriam Cemetery in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, Mo. 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com.



James W. "Jim" Pilcher

James W. "Jim" Pilcher, 80, passed peacefully away at his home, surrounded by his family, on February 22, 2025.

He was born March 29, 1944, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Glen and Hattie Mae (Read) Pilcher. He was a 1962 graduate of Bethany High School, Bethany, Mo. He proudly served his country with the United States Navy from 1962-1966. He then attended Central Missouri State University. On October 12, 1968, he was united in marriage to Gail Rock. Their loving marriage of 56 years was blessed with three children and six grandchildren.

He worked along side his father at Pilcher Construction for several years in Bentonville, Ark., before moving his family to Hope, where he owned and operated Rock - Pilcher Lumber Yard for 10 years. Upon its closure, he took a civil service position at Ft. Riley, as an exterior plumber, he served 26 years in this career, until his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion Post 365 of Hope & the American Legion Riders Post 12 of Herington. He enjoyed spending time with his family, riding motorcycles with friends, and traveling with his wife.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Roger Pilcher. He is lovingly survived by his wife Gail Pilcher

of Hope; his children, Jamie and Mark Hilt of Peoria, Ariz.; Sean and Heather Pilcher of Salina; and Brandee and Jason Gentz of Herington; his grandchildren, Aidan Pilcher, Maycee Hilt, Landon Pilcher, Kallee Hilt, Maddox Gentz and Micah Gentz; and a host of extended family and friends.

The Funeral service was March 4, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church, rural Hope. Interment in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial Funds have been established for Dickinson County Home Health and Hospice or the American Diabetes Association in care of Jost Funeral Home, 401 S Washington, Hillsboro, Kan., 67063. Online condolences may be left at www.jostfuneralhome.com.

Phronsie Bonnie Conway

Phronsie Bonnie Conway, 84, of Bethany, Mo., passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025.

She was born on June 19, 1940, in Bethany, Mo. the daughter of Ross and Katholeen (Justice) Madison.

Phronsie was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Harrison County Community Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Helen Youngman and Doretta Youngman; and brothers, James, Darryl, Hubert, Donald, Harold, and Robert Madison.

Phronsie is survived by her daughter, Pam (Jeff) Abplanalp, Bethany, Mo.; grandchildren, Tiffany, Justin, and Aaron; great grandchildren, Harley, Quinton, Memphis, Kane, Kale, and Griffin; brother, Charles Madison, Bethany, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

Phronsie has been cremated under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo. Memorial graveside services and inurnment was March 3 in Miriam Cemetery, Bethany, Mo., under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, Mo. There is no scheduled family visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Harrison County Hospice, Bethany Animal Shelter, and/or the Bethany Public Library in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, Mo. 64424. Online condolences may be left at www.robersonfuneralhome.com.

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Crae Coffey, third from right, wears the medal as the second place finisher at 215 pounds.



Mayson Edwards, third from right, brought home a second place medal at 190 pounds.



Ruger Johnson, second from right, stands on the platform as the fourth place winner at 285 pounds.



Thales Marshall, far right, medaled for sixth place at the state tournament. He wrestles at 106 pounds.

Bulldogs bring back four medals in state wrestling

South Harrison's wrestling team had the best finish in school history last week at the Class 1 state wrestling tournament when the Bulldogs brought home four individual medals and placed fifth as a team in the state meet.

Two Bulldogs, senior Mayson Edwards and junior Crae Coffey, made it to the championship round at Mizzou Arena, both finishing in second place.

Three Grand River Conference schools placed among the top five teams at the state. Centralia won the meet followed by Brookfield, Marceline, Fatima and South Harrison. The Bulldogs fell only a half point short of Fatima of claiming a team trophy in Columbia.

"We had the mind set on getting a team trophy but fell a little short," said Coach Kasey McFall. Edwards, 190 pounds, opened the tournament with a pin in the first rounds and then had a 5-3 decision in the second round and a pin in the semifinals but lost by a pin to undefeated Devin Parn of Brookfield in the second period.

Coffey, 215 pounds, pinned his first opponent in the first round, then won a 5-2 match in the quarterfinals and won by a pin in the semifinals. In the title match, Coffey lost a 11-3 decision to Scout Mooch of Marceline.

Heavyweight Ruger Johnson, 285 pounds, had the deepest schedule in the tournament. He won by a forfeit in the first match, then lost 4-2 in the quarterfinals and then won by two pins in the wrestle backs. In the match for third place Johnson lost by a pin to Trevor Herzog of Fatima, ending in fourth place.

Thales Marshall also won a medal when he finished sixth at 106 pounds. Others qualifying for the state meet were Cruz Stewart, 113 pounds; Brandon Hoover, 126; Ethan Smith, 165 pounds who won his first two matches but then lost in the bubble match. Kentli Whitaker also competed at state but lost in the first two rounds. The Bulldogs got back home to Bethany by about 1 a.m. Friday morning.

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South Harrison wins district championship and moves on to sectionals

After winning the GRC for a third time in a row, the South Harrison girls entered into district playoffs, winning the district and advancing on to the state sectionals. The girls will play Mid-Buchanan March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Fauceit Mo.

In the quarterfinals, Lawson, seeded 4th faced off against Lexington, seeded 5th. Lexington lost out to Lawson taking the win and moving to the semifinals. Carrollton seeded 3rd matched against Brookfield 6th seeded, with Carrollton moving on in the tournament.

Moving to the semifinals, the Lady Bulldogs, who were ranked number 1 in the tournament, played Lawson, beating the Cardinals 58-39. During the first period, the game was held scoreless for almost two full minutes as the teams tested each other.

Early on, Lawson looked good, taking advantage of SH's sloppy passes and stealing the ball from the Dogs in the opening minutes. The Cardinals opened the show, being the first to score with a 3-pointer. For a few moments it looked as if SH was going to score, it would be because Lawson allowed it. Abigail Molloy, after a foul, scoring the first points for SH with two free throws. But the girls just needed a foothold, ending the period up by one point, 14-13.

Early on in the second period, the game took a brief time-out to clean the court after Aubree Cannon was smacked in the face, resulting in a black eye and bloody nose. After play resumed, Abigail Molloy went on to score two free throws and a breakaway, earning the team two more points. Brylee Sherrill picked up a 3-pointer while a loose basketball allowed a Cardinal to score as it was fired back inbounds by SH and nabbed by Lawson. The period ends 23-18.

The 3rd period saw Lawson fire back, tying the score 32-32. Abigail Molloy scored 6 points while Abby Owens shot a 3 pointer in the period.

In the 4th period, Abigail Molloy scored 2 on a free throw, another basket after being fed the ball by Bailey Barnett after a steal, and continued on to pick up 15 more points during the game. Lexi Hunter picked up 2 after a hard drive to the hoop and brought in another free throw. Bailey Barnett added 2 points while Aubree Cannon landed 4 points in free throws.

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The girls rush their coaches as the team is announced the district champs. SH moves on to state after easily beating Carrollton. Republican-Clipper photo

On Saturday, March 1st, South Harrison defeated Carrollton 44-20, making South Harrison the district champs of Class Three District 16, moving the Bulldogs into the state sectionals.

The first period saw Carrollton grab the tip-off, but it was the only time during the quarter where Carrollton seemed in control. The ending score for the quarter was SH 13, Carrollton 6,

with Carrollton scoring five of those points in the last seconds of the period with under a minute on the clock.

The second period started with Carrollton adding two points to the score, again South Harrison showing to be in complete control during this quarter, going as far as running out the clock in the bottom of the second quarter while the Carrollton Trojans looked on; the quarter ended 25-12.

In the third quarter, South Harrison added 11 points to the score, ending the round 36-16.

In the fourth period, South Harrison added eight more onto their score, with the game ending 44-20, making South Harrison the district champs. Abigail Molloy was top scorer of the game with 20 points, being followed by Bailey Barnett with seven.

Gilman City Lady Hawks win districts and head to sectionals

In girls Quarterfinals district play Cainsville/Ridgeway ranked sixth, playing against the third seed Pattonsburg, beating the Panthers 48 to 36. North Harrison, seeded fifth, played against fourth-seeded Winston. The Shamrocks won 34 to 31. In the semifinals, number one seeded team Gilman City/North Daviess defeated North Harrison 56-29 while Cainsville/Ridgeway lost to Tri-County 48-42. Moving onto the finals, Gilman City/North Daviess defeated Tri-County 61-32, making the Gilman City/North Daviess girls the district champs of Class One District 14 and moving the team into the state tournament playing against Santa Fe on March 4th, 6:00 p.m. at Alma Mo.

As for the boys Class 1 District 14, quarterfinals saw Cainsville/Ridgeway, seeded seventh losing out to second seed Grundy County/Newtown Harris 58 to 28. North Harrison who was seeded third beat out sixth-seeded Mercer 73 to 54. The Shamrocks moved on to the semifinals, losing their match to Grundy County/Newtown Harris 53-48, while Gilman City/North Daviess, who was seeded number one in the tournament beat Tri-County 57-40. Pitting Gilman City/North Daviess to face off against Grundy County/Newtown Harris in the finals for the district championship, Grundy beating Gilman 55-50.

The game was held February 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Jamesport High School. The Grundy County/Newtown Harris are fans that players dream of as the gym virtually shook from the screaming of the crowd as they announced the starting lineup.



Gilman City Lady Hawks win their district tournament beating Tri-County 61-32 and move on to the state sectionals. The Hawks will play Santa Fe March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Alma Mo. Submitted photo

The first quarter ended with a score of Hawks 10, Panthers 14, showing the Panthers were no pushovers.

In the second quarter, the Panthers showed off how quick they were stealing the ball from the Hawks mid-pass twice in the quarter. Camden Griffith picked up two points, Parker Virtue scored four points, Landon Preston picked up four points, and Kenyon Puls picked up two. The second period ends Hawks 21 Panthers 31. The game looked like it was going to go the way of the Panthers when the cheer-

leaders decided to step up. Returning to the gym with homemade signs, passing them into the crowd, then standing in front of the bleachers telling the fans that they needed a cheer twice as loud because the team needed them right now. The impromptu speech must've worked, as Gilman's crowd was able to shout down the loud Grundy County/Newtown-Harris crowd.

The third period opened up with Gilman fans firing back, the crowd going wild when the players returned to the court. Spurred on by the fans, the team decided they hadn't lost yet. Kenyon Plus picked up a two-pointer early on in the game as Camden Griffith added five points to the score while

Landon Preston picked up seven points, three of those with a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left on the clock. The third period ends 36 to 40, with the Hawks only down by four points at the top of the fourth period.

Camden Griffith scored eight points this period while Landon Preston picks up seven, landing his last two-pointer with 1.41 seconds on the clock in the fourth period. Unfortunately, the game ended with the Hawks losing to Grundy County/Newtown Harris 55-50, ending Gilman City's run in the district tournament. The Hawks took second place while Grundy County/Newtown-Harris became the district champs.

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2025 FBLA District Leadership Conference Results

South Harrison scored top ten place in 39 events during the 2025 FBLA Conference and Qualified for state in 17 events. The State FBLA Conference will be held on April 13-15, 2025 in Springfield, MO. The list of the FBLA District Leadership Conference: (* notes State Qualifier)

*1st Place – Rudy Updegraff, Accounting I
 *1st Place - Jacob Cookson and Rudy Updegraff, Business Management
 *1st Place – Lauren Spurling, Computer Applications
 *1st Place – Karli Forck and Cally Weller, Introduction to Business Presentation
 *1st Place – Emma Rudolph, Word Processing
 *2nd Place – Kayden Brooke, Accounting I
 *2nd Place – Joel McCall, Insurance and Risk Management
 *2nd Place – Jacob Cookson, Networking Infrastructures
 *2nd Place – Chloe Hodge, Spreadsheet Applications
 *2nd Place – Rudy Updegraff, Supply Chain Management

*2nd Place – Lyle Malinao, Word Processing
 3rd Place – Abigail Molloy, Spreadsheet Applications
 4th Place – Emily Burnett, Client Service
 *4th Place – Lyle Malinao, Computer Problem Solving
 *4th Place – Jacob Cookson, UX Design
 *5th Place – Ruger Johnson, Insurance and Risk Management
 *5th Place – Emily Burnett, Introduction to Parli Pro
 *5th Place – Kayden Brooke, Networking Infrastructures
 *5th Place – Joel McCall, Securities and Investments
 *6th Place – Bailey Templeton, Insurance and Risk Management
 *6th Place – Jansen VanMeter, Introduction to Information Technology
 *6th Place – Cooper Jones, Public Policy and Advocacy
 *6th Place – Griffin Smith, Supply Chain Management
 *7th Place – Bailey Templeton, Accounting II
 *7th Place – Kayden Brooke,



The junior high STEM class of North Harrison put their engineering and creativity skills to the test by building candy dispensers out of Mason jars and wood. The dispensers were designed with a sliding mechanism with aligned slots to gravity feed the candy from the Mason jar into a tray. The students followed the project's blueprints and gained experience in utilizing various tools and techniques of woodworking.

Facebook photo

Computer Problem Solving
 *7th Place – Joel McCall, Financial Math
 *7th Place – Cally Weller, Insurance and Risk Management
 *7th Place – Case Morgan, Introduction to Business Concepts
 *7th Place – Karli Forck, Introduction to Business Procedures
 *7th Place – Chloe Hodge, Securities and Investments
 *8th Place – Audrey Burrows, Introduction to Parli Pro
 *9th Place – Emma Rudolph, Cyber Security
 *9th Place – Case Morgan, Introduction to Business Procedures
 *10th Place – Mason Galloway, Cyber Security
 *10th Place – Cooper Jones, Introduction to Information Technology
 *10th Place – Berkley Glenn, Introduction to Parli Pro
 *10th Place – Lyle Malinao, Personal Finance
 *10th Place – Jaycee Schroff, Securities and Investments
 *10th Place – Aeris Hansen, Supply Chain Management.

Missouri Western names 354 students to Fall 2024 President's List

Missouri Western named 354 students to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester of 2024. Students who carried 12 or more hours of graded credit and earned a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the honor.

The local students on the President's Honor Roll list are MaKenna Slaughter, Blythe-dale; Kealey Hulett, Eagleville; Shelby Snider, Pattonsburg; Kali Redden, Stanberry and Sophie Lewis, Jamesport.

HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOL EVENTS MARCH 5TH - MARCH 11

Cainsville	
Mar. 5	FFA Area Interviews @ Cameron 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 6	Vo-Tech Awareness (Sophomores)
Mar. 7	FFA Brunswick CDE's bus leaves @ 5:45 a.m.
Mar. 10	FFA Lathrop CDE's bus leaves @ 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 11	Varsity Scholar Bowl @ North Daviess 5:00 p.m.,
Gilman City	
Mar. 5	North Daviess Elem. Tournament, Harrison County Stem Event, 3:15 p.m. FFA Area Creed Prelims & All Books @ Cameron
Mar. 6	North Daviess Elem Tournament, Vo-Tech Awareness Day, 5:00 p.m. JH ACADEMIC MEET @ Winton
Mar. 7	North Daviess Elem Tournament, FFA Contest @ Brunswick/Carrollton (leave 6:00 a.m.) 12:39 p.m. Early Out
Mar. 10	FFA Contest @ Lathrop (leave 6:15 a.m.)
Mar. 11	Spring Picture Day, 6:00 a.m. FCA 4:00 p.m. HS ACADEMIC MEET @ NORTH DAVIESS
North Harrison	
Mar. 5	7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. FCA Huddle Meeting @ Eagleville, 9:00 a.m. Williford STEM Event (depart 8:15) @ Bethany
Mar. 6	8:15 a.m. Spring Pictures including Class Group, Individual & Sibling Pictures Eagleville, TBD North Central Career Center Awareness Day (Sophomores) @ Bethany
Mar. 7	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 5th Grade State Fair Presentation Eagleville @ Eagleville, TBD FFA Brunswick/Carrollton CDE's (depart 5:30 a.m.) @ Brunswick/Carrollton
Mar. 10	TBD FFA-Lathrop CDE's (depart 6:30 a.m.) Lathrop 4:00 p.m. Varsity Academic Meet @ North Harrison (NH, Pattonsburg & Princetown) Eagleville
Pattonsburg	
Mar. 5	NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser, 8:00 a.m. STEM @ Bethany leave back at 12:15, 4:30 p.m. Area II Officer Interviews @ Cameron
Mar. 6	NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser, 8:00 a.m. NCCC Awareness Day
Mar. 7	NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser, FFA Contest in Brunswick leave @ 6:30 back at 3:30
Mar. 8	NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser, Booster Club Basketball Tournament
Mar. 10	Teacher In-Service Day, NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser, Lathrop Ag/FFA Contest TBA, Varsity Scholar Bowl week 1 at North Harrison, MSIP afternoon, 8:00 a.m. Valerie Pierce
Mar. 11	NHS Red Wheel Fundraiser
South Harrison	
Mar. 10	HS Scholar Bowl V. Polo/Marceline, MS Scholar Bowl V. Polo/Marceline, FFA Lathrop Contest 7:00 a.m.
Mar. 11	JUNIOR ACT
Ridgeway	
Mar. 5	JH Scholar bowl at Cainsville 5 p.m.
Mar. 6	NCC Awareness Day
Mar. 10	School In-Session
Mar. 11	V. Scholar Bowl @ North Daviess 5 p.m.

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WRESTLING MOVES: Samantha Peters posted that James Pittensbarger had gone to District this past weekend, he lost 2 matches but put up a good fight. He wrestled half Open Novice and half Open. Record was 9-10 with five pins. Good job James.

MEMA'S WEEK: She had a slow week, but enjoyed the couple of days of warmer temperatures. She said Monday last week that Lavonne Osborn and Vicki Guernsey had

come by and brought chicken noodle soup, cornbread, cookies and fried apples. They had some of those fried apples today with cheesy potatoes and she said they were so good. Shirley came by several times and brought some homemade beef stew and biscuits, Richard made a banana pudding and Shirley had made some Rice Krispies treats too. She was hoping for more warm weather this week.

GREAT ARTICLE: Last week's Clipper had information on SBG or straw bale gardening. As someone who has now done this for over 10 years I can tell you it is a great thing to do, easy and while I have only ever grown tomatoes and peppers, it produced enough for me, and enough to give away a lot too. The cherry tomatoes I like went up and over the fence every time. So if you have a hankering for an easy garden, a SBG is



The 3rd annual alumni game was held March 1st at the Ridgeway High School. The proceeds from the game are being used to help fund the new playground equipment for the school. The list of this year's participants were: (left to right) back row: Matthew Craig -2014, Chad Foster-1997, Justin Foster-2009, Ben Rinehart-2014, Waylen Carlson - 2016, Ethan Claycomb-2018, Justin Roberts-2018, Tom Hogan-1980, Dakota Michalak-2017, David Claycomb-2009, and Dylan Hogan - 2005. (Left to right) Front row: Aaron Fitzpatrick-2005, Adam Rinehart-2021, Logan Carlson-2016, Joe Rinehart-2016, Brayden Hogan-2016, Natayla Selby-2019, and Kaitlyn Roberts-2024.

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one to try. I've usually had my bales out all winter and never had to 'season' or prepare them. Give it a try.

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT: If you have to drive at night? That is what is happening to folks. The cars with LED lights are blinding, and coupled with cars also running fog lights, when there isn't any fog, makes it worse. And when you have someone behind you with their brights on that is hitting your rear view and side view mirrors? You cannot see at all. And lately I'm noticing vehicles that have decorative LED lights around their grill, and beside their headlights too. Don't know who thought these brighter and brighter lights was a good idea,

but it isn't. Since they stopped using anything reflective in the paints on the center line and the shoulder, you have no idea where the road is.

GARDEN CATALOGS: Can spring be far behind when they have been sending those up for the last month? The equivalent to the Sears Wish Book at Christmas time, those garden catalogs make even the non-gardener itch to have a straw hat, overalls, and a hoe in hand while they chew on a piece of straw!!! I am constantly turning the pages back and forth, looking at all of the things I could grow. The fact I have little interest in hoeing, weeding, or canning doesn't deter me. I linger over blueberry bushes, cherry trees, gooseberry

bushes and marvel over photos of sweet corn and their names, but good sense overcomes me and I realize that I am well suited for tomatoes and peppers in my SBG, and the strawberries that bloom. Anything else would be too much of a commitment I fear.

EMILY SEILHAMER: This is an artist that is on FB and has a website and YouTube videos. In addition to doing acrylic painting tutorials, she also does crafting and DIY videos. I found her by accident wandering around quite of my own accord, and decided to just try painting some of the things she was teaching. She uses the Apple Barrel matte paints, that are 58 cents at Walmart, and papers or canvas boards you can easily afford. A nice set of brushes and a few other items and you can paint some really cute things, even if you haven't ever painted in your life. She even used a pizza box

as an easel in some videos. She is easy to follow, and many of the folks will share what they did in comments, saying "I've always wanted to be creative, but never thought I could be" and what they have painted is great. This would be an easy thing to teach kids, or a 'let's get together and paint' class for friends to do. The fact you don't have to invest a lot of money in supplies helps greatly. Check her out on FB or look up her videos online.

NOSTALGIA MUSIC: Been off on a side trip in my reading and have wandered through various bands I remember from the days I was young and oh so restless. So far I have read books by The Doobie Brothers, The Allman Brothers, Levon Helm and The Band, Crosby, Still, Nash and Young, and have a few others in the queue to be read. Most of these are available at molib2go.com and can be read free.

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North Harrison News

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Welcome to March! We have certainly enjoyed the warmer weather this week!

The North Harrison FFA Chapter was quite busy celebrating FFA Week lately. You can see some great pictures of them in this edition of the *Bethany Republican-Clipper* and on the North Harrison Facebook page.

Just a reminder, that Spring Pictures will be taken on Thursday, March 6th at school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gilpatrick! She was awarded a grant from Grundy Electric for the North Harrison Early Childhood Center. The money will be used to purchase indoor recess activities for the children. Thank you to Grundy Electric for investing in the future of North Harrison students.

The North Harrison junior high STEM class built some amazing candy dispensers out of Mason jars and wood! Great job!

Thank you to the NH Sixth Graders for your help at the Mobile Food Pantry last week! We appreciate you!

Congratulations to Kenzie Milligan! She was the recipient of the Jack N. Young, Mildred M. Young, Noble J. Young and Myra A. Young North Central

Missouri College Dual Credit Scholarship. The scholarship will help fund Kenzie's dual credit courses.

The Harrison County Community Hospital is inviting local students to explore exciting career opportunities in health-care through their Health Careers Boot Camp. The Boot Camp takes place in July and the participants will be eligible for a renewable scholarship for their future education. Interested sophomores and juniors can check their email for more information and application instructions from Mrs. Smith.

Don't forget about the Basketball Diaper League Night that will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. Grades K-5 will be playing ball and the Little Rocks and Mini Rocks Cheerleaders will be performing. Admission is canned food for the Food Pantry. The FBLA and NHS are hosting this event. Concessions will be available. Don't miss this fun evening!

The North Harrison Pops Concert and Pie Auction was a great success in spite of a smaller than usual attendance. A benefit for the Lyle Parkhurst family was held the same evening in Cainsville. The winning pie

from the contest was auctioned off and the proceeds were donated to the Parkhurst family. I'm sure they appreciated the generosity of both communities. We wish you well, Lyle.

Congratulations to our SkillsUSA NW District Leadership Contest participants! They include a Silver Medal to North Harrison's Ciera Hilburn in the Employment Application Process, and a Strong Performance to North Harrison's Anna Owens in Job Interview. We're so proud of you!

The Fifth Grade State Fair Presentations will take place on Friday, March 7th from 9 to 10 a.m. They are always so interesting.

Greg and I saw a lot of Shamrocks and Shamrock supporters at the Elementary Basketball Tournament held at East Harrison on Saturday. The girls came in at third place and I haven't heard about the boys yet. Way to go!

Peggy Sturdevant and I traveled to Grinnell, Iowa to visit Nadine Cracraft last Monday. She is doing well and was happy to see us! We joined her for lunch and delivered some late Christmas gifts to her. I know she would love to hear from her

friends here in Missouri. Just let me know if you need her phone number or address.

I was in Leon last week and delivered a baby quilt that my mother, Cleora Briggs, had embroidered for her great-great granddaughter, Oakleigh Ann. Oakleigh just happened to be dressed in a cute little yellow top that just matched the colors of her new quilt! Of course, I took lots of pictures of her! Her Grandpa Rick Swartz, mom and

dad, Kaydee and Andrew, and Grandpa Brad were also at the store when I took the quilt in.

My mom, Cleora and I enjoyed a visit from Susie Lacy last Friday.

Things were lively at the home of Stuart and Peggy Slaten on Sunday afternoon! Several family members had gathered there for lunch and family pictures. Cleora Briggs was delighted to finally meet her great-great grandson, 5-week-old Car-

son Joe, son of Dalton and Sara Fischer. They took some 5 generation pictures. Three-year-old Oliver was great entertainment throughout the day! Greg and I stopped after church for a brief visit to see the new baby. It was a lovely day for everyone.

Please contact me if you have any news to share. I don't want to leave anyone out!

Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time next weekend! Have a great week!



Cyclamen: The houseplant with an amorous history

By Linda Geist

The cyclamen is Cupid's flowering love child.

For centuries, people have associated cyclamens with matters of the heart, making it a perfect Valentine's Day choice, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Cultivars of this flowering houseplant bear heart-shaped leaves. Their fragrant red, pink, white or bicolored flowers have petals that flare backward, making the flowers resemble shooting stars, said Trinklein. Most cultivars have silver or grayish-white variegation on the upper surface of the leaves, adding ornamental interest.

The natural habitat of this cool-loving plant ranges from Europe and the Mediterranean eastward toward Iran. The ancient Greeks used the cyclamen to prepare a food that made the person who ate it fall madly in love. It was also believed to speed the delivery of babies and cure baldness.

Unfortunately, cyclamen's tubers contain toxic compounds called saponins that lead to violent diarrhea, convulsions and paralysis. If eaten raw and in large quantities, the tubers could kill a "budding" romance.

If you want to give your Valentine cyclamen, choose plants with a multitude of buds in the center. Discolored leaf margins indicate root problems, said Trinklein.

Cyclamens bloom for several months if kept in a cool but brightly lit spot. They do best with temperatures of 50-60 degrees at night and 70 degrees or less during the day. Do not place

cyclamen near a heat register or hot air duct. High temperatures cause the flower buds to abort.

Do not allow a cyclamen to wilt, said Trinklein. Water uniformly for best results. Too much water causes yellow leaves, small flowers and collapsing buds.

The perennial flower can be forced to bloom a second year. To rebloom a cyclamen, force it into dormancy by gradually by withholding water until the foliage dies back. Do not water for six to eight weeks. Begin watering the plant again by midsummer.

If tubers get too large, repot in a soilless growing medium such as a blend of peat, vermiculite and perlite. Keep half of the tuber above the soil line when repotting, then move it outside to a cool spot or to a shaded window. As leaves develop, resume normal watering and fertilization and move the plant to a sunnier location. Keep the growing medium moist. Feed with a houseplant fertilizer according to label instructions. Move the plant inside by fall. It should bloom again by midwinter.

Mites often infect cyclamen, causing curled and stunted leaves. Control with insecticides is difficult, and Trinklein sug-

gests discarding mite-infested plants.

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The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: JOHNATHAN L MEYER, P.O. BOX 468, BETHANY, MO 64424, 660-425-8388.

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/s/Carla Hillyard, Deputy Clerk

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COLUMBIA, Mo. – Strict biosecurity is urged in Missouri poultry operations to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which has been confirmed in five southwestern Missouri counties.

Federal officials have confirmed HPAI in commercial poultry flocks in Newton, Jasper, McDonald, Lawrence and Barry counties.

“Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a concern for large and small poultry flocks alike,” said Cory Bromfield, University of Missouri Extension veterinarian. “Small flocks include households with a handful or less of birds.”

To slow the spread, the Missouri Department of Agriculture has suspended all poultry and waterfowl auctions, shows and swap meets in Missouri counties containing control areas or surveillance zones as determined by the department.

How is HPAI spread? Infected birds can shed avian influenza viruses in saliva, nasal secretions and feces. Susceptible birds become infected when they have contact with virus shed by infected birds. They also can become infected through contact with surfaces contaminated with

Experts urge biosecurity in poultry flocks, Risk to consumers from highly pathogenic avian flu is low

the virus.

“Since HPAI is spread by wild migratory birds, biosecurity and surveillance are tools producers should employ to protect the health of the birds,” said Bromfield.

Biosecurity measures Restrict the birds from exposure to other animals and wildlife. Make sure coops and barns are in good repair and do not permit wild animal access (fix holes in screens, walls, etc.).

Keep domestic birds away from areas that attract wild birds, like ponds, food, water and nesting sites.

Wear dedicated clothing and footwear when around your birds. Do not wear these off the farm and only wear them around the birds.

Disinfect footwear before entering the flock area.

Wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling your birds.

Avoid sharing tools and equipment with other farms. If you must share equipment, clean and disinfect supplies or vehicles that are exposed to other birds.

“Biosecurity is the No. 1 tool we have to protect poultry from diseases like HPAI,” said Tatijana Fisher, Lincoln University Extension state poultry specialist.

Signs of HPAI in poultry

Decrease in water or feed consumption.

Respiratory symptoms such as coughing and sneezing.

Quietness among the flock.

Decrease in egg production.

Sudden increase of death in your flock.

“Chickens are more likely to show visible signs of HPAI than waterfowl,” Fisher said. “Waterfowl like ducks and geese do not always die from HPAI or show signs of illness, but they can carry the virus and spread it to other birds.”

If you suspect HPAI in your flock, contact your veterinarian and the Missouri Department of Agriculture’s Animal Health Division at 573-751-3377.

“Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a serious virus and requires rapid response because it is highly contagious and most likely fatal to domestic poultry,” said Missouri State Veterinarian Steve Strubberg. “Our goal is to eradicate the virus to protect the Missouri poultry industry. We encourage producers to increase biosecurity practices around their flock.”

Should consumers be concerned?

“The current public health risk is low,” Fisher said. “While there have been over 60 confirmed cases in humans in the United States since early 2024, I am not aware of any cases where

avian influenza has spread from person to person. Almost every single human case was the direct result of contact with infected dairy cattle or poultry.”

Poultry meat and eggs from USDA-inspected sources are safe to eat. “As long as individuals are following proper handling and cooking of poultry products, these products are safe to consume,” said Teagan Schnurbusch, MU Extension meat science specialist. “Proper handling and cooking include, but are not limited to, keeping products refrigerated or frozen until ready to cook, keeping raw poultry separate from other foods, and cooking poultry to a minimum internal temperature of 165 F. As always, individuals should thoroughly wash surfaces, utensils and hands after coming into contact with raw poultry.”

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HCCH has big response to sleep study program

The Harrison County Community Hospital District board heard a report on sleep studies being conducted at the hospital during its meeting on Feb. 24 in the conference room.

The sleep review was conducted as part of the hospital's sleep services accreditation. In 2024, the hospital conducted 165 sleep studies including 97 performed in-house and 68 at patients' homes.

In other business, Nichole Tatum, risk manager, and social services director presented the annual risk management training, focusing on the process for receiving complaints and grievances. Additionally, the board discussed the evolving roles and responsibilities of hospital governance, with a recommendation for an annual self-assessment.

The CNO report highlighted

several key updates. The Med/Surg unit has achieved 190 days without falls and has filled all positions, with new hires starting soon. The Emergency department is fully staffed, while the Outpatient Specialty Clinic is preparing to offer OB/GYN services and cardiology inpatient consultations. Cardiac Rehab volumes are steady, and Pulmonary Rehab is adding a new treadmill. Senior Life Solutions is working to increase its census.

The Harrison County Community Hospital's COO reported that the Facilities/EVS team welcomed two new staff members and completed 45% of the new flooring at North Harrison Medical Clinic in Eagleville.

The Human Resources department continues to update job descriptions and has begun conducting exit interviews. Im-

aging Services recently passed a mammography inspection.

The construction of the new hospital is progressing well, with mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors on-site. However, the cold weather has nearly exhausted the weather days built into the contract.

The rural health clinic participated in a presentation on narcotic compliance and best practices.

Five HIPAA investigations occurred in Q4 2024, and a reproductive health privacy policy was completed.

Quality updates were presented from various departments, including Business Office, Finance, Social Services, Risk Management, Marketing, Nursing, Specialty Clinics, and Imaging. Key topics included reducing prior authorization write-offs, monitoring department supplies, auditing charts for PHQ, community collaboration goals, reducing falls, improving documentation for billing and coding, and ensuring 100% documentation for infusion billing.

Information was provided on HB618. The bill limits when health carriers or utilization review entities can require prior authorization for health care services. Prior authorization can only be required if less than 90% of a provider's requests were approved in a previous evaluation period.



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Pie night at Eagleville: Auctioneer Dick Crabtree calls for bids from the audience during the pie auction to benefit the North Harrison music program Saturday night in the high school gymnasium. Andi Nail, top photo, was displaying one of the pies to the audience. The North Harrison band performed in between the auction sessions. Several pies were sold to benefit the Lyle Parkhurst family which has been hit recently by illness.



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Plant now for seeds of success

By Linda Geist

Get a jump on the gardening season by starting vegetable and

flower seeds indoors now, says University of Missouri Extension field horticulturist Donna Aufdenberg.

"Starting seeds indoors doesn't have to be difficult," she says. "Knowing the basics is the best way to start."

Sow most garden seeds 6-8 weeks before transplanting, says Aufdenberg. Set a goal date to plant outdoors and then count back on the calendar the number of weeks (or days) it will take for the plants to be ready to transplant, she says. Add the appropriate number of days for seed germination. This information is usually found on the seed packet.

Use new containers or reuse containers soaked for 10 minutes in 10% bleach water. Choose containers that are at least 2 inches deep and have drainage holes. Paper pots, plastic pots, cell packs or open flats can also be used. If you use open flats, plant in rows rather than broadcasting.

Select a high-quality medium such as potting mix or seed starting mix that contains peat and/or vermiculite. Do not use mixes that include fertilizer, and avoid potting and garden soils. "Buying inexpensive, poor-quality soils only causes problems," says Aufdenberg.

Check seed packets for variety and information such as planting depth and light requirements.

After sowing seeds, keep the medium moist but not wet. Don't let the soil dry completely. If you cover the seeds with a plastic dome, remove it when seedlings start to emerge to prevent disease.

Use heating mats under trays to speed germination of warm-season crops. Cool-season crops do not need heating mats.

Good lighting encourages quicker germination and keeps seedlings from becoming long and lanky, says Aufdenberg. Flu-

orescent shop lights are a good choice for seed starting. Place lights directly over seedlings, no more than 1-2 inches away from leaf tops. Do not allow bulbs to touch the foliage because burning can occur.

Check seedlings daily, or twice a day if they dry quickly. Water from the bottom and do not let the seedling sit in standing water. If you water from the top, water gently.

Keep seedlings in a well-ventilated, cool area (under 70 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night). Good air circulation makes sturdier stems and stronger plants. Pay close attention to light levels and watering practices if seedlings get tall and lanky and have weak stems. Too little light and too much heat and water cause lankiness.

To transplant seedlings to a larger container, watch for the sprouting of the first "true leaves," which look like adult leaves. Use a pencil or narrow tool to lift seedlings from the container. Plant each seedling in its own small pot filled with growing medium. Apply a diluted fertilizer solution after true leaves appear.

Plants grown indoors must "harden off" before being transplanted into the garden. If not gradually acclimated to outdoor conditions, plants can suffer wind or sun burn or chill. Place them in a cool, protected location outdoors for about 3-5 days to acclimate. Then move them into filtered sun/shade for another couple of days before planting outdoors. Plant on a cloudy day or late in the afternoon to avoid the strong sun and transplant shock. Water after planting.

For more information, see the MU Extension publication "Starting Plants Indoors From Seeds" at <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6570> or Aufdenberg's IPM Town Hall video on seed starting at <https://youtu.be/99MV01cPjNk>.

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