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Annual event draws community | B2

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Kearney boys track and field senior Tyrus Smith competes in shot put during the Class 4 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City. Check out state track coverage, starting on Page B5.

Liberty continues planning police station addition

BY KELLIE HOUX
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LIBERTY — Two months ago, voters approved a one-cent general sales tax for salaries and benefits for police officers and firefighters, to fund a renovation and expansion of the Liberty Police Department facility and to fund future police and fire equipment purchases.

The addition for the police department is 20,000 square feet, which will add to the current 10,985-square

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Submitted Illustration/Hoefer Welker

The new Liberty Police station addition design was approved on April 28 with Hoefer Welker for \$1.5 million.



Community effort could bring about Smithville city audit

BY KELLIE HOUX
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SMITHVILLE — A Smithville community group has been collecting signatures since last fall to petition for a city audit from the state.

According to the group, an audit is needed to review city expenditures and the increasing water and wastewater funds as well as salaries of city staff.

Jennifer Pease has been leading the charge and currently has 700 signatures verified.

Randall Gordon, CPA, a senior director at the State Auditor's office, confirmed that the petition drive requires a specific number of signatures from qualified voters, based on the number of votes cast by registered resident voters of the city of Smithville in the last

gubernatorial election. Based on election information available from the local election authority, the number of signatures required for a petition audit of the city of Smithville is a minimum of 750.

As required by state statute, the petition must be submitted within one year of the requested date.

Pease, to check on the validation of the signatures, turned in the lists.

Initially she told the Courier-Tribune she was unhappy with the scrutiny of the name examination.

"I was at Grace Church during the election in November, gathering names on the petition," she said. "It's weird that some of the names collected were overlooked as they approved signatures that

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Make safety part of summer routine

BY KELLIE HOUX
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At the Kearney Board of Aldermen meeting Monday, June 2, Mayor Randy Pogue called on the community to be mindful of residents and visitors using city parks.

"Simply put, there are more kids out and about now that the school year is done," he said.

He then encouraged his constituents to get outside and enjoy the parks.

Kearney has three parks as well as the skate park and pickleball complex.

Alderman Dan Holt said he has been seeing mini motorbikes being driven from Southbrook subdivision on the trails to the skatepark/pickleball complex. He wants to make sure Police Chief Mark Thomas is aware and hopes to see better signage about not riding motorized vehicles on the walking paths.

Alderman Gerri Spencer used her comment time at the meeting to implore those using golf carts to consider some sort of carseat for children, as well as helmets for children who are riding with those driving ATVs.

Smithville and Liberty parks directors also chimed in about summer safety.

Smithville Parks Director Matt Denton reminded the community and visitors that parks have rules posted.

"Soak up the sun, not the risk



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Kids got their first taste of summer fun in the outdoor kiddie pool at the Liberty Community Center. Parents were watching their children as well as a lifeguard was on duty.

— play it safe, stay cool and respect the rules," he said.

Liberty Parks Director BJ Staab agrees that posted guidelines should be reviewed.

"Summer is one of the best times to enjoy our parks," he said. "Stay hydrated, follow posted guidelines and look out for one another."

The National Safety Council reports that annually more than 200,000 children go to U.S. hospital emergency departments with injuries associated with playground equipment.

Nearly 80% of playground injuries

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Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Jai'Lee Anderson, 5 and her little sister, Jae'Ari Anderson, 3, play in the kiddie pool at the Liberty Community Center during Poolside Pallocza Friday, May 30. The girls had on life jackets and floaties despite the shallow water.

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Obituaries

ANNETTE ELLIS

Annette Gale (Oty) Ellis, formerly Burst, 66, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away on May 23, 2025. She was born on August 14, 1958. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under direction of Church Archer Pasley Funeral Home.

PAUL WOERTH

02/19/1952 - 05/20/2025

Paul V. Woerth of Liberty, MO, died at the Flagstaff Medical Center in Flagstaff, Arizona on May 20, 2025 from injuries sustained while participating in a cross-country motorcycle ride honoring veterans. Paul is survived by his loving wife, Aria; mother, Stella; two sons: Cory and Clint; four grandchildren: Carson, Kyle, Chris and Lexi; one great-granddaughter, Scarlett; niece Lindsay who was a daughter by heart; two great-nieces: Cassidy and Davan who were bonus grandchildren; brother, Steve; sister, Roxanne; cousin, Julene who was a bonus sister; and more additional friends and family than could ever be counted or named.

Paul had a thirst for life that was unparalleled. He participated in more groups, clubs and activities than could ever be listed. He loved motorcycles, traveling, playing cards, hunting, the Kansas City Chiefs, Royals but most of all he loved his friends and family. Everyone who knew him can recount a story of Paul pitching in and helping others with no expectation of recognition or reward. He often took on leadership rolls acting as both teacher and mentor with patience and kindness. Paul had a solid grasp of sarcasm and a quick wit. He was always quick with a smile and put others at ease.

Paul was born in Fairbury, Nebraska and graduated from Columbus High School in 1970 followed by two years at the Lincoln School of Commerce. Paul served in the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1973-1979. Paul worked at Brunswick in Lincoln building TOW missiles from 1970-1982 followed by a career in the Real Estate, Mortgage and Banking Industries. He made countless friends and connections along every path that he walked. After retirement, Paul volunteered as a rider in the Patriot Guard and worked as a motorcycle funeral escort where he again became surrounded by new friends some of whom became additional family.

Services for the celebration of Paul's life will be held on June 7, 2025 at Liberty Christian Church, 427 E Kansas Street, Liberty, Missouri 64068. Visitation will be from 12:00pm to 1:00pm with service to follow.



Smithville Senior Center celebrates Older American Month

BY KELLIE HOUX

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SMITHVILLE — The Smithville Senior Center marked the end of Older Americans Month with a celebration May 29.

The party was a mix of fun and gravity with a retro trivia contest, bingo, a cookout as well as health screenings and a CarFit program.

The Smithville Senior Center serves residents of Clay County age 60 and over or disabled of any age through a partnership with Clay County Senior Services.

CarFit is an educational program developed by AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them.

For the Smithville event, four nurses that work through



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Judy Landers, active at the Smithville Senior Center, took the first time slot to go through the CarFit program. She works on some car safety refreshers with nurse and CarFit instructor Jessica Giancone.

the Midwest Trauma Society assessed several seniors.

They are injury prevention coordinators, representing St. Luke's, Research, University of Kansas Health Systems and North Kansas City hospitals.

Trauma injury prevention and education specialist Olivia Desmarais also does

senior fall prevention for University of Kansas Health Systems. She also serves as a national instructor for the CarFit program.

The group says it's valuable information that can help older drivers stay safer on the roads. Desmarais, who lives in Smithville, gladly came to the celebration.

"I want to help them minimize blind spots, make their car driving experience safer," she said.

Research Medical nurse Tyler O'Leary said he enjoys getting out to help seniors.

"It can be isolating if they can't drive," he said. "If we can give them the tools to help, people can at least venture out some."

Judy Landers was the first senior from the Smithville Senior Center to go through the CarFit experience. She said she doesn't drive that much anymore, but does appreciate the program's "fine-tuning" steps.

"The senior center provides so many programs that we can benefit from," she said. "There's a lot going on and a good meal to boot."

She worked with Jessica Giancone from St. Luke's to finish up the CarFit experience.

Smithville American Legion performs free concerts this June

SMITHVILLE — The Smithville American Legion Community Band will present free concerts to the public at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in June in cooperation with the Farmers and Makers Market in Courtyard Park on the Ali Kemp Memorial Stage, 118 N. Commercial Avenue.

The band was formed 11 years ago and presents free summer concerts and has provided music for the Memorial Day services each year under the direction of Heather Pickett.

Dewayne Knott, band commander, said, "Ms. Pickett has won first place awards for directing the Kansas City American Legion Band at the

National American Legion Conference. We are fortunate to have her as our director. Smithville Post 58 is the only other Post that supports a band in Missouri."

Knott is stepping down as band commander and Jon Olyer will be taking his place.

"Mr. Olyer is a veteran and his wife is a member of the band. John is a natural fit and has experience in the business world providing leadership and organizational skills. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as Commander with this talented group of volunteer musicians that give of their time to offer toe tapping music to Smithville residents," Knott said.



Courier-Tribune File Photo

The Smithville American Legion Band performs at the Memorial Day event annually as well as at Courtyard Park each Wednesday in June.

Knott said late Post Commander Mac Porter liked the idea and the rest is history as far as the formation of the band.

"We appreciate and are thankful the support of the

Smithville business community to make this happen each year. I'll miss working with the band, but will be able to enjoy the music they make as I attend the concerts in the park."

Weekend activities include Juneteenth, quilts, art



File Photo

The annual Juneteenth celebration includes a parade and performances from local and regional groups.

CLAY COUNTY — This coming weekend will be full of education and entertainment.

The Clay County African American Legacy commemorates 25 years of honoring freedom and heritage during its 25th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, to be held Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, with open house tours of the Garrison School Cultural Center Museum, 502 N. Water St. The tours end at 1 p.m. Guests can explore six permanent historical exhibit rooms and an art

gallery showcasing African American contributions to the region.

The celebration continues Friday evening with a dinner and comedy show headlined by Guy Torry, a comedian, actor, producer and St. Louis native. Torry will perform two shows, at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., offering attendees a night of laughter and community connection. Tickets are available via Eventbrite.

On Saturday, June 7, activities begin with Garrison open house tours from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by the noon dedication of the Will Smith Basketball Marker at Ruth Moore Park on Grover Street, honoring Smith's legacy of hosting annual basketball tournaments in the park.

A community parade will follow, parading from Mississippi Street to Liberty's Clay County Rooney Justice Square. After the parade, spectators will witness a reenactment of the historic reading of General Order No. 3, which, issued on June 19, 1865, announced the end of slavery in Texas and reaffirmed the freedom of all formerly enslaved people in the Confederate states — two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The celebration continues with Torry hosting the afternoon program with gospel

performances, educational programming for youth and scholarship awards beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Rooney Justice Square stage. The gospel concert will feature regional mass choirs.

Following the stage performance, Torry will spend an hour or more with informal dialogue with the audience at the 3 Halves Brewing Co. restaurant.

Along with Juneteenth, the historic Liberty Square will be buzzing with Art on the Side and the Quilt Walk.

Art on the Side Liberty is described as an art festival and celebration of creativity. According to founder and organizer Shawn Garland, this year's festival will feature over 80 artists and artisan makers displaying their creations. The event will take place in the parking lots and on Main Street, right next to The Artisan Market at 118 N. Main St. The festival runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be children's activities as well as music and dance performances.

The Quilt Walk, created and organized by Quilting is My Therapy, 2 E. Franklin St., runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be quilts hung in many shops around the square. At participating businesses, pick up a free quilt block pattern that can

be put together for the 2025 Quilt Walk quilt, designed by Angela Walters, owner of Quilting is My Therapy.

For more details, visit quiltingismytherapy.com or to register, find the link at eventbrite.com.



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The Quilt Walk will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

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foot facility built in 1982.

To help pay for the expansion, the city leadership, through the affirmative vote of the people, will use bond financing.

The city is proceeding with the final design and construction planning. The estimates are around \$20 million.

On Monday, June 2, the Liberty City Council approved the city's intent to do this financing.

General Fund/Economic Development Sales Tax Fund cash will be used to pay upfront costs as available and borrow utilizing bond debt financing as included in this resolution.

"The actions gives us authority to reimburse ourselves for any upfront costs that we have to pay out before we actually issue the bonds," said Vicki McClure, director of finance for the city.

The city intends to use Special Obligation Bonds as a debt financing method.

"The plan will be to issue these bonds closer to the end of the year for this project," McClure said.

IRS requirements allow for a government entity to go back 60 days from the date of a resolution of intent to reimburse itself using a tax-exempt debt financing.

The city staff will be borrowing money as needed to pay certain debt financing associated with the design, construction, and soft costs of an addition to Liberty City Hall, including full architectural design fees, geotechnical investigation, independent testing and inspection, construction manager at-risk preconstruction and construction fees, site work, utility installations and relocations, building shell, tenant finish, building systems, furniture and equipment, rent for temporary relocation, moving costs, permits and fees and construction contingencies.

The design was approved on April 28 with Hoefler Welker for \$1.5 million and the geotechnical service was approved on May 12 for \$25,950.

SAFETY: Be mindful this summer

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are caused by falls. Watch out for these potential hazards when taking kids to the playground, and report any hazards observed.

The parks in Liberty, Kearney and Smithville continue to improve the playground surfaces to minimize falls, including mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.

Families can also do their part to be safe at the playground, states the safety council. Children should not attach ropes, jump ropes, or pet leashes to play equipment and leave drawstring clothing at home as the string can tangle into playground equipment.

Parents should also check if playground equipment is hot to the touch, it is too hot for a child's bare skin.

All three communities have splash pads while Liberty also has an outdoor pool.

The National Safety Council again recommends knowing the rules.

Emergency departments treat about 6,400 pool and spa injuries in children younger than 15 every year.

Parents are cautioned all the time about water safety. Always be aware and be in the present moment with children.



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

The splash pad at Lions Park in Kearney is now busy as the weather gets warmer and summer seems to be here.

PEITION: City, election board prepared for audit signatures

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didn't have addresses."

After not getting responses back from the election board, Pease said the Clay County Election Board directors got back to her and advised they reviewed the signatures and re-certified the list.

Tiffany Ellison, the Democrat director at the Clay County Election Board, said the Election Board will receive the petition from the State Auditor's office. Depending on the number of pages and signatures, the director assigns a

bipartisan team or teams to review the petition ensuring each signer is a registered voter in the district or was at the time they signed the petition and that the signature matches the signature on record with the office.

"Once the review is completed, the directors send the results of the audit back to the state auditor's office," Ellison explained. "The petition circulators do not need to help the election board in any way. However, while circulating the petition they should make sure the signers write legibly, sign their name - not just print it, and

include their current address. It is advised to collect more signatures than is required, just in case someone that signed is not eligible or qualified to sign the petition."

Pease said she believes the election board has no one holding them accountable.

However, Ellison said the Clay County Election Board has a board of commissioners as well as the secretary of state's office which creates administrative rules that must be followed as well as providing instructions on how to evaluate signatures.

"Good news is we only need 50 signatures," Pease said. "I have no problem getting more signatures. I don't have a lot of faith in the election board, though. It makes me worry about other voting and if votes counted."

City Administrator Cynthia Wagner said the city is audited annually.

"The cost of an audit from the state is dependent on the scope and size of the community," she said. "It can run \$100,000 to \$150,000. We are prepared to respond to whatever the state will request of us."

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In Re: Shawn B Hansen, a single person TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Shawn B Hansen, a single person dated 11/27/2019, and recorded on 12/06/2019 Book 8560 Page 111 Document 2019036805 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 06/17/2025 at 9:30 AM at the Main Entrance on the North side of the building of the new Clay County Courthouse, 11 South Water St. Liberty MO 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: LOT 5, BLOCK 12, HOLIDAY HILLS, A SUBDIVISION IN KANSAS CITY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI. East-plains Corporation SUCCESSION TRUSTEE Published in the The Courier-Tribune File #: HANSHAHF First publication date 05/22/2025 Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 2025 3419640

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EFFECT MERGER

VERIMORE BANK 300 WEST LOCKLING BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI 64628 Verimore Bank, Brookfield, Missouri, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to merge with one of its affiliates, Clay County Savings Bank, Liberty, Missouri, (CCSB) and establish branches at the locations of CCSB. Verimore Bank will be the surviving entity in the merger. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on an application filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City electronically to KCApplicationComments@kc.frb.org or in hard copy to: Jeff Imgarten, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198. The comment period will not end before June 7, 2025 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications/notices may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications/notices may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application/notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 8, 22 and June 5, 2025 3441500

IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 24CY-PR01234 In the Estate of KAREN FLO GIBBY, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted. To All Persons Interested in the Estate of KAREN FLO GIBBY, Decedent: On November 7, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal

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representative of the estate of KAREN FLO GIBBY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: KARIBETH GIBBY TAMME, 1224 CLAYCREST DR., ST. CHARLES, MO 63304, 314-805-7471 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: STEVEN MICHAEL PETRY, 4444 N BELLEVIEW AVE, SUITE 209, GLADSTONE, MO 64116, 816-452-2889. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 10-OCT-2024 Date of first publication: May 15, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3459290

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY TRUSTEE: To all persons interested in the estate of Joann Harper, decedent, whose last known address was 2580 Norterre Circle #210, Liberty, Missouri 64068. The undersigned, Traci Lyn Wolf, is acting as Trustee under a trust for the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 22226 NE 159th Street, Kearney, Missouri 64060. All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Traci Lyn Wolf, Trustee. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3463830

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jeremy

PUBLIC NOTICE

Batliner and Alissá Batliner husband and wife, dated 2/13/2009, recorded on 2/20/2009, as Instrument No. 2009005347, in Book 6122, Page 129, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Clay County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on 7/7/2025, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 11:10 AM, at the North Front Door of the new Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water St., City of Liberty, County of Clay, 11 South Water Street, Liberty, Missouri 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate: LOT 30, WOODS COURT PLAT 2, A SUBDIVISION IN SMITHVILLE, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust. Vylla Solutions - Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee TS No.: 25-34751 Pub Commences: 5/15/2025 By: NFPDS Website: www.xome.com Purported address: 114 BETSY CT, SMITHVILLE, MO 64089 Publication Dates: 5/15/2025 5/22/2025 5/29/2025 6/5/2025 6/12/2025 6/19/2025 6/26/2025 7/3/2025 Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 2025 3463970

IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 24CY-PR00894 In the Estate of MELBA GALEN FRYER, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MELBA GALEN FRYER, Decedent: On November 5, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MELBA GALEN FRYER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: RANDY ALAN BARNES, 4906 N. WALLACE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64119, 816-778-2403 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: JACOB C. KENTNER, JR., 107 WEST 9TH STREET, 2ND FLOOR - #0449, KANSAS CITY, MO 64105 573-708-7870. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 12-AUG-2023 Date of first publication: May 15, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by

mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3472240

25CY-PR00328 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT LIBERTY PROBATE DIVISION Matter of Steven Mearl Brown NOTICE OF HEARING To all persons known or unknown who claim any interest as an heir or through an heir in the property of Steven Mearl Brown, who died on the 3rd day of September, 2019, residing at 7321 N. Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64118: You are hereby notified that an Application has been filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri by Sherri Sue Comer and Shaunna Faye Tonelli for the heirs of Steven Mearl Brown and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to all of the property owned by said deceased at the time of death including the following, to wit: All of Lot 26, Block 114, Plat 22, Section 1 at Bent Tree Harbor a subdivision in Benton County, Missouri. Lots Twenty-Seven and Twenty-Eight (27 & 28) and Fourteen and Fifteen (14 & 15), Block One Hundred Fourteen (114), Plat Twenty-Two (22) at Bent Tree Harbor a subdivision in Benton County, Missouri. Two-Wheeler described as "Year 74, Make IMPL Body Style 2 WHL, VIN 7538A Trailer described as "VIN DRXC6584MO, Year 86, Make HMDE, Model H MDE, Body Style 4 WHL." Applicant's attorney is Thomas E. Hankins, whose business address is 6812 N. Oak, Suite 5, Gladstone, Missouri 64118. You are further notified that a hearing on said Application will be held in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay

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County at the Courthouse, 11 S. Water Street, Liberty, MO 64068, on the 1st day of July, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at which time evidence will be presented to the Court and at which time and place you are entitled to be present and to be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said Application. Michelle Nelson, D.C. Date: 05/09/2025 Clerk Michelle Nelson O.C. Electronically Filed - CLAY - April 25, 2025 - 03:06 PM Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3473660

CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Before the Board of Aldermen of the City of Smithville, Missouri June 17, 2025 7:00 p.m. In accordance with Section 99.865 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Smithville, Missouri, will hold a public hearing in Smithville City Hall Council Chambers 107 West Main Street, Smithville, Missouri 64089, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2025, or as soon thereafter as possible, to determine if the following tax increment financing plans and the redevelopment projects associated with such plans are making satisfactory progress under the proposed time schedules contained within the approved plans for completion of the projects: Smithville Commons TIF Plan 110 Smithville TIF Plan Linda Drummond, City Clerk City of Smithville, Missouri Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 2025 3476540

IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00342 In the Estate of JOHN MARTIN KAVAN, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JOHN MARTIN KAVAN, Decedent: On May 12, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed the co-personal representatives of the estate of JOHN MARTIN KAVAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The co-personal representatives may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The names, business addresses and phone numbers are: LEA ANN BOYLAN, 3660 SABLE RIDGE DRIVE, DALLAS, TX 75287, 469-585-6910 JOHN PAUL KAVAN, 2815 W. SAN NICHOLAS STREET, TAMPA, FL 33629, 727-692-1829 The co-personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number are: RUTH J. BRACKNEY, 2345 GRAND BLVD., STE. 2200, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108, 816-292-2000 The non-resident co-personal representatives' designated agent's name, business address, and phone number are: RUTH J. BRACKNEY, 2345 GRAND BLVD., STE. 2200, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108, 816-292-2000 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMO, or any other

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT LIBERTY FAMILY COURT DIVISION In Re the Marriage of: SUSAN WASHINGTON, Petitioner, and LARRY C. WASHINGTON, Respondent. Case No. 25CY-CV04000 Division V NOTICE UPON SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Missouri to Respondent: LARRY CHARLES WASHINGTON: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri at Liberty, the object and general nature of which is a dissolution of marriage. The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption thereof. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is Crissy Del Percio, Legal Help Kansas City, 108 W. 63rd Street #22614, Kansas City, Missouri 64113. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the day of May 2025, judgment by default will be rendered against you. IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Courier-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the County of Clay, State of Missouri. A TRUE COPY from the record. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 2025 3480890

CITY OF LIBERTY LIBERTY, MISSOURI

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS FOR: MISSISSIPPI ST. FROM FAIRVIEW AVE – MAPLE ST. PROJECT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Sidewalk Improvements For: Mississippi St. from Fairview Ave – Maple St. Project** will be received, by the City of Liberty, at the office of the City Engineer, until **09:00 am local time on Thursday, June 12 th , 2025**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read in the City of Liberty Council Chambers. The Project consists of concrete curb and gutter installation, 4" concrete sidewalk installation, 6" concrete drive way installation, ADA ramp installation and other associated work. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis. Plans and specifications may be viewed and ordered from the Issuing office at: <http://www.questCDN.com> .
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Owner: **City of Liberty, Missouri**
By: **John Findlay, P.E.**
Title: **City Engineer**
Date: **May 22, 2025**
Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: May 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3495870

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CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of ANDREA ALEJANDRA VEGA PALMA, minor NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 25CY-PR00061 TO THE NATURAL FATHER, JORGE REYNALDO VEGA GARCIA AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF: ANDREA ALEJANDRA VEGA PALMA, minor. You are hereby notified that attorney, KELLEY CHRISTIN BURMEISTER GILMORE, 2525 N.W. SOUTH OUTER RD., SUITE B, BLUE SPRINGS, MO, 64015, has filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri, a petition for the appointment of KIMBERLY JEAN HATCH and STEPHEN ANTHONY HATCH, 7217 NE 116th TERR., co-guardians of ANDREA ALEJANDRA VEGA PALMA, minor. And said Court, being satisfied that there is a good cause for the exercise of its jurisdiction as to the matters set forth in said petition, has set the petition for hearing on 1st day of July, 2025 at 9:00 am in Division IV Courtroom, 11 S. Water Street, Liberty, Missouri 64068. To be published in the COURIER-TRIBUNE May 22, 2025 CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION Kim McQuery, Principal Clerk /s/Michelle Nelson Division Clerk Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 2025 3486990

In the matter of the marriage of Elise Michelle Sellers and David James Green. Case number: 25CY-CV02465 Filed in: Clay County, MO David

TS No. 2024-12298-MO Notice Of Trustee's Sale For default in the payment of debt secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Austin H. Carpenter, a single person, dated 11/7/2016, recorded on 11/22/2016, as Instrument Number 2016041882, and in Deed Book 7856, Page 118, and the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 7/18/2022, as Instrument No. 2022023631 and in Book 9409, Page 100, and further modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 3/27/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-006738, and in Book 9536, Page 71, and further modified by Loan Modification recorded 2/13/2024, as Instrument No. 2024002772, in Book 9690, Page 103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on 6/17/2025, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, starting at 10:00 AM at the Clay County Courthouse - North Front Door - 11 South Water Street, Liberty, MO 64068, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the below described real estate to satisfy said debt and costs. Certified funds must be delivered to the auctioneer at the conclusion of the auction. Purchasers take property as is, without warranty, Lot 10, Woods Addition, A Subdivision In Excelsior Springs, Clay County, Missouri. More commonly known as: 105 Melwood St Excelsior Springs, MO 64024 Nestor Solutions of Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee (888) 403-4115 Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 2025 3484650

CITY OF LIBERTY LIBERTY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION TO CITY HALL – PROJECT NO. 25-014

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK

The City of Liberty, Missouri hereby gives notice of their intent to contract for construction management services using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) model in connection with the design and construction of a Police Department Expansion to City Hall. Responses must be submitted to the **City of Liberty**, at the office of the **City Engineer**, until **2:00 pm CST local time on Friday, June 20, 2025**.

The Project consists of renovation of existing approx. 11,000 SF Police Department space plus an expansion of City Hall of approx. 21,000 SF to provide the necessary additional space for the Police Department to accommodate existing and future needs. Simultaneously, the existing City Hall's aging and maintenance intensive HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system is in dire need of an upgrade to a more efficient and modern system. The City of Liberty, Missouri has selected Hoefler Welker as the architectural firm that will assist the City of Liberty, Missouri in planning, programming and designing the improvements. The selected Construction Manager will work as part of the team with the City of Liberty, Missouri, Staff, Hoefler Welker, and other consultants. It is the desire of the City of Liberty, Missouri, to collaborate and communicate with both the architect and the construction manager to best fulfill the needs of the community project from design phase to building turnover.

Request for Qualifications/Proposal (RFQ/P) documents may be viewed and ordered online by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.questCDN.com>. You may download the digital documents for \$5.00 by inputting Quest project number **9718989** on the website's project search page. The date that the Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the respondent's date of receipt of the RFQ/P Documents. Partial sets of the Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Please contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questCDN.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. The City of Liberty, Missouri reserves the right to reject any and all qualifications proposals and to waive any and all irregularities based on its sole discretion.

Owner: **City of Liberty, Missouri**
By: **John Findlay, P.E.**
Title: **City Engineer**
Date: **May 30, 2025**
Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: June 5 and 12, 2025 3541740

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

James Green: You are hereby notified that a divorce action has been filed against you. If you do not respond to this notice by 07/08/2025, the court may proceed in your absence and grant a divorce. sellerse-lise870610@gmail.com (816) 267-2674

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Date: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIBERTY, MISSOURI 64068 NOTICE STATE OF MISSOURI ss. I, the Clay County Circuit Clerk, Seventh Judicial Circuit of Missouri, do hereby certify that the Court, Associate Circuit Division 9, rendered and entered in Cause No. 25CY-CV03910 on the 29th day of April, 2025, changing the name of ERIN LEIGH THOMAS dob 07/09/1996 to the name of AXTON EVERETT THOMAS to be deemed and taken as his/her only true and lawful name from that date forward. Jo Ellen Jung, Clay County Circuit Clerk Seventh Judicial Circuit of Missouri By /s/ Rosie Steiger Deputy Clerk Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: May 29, June 5 and 12, 2025
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Electronically Filed - CLAY - April 23, 2025 - 04:30 PM-NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION Case No. 25CY-Cv04613 Judge or Division: Karen Lee Krauser In the Circuit Court of Clay County, at Liberty, Missouri AFFORDABLE LIVING MHP LLC V. ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DONEES, GRANTEES, AND/OR SUCCESSORS OF ANNA HAD-DON, deceased KIMBERLY LARSSON and PATRICIA VINCENT, DIRECTOR MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Respondents. You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Liberty, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to declare Petitioner the lawful owner of the 1988 SCHULT Vin P218745 that is currently located at 1260 NE Hwy 69 Lot 57, Liberty, Missouri, 64068. The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the petitioner is, Andrew R. Klonowski, Morton, Reed, Counts, Briggs & Robb, LLC, 2301 Village Drive, Suite B, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after (first date of publication), judgment by default will be entered against you. It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to the law in The Courier Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Clay, State of Missouri. A true copy of the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 16th day of May 2025. B Ramos Circuit Clerk

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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00233 In the Estate of RAFAEL YEPEZ, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RAFAEL YEPEZ, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: IZETTE TORRES, 7363 N. MULBERRY DR., KANSAS CITY, MO 64118, 816-645-5378 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: LEWIS B. LEFLAR, 10955 LOWELL AVE., SUITE 512, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210, 913-663-3159. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do

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not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 24-FEB-2025 Date of first publication: May 22, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and to all parties interested, notice is hereby given that at 7:00 PM on June 10, 2025, the Smithville Planning Commission in City Hall, 107 W. Main St., Smithville, MO will consider the following: An Ordinance adopting certain regulations concerning accessory dwelling units (ADU's) in various zoning districts as contained in the zoning code. As provided in the Zoning Ordinances of Smithville, MO the above item(s) will be discussed and considered by the Planning Commission, and all persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes; and any protest against any of the provisions of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance will be considered by the Commission, as provided by law.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI AT LIBERTY FAMILY COURT DIVISION In Re the Marriage of: BRADY R. WELCH, Petitioner and CHRISTINE M. CORY, Respondent Case No. 24CY-CV13577 Division V NOTICE UPON SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Missouri to Respondent: CHRISTINE MICHELLE CORY: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri at Liberty, the object and general nature of which is a dissolution of marriage. The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption thereof. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is Crissy Del Percio, Legal Help Kansas City, 108 W. 63rd Street #22614, Kansas City, Missouri 64113. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the day of May 2025, judgment by default will be rendered against you. IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Courier-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the County of Clay, State of Missouri. A TRUE COPY from the record.
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00368 In the Estate of SANDRA DEANN ANDERSON, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of SANDRA DEANN ANDERSON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: SAMUEL LYLE ANDERSON, 520 SOUTH BUSINESS HIGHWAY 13, LEXINGTON, MO 64067, 816-216-2725 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: ARNOLD R. DAY, JR., 9 WESTOWNE DR., STE. B, LIBERTY, MO 64068, 816-891-9990. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice

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or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 13-APR-2025 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00348 In the Estate of ROBERT LEE HARRIS, JR., Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT LEE HARRIS, JR., Decedent: On May 13, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ROBERT LEE HARRIS, JR., decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The name, business address and phone number of the personal representative are: PAMELA LEA HARRIS, 4019 N.E. 132ND ST., SMITHVILLE, MO 64089, 816-797-0786 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: D. SHANE MURPHY, P.O. BOX 77, KEARNEY, MO 64060, 816-903-3456. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 19-DEC-2024 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: Case Number: 25CY-PR00315 PROBATE In the Estate of NKAUJCUA CYNTHIA HER, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of NKAUJCUA CYNTHIA HER, Decedent: On May 19, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of NKAUJCUA CYNTHIA HER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The personal representative's name, business address, and phone number are: PANG VANG, 9033 ANN AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, KS 66112, 816-377-7590 The personal representative's attorney's

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name, business address, and phone number are: KELISEN R. MOLLOY, THE BINDER FIRM LLC, 9229 WARD PKWY, SUITE 370, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114, 816-866-8264 The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number are: KELISEN REBECCA MOLLOY, THE BINDER FIRM LLC 9229 WARD PKWY, SUITE 370, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114, (816) 866-8264 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 17-OCT-2024 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00369 In the Estate of LUCY JAYNE YEATES, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LUCY JAYNE YEATES, Decedent: On May 19, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of LUCY JAYNE YEATES, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: SAMUEL TROY YEATES, 11608 N.E. 144TH ST., KEARNEY, MO 64060, 816-323-9059 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: KRISTI C. HARTMANN, HARTMANN LAW OFFICE, LLC, 2029 WYANDOTTE ST., STE. 100, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108, 816-599-6638. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 17-NOV-2024 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE For default in the payment of debt secured by Deed of Trust executed by Richard C. Geisenheyner & Marcia K. Geisenheyner, husband and wife, dated 3/26/2010, recorded un-

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der Document Number 2010010424, in Book 6386, at Page 66, Office of Recorder of Deeds in Clay County, at Liberty, Missouri, the undersigned MB&S, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company will on 6/20/2025, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m., at the North Front door of the Clay County Courthouse in Liberty, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash: LOT 22, BLOCK 9, WILSHIRESTATES, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF to satisfy said debt and costs. The precise hour of the sale is 9:00 a.m.
BRUCE E. STRAUSS, MB&S, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company
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ADVERTISEMENT/NOTICE

The North Kansas City School District and McCownGordon Construction will be accepting sealed bids for new tennis courts and associated site improvements at Oak Park High School. Bids will be accepted by McCownGordon Construction on June 10th at 2:00pm through Building Connected. The bids will be read aloud publicly via Zoom meeting at 2pm. Bids received after said time will not be opened and returned. This project is tax exempt and has prevailing wage requirements per Wage Order #31 for Clay County, Missouri.

A virtual pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for May 29 th at 2:00PM.

Contractors and sub-contractors may obtain bidding documents by email request to ahal@mccowngordon.com. The NKCS Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and reserve the right to be the sole judge of what it considers the lowest responsible bid. All bids are contingent upon available funding. McCownGordon Construction and the NKCSD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Northland Regional Ambulance District is requesting bid proposals from qualified companies to perform concrete drive removal, disposal, repair, and replacement at 1000 Platte Falls Road Platte City, MO 64079. Work is to include, but not limited to the following:

- Concrete removal of existing drive, curbs
- Repair of concrete curbs, or other areas
- Replacing all areas with concrete
- Any associated work to assist with water drainage

Timetable for bids as stated below:
Release of RFP May 29, 2025
Sealed Bids Due June 16, 2025 @ 12pm CST
Award Date June 16, 2025 @ 7pm (Monthly Board Meeting)
Bid packets may be obtained at the District office or by calling: 1000 Platte Falls Road Platte City, MO 64079
816-858-4450

All bidders must submit sealed bids to the Northland Regional Ambulance District's office at 1000 Platte Falls Road Platte City, MO 64079 by 12pm on June 16, 2025.

To view project site or for questions, please contact:

- Jason James - Executive Director 816-858-4450 or james@nrad-ems.org
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: Case Number: 25CY-PR00210 PROBATE In the Estate of MARY ALLENE SAGE, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY ALLENE SAGE, Decedent: On March 19, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY ALLENE SAGE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: VICKI CICCIO, 2115 LYNN ROAD, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO 64024, 816-288-1110 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and

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phone number are: SCOTT J. SULLIVAN, KUHLMAN REDDOCH & SULLIVAN PC, 1201 WEST COLLEGE ST., SUITE 200, LIBERTY, MO 64068, 816-781-3700. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMO, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMO, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMO. Date of the decedent's death: 31-JAN-2025 Date of first publication: March 27, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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Western Progressive - Missouri, Inc. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by KIRK ARASH and CHRISTYL RASH, dated 01/31/2007, recorded on 02/13/2007, in Book 5625, Page 2 as Instrument No. 2007005581, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Clay County, Missouri. The undersigned Successor Trustee, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, will on 06/25/2025, at 11:00 AM at 1 Courthouse Square, Liberty, MO 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the following real estate: ALLOF LOT 20, BLOCK 1, CANTERBURY 5TH PLAT, ASUBDIVISION IN LIBERTY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KIRK A. RASH AND CHRISTYL L. RASH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED MAY 8, 2002, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 3638, PAGE 827, IN THE OFFICE AFORESAID. to satisfy said debt and costs. Western Progressive - Missouri, Inc., Successor Trustee, (866)-960-8299, may be deemed to be a debt collector and, if so, is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. 2025-00100-MO Western Progressive - Missouri, Inc., Successor Trustee (866)-960-8299
7730 Market Center Ave, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79912
Phone: (866)-960-8299 Facsimile: 866-960-8298
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Notice of Trustee's Sale For default in payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by a Deed of Trust executed by Jessica Philpot and Michael Philpot, wife and husband, and John M Crosssett, Trustee for Kearney Trust Company, dated March 11, 2022 and recorded March 11, 2022 as Document No. 2022008294 in Book 9321 at Page 15 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee, WBIM, LLC (duly appointed by instrument recorded April 23, 2025 as Instrument #2025009283 in Book 9921, Page 89 of same recorder's office), at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness (which indebtedness is now fully due, payable and mature), will on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the north front door of the Clay County Circuit Courthouse in Liberty, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest cash bidder, the realty described in said Deed of Trust, to wit: All that part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 53 North, Range 31 West of the Fifth Principal

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Meridian in Clay County, Missouri, EXCEPT that part taken for public road, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the center of said Section 13; thence North 00 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds West, along the West line of the Northeast quarter of said Section 13, which is also the East line of BAR-B-HILLS, a subdivision in Clay County, Missouri a distance of 2671.75 fee to the North Quarter corner of said Section 13; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East, along the North line of said Section 13, a distance of 676.38 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East along said North line, a distance of 676.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 13; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds East along East line of said West Half, a distance of 2613.52 feet; thence South 87 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 673.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 41 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 2627.63 feet to the true point of beginning.

The property is located in Clay County at 20622 NE 172nd, Holt, Missouri 64048. Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber including timber to be cut now or any time in the future, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches, reservoirs and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described. To satisfy said debt and cost. The precise time of sale shall be 2:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as such sale may reasonably be called. The undersigned has been duly appointed as successor/substitute Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust first mentioned above.
WBIM, LLC
/s/Travis A. Wymore
By Travis A. Wymore Successor Trustee
Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: May 29, June 5, 12 and 19, 2025
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Notice of Trustee's Sale
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by a Deed of Trust executed by Jessica Philpot and Michael Philpot, wife and husband, to John M Crosssett, Trustee for Kearney Trust Company, dated May 13, 2022 and recorded May 16, 2022 as Document No. 2022016215 in Book 9367 at Page 49 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee, WBIM, LLC (duly appointed by instrument recorded April 23, 2025 as Instrument #2025009284 in Book 9921, Page 90 of same recorder's office), at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness (which indebtedness is now fully due, payable and mature), will on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the north front door of the Clay County Circuit Courthouse in Liberty, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest cash bidder, the realty described in said Deed of Trust, to wit: All that part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 53 North, Range 31 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Clay County, Missouri, EXCEPT that part taken for public road, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the center of said Section 13; thence North 00 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds West, along the West line of the Northeast quarter of said Section 13, which is also the East line of BAR-B-HILLS, a subdivision in Clay County, Missouri a distance of 2671.75 fee to the North Quarter corner of said Section 13; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East, along the North line of said Section 13, a distance of 676.38 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East along said North line, a distance of 676.89 feet to the Northeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 13; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds East along East line of said West Half, a distance of 2613.52 feet; thence South 87 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 673.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 41 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 2627.63 feet to the true point of beginning. The property is located in Clay County at 20622 NE 172nd, Holt, Missouri 64048. Together with

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all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber including timber to be cut now or any time in the future, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches, reservoirs and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described. To satisfy said debt and cost. The precise time of sale shall be 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as such sale may reasonably be called. The undersigned has been duly appointed as successor/substitute Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust first mentioned above.
WBIM, LLC
/s/ Travis A. Wymore
By Travis A. Wymore Successor Trustee
Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: May 29, June 5, 12 and 19, 2025
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00313. The Attorneys name and business address is: John Fairfield, Fairfield Law Office 5555 NW Barry Rd., Suite A Kansas City, MO 64154 816-668-5745
In the Estate of SCOTT DAVID PITTMAN, Deceased. Letters of Administration (Independent Administration) The State of Missouri to All Persons Interested in the Estate of SCOTT DAVID PITTMAN, who resided in CLAY COUNTY, died intestate, and to the end that the property of Decedent may be collected and disposed of, we appoint BRADLEY S. PITTMAN, personal representative, who may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, with full power and authority as provided by law. Date of Death: 31-OCT-2024 I, Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri, have signed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court on APRIL 23, 2025. Is/Kimberly McQuery, Principal Clerk-Probate Inventory Due: 23-MAY-2025 Statement of Account Due: 23-APR-2026 Earliest Date Statement of Account can be filed: 6 MONTHS & 10 DAYS FROM DATE OF 1st PUBLICATION I, Clerk of the Probate Division, certify that the foregoing Letters, now in full force and effect, is a true copy from the record as it appears in my office. Witness my hand and seal of court on 4/23/25 Kimbul McQuery Clerk
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In Re: Edward Shawn Bergested and Alia Bergested, a married couple, as joint tenants TRUSTEE'S SALE – Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Edward Shawn Bergested and Alia Bergested, a married couple, as joint tenants dated 05/04/2023, and recorded on 05/05/2023 Book 9556 Page 134 Document 2023010196 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 06/24/2025 at 9:30 AM at the Main Entrance on the North side of the building of the new Clay County Courthouse, 11 South Water St. Liberty MO 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: LOT 232, NORTH HAMPTON 4TH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION IN KANSAS CITY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00379 In the Estate of KALYA K. BRUCE, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of KALYA K. BRUCE, Decedent: On May 22, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of KALYA K. BRUCE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by

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the court. The name, business address and phone number of the personal representative are: THEODORE WILLIAM OLSON, JR., 6223 WALL ST., PARKVILLE, MO 64151. 816-584-9393 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: JAMES C. THOMAS III, 7509 N.W. TIFFANY SPRINGS PKWY., SUITE 300, KANSAS CITY, MO 64153, 816-584- 9393. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 05-FEB-2025 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00384 In the Estate of TIMOTHY JACK LARSON, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of TIMOTHY JACK LARSON, Decedent: On May 21, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of TIMOTHY JACK LARSON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number are: BRANDON LEE LEFRIDGE, 7404 N. WABASH AVE., GLADSTONE, MO 64118, 816-309-1733 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: DANIEL L. CHADWICK, 1 VICTORY DRIVE, SUITE 200, LIBERTY, MO 64068, 816-792-8700. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 27-JAN-2025 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00360 In the Estate of KATHLEEN ANN CARLISLE, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in

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the Estate of KATHLEEN ANN CARLISLE, Decedent: On May 19, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of KATHLEEN ANN CARLISLE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The name, business address and phone number of the personal representative are: DAVID JOSEPH CARLISLE, 10805 NORTH KENTUCKY COURT, KANSAS CITY, MO 64157, 602-397-6050 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: GRANT A. PETERSON, 10955 LOWELL AVE., STE. 710, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210, 913-322-0322 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 16-FEB-2025 Date of first publication: May 29, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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WANTED: Lawyer to defend against Quiet Title take-over by co-trustees of Trust involving Real Property in Platte & Ray County, Missouri. Trustees admit (in writing) that Grantor of Trust was overseen by Conservators. Contact Mike at 913-250-8052
Publish: Courier Tribune
Date: June 5 and 12, 2025
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Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Liberty, Missouri, that a public hearing will be held before the City of Liberty to hear a request for new construction of a mixed-use building totaling 23,116 square feet at 1 - 11 N Water Street. The Liberty Historic District Review Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and Liberty City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings to be held in the City Council Chambers at Liberty City Hall, 101 E Kansas, Liberty, Missouri. Questions regarding this application may be directed to Planning staff at 816-439-4537.
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Date: June 5, 2025
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00403 In the Estate of VANESSA GAY BRANNDOM, Deceased. Notice to Creditors (Small Estate) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VANESSA GAY BRANNDOM, Decedent. On May 23, 2025 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. All creditors of Decedent, who died on 04-FEB-2025, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration. Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of CLAY COUNTY, Missouri. Date of first pub-

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lication is June 5, 2025 /s/ Theresa Reynolds Clerk
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00363 In the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH GUEVEL, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH GUEVEL, Decedent: On May 28, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed the co-personal representatives of the estate of MARY ELIZABETH GUEVEL, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The co-personal representatives may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The names, business addresses and phone numbers are: PATRICK GUEVEL, 21456 W. 107TH PLACE, OLATHE, KS 66061, 913-209-2706 RANDA NIEDERHAUSER, 9619 N. LYDIA AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO 64155, 816-678-6099 The co-personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number are: LUCAS K. SCOTT, 327 ARMOUR ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64116, 816-802-8200 The non-resident co-personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number are: RANDA NIEDERHAUSER, 9619 N. LYDIA AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO 64155, 816-678-6099 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 24-DEC-2024 Date of first publication: June 5, 2025. /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION
MATTHEW SHANE REFFITT JR.
Minor,
REBECCA R. REFFITT
Petitioner,
CASE NUMBER: 24CY-PR00983
MATTHEW SHANE REFFITT
Respondent.

PETITIONER'S PROPOSED PUBLICATION NOTICE
COMES NOW, Petitioner, Rebecca Reffitt, by and through her undersigned counsel, and for her Proposed Publication Notice she states as follows: **NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO: Matthew Shane Reffitt, Respondent.

You are hereby notified that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The object and general nature of which is APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AND CONSERVATOR.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner are MITZI J. ALSPAUGH, 310 ARMOUR ROAD, SUITE 204, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO 64116.

Said action has been designated as an adversary proceeding and shall be governed by the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure.

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You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after 2025 is the first date of publication, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Mitzi J Alspaugh, 44644 310 Armour Road, Suite 204 North Kansas City, MO 64116 816-751-0580
alspaughfamilylaw@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner
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In Re: Robert Lewis, a single person TRUSTEE'S SALE – Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Robert Lewis, a single person dated 12/13/2021, and recorded on 12/17/2021 Book 9261 Page 8 Document 2021053867 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 07/01/2025 at 9:30 AM at the Main Entrance on the North side of the building of the new Clay County Courthouse, 11 South Water St. Liberty MO 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: LOT 2, ORIGINAL TOWN OF LIBERTY, A SUBDIVISION IN LIBERTY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE Published in the The Courier-Tribune
File #: LEVROJPM
First publication date 06/05/2025
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Date: June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: Case Number: 24CY-PR01235 PROBATE In the Estate of JERRY LEE ENGLAND, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JERRY LEE ENGLAND, Decedent: On May 30, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed the co-personal representatives of the estate of JERRY LEE ENGLAND, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The co-personal representatives may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The names, business addresses and phone numbers are: JACLYN F. ENGLAND, 2308 N.E. 51ST TERR., KANSAS CITY, MO 64118-6202, 816-521-1320 RYAN A. ENGLAND, 801 AVENUE F, EL CAMPO, TX 77437, 832-334-8994 The co-personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number are: MICHAEL JAMES SCHILLING, 1321 CENTRAL AVE, KANSAS CITY, KS 66102, 913-353-4021 The non-resident co-personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number are: JACLYN F. ENGLAND, 2308 N.E. 51ST TERR., KANSAS CITY, MO 64118-6202, 816-521-1320 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 30-MAY-2024 Date of first publication: June 5, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 25CY-PR00393 In the Estate of MARY BRATKOVICH, Deceased. FILED 05/30/2025 ksm CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT CLAY COUNTY Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY BRATKOVICH, Decedent: On May 30, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY BRATKOVICH, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's name, business address and phone number are: LARRY C. RALLS, 1163 S. FIREFLY, MESA, AZ 85208, 816-786-9377 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: MEGAN ALFANO, 200 N.E. MISSOURI RD., SUITE 200, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64086, 816-774-1107 The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number are: MEGAN ALFANO, 200 N.E. MISSOURI RD., SUITE 200, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64086, 816-774-1107 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 01-MAY-2025 Date of first publication: June 5, 2025 /s/Kimberly McQuery Principal Clerk-Probate Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025 3543650

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI FAMILY COURT DIVISION In the Interest Of: Ray Niya Porter Birthdate: October 23, 2008 Case ID No. 25CY-JU000095 ORDER OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (OPUBL) The State of Missouri to: Rayon Porter You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is the adjudicational/dispositional hearing in the cause filed in the interest of the juvenile. The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Juvenile Officer is Bryan McMahon, 351 E. Kansas, Liberty, Missouri 64068. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the

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aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 5th day of June 2025, judgment by default will be rendered against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Courier Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the County of Clay, State of Missouri. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 30th day of May 2025. /S/JO ELLEN JUNG Clay County Circuit Clerk Seventh Judicial Circuit of MO By: /S/S.H. Juvenile Clerk Publish: Courier Tribune Date: June 5, 2025 3544260

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clay County Board of Zoning Adjustment will conduct a public hearing at 5:30 PM, June 24 th , 2025, in the Commission Hearing Room, 3 rd Floor, County Administration Building, One Courthouse Square, Liberty, Missouri, for the following applications:
1. A request for variance to Section 151-6.3(A)(4) of the 2011 Clay County Land Development Code, pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units. Specifically, a request to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit to have a separate electric meter. Such a request will be in non-compliance with the County code of requirements. The property involved with the variance request is legally described as: All of the northwest quarter (NW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼), Section Eleven (11), Township Fifty-Three (53), Range Thirty (30). EXCEPT about four (4) acres out of the Northwest corner, heretofore deeded to the Rock Island Railway Company, all in Clay County, Missouri subject to that part, if any, in streets, roadways, highways or other public right-of-ways
The above property is more easily described as 37.54 ± acres located at approximately 17900 Baxter Rd. The applicants are Chris & Ashley Weston (Case No. 25-104BZA)
 The public is invited to attend. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments for the above cases to the Planning & Zoning Department prior to June 18 th , 2025. The comments can be mailed to 234 W. Shradler Street Suite C Liberty, MO 64068 or emailed to pandz@claycountymo.gov. For further information, or to obtain a copy of the Staff Report, please contact the Clay County Planning and Zoning Department at 407-3380.
 Publish: Courier Tribune Date: June 5, 2025 3545030

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held by the Kearney Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 9, 2025, and by the Kearney Board of Aldermen at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 16, 2025. Both hearings will be held at Kearney City Hall, 100 East Washington. Both meetings will be remotely accessible to the public utilizing ZOOM. ZOOM links for each meeting are published as part of each meeting's agenda and on the city calendar at www.kearney.com. The purpose of the public hearings is to consider an application made by Deer Valley, LLC, to rezone 7.405 acres from C – General Commercial District to R-P-1 – Low-Density Residential Planned District with Concept Plan for the proposed Cottonwood Creek 5th Plat area, proposing 22 single-family lots. The property is located along the west side of Nation Road, between 92 Highway to the south and Cottonwood Creek Avenue to the north and is further described as follows: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 53 North, Range 31 West, in the City of Kearney, Clay County, Missouri, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the

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Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28; thence N 0°19'38" W, along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28, a distance of 844.00 feet, to the Southeast plat corner of COTTONWOOD CREEK FOURTH PLAT, a platted subdivision of land in the City of Kearney, Clay County, Missouri; thence S 89°17'35" W, along the Southerly plat line of said COTTONWOOD CREEK FOURTH PLAT, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of Nation Road, as now established, said point also being the Point of Beginning; thence S 0°19'38" E, along the Westerly right-of-way of said Nation Road, a distance of 534.39 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Missouri Route 92 Highway, for the following five (5) courses; thence N 89°32'35" W, a distance of 9.31 feet; thence S 0°27'25" W, a distance of 153.00 feet; thence S 29°07'15" W, a distance of 85.48 feet; thence S 74°11'48" W, a distance of 125.00 feet; thence N 89°31'49" W, a distance of 251.30 feet; thence N 19°32'04" W, a distance of 230.36 feet to the Southern Most corner of said COTTONWOOD CREEK FOURTH PLAT; thence along the Southerly plat line of said COTTONWOOD CREEK FOURTH PLAT, for the following thirteen (13) courses; thence N 33°06'21" E, a distance of 130.27 feet; thence N 56°33'31" E, a distance of 11.58 feet; thence N 24°10'47" E, a distance of 70.32 feet; thence N 4°32'15" E, a distance of 67.25 feet; thence N 5°46'21" W, a distance of 74.53 feet; thence N 5°50'20" E, a distance of 73.00 feet; thence N 6°22'10" E, a distance of 63.41 feet; thence N 74°24'52" E, a distance of 37.31 feet; thence N 0°28'49" W, a distance of 131.53 feet; thence Easterly on a curve to the right, said curve having an initial tangent bearing of S 85°38'59" E and a radius of 160.00 feet, an arc distance of 5.78 feet; thence S 83°34'41" E, a distance of 85.97 feet; thence S 82°47'32" E, a distance of 102.36 feet; thence N 89°17'35" E, a distance of 148.21 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 7.4050 acres, more or less. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and be heard. Further information may be obtained at City Hall by contacting: David Pavlich Community Development Dir City of Kearney 816-628-4142 dpavlich@kearney.com.us Publish: Courier Tribune Date: June 5 and 12, 2025 3547290

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Rodney J. Carrington, Jr., a single person, dated 5/31/2022, recorded on 6/3/2022, as Instrument No. 2022018606, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Clay County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on 7/28/2025, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 11:15 AM, at the North front door of the Clay County Courthouse, 11 South Water Street, Liberty, Missouri 64068, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate: LOT 396, SOMERBROOK SEVENTH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION IN KANSAS CITY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI. For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust. Vylla Solutions - Missouri, LLC Successor Trustee TS No.: 25-34873 Pub Commencement: 6/5/2025 By: NFPDS Website: Purported address: 9110 NE 11TH PL, KANSAS CITY, MO 64157 Publish: Courier Tribune Date: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025 3547640

HONOR ROLL — KEARNEY

COMPILED BY KELLIE HOUX



Mila Kane was named to the spring 2025 president's list at Truman State University, Kirksville. To qualify for this list an undergraduate student must attain a semester 4.0 GPA and must complete at least 12 credit hours.

MaKalah Marler and **Hagen Wilmes** were named to the spring 2025 honors list at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa. Students with a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99 to be named to the list.

Allison Henry was named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa. Students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64 are named to the list.

Kevin Ambrosio, John Barrett, Nicholette Belcher, Tyler Carr, Adalyn Davis, Emma Donnelly, Moira Olberding, Emilee Person, Preston Pieper, Nathan Pratt, Grace Rasmussen, Aiden Smith, Lottie Terwilliger and **Alea Ware** were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. The dean's list includes undergraduate students who achieved a GPA of 3.50 or above.

Wade David Mann was named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Jacksonville State University, Alabama. To be named to the list, students must earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 GPA

hours of course credit.

Ava Henry was named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Drury University, Springfield. The recognition means a student earned a GPA of 3.6 or greater (on a 4-point scale) while carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours.

Madison Williams was named to the 2025 spring dean's list at MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, Kansas. To make the list, students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Kiersten Jordan and **Hunter Smith** were named to the spring 2025 president's list at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum GPA 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the list.

"Honor Roll" includes names of local students who recently were named to an honor roll or received academic recognition at a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary institution. To submit information about student achievements, email Kellie Houx at khoux@cherryroad.com.

HONOR ROLL — LIBERTY & KANSAS CITY

COMPILED BY KELLIE HOUX



James Calder, Caroline Casel, Elaina Gorton, Areeb Lodhi, Vincent Money, Eric Rotert and **Matthew Wolz** were named to the spring 2025 president's list at Truman State University, Kirksville. To qualify for this list an undergraduate student must attain a semester 4.0 GPA and must complete at least 12 credit hours.

Kayden Alderman, Hunter Biesemeyer, Caroline Brink, Emmy Brown and **Payton Robertson** were named to the spring 2025 vice president's list at Truman State University, Kirksville. To qualify for this list an undergraduate student must attain a semester GPA of at least 3.5 and must complete at least 12 credit hours.

Ciara Medlock was named to the spring 2025 president's list at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa. Students on the list have a 4.0 GPA.

Erica Berg, Dominic Kisato and **Paris Smith** were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa. Students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64 are named to the list.

Allycia Moore was named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Lincoln University, Jefferson City. To be on the list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Donovan Klish and **Emma Murphy** were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Central

College, Pella, Iowa. To be on the list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours. Klish also received a service award from the college.

Xander Alicie, Molly Blackburn, Carson Couch, Joshua Fletchall, Mitchell Gant, Nathan Hall, Isaac Langford, Samiracle Lee, Tanner Longley, Spencer Lufkin, Mason McCall, Layton McKee, Alexis Meyer, Logan Miner, Kaleb Moore, Brian Muthee, Jecinta Jackline Muthee, Natalie Schuette, Logan Walker and **Aiden Watson** were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. The dean's list includes undergraduate students who achieved a GPA of 3.50 or above.

Avery Rothert was named to the spring 2025 honor list at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. Students who earn a 3.90 GPA or higher while also completing at least 12 credit hours during the semester qualify for this list.

"Honor Roll" includes names of local students who recently were named to an honor roll or received academic recognition at a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary institution. To submit information about student achievements, email Kellie Houx at khoux@cherryroad.com.

HONOR ROLL — SMITHVILLE

COMPILED BY KELLIE HOUX



Jonas Beckham, Mia De La Piedra, Ben Grandstaff and **Mason West** were named to the spring 2025 president's list at Truman State University, Kirksville. To qualify for this list an undergraduate student must attain a semester 4.0 GPA and must complete at least 12 credit hours.

Mason Crim was named to the spring 2025 vice president's list at Truman State University, Kirksville. To qualify for this list an undergraduate student must attain a semester GPA of at least 3.5 and must complete at least 12 credit hours.

Jordan Anderson, Katelyn Burkhardt, Breanna Howe, Asa Kellner, Jordyn Walker and **Ryan Winter** were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. The dean's list includes undergraduate students who achieved a GPA of 3.50 or above.

Blake Doss was named to the 2025 spring

dean's honor list at Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Carson Doss was named to the 2025 spring dean's list at Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and to all parties interested, notice is hereby given that at 7:00 PM on June 10, 2025, the Smithville Planning Commission in City Hall, 107 W. Main St., Smithville, MO will consider the following:

Revisions to the Zoning Code concerning additional regulations for the 169 South Employment Overlay District as described in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, generally in the area(s) shown below:



As provided in the Zoning Ordinances of Smithville, MO the above item(s) will be discussed and considered by the Planning Commission, and all persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes; and any protest against any of the provisions of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance will be considered by the Commission, as provided by law. Publish: Courier Tribune Date: May 22, 29 and June 5, 2025 3498970



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Northlanders participate in relay

The Relay for Life of KC North has raised more than \$63,000. See Page B2

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Create activities for kids this summer

BY METRO CREATIVE

The arrival of summer is a momentous day for children. Summer means school is closed and weeks of rest, recreation and fun in the sun are on the schedule.

Although summer may start off with a bang, it may not be too long before kids are uttering the dreaded, "I'm bored," leaving parents and caregivers looking for ways to keep children occupied. Having a list of activities at the ready can help families stay active and engaged during the dog days of summer.

Summertime swimming

Those lucky enough to have a backyard pool have a great source of entertainment right at home. Swimming alone can grow monotonous for kids, so work with friends' parents to devise a schedule to have the kids alternate whose house they visit for swimming sessions. Standard games like water volleyball or diving retrieval games can add some fun, but many times kids are happy to splash and float with friends. Stock a cooler with water, juice and healthy snacks so kids can just hop out of the water and

grab a refreshment, rather than leaving a water-logged trail into the kitchen.

Those who do not have a pool can consider membership to a township pool, where everyone can mingle with neighbors.

Host a movie night

The dog days of summer tend to be humid, hot and sometimes uncomfortable. Scheduling activities for later in the day makes the most of weather that has cooled off a bit. Purchase or borrow a projector that hooks up to a computer or tablet, and set up a screen in the yard. Stream a family-friendly movie and prepare ready-made bags of popcorn or cotton candy for the show.

Add water to everything

Favorite backyard games can be enhanced with the use of a little water. For example, instead of tossing bean bags for cornhole, fill up water balloons. Kids who are playing tag or games like capture the flag may have to run through a garden sprinkler to get into their opponent's territory. Kids can put their engineering skills to use by building an obstacle course of hurdles and the like



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While a swimming pool is a great summer distraction, there are several ideas to try this summer.

from tires or pool noodles. Poke holes into one pool noodle and feed a garden hose into the end to create a water hazard.

Go on a scavenger hunt

Whether at a beach, park, or even walking the neighborhood, families can have a list of

objects that must be found. The first child to find all of the items on the list gets a prize, such as choosing which ice cream shop to visit.

Dance in the rain

Summertime is known for the sudden arrival of storms. When a

downpour occurs, have the family head into the garage with the door open to catch the amazing sights of Mother Nature. Take turns briefly running out into the deluge to dance and splash in the rain. Retreat to the indoors when thunder and lightning are close by.

Children could be affected by food, environmental allergens

BY METRO CREATIVE

New parents often lament that there is no guidebook to caring for and raising children. This becomes even more apparent when parents must confront illnesses that affect their children. It can be disconcerting when a child is affected by illness and parents feel helpless. Such feelings may arise when children's allergies first present.

Just like adults, children can be sensitive to allergens in their foods or their environments. Cedars-Sinai says allergies affect the immune system. Allergic reactions occur when the immune system reacts to something generally harmless and thinks it is a danger. So the body then attacks the allergen with antibodies, causing a number of reactions in the body.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says



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One in five children has a seasonal allergy, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

nearly one in five children has a seasonal allergy, more than 10% have eczema, and nearly 6% have a food allergy. Food Allergy Canada says almost 600,000 Canadian children under age 18

have food allergies.

Children may experience allergies differently than adults. The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology says some of the more common

allergy symptoms in children include:

- Skin rashes or hives (atopic dermatitis or eczema)
- Difficulty breathing
- Sneezing, coughing, a runny nose or itchy eyes
- Stomach upset
- Chronic nasal congestion
- Ear infections, since allergies can lead to inflammation in the ear and may cause fluid accumulation
- Itching in ears or the roof of the mouth
- Red, itchy, watery eyes
- A severe, life-threatening allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis

Allergies can be caused by a number of things. The most common triggers are tree, grass and weed pollens, according to Cedars-Sinai. Mold, dust mites, animal dander, bee stings, pests like roaches and mice, and foods also cause allergies. Children

also may be allergic to medicines, which can be scary, since parents may not have any prior warning of an allergic reaction to a new medication.

Allergies can affect anyone, and parents who suffer from their own allergies may have children who also have allergies. Doctors are not sure why allergies tend to run in families. Also, allergic symptoms can happen slowly over time. Parents who suspect their children may have allergies should discuss their concerns with a doctor for an accurate and complete diagnosis. Allergists typically use skin testing to confirm allergies. Liquid-form extracts of allergens are placed on the top layer of the skin through a pricking device, says Childrens Hospital. The skin will turn red where the test was applied if an allergen causes a reaction. Skin testing is usually faster than blood tests.

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Know where to go: primary care, urgent care or ER

BY LIBERTY HOSPITAL

No one expects to get sick or injured. But when it happens, people have an immediate choice to make: call your doctor, visit an urgent care or go straight to a hospital emergency department (ER). Which is the best option?

“The choice should be based on urgency,” said Jake Lewis, Liberty Hospital’s director of emergency services. “Calling your primary care provider should be your first choice for non-emergencies. He or she will be most familiar with your health history, chronic illnesses and medications.”

Urgent care is a good choice when your injury or illness isn’t life-threatening but requires immediate attention or an X-ray.



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Deciding on whether to go to urgent care of the emergency room may mean asking about the severity of the illness or injury.

Urgent care centers offer extended hours and walk-in appointments. They are good choices for minor burns, stitches or allergic

reactions, minor broken bones, abdominal pain, sprains, persistent vomiting and diarrhea, and symptoms of flu such as cough, sore throat, wheezing and fever.

Urgent care should be a supplement to your regular healthcare, but never a replacement.

When comparing wait times, you’ll often spend less time in urgent care than at a hospital emergency department. However, Lewis advises, if you’re questioning choosing urgent care or emergency services, head to the ER.

The ER specializes in life-threatening symptoms and situations, such as head injury, electric shock, sudden numbness or loss of feeling, trouble breathing, chest pain, loss of consciousness, broken bones, deep wounds, severe bleeding or severe burns. When you dial 9-1-1, you will be taken to a hospital

emergency department.

“You definitely want to call 9-1-1 for stroke, heart attack and trauma when every second without emergency care counts,” Lewis explains.

Hospital ERs use a triage system which enables the sickest patients to receive attention and care first. The less urgent your illness, the longer you will wait, so choosing the right level of care – primary urgent care and the ER – can save time.

Liberty Hospital is designated as a Level II Time Critical Diagnosis hospital by the state of Missouri for stroke, STEMI (heart) and trauma. Learn more about primary, urgent and emergency care options at libertyhospital.org.

Advertorial

Sunscreen recommended for infants older than 6 months

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends that parents avoid exposing babies younger than six months to the sun’s rays. Infants should be kept in the shade as much as possible and dressed in lightweight and long sleeves, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses.

The AAD also notes that, when possible, sunscreen use should be avoided in babies younger than six months.

Children six months and older can use a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. These sunscreens

should be applied to all areas that are not covered by clothing, and reapplied approximately every two hours (or as often as the product label indicates). Ingredients such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide may cause less irritation to the sensitive skin of children six months and older.



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Relay for Life of KC North unites survivors, caregivers, walkers to raise funds



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

The first lap of the Relay for Life of Kansas City North was the Survivor Lap Saturday, May 31. The walk took place on the track of the Kansas City Regional Police Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road.



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Team North Star, from North Star United Methodist Church, held their oversized team wand with this year’s theme of “Wishing Upon a Cure.”



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Many participants walked arm in arm or arms draped over shoulders as they began the Relay for Life of KC North May 31.



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This year marked the 40th anniversary of the Relay for Life efforts. In the Northland, the group has been walking for 20 years. This year’s theme was “Wish Upon a Cure,” featuring Disney, Marvel and more.



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

MaryLynn Dunbar dances with Sully from “Monsters, Inc.” during the Relay for Life of KC North Saturday, May 31.



Kellie Houx/Courier-Tribune

Michalea Watts, Cassie Kosorog and Kimberly Kosorog participated in the Relay for Life of KC North as part of Team JCP Saturday, May 31.

Kansas City area Westlake Ace Hardware stores, Salvation Army team up for annual fan drive

As temperatures begin to rise, Westlake Ace Hardware and The Salvation Army are once again joining forces to bring summer relief to those in need through their annual fan drive. The campaign runs through June 7 and aims to provide new box fans to help individuals and families stay cool during the hot summer months, according to a press release.

Customers can support the effort by rounding up their purchases at any Westlake Ace Hardware store. All funds collected will go directly toward purchasing fans for distribution by local Salvation Army commands.

Last year, Westlake Ace customers in

the Kansas City metro donated more than \$21,000, resulting in 1,200 box fans given to the local Salvation Army for distribution to local citizens.

“From the beginning, the fan drive has made a tangible difference in the lives of people across the country,” said Joe Jeffries, president and CEO of Ace Retail Holdings (parent company of Westlake Ace Hardware). “Our customers’ generosity continues to inspire us, and we’re proud to help provide relief to those who need it most. Giving back is part of who we are.”

“Something as simple as a fan can mean

everything to someone facing extreme summer heat. Thanks to our partnership with Westlake Ace Hardware, we’re able to provide immediate, tangible help to neighbors in need,” said Commissioner Merle Heatwole, national commander of The Salvation Army.

The Northland Westlake Ace Hardware stores are at 9715 N. Ash Avenue, Kansas City; 700 E. Highway, Kearney; 5009 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City; 5945 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone; and 15700 N. Highway 169, Unit D, Smithville.

Those wishing to give online can visit westlakehardware.com/fan-drive.



Submitted Photo

The annual fan drive is on at local Westlake Ace stores.

27 things to do in Clay County

The following is a list of things to do Thursday through Wednesday, June 5 through 11 in the Courier-Tribune coverage area. To have your event included in an upcoming calendar, email us by noon Monday the week of the event at news@mycouriertribune.com.



the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce.

SUMMER AT MCPL KICK-OFF: Starting at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 5 in the Kearney Community Room, Kearney library, 100 S. Platte-Clay Way. This open-house style event is full of activities, games and crafts for the whole family. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

TEEN ANIME: Starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 5, teens can visit the library for a celebration of all things anime at Smithville Community Room, Smithville library branch, 120 Richardson St. Come to the Library for a celebration of all things anime. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

BOOK GROUP: “The Pairing” by Casey McQuiston book group starts at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Withers Community Room, 1665 S. Withers Road. Titles are typically available at the branch one month prior to the discussion, events.mymcpl.org

LIBERTY CHAMBER BIZ OVER COFFEE: Biz Over Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. at McBee’s Coffee N Carwash, 320 N.Highway 291. Visit with other members of the business community while enjoying the hospitality of the sponsoring business.

BABIES WHO BUILD: Starting at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, kids are toddlers and infants are invited to build with blocks at the Woodneath Storytime Barn, 8900 NE Flintlock Road. Play is a great way to develop early literacy skills for writing and imagining. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

BOOK GROUP: “Mrs. Quinn’s Rise to Fame” by Olivia Ford will be discussed at 10 a.m. June 6 at the Kearney Community Room, 100 S. Platte-Clay Way.

RIBBON CUTTING: Bull Run Roofing ribbon cutting will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 6, 16806 NE 188th St., held by

JUNETEENTH: The Clay County African American Legacy commemorates 25 years of honoring freedom and heritage during its 25th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, to be held Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7. A community parade will follow around 1 p.m., parading from Mississippi Street to Liberty’s Clay County Rooney Justice Square. There will also be gospel performances. For more details, check out CCAAL on Facebook.

ART ON THE SIDE: Starting at 8 a.m. June 7, The Artisan Market, 118 N. Main St., will open Art on the Side Liberty Art Festival. The festival will feature over 80 artists and artisan makers displaying their creations. The event will take place in the parking lots and on Main Street, right next to The Artisan Market at 118 N. Main St. The festival runs until 5 p.m. There will be children’s activities as well as music and dance performances.

GUIDED WALKING TOUR: Starting at 10 a.m., join William Jewell alumni Juarenne Hester and David Fulk for a tour around the William Jewell College Quad at the west steps of Jewell Hall. This tour will focus on Jewell’s rich history, beautiful architecture and more.

QUILT WALK: The Quilt Walk, created and organized by Quilting is My Therapy, 2 E. Franklin St., runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be quilts hung in many shops around the square. At participating businesses, pick up a free quilt block pattern that can be put together for the 2025 Quilt Walk quilt, designed by Angela Walters, owner of Quilting is My Therapy. For more details, visit quiltingismytherapy.com or to register, find the link at eventbrite.com.

VALOR RANCH POKER RUN: Starting at 10 a.m., riders can participate in the 2nd Annual Valor Ranch Poker

Run June 7. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at the Smithville American Legion, 2607 Highway 92. The ride ends at Walnut Creek Winery in Holt. Check out more details on Facebook.

7TH ANNUAL “KNOW NORM RUN” POKER RUN & ANTIQUE VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW: The event starts at 10:30 a.m. June 7 at the Worth Harley-Davidson, 9400 NW Prairie View Road.

BOOK GROUP: “Ripple: A Long Strange Search for a Killer” by Jim Cosgrove starts at 10:30 a.m. June 7 at the Woodneath Library Center, 8900 NE Flintlock Road. Titles are typically available at the branch one month prior to the discussion.

KEARNEY-HOLT MOTORSHOW: Starting at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the car show returns at Walnut Creek Winery, 90 Main St., Holt.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT: Starting at 2 p.m. June 8, the Liberty Community Chorus will present the concert, “I Sing Because... Faith, Hope, Love” at St. James Catholic Church (309 S. Stewart Rd.) at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Children and students are free.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK: Starting at 9 a.m., June 9, the Kearney branch storytime staff will head to Lions Park for stories, music and activities. Participants may bring blankets for a more comfortable experience.

CONTRACEPTIVE CLARITY: Making Informed Decisions by North Kansas City Hospital Meritas Health, starts at noon June 9. The free virtual presentation will be by nurse Michelle Lane. Register at nkch.org/class or call 691-1690.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR PREDIABETES: Explore practical strategies to manage and potentially reverse prediabetes through lifestyle changes in a virtual class that starts at noon, June 9. The free class is presented by Lindsey Robinson, RD. Register at nkch.org/class or call 691-1690.

HENNA ART FOR TEENS: This class for teens starts at 6:30 p.m. June 9 in the Kearney Community Room. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

THE HARVEY GIRLS: Women’s Roles in Railroads, Kansas, and U.S. History starts at 2 p.m. June 10 in the Woodneath Community Room. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

HANDS-ON CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH VIRTUAL REALITY: This class starts at 2 p.m. June 10 in the Kearney Community Room. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

TEENS CREATE ART JOURNALING: Teens can express creativity and individuality by making an art journal. The class begins at 6:30 p.m. June 10 in the Smithville Community Room. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

THREE PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL PEST CONTROL: Gardening brings bugs so learn how to deal with them in a class starting at 6:30 p.m. June 10 in the Kearney Community Room. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

UPCYCLED FRAMES: Starting at 7 p.m. June 10 at the Withers Community Room, join the Magpie Creative Reuse Collective and upcycle a frame by covering it with patterned fabric. All materials provided. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

PLAY AND LEARN: Enjoy a preschool playtime that is designed to stimulate young minds and strengthen early literacy skills, starting at 10:30 a.m. June 11 at the Kearney Community Room, Kearney library. Registration is required at events.mymcpl.org.

MOONLIGHT YOGA: Moonlight Yoga starts at 10 p.m. at Stocksdale Park, 901 S. La Frenz Road. Liberty Parks & Rec has partnered with Serenity on the Square to offer Moonlight Yoga at Stocksdale Park. Enjoy a free community yoga class instructed and coordinated by Patti Stark, owner of Serenity on the Square. Donations to support the off-leash dog park are welcome.

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Smithville Kiwanis Fishing Derby again unites family generations

BY KELLIE HOUX
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SMITHVILLE — For decades, the Smithville Kiwanis have put together a fishing derby that brings out the community.

“The Kiwanis have been sponsoring the fishing derby for over 75 years,” said Starla Janes, club president. “It’s an event we look forward to doing every year as a club.”

This year was no exception with more than 70 kids and families as multiple generations found a spot on the banks of Helvey Lake May 31. It was grandparents and grandchildren, moms and dads as well as older siblings helping younger ones. “It’s always fun to hear parents and even grandparents come up and tell us how they won a trophy at the derby,” Janes said.

In the youngest category, ages 1 to 3, Finnley Griffith caught the smallest fish at 2 1/2 inches in length. Vera Bravo took a 14-inch fish and Rhett Cox caught 12 fish for the most fish caught in the age group.

For the ages of 4 and 5, Ivy Griffith took the largest fish at 6 inches. Emma Welch took the most fish with five in this age group and Chase Mayorga caught the smallest fish at 3 inches.

In the category of ages 6 and 7, William Graybill caught the smallest fish at 3 inches; Lincoln Domino caught the most at 22; and Brea Brandt caught the largest fish at 8 inches.

Logan Borchert caught the smallest fish at 2 inches in the ages 8 to 10. Hudson Schaffer caught the largest fish at 12 inches and Owen Brandt caught the most at 49.

For the ages of 11 to 13, Ava Halliday caught 57 fish while Matthew Chandler took the largest at 7 1/2 inches and Nicholas Borchert caught the smallest at 2 inches.

In the ages of 14 to 16, Gray Mrowinski caught the largest fish at 5 1/2 inches.

To further emphasize how the fishing derby stretches across the decades, Janee Thomas Domino also shared that her two older sisters and she participated in the Smithville Kiwanis Fishing Derby since she was born in 1989.

“We are the Thomas family and to this day, it’s one of our favorite traditions,” she said. “We each have children have been participating still since all our children were born.”

Thomas said this year marks the second time that all the boys came home with first place.

Her son Lincoln Domino has won every year since he was 2 which makes this trophy number 5. Rhett Cox has won since he was a year old, which marks this trophy



Zach Griffith helps his son Finn Griffith, 2, reel in one of his fish during the annual fishing derby.



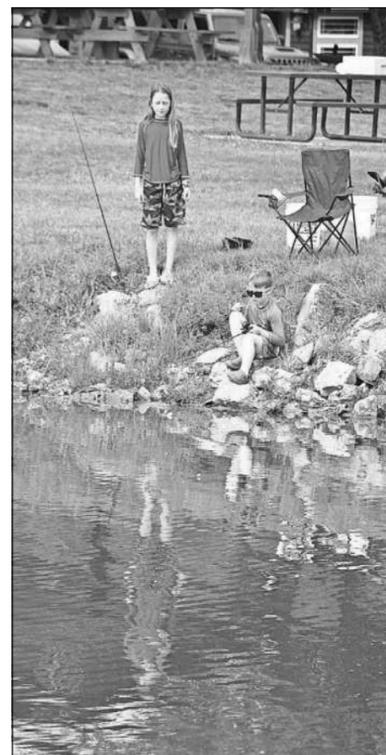
Finn Griffith, 2, shows off one of the fish he caught during the Smithville Kiwanis Fishing Derby May 31.



Cooper Craig, 3, stands near his great-grandfather during the Smithville Kiwanis Fishing Derby.



Kiera Hutcherson, 2, reels in the line with some help from her mother Melissa Hutcherson.



Two of the Holdsworth sons, Oliver and Olen, use different fishing techniques for the Smithville Kiwanis fishing derby Saturday, May 31.

number three.

And to help out this year, her father Mike Thomas and step-father Robert Hadley joined in with the boys’ fathers as well as the young fishermen of the family.

Lincoln Domino, 6, Logan Borchert, 10 and Rhett Cox, 3, Lincoln Domino, 6, Nicholas Borchert, 12 and Logan Borchert, 10 receive help from their fathers and grandfathers.



It’s a family affair with four family members receiving a trophy at the Smithville Kiwanis Fishing Derby. From left is Nicholas Borchert, 12, Lincoln Domino, 6, Logan Borchert, 10 and Rhett Cox, 3.

Reduce family food budget with planning

The University of Missouri Extension has been sharing details again to look at ways to reduce the family food budget.

Food prices are typically on the rise. However, with a little planning with some minor changes can help families eat healthy without breaking the budget.

First, reduce the number of meals eaten out. Meals out are usually two to three times the cost of preparing them at home.

Second, purchasing snacks at vending machines or convenience stores is often costly and healthy snack options are hard to find.

Make a snack mix and carry a reusable water bottle. For those that buy soda or coffee at convenience stores or coffee shops, try purchasing these items at the grocery store and brew that coffee at home. It may seem expensive initially to buy these items in larger quantities, but what making the purchases at the grocery store will cost a fraction.

Third, saving at the grocery store begins with planning menus and shopping lists ahead of time. While making that list, check

the refrigerator and cabinets for ingredients already on hand. Cutting down on trips and using a shopping list will help save money, but also use less gas and save time, suggests the University Extension.

Planning a couple of meatless meals every week can also make a big difference in the food budget. Beans are a great source of protein and it costs only pennies per person to serve them. Use beans to make a vegetarian chili — most people don’t even miss the meat. Many kids say they don’t like beans, but often they will eat a bean burrito and love it.

Finally, it is important to decrease the amount of food waste in your household. Millions of dollars worth of food are wasted each year. When a meal is prepared, but there are leftovers, take those leftovers for lunch the next day or plan an evening where leftovers from the week are finished off.

Food is the third highest household expense after housing and transportation. However, it is possible to decrease that expense with careful planning and shopping.



Think about planning before going grocery shopping to save money.

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Blue Jay girls track earns highest state finish since 1998

BY WESLEY MILLER
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JEFFERSON CITY — Liberty's track and field teams once again made history as they closed out their seasons in the Class 5 State Championships Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at Jefferson City High School.

Girls

The Blue Jay girls finished as state runners-up, earning second as a team with 61 total points. It's the highest team finish at state for Liberty since 1998 and is the most points at state in program history, beating last year's record of 42. The team medaled 11 times. "I'm just so proud of them," coach Eniola Ajayi said. "They are incredibly special. I'm losing some seniors that I don't know how we can fill the holes that they're leaving, just what they have brought to this program, just how they put us together."

Senior Alyssah Price is the state champion in discus, finishing first with a throw of 45.49 meters (149 feet and 3 inches). She's the first to win a discus state title for the Blue Jays in 25 years.

"It's special doing it, but to have my team there was even more special," she said. "To go back to the tent, I know it's just going to be lots of tears for my last year, but, oh, it's special."

Price also medaled in shot put with a fourth-place mark of 12.54 meters (41 feet and 1.75 inches). She was also shot put state champion in 2024.

Senior Malia Cabuyaban was state runner-up in javelin, claiming silver with a throw of 44.21 meters (145 feet).

Seniors Ella Brown, Cambell Grosdidier, Ariana Ruiz and sophomore Lily Hurt earned bronze in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 9:20.92.

Brown, junior Caleigh



Wesley Miller/Courier-Tribune

Liberty boys track and field senior Femi Nilson competes in the 110-meter hurdles during the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

Brownfield, sophomore Harper Grosdidier and sophomore Lily O'Brien claimed bronze in the 4x400 relay with a finish of 3:52.42.

Senior Ansley Drake took home bronze in pole vault with a mark of 3.60 meters (11 feet and 9.75 inches).

Junior Amari Morrison earned two medals, coming in fifth in the 100 with a time of 12.14 and finishing fifth in the 200 with a time of 24.49.

Harper Grosdidier medaled in the 400 with a fourth-place time of 56.13. Brown took home a medal in the 800 with an eighth-place finish of 2:16.42.

Harper Grosdidier, Morrison, O'Brien and sophomore Eleeca Norman earned medals in the 4x200 relay after finishing fifth with a time of 1:40.54.

While Ajayi said she hates to lose the seniors, she's excited for the future of the program.

"When we think about people who score points and place, like, 'sophomore, sophomore, sophomore, junior, junior,' is just amazing," she said. "So, just excited — so sad that I'm losing my seniors — but also excited that I'm bringing our sophomores and our juniors back for another year and just recreating this magic again and just shooting for the stars."



Wesley Miller/Courier-Tribune

Liberty boys track and field senior Todd Yeates competes in the 3200-meter run during the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

Boys

The Liberty boys tied for 15th as a team with 15 total points. The team competed in six events and took home four medals.

Senior Femi Nilson earned bronze in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.56 and medaled in the 300-meter hurdles with an eighth-place finish of 57.75. Nilson was in the lead during the 300 hurdles until getting caught on one of the last hurdles.

Senior Todd Yeates claimed bronze in the 3200 with a time of 9:06.52 and also took home a medal in the 1600 with a seventh-place finish of 4:13.30.



Wesley Miller/Courier-Tribune

Liberty girls track and field senior Ella Brown, in the middle, competes in the 800-meter run during the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.



Wesley Miller/Courier-Tribune

Liberty girls track and field takes a team photo after finishing second overall in the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

"I came into this race with big goals," he said about the 3200. "I knew I was in shape, and I was just so excited. I was like shaking all day waiting for this. I'm excited with it. ... I've never been to state track, so making it here in the mile and two mile and coming out here and showing my work, I'm very proud of that."

The state championships also served as the final meet for Liberty's pole vaulter coach Wayne Washburn, who served

in that position since 2001 after roughly 17 years coaching in Joplin.

"I've been very honored to have some great athletes to work with," he said. "The state record holder and five state champions, it's been fun. I got to do other things in life at this stage. I've enjoyed it, and I'm going to miss some of it. Not going to fade away, though, I'll touch back with some of these kids and be back to support them."

Kearney boys track and field claims 5th-straight state trophy

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JEFFERSON CITY — After taking team pictures in front of the podium, the crowd quickly turned into a group hug around assistant coach Richard Haas.

After 47 years of coaching track and field, Haas is entering retirement. But even on his farewell tour, he helped Kearney boys track and field continue a championship culture as the Bulldogs claimed their ninth-consecutive conference championship, their fourth-straight district title and — in Haas' final meet — their fifth state trophy.

"He just keeps holding on, and I talked him into coming back for another year last year and just going to miss him," coach Scott Crall said. "Our coaching staff — it's the best one in the state of Missouri. I will put anything on that. I know all head coaches say that, but I tell you what, we've been able to stay our continuity and the things that we do. I'm just glad they still have to work with me."

Kearney's track and field teams closed out their seasons in the Class 4 State Championships Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at Jefferson City High School.

The Bulldog boys claimed fourth as a team with 37 total points. They competed in 11 events and earned seven medals.



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Kearney boys track and field sophomore Sam Way, in the middle, competes in the 300-meter hurdle prelims during the Class 4 State Championships Friday, May 30 in Jefferson City.

Senior Jacob Dillon was state runner-up in long jump, earning silver with a leap of 7.04 meters (23 feet and 1.25 inches). He also medaled in triple jump with a fourth-place mark of 13.53 meters (44 feet and 4.75 inches).

"It feels really great," he said. "Just all the hard work I put in the off-season finally paid off. I lost 15 pounds from football season to get into better speed for track and to put less pressure on my knees. I worked with my coaches during the off-season a lot, went to an indoor meet and then just put a lot of work into practice, too."

Senior Tyrus Smith followed up winning state in discus last season

by taking bronze this year with a throw of 54.71 meters (179 feet and 6 inches). He also medaled in shot put with a sixth-place mark of 17.29 meters (56 feet and 8.75 inches).

The 2024 javelin state champion, senior Theo Grace, finished as state runner-up this year. He didn't give up the title without a fight, though.

Hillsboro senior Preston Brown broke Grace's state record of 59.34 meters (194 feet and 9.25 inches), set in 2023, on his third attempt with a throw of 59.38 meters (194 feet and 10 inches). Then Grace retook the record on his next attempt with his best throw of the day at 59.76 meters (196 feet and 1 inch),



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Kearney boys track and field takes a team photo after earning fourth overall in the Class 4 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

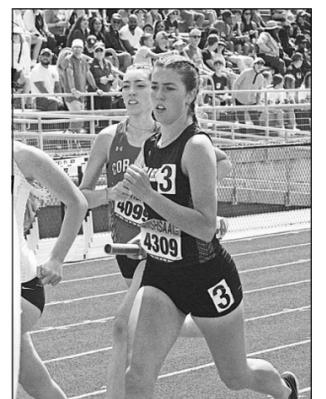
but Brown set the record once again on his sixth and final attempt with 60.96 meters (200 feet).

"It was like the best throw off in Class 4 history," Grace said. "It's a good feeling. Won last year, but can't win every time. Had a PR, so you can't really do much better than that."

Sophomore Sam Way took home a medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a fourth-place time of 39.41.

Way, senior Cole Burnam, senior Grant Noland and junior Deegan Knowles medaled in the 4x200 relay with a seventh-place finish of 1:28.76.

The Kearney girls competed in four events at state, including the 4x800 and the 4x200 relays.



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Kearney girls track and field senior Caitlyn Wood competes in the 4x800-meter relay during the Class 4 State Championships Friday, May 30 in Jefferson City.

Liberty North track takes home 9 state medals

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JEFFERSON CITY — It was a strong conclusion to the campaign for Liberty North's track and field teams Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at Jefferson City High School.

Girls

The Eagle girls tied for 11th as a team with 22 total points. The squad competed in nine events and medaled eight times.

"We're just really blessed with a group of girls that works really, really hard," coach David Chatlos said. "They have a very competitive spirit. They have big dreams, and they'll do everything they can to achieve that."

Sophomore Lilly Morgan won state in the girls' para shot put with a mark of 3.27 meters (10 feet and 8.75 inches) and in the para discus with a throw of 5.67 meters (18 feet and 7 inches). She was also state runner-up in the para 100-meter dash with a time of 24.38 and earned bronze in the 200 with a finish of 44.31.

Senior Adelyn French, junior Lexi Martin, sophomore Alona Messick and freshman Ainsley Park were state runners-up in the 4x200 relay, earning second with a school-record time of 1:39.42.

"This just means a lot being able to come out here and compete for my last 4x2 ever at state and just getting second," French said. "I know last year we finally medaled, but this year, this is what we wanted, and I'm just happy to be able to compete."

"Last year, my team, we didn't do as we expected, and we fell a little bit short," Martin said. "So this just means a lot to us, because we got to compete and do our best and just show the world what we can do."

French, Messick, Park and junior Ava Park were state runners-up in the 4x100 relay, claiming silver with another school-record finish of 47.10.

"This means so much to me," Messick said. "I'm so happy that we came to do what we do, and we had our best race that we've had all season. I'm so proud of us."

"I'm so grateful for this team and God is so good," Park said. "Glory to God for this awesome victory."

Park, French, Martin and sophomore



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Liberty North girls track and field senior Adelyn French competes in the 4x400 relay during the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.



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Liberty North girls track and field sophomore Lilly Morgan takes a photo at the podium after winning para discus in the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

Jaelynn Conner medaled in the 4x400 relay with a sixth-place time of 3:56.96.

Martin also took home a state medal in the 400 with a sixth-place finish of 57.51.

Boys

The Liberty North boys tied for 50th with one point. The team competed in four events and earned one medal.

Senior Kurt Wallace took home a state medal in pole vault after earning sixth with a mark of 4.28 meters (14 feet and 0.5 inches).

Coach Mark Krause said he wishes a few more could've made it to state but he still is excited about the future of the program.



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Liberty North boys track and field junior Isaac Hamilton competes in the 110-meter hurdle prelims during the Class 5 State Championships Friday, May 30 in Jefferson City.



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Liberty North girls track and field sophomore Alona Messick, on the left, cheers along with senior Adelyn French, junior Lexi Martin and freshman Ainsley Park after earning second in the 4x200-meter relay during the Class 5 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.

"I know we're heading in the right direction," he said. "We're just in the most competitive part of the state — it's not even really an opinion at this point, it's factual. ... We've got talent left and right that's getting

ready to come through, so it's a good time to be an Eagle. These kids, if they continue to stay bought into what we're asking of them, I see nothing but bright lights at the end of the day for us."

Hunter wins state, earns 4 medals as Smithville track concludes campaign

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JEFFERSON CITY — It was another incredible weekend for Smithville's track and field teams as they competed in the Class 4 State Championships Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at Jefferson City High School.

Girls

The Warrior girls came in 11th as a team with 24 total points. The squad competed in eight events, finished first once and medaled five times.

"Our goal, no matter the place we get, is to compete, and I believe we did that," coach Jerad Luke said.

Senior Naomi Hunter put together a phenomenal weekend at state, taking home four medals altogether. Hunter won state in the 3200-meter run, finishing first with a time of 10:58.46. She's only the second 3200 state champion in school history, joining Olivia Littleton who won in 2019.

"It's so special, I was very excited," she said. "It's just been a lot of consistent training. During the offseason, I had to only cross train and lift because I was injured, but just lots of hours in the pool, on the elliptical and in the weight room."

The University of Kansas signee also finished as state runner-up in the 1600, earning silver with a finish of 5:00.80. She also medaled in the 800 with a seventh-place time of 2:19.17.

"She's one of those athletes that just doesn't come around very often and you never truly appreciate everything the person does until



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Smithville girls track and field senior Naomi Hunter competes in the 3200-meter run during the Class 4 State Championships Friday, May 30 in Jefferson City.

it's too late," Luke said. "She's the type of student athlete that makes everyone around her better. I couldn't be happier for her and the way she went out this past weekend. She has been the time and effort into everything she does and is the greatest distance runner in Smithville school history."

Hunter, junior Lilly Richardson, sophomore Kylie Hoggatt and freshman Lily Robbins took home state medals in the 4x800 relay with a sixth-place finish of 9:45.98.

Senior Ellison Noll medaled in discus after earning eighth with a throw of 36.33 meters (119 feet and 2 inches).

Boys

The Smithville boys tied for 47th as a team with two total points. The squad competed in five events and took home one state medal.

Sophomore Jack Linder-Maloney was the lone medalist, claiming seventh in javelin with a throw of 50.21 meters (164 feet and 8 inches).

"On the boys' side, we graduated a lot from last year and weren't as deep this year but had some freshmen and newcomers step up and perform," Luke said. "We were still able to get second in conference and districts. The girls side of the program was finally able to grab a district title after 27 years. The girls really came together and competed for each other."

As Smithville heads into the off-season, Luke said the 20 combined seniors from both squads will be truly missed.

"They have meant a lot," he said. "They have left their legacy with a positive impact on the future of Smithville track and field."



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Smithville boys track and field sophomore Jack Linder-Maloney competes in javelin during the Class 4 State Championships Saturday, May 31 in Jefferson City.



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Smithville boys track and field senior Isaac Yoder competes in shot put during the Class 4 State Championships Friday, May 30 in Jefferson City.

Schwarzenbach reflects on 23 years with Kearney, time as athletic director

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KEARNEY — In a conference room on the second floor of the Kearney High School gymnasium, Dave Schwarzenbach leans back in one of the office chairs with a grin.

To his right is the court where he's spent many winter nights, and to his left and just outside the windows is the stadium where he's spent just as much time in the fall and spring.

For the past six years, this was Schwarzenbach's domain as the Bulldogs' athletic director.

"I don't think I could ask for anything different," he said about his time at Kearney. "We're blessed that we have great kids, great coaches and a great community. That kind of support led to great things, and you hate to say that you have to win a state championship to make it a great season because if that's the measurement tool, then we're in trouble, because it's not going to happen very often. I would say the success that they've had here is because our coaches and kids work really hard."

This is where he oversaw the teams from football to swimming and diving. This is where he guided the school to six team state titles, 26 individual state titles and 11 state trophies.

Schwarzenbach moved to Kearney from Texas in 2002 and has since served as a teacher, principal and administrator. He also coached football, basketball and track and field.

"My wife was pregnant with our second, and she wanted to be next to family," he said. "Family, they had lived here. They have actually lived out in Holt for about six, seven years. Went to school here for maybe five or six grade levels and then moved around, but they always loved it here. So her mom



Dave Schwarzenbach

and dad came back to Kearney, and when we found out we were having another one, she's like, 'It's time to load up and go,' and so we ended up here."

Since becoming athletic director, beyond the trophies he's helped put into the case, his impact has been felt throughout the entire athletic department, even for those still new.

"He's a stable force in the athletic department," first-year soccer coach Matt Reynolds said. "He provides, he's always there, he'll always answer a question. I text him, he'll always respond to me. He's just a rock in the athletic department."

"Mr. Schwarzenbach has been an incredible asset to Kearney High School, setting the standard for what it means to be an outstanding athletic director," first-year volleyball coach Kathryn Cash said. "His deep knowledge of MSHSAA regulations ensures that our programs run smoothly and with integrity, while his unmatched organizational skills keep athletics across grades 7-12 operating efficiently — a responsibility most schools divide among multiple directors. He's a visible and consistent presence at student events, showing support for

our athletes and teams. Mr. Schwarzenbach also fosters a culture of continuous improvement by welcoming feedback and working collaboratively to strengthen our department each year. His commitment to equity, excellence and student success truly makes him one of the best in the field."

"Working with Dave has been an honor," three-year swimming and diving coach Trevor Woehrman said. "At times coaching can be stressful and overwhelming, so I'm incredibly grateful for all of the guidance and support that he's given me throughout my career. It's easy to forget about the smaller programs, and I've always appreciated his support of the swim and dive teams here at Kearney. I, as well as all of my colleagues, will definitely miss working with him."

Even for those who have been in Kearney for a while, even longer than Schwarzenbach himself, the impact has always been felt.

"Dave is hard working and great at attending and helping at most activities," 43-year cross country coach Jeff Roberts said. "He has been a teacher, coach, principal and AD for the district. He has done it all and done them well."

"He's been a great mentor, and he's given me leadership roles and provided opportunities for me to grow," 15-year baseball coach Shane Remley said, whose emotions could not remain hidden while reflecting on his time with Schwarzenbach. "Dave was basically the one who gave me an opportunity to start teaching here. ... Has been great to work with, done a great job for the athletic department, the high school and the district. He was here for a long time, but personally, he's been a good friend of mine through the last two or three years. Things I've gone through, personally, he's been there for me and supported me. I'm really sad to see him go, but I'm excited for his new opportunities."

"I had the privilege of coaching with Dave

24 years ago (in junior high football) in our first year at Kearney together," 13-year girls basketball coach Troy Resler said. "He was a great teacher and coach. He became a staple of Kearney as high school principal and then activities director. Dave had the perfect temperament for the A.D. position. He was great with his coaches and truly cared about all kids. Dave is more than a colleague, he is a true friend that will be missed by many."

"I think the biggest compliment I could get from my head coaches is that they felt supported," Schwarzenbach said. "Whatever I can do to help them be successful, that's my biggest reward. ... We're going to have challenges, but when it's all said and done, we're trying to make better humans, and I think we do a good job with that."

After six years as athletic director and 23 years with the Kearney School District, Schwarzenbach is set to add a new chapter to his life.

He announced his retirement from Kearney — and from the state of Missouri — in January and now heads to Fairbury, Nebraska to become a junior/senior high school principal.

"I'm excited about that transition, although I'm sad to be leaving a lot of great friends and family here," Schwarzenbach said. "Definitely gonna miss it here. It's been a great experience."

He said he's very excited for the future of the Bulldogs and for their new athletic director, Joel Lueken, who was selected to take over the position March 31.

"Sometimes we get noticed more maybe for sports, but our academic piece is just as strong, if not better," Schwarzenbach said. "I still really think it's a great place to raise kids. It's where we would come if I had younger kids. I've loved working here and with Joel coming in as the new hire, I feel like he's going to make it even better. I'm excited for the future of Kearney athletics and activities."



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Liberty North girls soccer junior Emery Lauber looks for an opening to boot the ball down the pitch.

Liberty North girls soccer falls to overtime loss in state quarterfinals

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Another incredible season for Liberty North girls soccer has come to a close.

The Eagles fell 1-0 in an overtime loss to Lee's Summit West in the Class 4 State Quarterfinals Saturday, May 31 in Lee's Summit. A common theme for the team this season, the Eagles battled back-and-forth in a tight

contest with the Titans but just one strong kick in an open space was enough to bring it to an end.

Liberty North concluded their campaign with an overall record of 16-6 and as district champions for the fourth year in a row. After the state quarterfinals, 13 of the team's matches were decided by one goal.

"I am really happy with it," coach Katy Lindsey said about the season. "I think they grew

and got better throughout the season, handled adversity, had grit and competed every game. The fourth-straight district championship is exciting, and again, a testament to their willingness to grow, get better and fight till the end."

The Eagles graduated nine seniors from this year's squad: Addy Armstrong, Sara Escudero, Kacy Kuehl, Ashlynn Lorenson, Kaylana Pennington-Brooke,

Kylie Richardson, Berkleigh Salmond, Brooke Wagoner and Lexi Whalen.

Five are already signed on to compete at the next level. Armstrong and Salmond are signed on to Northwest Missouri State, Kacy Kuehl is signed on to St. Bonaventure University and Kylie Richardson is signed on to Emporia State.

"This class is very special and holds a special place in my heart,"

Lindsey said. "A great group of young women who all had an impact on our success as a team and program. They brought me constant joy, and laughter over the past four years."

As the team heads into the off-season, coach said the plan is to take it easy for a bit.

"No major plans and no major change-ups," Lindsey said. "Time to have a little relaxation time and then do it all over again."

State beekeepers association addresses honey bee losses at conference

SPRINGFIELD – The Missouri State Beekeepers Association announced it is moving toward proactive efforts to combat this year’s honey bee colony losses experienced across the state, emphasizing the critical impact on Missouri’s agricultural sector. In response to these challenges, the MSBA is hosting an educational conference, MO Bee Day 2025, on Saturday, June 21, at the Darr Agricultural Center, 2401 S. Kansas Expressway, in Springfield.



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The loss of honey bees concerns the Missouri State Bee Association.

Honey bees are vital pollinators, essential to producing a vast array of crops, including fruits, vegetables, and nuts, contributing billions annually to the national agricultural economy, states a press release from the association.

Recent reports indicate higher-than-average colony losses this past year, posing a threat to both commercial beekeeping operations and the state’s food supply. Factors such as disease, pests, habitat

loss and environmental stressors continue to challenge honey bee health.

“The health of our honey bee populations directly impacts the vitality of Missouri’s agriculture,” said Ray Shadow, president of MSBA. “The high losses experienced this year underscore the urgent need for beekeepers, from hobbyists to

professionals, to have access to the latest knowledge and best management practices. MO Bee Day 2025 is designed as a direct response to these challenges, providing the tools and information necessary for beekeepers to recover from losses, enhance their skills, and ensure resilient apiaries.”

According to the association,

MO Bee Day 2025 schedule tailored to beekeepers of all experience levels:

- **Beginner track:** Sessions like “Honey bee Biology and Behaviors” and “Hive Styles and Equipment Basics” will provide a foundation for those new to the hobby, ensuring they start their beekeeping journey well-prepared;
- **Intermediate sessions:** Topics such as “Queen Rearing Biology,” “Stock Selection,” and “Value Added Products” will help beekeepers refine their techniques and explore new avenues within beekeeping;
- **Advanced learning:** Experienced beekeepers can delve into “Winter Feeding/Insulation,” “Making Nucs and Splits,” “Comb Honey History and Production,” and “Alcohol Wash/Sugar Shake and Oxalic Acid Dribble Treatment” to

address complex issues and optimize hive health; and

- **Hands-on opportunities:** Attendees can participate in practical demonstrations including “Marking Queens and Drone Practice,” “Hive Inspection and Mite Wash,” and “Grafting Demonstration.”

The conference also features a keynote address by Jerry Hayes of Bee Culture Magazine, a vendor area for supplies and resources, and experiences like a Honey House and Operations Tour.

For registration and the full conference schedule, visit mobeec.org. The Missouri State Beekeepers Association is dedicated to promoting beekeeping, educating the public about honey bees, and supporting its members through resources, events, and advocacy. Since 1889, MSBA has worked to ensure the health and sustainability of honey bee populations in Missouri.

Irises prove to be durable flower

According to Greek mythology, Iris was a goddess who served as a messenger between the divine world and the human world. The Greek gods never communicated directly with mortals. Instead, they sent Iris, who traveled on a rainbow.

“Legend has it that colorful flowers sprung up at the end of the rainbow wherever she stepped,” said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein, according to an extension press release.

Today, the flowering perennial named in honor of Iris comes in every color of the rainbow and adorns yards and gardens everywhere with its showy flowers borne in

spring. Iris is durable while maintaining its intricate and delicate beauty.

Its petals are known as standards and stand upright. In contrast, its three sepals, known as falls, droop downward, said Trinklein. The shape of the iris inspired the fleur-de-lis, a design often found on European flags and coats of arms.

The most popular garden iris today is the German or bearded iris. The latter name comes from the thick, bushy “beards” that appear on the falls and attract pollinators. The American Iris Society recognizes six different classes of bearded iris.

“By careful selection of bearded iris varieties, a gardener can enjoy a remarkable

range of colors and a bloom season that extends for weeks,” said Trinklein. Some bearded irises bloom again in the summer or fall and are classified as “rebloomers.”

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



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