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The Lebanon Police Department, in partnership with the Laclede County Drug Council and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will host a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lebanon

Police Department, 401 S. Jefferson Avenue.

This event provides community members with a safe, free, and anonymous way to dispose of unneeded or expired prescription medications. Tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs will be accepted. Please note that syringes, sharps,



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City Council takes step toward removing unlicensed vehicle ban from property laws

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The Lebanon City Council has given first reading approval to removing a ban on "unlicensed vehicles" from the city's property maintenance laws.

The action came during Monday's Council meeting. The change will require a second reading approval at the next Council meeting before it can take effect.

Police Chief Jerry Harrison said the revised code would respect private property rights while still requiring property maintenance in the city. He said that city ordinances now prohibit parking or storage of any motor vehicle or trailer which is abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, unlicensed, junked or partially dismantled on public or private property within the city.

"The citizens' survey communicated that property maintenance is a priority," Harrison said in a written report to the Council. "There are vehicles in Lebanon that are unlicensed but otherwise not prohibited by code. Enforcing the licensing of operative motor vehicles does not improve the beautification of Lebanon and burdens limited staff resources.

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City of Lebanon video
 Lebanon Police Chief Jerry Harrison presents a proposal to remove a ban on unlicensed vehicles from the city's property maintenance codes at Monday's City Council meeting.

Library board approves memorandum of understanding with Route 66 Society



LCR Photo/Jack Silberberg

In addition to adopting the Route 66 Museum's memorandum of understanding, the library board also toured the building's outreach facilities, shown in the photo and the library's outreach vehicle.

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The Lebanon-Laclede County Board of Trustees adopted a Memorandum of Understanding between themselves and the Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society in the latter's volunteering at the library-owned museum.

The approval of the MoU, an agreement stating how parties will work towards a

common goal (in the Department of Education's definition) was the latest in a series of actions to formalize the arrangement between the Board of Trustees and the Route 66 Society in the latter's volunteering at the library-owned museum.

The approved MoU lists the following paraphrased points of understanding: that the responsibility of the museum lies with

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Drug Take Back event set for next Saturday at Lebanon Police Department

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THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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AVIAN INFLUENZA & BIOSECURITY MEASURES FOR BACKYARD POULTRY PRODUCERS — 6:30 p.m. at Laclede County Extension, 186 N. Adams, Suite A. FFI: 417-532-7126.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE — 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at University of Missouri Extension Office, 186 N. Adams Ave., Suite A. Lunch offered. FFI: 417-532-7126.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26



MU EXTENSION CANNING CLASSES — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Laclede County Extension Office, 186 N. Adams Ave., Suite A. Registration required. \$25 per person. FFI: 417-532-7126.

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CONWAY SENIOR CENTER FRIED FISH & CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER — 5:30-7 p.m. Cost \$15. Desserts provided by Conway Church of Christ.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

McFALL CEMETERY MEETING — 2 p.m. at the cemetery near Phillipsburg.

HOUGH CHAPEL CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING — 2 p.m. at old Hough Chapel Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

IVEY CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. at the cemetery (weather permitting).

THURSDAY, MAY 21

OPEN HANDS OUTREACH FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THEIR DRIVERS — noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1300 Kent Drive. FFI: Jeanette 417-532-5767.

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Lebanon R-3 School Board swears in new members



Photo courtesy of Lebanon R-3 School District Facebook page.

Lebanon R-3 School Board
Secretary Robin Gower swears in Amy Waterman (left) and Krissy Jackson (right) during Tuesday's board meeting. According to its accompanying Facebook post, the board reorganized itself as follows: President — Charlie Darnell, Vice President — Amy Waterman, Board Secretary — Robin Gower, Treasurer — Nicole Walters, Missouri School Boards' Association Delegate — Lauren Jackson, and MSBA Alternate — Mary Russell. Also on the board is Merri Hess.

Five injured in wreck on Highway 5

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Five people were injured in a two-vehicle wreck at 9:20 a.m. Thursday on Missouri 5, just south of Oakwood Drive.

According to the Missouri State Highway Pa-

tro, the wreck occurred when a 35-year-old female from Jefferson City, the driver of a southbound 2021 Infiniti Q50 hydroplaned and was struck in the side by a northbound 2017 Toyota Four Runner driven by a 36-year-old female from

Lebanon.

The driver of the 2021 Infiniti Q50 and passengers in her vehicle, a 11-year-old female and a 16-year-old male were transported by ambulance to Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. A 3-year-old girl passen-

ger in the 2017 Toyota Four Runner was also transported by ambulance to Lake Regional Hospital. The Highway Patrol listed their injuries as minor to serious.

All were reportedly wearing seat belts except the 3 year-old girl.

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Record wins Missouri Press advertising awards

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The Laclede County Record has two new awards from the 2025 season of the Missouri Press Advertising and Marketing Executives's Best Ad Contest: first place in Class 2's Best idea to Grow Revenue and third in the class's Most Creative Use of Full Color in an Ad.

MPAME is a subdivision of the Missouri Press Association, of which the LCR is a member. According to the contest's rules sheet, the contest was "all publications and staff holding ACTIVE or ACTIVE ONLINE NEWS ORGANIZATION, SPE-

CIAL PUBLICATION or FRIEND OF membership in Missouri Press Association" (emphasis theirs).

The LCR's advertising was judged in the non-daily Class 2 category, meaning that it is a 2,001-5,000-circulation medium weekly.

Publisher Jennifer Early and former Composition and Graphics Designer Daniel Foust won first in Best Idea to Grow Revenue for their multiplatform work in social media, website and print.

In the sheet's description for that award, contestants had to submit an explanation of marketing strategies and activities used to grow advertising



revenue that took place during the contest's period.

Advertising Consultant Vicki Carey and Composition and Graphics Designer Courtney Raelynn won third in Most Creative Use of Full Color in an Ad for their "Red Carpet" advertisement in the Laclede County Record.



MPAME President Stephanie Schumer-Vandeven and Jennifer Early Laclede County Record Publisher holding the awards plaques during the awards ceremony, in St. Louis.

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Congressman visits Lebanon, meets with local business



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U.S. Representative Mark Alford (4th Congressional District) visits with Shepherd Hills Factory Outlet on Tuesday. From left to right: Front row: Rod Reid co-owner of Shepherd Hills, Alford. Back row: Becky Reid, Kathy Stamper Reid, Randy Reid, co-owner and Casey Reid.

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Congressman Mark Alford (4th Congressional District) visited Lebanon this week, touring the Lebanon-Laclede County Library and meeting Shepherd Hills Factory

Outlet representatives.

Rod Reid, co-owner of Shepherd Hills, said the conversation with Alford concerned business matters such as federal tax cuts and tariffs as well as discussion over the decommission of Tunnel Dam at Lake Niangua.

Alford also toured the Lebanon-Laclede County Library on Monday. According to Alford, the stop was part of a larger tour involving 15 Missouri counties.



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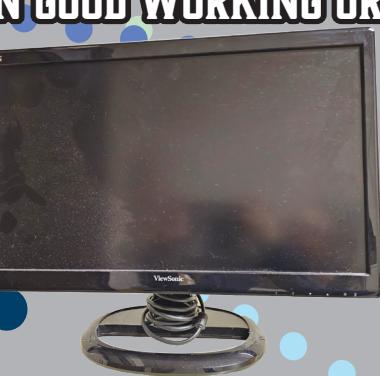
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January 12. The vehicles will then be on display at the world-class Detroit Auto Show beginning on January 14.

In collaboration with the Detroit Auto Show and the National Route 66 Centennial Commission, AAT's seventh rendition of The Drive Home will spotlight vintage, Route 66-inspired vehicles making the historic journey across America's most iconic highway. From sun-drenched Pacific shores to the heart of the Midwest, the nine-day journey will bring automotive enthusiasts, cultural historians, and communities together to honor the road that connected a nation—and

defined a century of travel, adventure, and Americana.

"The Drive Home series is a partnership of America's Automotive Trust and the Detroit Auto Show to celebrate America's automotive history, honor Detroit as the home of the American car industry, and promote today's automotive culture," stated David Madeira, CEO of the Trust, in making the announcement.

"The Drive Home VII: Route 66 – A Century of Adventure will celebrate more than just the historic Route itself. The Drive will visit the small towns and frequent the motels, restaurants, and shops which continue

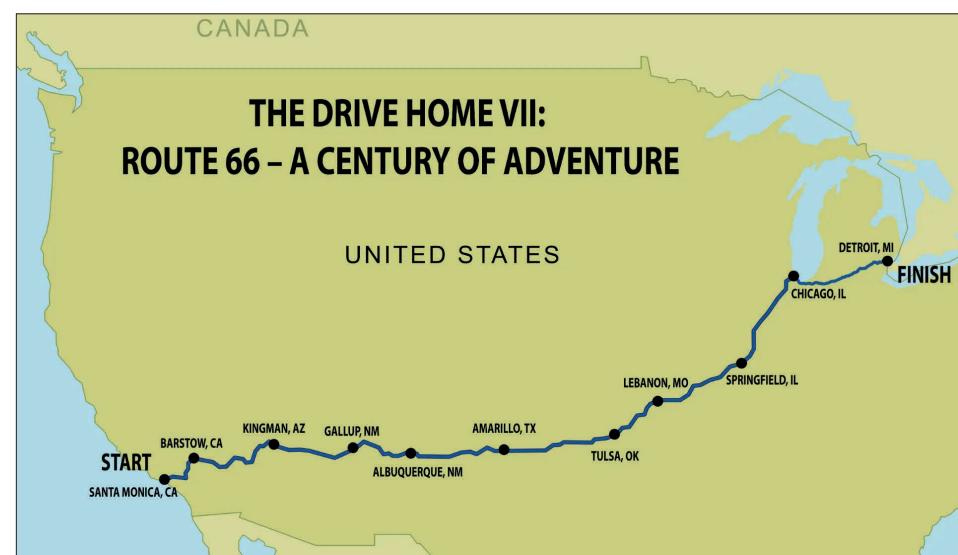


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to operate today in spite of the fact that the major highways bypass them. We are honored to be joined in this effort by the

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ABOUT town

By Kirk Pearce

Robert Gladden

Robert Gladden of Lebanon is one of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers in this area. Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Seniors do not need to be an AARP member to use the service.

He said the local volunteers started providing tax assistance to seniors in early February and finished April 10 at Hughes Senior Center. However, the next week they came to the Seniors Apartments on Tower Road near Copeland to fill out income tax papers for the residents there.

This is his seventh year assisting. An AARP member, he read in the monthly magazine how they were needing volunteers. "I had always done my taxes. I thought I would give it a try," he said.

Besides him there were three others assisting this year, Lynn Boulware, Linda Anderson and Toni Morris. Boulware is a retired CPA and was state coordinator for seven years. Gladden said she is super experienced and does very good work, as she has been doing this for 30 years.

"We were full every day. We lost the first two days because of snow and we had to turn people away this year. We were booked full," he added. The volunteers met from 8 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday.

He noted that one worker does the entry work and another reviews the work. "It is good quality con-

trol." Gladden said that the property tax credit also helps seniors a lot.

He and his wife Carol and son Benjamin have lived in Laclede County since May 2013. Gladden grew up in Jefferson City and lived in central Missouri before moving to Florida. They spent four years there and were glad to move back to Missouri.

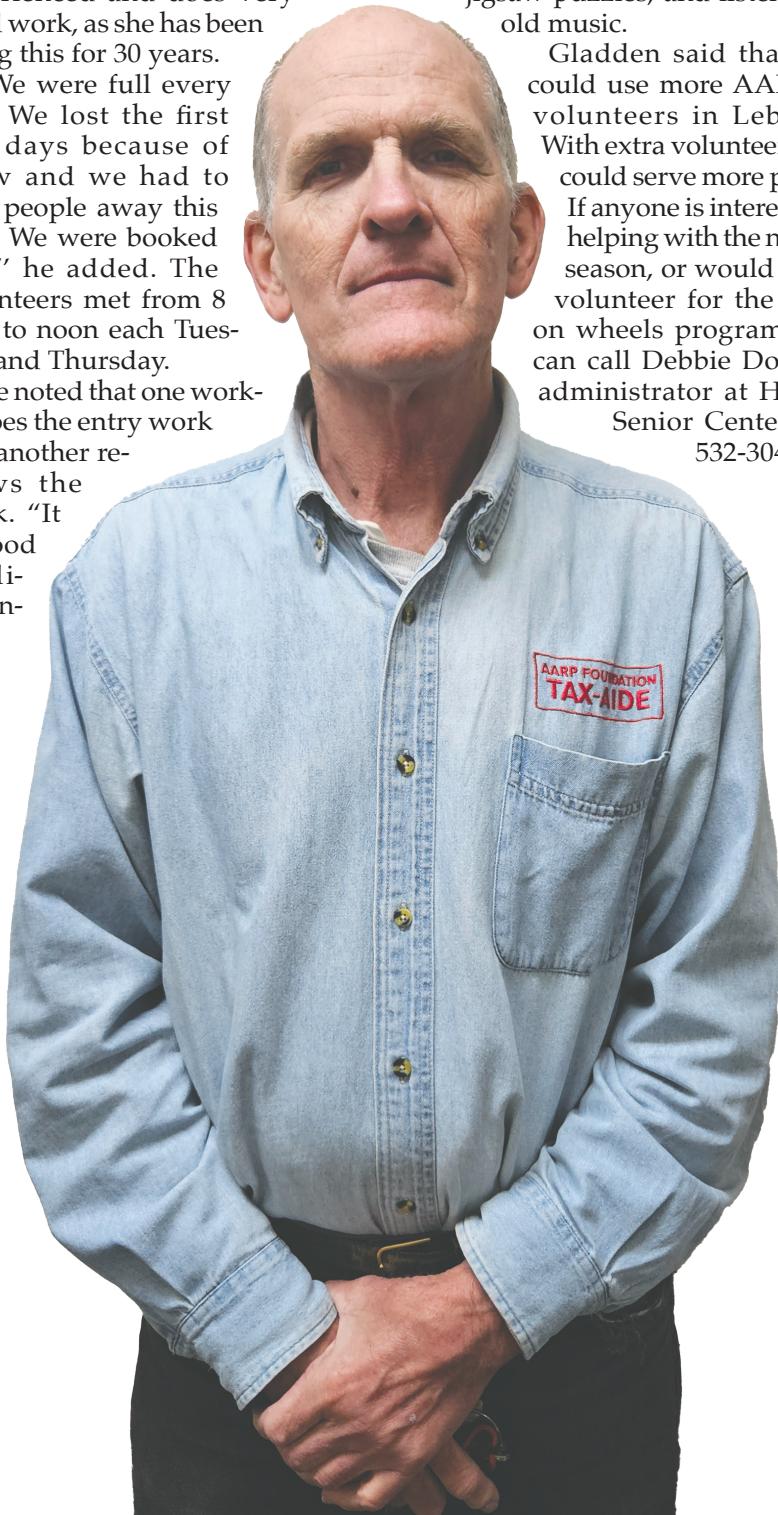
Gladden is now retired after doing main frame computer programming for 28 years.

The Gladdens also volunteer with the meals on wheels program at Hughes Center, which they enjoy. They have two routes, and also have been filling in for the Conway route. He said that they need more volunteers. He noted that the clients are very thankful and courteous and are always glad to see them, as many do not see many people.

The Gladden family are longtime members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lebanon and have attended the denomination in all the places they have lived.

In his spare time he enjoys making jigsaw puzzles, and listening to old music.

Gladden said that they could use more AARP tax volunteers in Lebanon. With extra volunteers they could serve more people. If anyone is interested in helping with the next tax season, or would like to volunteer for the meals on wheels program, they can call Debbie Dowden, administrator at Hughes Senior Center, 417-532-3040.



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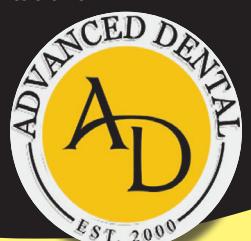
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LHS students sign on with college athletic programs



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Daegon Woods will be performing in Missouri State University's cheer program.



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Noah Boggs will be playing basketball at Mission University.



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Aaron Graham will be playing baseball at North Arkansas Community College.



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Eli Graham will be playing baseball at North Arkansas Community College.



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Tony Myres will be playing baseball for Mission University.



LCR Photo/Jack Silberberg

Emilee Mallot will be playing soccer at Crowder College.

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Eight Lebanon seniors signed with college athletic programs this Wednesday. Students, staff, and the recipients' families were present at the signing ceremony held in Boswell Auditorium.

Activities Director Will Christian opened the ceremony by thanking the audience for their attendance and participation in recognizing the efforts of the signees.

Noah Boggs will play basketball at Mission University. Coach Ryan Toombs highlighted Boggs's accomplishments, such as being named to the first team of all-districts (District 2) and the second team of all-conferences in the Central Ozarks Conference East, and his work ethic.

Aaron Graham will play baseball at North Ar-

kansas Community College. Coach Alex Weathermon said that Graham was a hard worker that could be trusted to represent Lebanon well.

Eli Graham will also play baseball at North Arkansas Community College. Weathermon described Graham as an athlete that worked hard for his achievements.

Kaylee Howerton will play softball at East Central College. Coach Kenyon Breedlove praised Howerton's leadership on the team and example as an athlete who sacrifices and serves.

Emilee Mallot will play soccer at Crowder College. Coach Jacob Woolsey said Mallot had been playing on the team for four years, has played year-round for about two years and had put work into developing her skills. Woolsey was excited to see where Mallot goes in the future.

Tony Myres will play baseball for Mission Uni-

versity. Weathermon described Myres as a three-year starter and a fierce competitor. He added that Myres would continue to be a significant contributor for the rest of his senior season.

Jeremiah Rivera will play soccer for Evangel University. Coach Matt Jernigan said Rivera has been a mainstay in midfield for the team and has grown both as a player and a person through the program.

Daegan Woods signed on with Missouri State University to participate in its cheer program. Coach Alexis Kruse said Woods has left a lasting impression on the school's cheer program and that the program was proud to see her continue her cheer career.

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LHS Tennis players take 4th at Springfield Invitational

LCR STAFF

Ethan Fisher and Conor McGruder took fourth place out of fifty teams at the Springfield Invitational Tournament on Wednesday.

Tennis Coach Ron Crowell wrote about Wednesday's achievement, adding that every athlete played well in one of the state's largest tennis tournament.

He added that Josh

Rogers and Kasey Hicks nearly pulled off an upset in their match against Poplar Bluff and that Denver Woodruff did well with a 3-1 record by the end of the day.

"I was super proud of this team!" Crowell wrote.

Results

McGruder and Fisher in doubles won against Central 6-0, Parkview 8-1, and Rockbridge 8-3. They lost against Bolivar 9-7 and Joplin 8-6.

Hicks and Rogers in doubles won against Cape Central 6-0 and Greenwood 6-0. They lost against Poplar Bluff 9-8 and Ozark 6-3.

In singles play, Woodruff won against Willard 7-5, Carl Junction 6-5 and Glendale 6-0. He lost against Rolla 6-1.

In singles play, Teigan Vance lost against Springfield Catholic 6-2, Greenwood 6-4, and Central 6-1.



Jeremiah Rivera will be playing soccer at Evangel University.



Kaylee Howerton will be playing softball at East Central College.

Seven games in seven days: Tigers baseball in review

DAVID MILLSAP
STOUTLAND ASSISTANT
BASEBALL COACH

Seven games in seven days, including a championship at the Calvary Lutheran Tournament last Saturday, took a toll on the Stoutland Tigers this week. They dropped three games in the Frisco League, two of which were against teams that made the trip to Columbia and the final four last year.

In the end, the Tigers are still four games above five hundred with a 9-5 record.

On Monday, the all-state selection a year ago, Jackson Burney held the Stoutland Tigers to five hits and two runs, striking out 11, and led the Crocker Lions to a 7-2 vic-

tory. Austin Pribble took the pitching loss; it was a yeoman's effort by the sophomore lefthander, as he was able to eat innings, as the weekend tournament in Jefferson City had left a vacant bullpen. Pribble is 1-1 on the year.

On Tuesday, the Tigers hosted defending 2-A state champions Iberia Rangers. Senior left hander Aaron Franklin limited the Rangers to four runs on six hits, but was the hard-luck loser as the Tigers could not generate any offense to support Franklin. The senior's record dropped to 0-2, despite having pitched well in three outings. The Tiger defense played well and combined with Franklin's effort on the mound, Stoutland took the Rangers

into the sixth with a 1-0 score, but Iberia tallied two in the sixth and one in the seventh to win 4-0.

Will Morrow, Brandon Sterling, and Cooper Witt produced the only offense, with each getting a base hit. Morrow stole three bases, and as a team, the Tigers stole four bases in the game despite only getting three hits.

In Thursday's game, the Tigers traveled to Licking to take on the Wildcats. Stoutland lost the game 14-1. Stoutland had three starters out of the game, committed to a track meet.

Brodie Millsap got tagged with the pitching loss. The sophomore record dropped to 5-2 on the year. Morrow had two hits in the game, including a solo home run that accounted for the only Stoutland run. Millsap and Sterling had the other hits for the Tigers.

After having gone through the Frisco League's top four teams in last week, Dixon, Crocker, Iberia, and Licking, the Tigers will return to action on Monday, as they host the Macks Creek Pirates. After the Pirates come to town on Monday, the Tigers will take on Vienna on Wednesday, travel to Conway on Thursday, and will stay on the road to play Stover on Friday.



Photo courtesy of David Millsap, Stoutland assistant baseball coach
Devin Barnwell played well as a shortstop in Stoutland's game against Licking on Thursday, according to assistant coach David Millsap.

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Lebanon Public Works Board sends service rate increase proposal on to City Council

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The Lebanon Board of Public Works approved a resolution for service rate increases during Wednesday's meeting which would, according to a previous Record report, bring a 6.7 percent increase for many residential electrical customers in 2026.

The decision followed a portion of the meeting that functioned as a public hearing and was precipitated by a Toth and Associates study on wastewater, water, and electric service rates.

As reported earlier, "the figures are based on customers using 1,300 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity and would mean an increase of about \$10 a month for those customers, according to numbers in the study. Water customers using 5,000 gallons a month would see an increase of about \$1.35. Wastewater customers using 5,000 gallons a month would see an increase of about \$3.40."

The resolution was approved 3-0, as was a resolution to adopt Toth's cost of service study. Public Works Director Richard Shockley explained the adoption as providing a foundational roadmap for the Department to base future increases on, with the caveat that changing circumstances could also factor in. An earlier footnote was incorporated into the study to avoid confusion, Shockley added.

The department also provided a utility bundle comparison (containing electric, water and wastewater rates) for comparable municipal utilities based on a predicted approval of the rate increase.

"I feel like we're right in the market, outside of the water. We're significantly under cost on water as compared to these comparables," Shockley said.

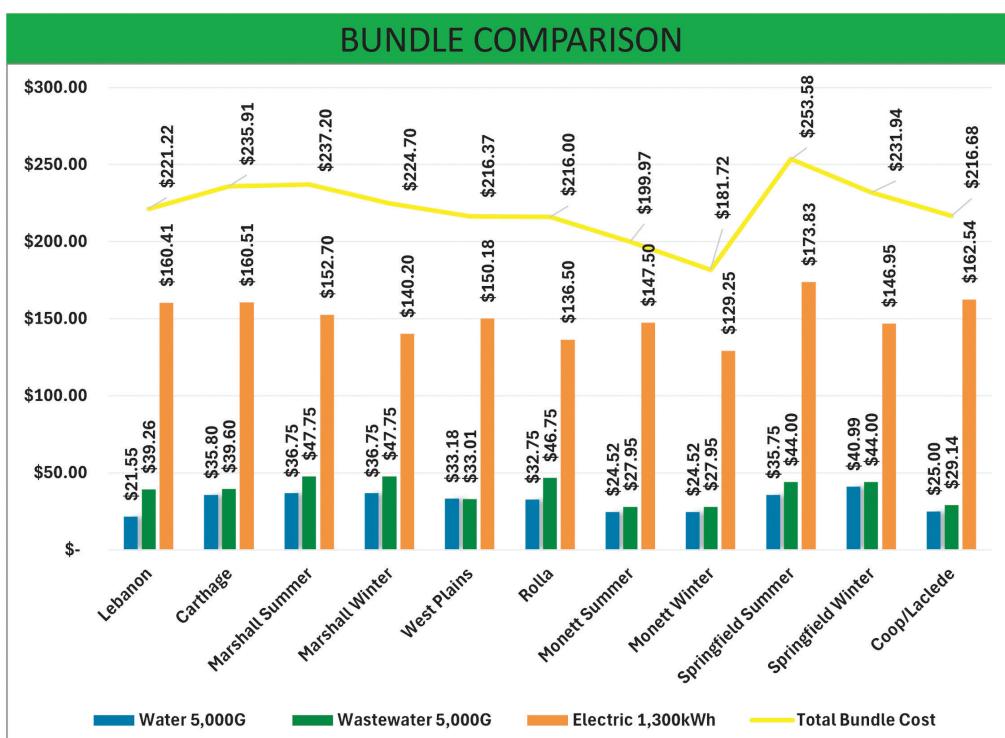
"I'm sure they have had to all address rate issues as well," chairwoman LeAnn Mather said.



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Utility Bundle Comparisons



The Lebanon Department of Public Works's supplied utility bundle comparison chart.

Shockley replied that, based on meetings with his counterparts in other communities, that there are variances in how each city compares with one another. As opposed to more significant increases on a three- or five-year basis, Shockley said that the department tries to adjust rates annually.

"We would rather do it on an annual basis so our customers can respond accordingly," Shockley said.

Board member Ted Dahl appreciated the study as a tool to better inform potential rate increases. Member Don Anderson, while agreeing with the increase this year, asked whether in the future the department might find it at

the higher end of those compared utilities.

Shockley replied that based on the three-year projections of the cost-of-service study, water rates would remain under the market average, and electric rates would likely keep pace with the market.

Wastewater rates, he said, would be what the department must keep watch on, but he added that their deliberations on wastewater would be aided by an upcoming study that has capital improvements attached.

Shockley further explained that the department typically seeks utility bundle comparisons once a year, adding that the compared utilities, except for Springfield, were like-sized and that

the listed municipal utilities were responsible.

Following Dahl's question on what the compared utilities have in reserve, Shockley said some utilities have variances in how they set up their reserves and that considerations are dependent on the utility, capital considerations and financial stability.

By code, the Public Works Department has a 30 percent (of annual income) reserve for water, sewer/wastewater, and electric accounts. City Administrator Troy Schulte said during the meeting that he asked Shockley to move towards and maintain a 40 percent reserve goal, adding the goal would take time to build to.

After passing the

Board of Public Works, the proposed service rate increases will need to be approved by City Council to be incorporated into the 2026 fiscal budget proposal, which would then be voted on in June, according to Shockley. Customers would begin to see an impact July 1, should it be included in the approved budget.

The cost-of-service study can be found in the Record's posting of the agenda packet from April 16. Readers can find many upcoming public agendas on our website, and the Record tries to include available supplemental material if prepackaged with the posted agenda.

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DRIVE

Commission is proud to endorse The Drive Home event celebrating the rich tapestry of people and places that are the heart and soul of Route 66.

We hope you'll join with us in commemorating the "Mother Road" that now—even 100 years later—is still bringing people together," said Rod Reid, Chairman of the National Route 66 Centennial Commission.

The Route 66 Centennial Preservation and Economic Development Grant program - an Official Route 66 Centennial activity recommended by the National Route 66 Centennial Commission, is a key initiative of the Road Ahead Partnership.

The Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership manages and promotes the grant program, ensuring that it effectively supports the preservation and economic development of Route 66.

Chair of the Road Ahead Partnership and member of the US Route 66 Centennial Commission, Bill Thomas, said, "We are delighted that The Drive Home will celebrate Route 66 preservation success stories and recognize ongoing needs through support for the Route 66 Centennial Preservation and Economic Development Grant Program."

Following the final stop at Jackson Boule-

vard and Adams Street in downtown Chicago—recognized as the official terminus of Route 66—the vehicles will continue "home" to Detroit for a final celebration and ten-day exhibition at the Detroit Auto Show opening January 14th. The exhibit, with films and images from the journey, showcased with the cars of today and tomorrow will vividly demonstrate the importance of the automobile in our culture.

The Detroit Auto Show is proud to be the final destination for The Drive Home VII: Route 66 A Century of Adventure, a once-in-a-century journey honoring America's most legendary high-

way," said Sam Klemet, Executive Director of the Detroit Auto Show. "Arriving in Detroit to help kick off the Auto Show in January 2026, this drive is a powerful tribute to the past, present, and future of the automobile. Detroit is the motor city—and it's only fitting that The Drive Home ends where the story of American mobility continues to evolve."

The Drive Home VII: Route 66 – A Century of Adventure is more than a road trip—it's a rolling tribute to the cars, culture, and communities that shaped America's love affair with the highway.

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VEHICLES

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Removing the term "unlicensed" from city ordinance and property maintenance code allows code enforcement to enforce prohibitions against abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, junked or partially dismantled vehicles and allows for more efficient code enforcement that respects our community's private property rights while still carrying out the citizen mandate of property maintenance."

The Council also approved a resolution marking April as Fair Housing Month.

In a work session before the regular business meeting, the Council discussed the city's lodging

tax. Tourism Director Rebecca Rupard presented a proposal to put a lodging tax increase on the August election ballot. A specific increase amount was not given.

The lodging tax was passed in 1999 and set at 2 and 1/2%. It is paid by guests of local hotels and motels.

State statutes would allow the city to increase the tax up to 6%. The lodging inventory in the Lebanon area is around 350 units.

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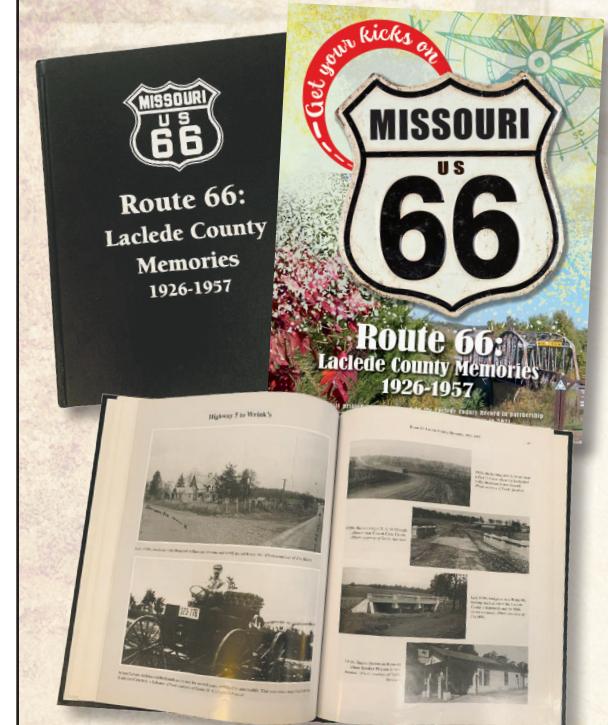
Hila has done an exceptional job serving the District for the last 27 years as the Billing Clerk.

We will be hosting a retirement reception in her honor from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25th, at the District office, 23006 Paradise Drive.

Come celebrate with us as we wish Hila all the best as she embarks on a new chapter of her life.

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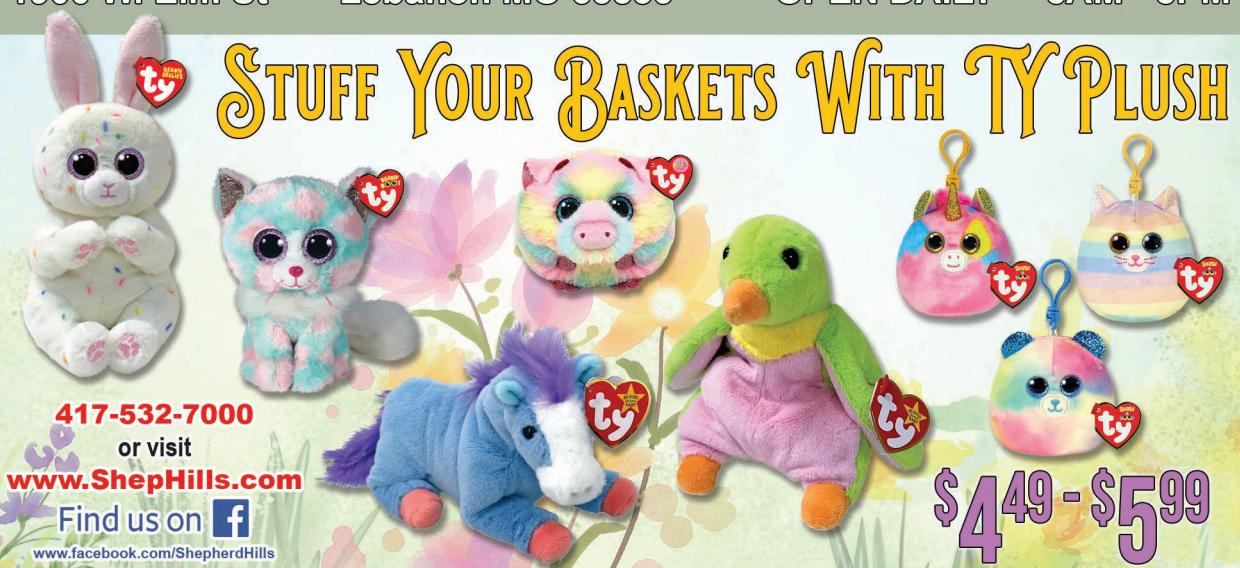
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LIBRARY

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president authorized be able to recommend maintenance and upgrades to the library director; that the Route 66 Society's contact for recommendations be a de factor museum curator if one is assigned; and that the library reserves the right to refuse access to a Society member or contractor if they do not work well with library staff.

Confusion arose when board member Helen Sosnicki relayed that the presented MoU differed from the points (also provided in the board's informational packet) the taskforce assigned to the MoU had previously agreed upon.

This was based on information relayed to her from her husband Gary Sosnicki, who is a Route 66 Society member and member of the taskforce who had heard from director Tina Chaney the board was considering rewriting it after the taskforce had agreed on the points of understanding.

Helen Sosnicki was concerned about the process about altering the agreement before its approval.

Board President Mark Campbell understood during the meeting that Chaney was providing potential revisions and was seeking to ensure that MoU answered all the necessary questions for an understanding between the groups.

Board member Bob Scoby and Route 66 Society members Bruce Owen and Mark Spangler, members of the museum MoU taskforce, were present to review the rewritten draft and compare it to the previously determined list.

Spangler mentioned the taskforce had not yet seen the rewrite, though he was fine with tweaking of the document before review at the meeting.

He particularly objected to a line in the rewrite directing the director to write checks to be reimbursed by the Society, saying that the Society did not want to receive money from the library and would rather the library have funds available for the museum with the Society providing counsel.

The other significant variations in the rewrit-

ten MoU concerned the inclusion specific names of those currently in certain approved positions, elaboration on Route 66 Society volunteer duties, and a description of update and termination procedures for the MoU.

Chaney later explained that she rewrote the original points of agreement with the intent to clarify.

Ultimately the Board of Trustees approved the original points of understanding over the rewritten document as the MoU.

Also at the meeting, the Board of Trustees had a preliminary discussion on the potential impacts of H.B. 903, which would reduce over time the assessment percentage of tangible personal property and is currently being considered in the senate and toured the library's outreach facilities.

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GoFundMe confirms email information

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In an update from Wednesday's article, the GoFundMe representative the Record has been in contact with confirmed that the email Shelby Snider-Lay, list beneficiary of the GoFundMe shared with the Record was from GoFundMe.

In Wednesday's issue, the Record described

the contents of an email Snider-Lay stated was correspondence between her and a GoFundMe representative in reference to a separate representative releasing a statement saying the company was working with the Lay family to deliver the funds raised.

The Record had reached out to GoFundMe to confirm the email's authenticity, and the

representative later confirmed that detail.

GoFundMe's statement was in response to the Record's article on the charge against Stephanie Taylor for allegedly redirecting money intended for the Lay family, who lost their home in a December fire. Readers can find further legal updates for Taylor's case by searching the defendant's name on Case.net.

City of Lebanon sets work for next week

CITY OF LEBANON

The City of Lebanon Public Works Department has several key infrastructure and maintenance projects scheduled this week. Crews will continue work across the city focusing on road improvements, sidewalk construction, and electric system upgrades.

Street Division
Maintenance Crews:

- Making asphalt repairs in various areas around the city.

- Street sweeping will take place in Ward 4 throughout the week.

Construction Crews:

- Continuing sidewalk installation along East Bland Avenue, between Lana Drive and Tower Road.

- Performing street improvements on Madison Street at the Downtown Park site.

- Assisting contractors with street and stormwater improvements on West Bland Avenue, between Elm Street and Kent Drive.

Traffic control measures will be in place in these work zones to keep everyone safe. Madison Street will also be closed between Elm and Hayes Streets from approximately 8 a.m. to noon for City Hall repair work.

Electric Division

Construction Crews:

- April 21–22: Relocating and retiring overhead electric lines on Brice Street.

- April 23–25: Replac-

ing overhead primary switches along Washington Street.

Service Crews:

- Repairing streetlights on Elm, Bland, Cypress, and Adams Streets.

- Installing new electric equipment around town and responding to any service calls.

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Long-time MSU administrator retires

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Long-time Missouri State University Administrator, Gib Adkins, is retiring effective 1 July 2025. He has been responsible for the administration of

the MSU Lebanon office, as well as four other MSU locations (Camdenton, Waynesville, Republic and Table Rock).

A reception will be held on Thursday, May 1, from 4-6, at OTC Lebanon to honor his service.

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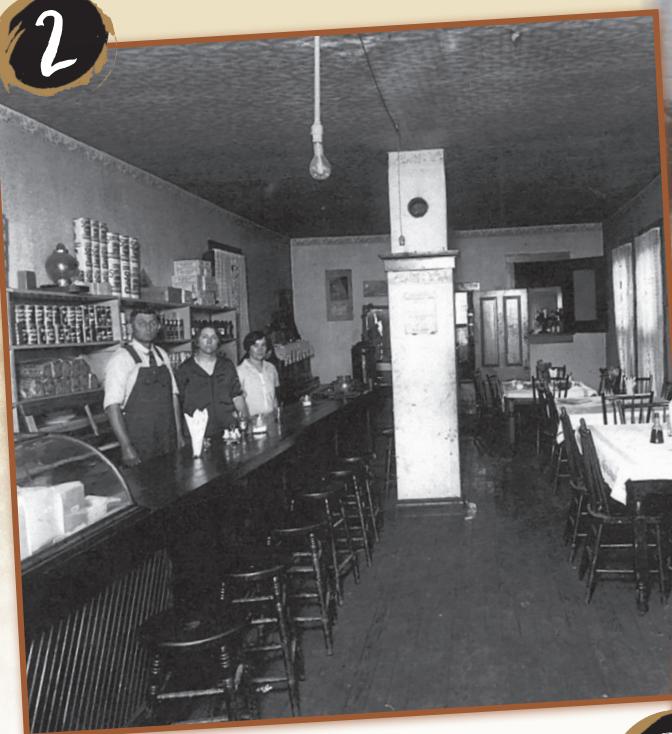
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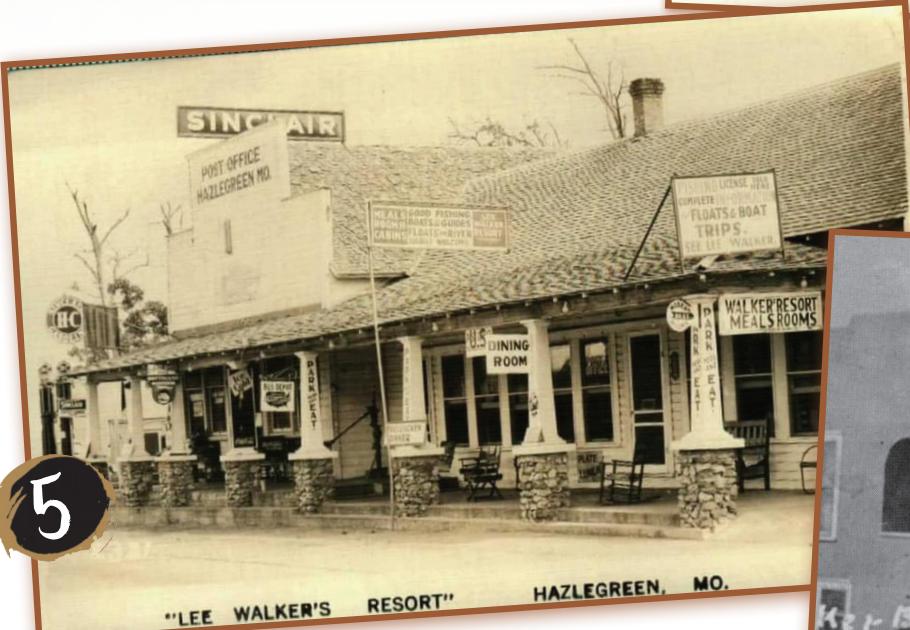
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Walker Brothers Resort at Hazelgreen

1 Walker Brothers Resort was located on Route 66 across from Parsons Lodge at Hazelgreen. It was a hunting and fishing resort in Laclede County for many years. It was established in 1916 by brothers, Lee and John Walker. The resort had six cabins and people came from Kansas City and St. Louis to spend a week on the Gasconade River. In addition there was a croquet and tennis court. There was a grocery store, Sinclair Station and dining room. In the 1930s and 1940s, people could rent a cabin for \$2 a day and enjoy three home cooked meals. After the death of Lee Walker, Ralph and Velma Watkins helped run the resort for a time and the grocery store. Alvia Walker, wife of Lee, was postmistress at Hazelgreen Post Office for many years. She was the last postmistress when the Post Office closed in 1958. Their rooftop sign boasted "Good Fishing, Boats & Guides, Meals, Rooms, Cabins," and Tourists Welcome." The resort was sold to the Parsons family in the 1940s and closed when the interstate came through.

2 Dining room at Walker Brothers Resort. Pictured from left is Alvia Mae Walker and Mrs. Bud (Gladys) Chandler.

3 The resort in the 1920s.

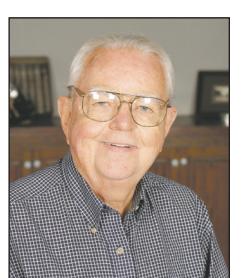
4 The Lee Walker home at Hazelgreen.

5 Another view of resort.

6 Walker Brothers building that was formerly the Bank of Hazelgreen, established in 1913.

7 Lee Walker of Walker Brothers Resort taken at the Harrison Eddy on the Gasconade River in the 1930s.

8 Tourists on the Gasconade River at the resort in 1920 era.



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Marcella Ann Shaw

OF LEBANON, MISSOURI

Marcella Ann Shaw was born March 9, 1934 in Ashland, Kentucky. She passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025 in Lebanon North Nursing and Rehab in Lebanon, Missouri. She was ninety-one years, one month and three days of age.

Marcella was raised in Kentucky and following her schooling, moved to Chicago, Illinois. In 1957, she moved to Missouri and made her home in Lebanon.

She met Marion Shaw and they were married in November of 1983. He passed away September 10, 2023.

In addition to her husband, Marcella is preceded in death by her sons, Benjamin, Roy and Gregory Clark.

She is survived by her son Michael Clark and her best friend, Lisa.

Marcella attended Family Church for many years. She enjoyed the Women's Group there and made several friends.

She was a dog breeder and raised Pomeranians, Mini Pinschers, Boxers and Dachshunds. She enjoyed and loved her dogs very much. She had also raised chickens.

She enjoyed playing on the computer and shopping. She had a quiet and kind personality and will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Funeral services for Marcella Shaw will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

For more information or to visit the website go to www.holmanhowe.com.



Rush Allen Ridings

Rush Allen Ridings, 65, of Grovespring, was born Aug. 9, 1959, in Houston, Texas to Josephine and Denham Ridings and died Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

He is survived by his wife Daniela Ridings; a son, Quinn Ridings and a daughter, Briannah Ridings.

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Aimee Lynn (Hicks) Hays

OF LEBANON, MISSOURI

Aimee Lynn (Hicks) Hays, a beloved mother and teacher, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri at the age of fifty years, seven months and twenty days. She was born in Torrence, California on August 26, 1974 to Albert Oliver and Eloise "Sue" Bartley Hicks.

She was raised in Torrence and graduated from West Torrence High School in the class of 1992. She continued her education at California State University, Fullerton where she studied English and was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

In 1998, she moved to Missouri and began her teaching career as a High School English teacher at Hermitage High School. In 2004, Aimee earned her Master's degree in Secondary Administration from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

Aimee was a devoted educator, but above all was the proud mother of Brady, Avery and Libbee.

She worked with Lebanon R-3 School system beginning in 2000, teaching Honors High School Freshman English until May of 2015, spending several years as the head of the English department. Aimee then served as the Literacy Specialist at Lebanon High School from 2014 to the present. She also was a member of the Missouri Association of Student Councils Department. Aimee was a highly respected instructor and took pride in what she did. The students were her top priority and she was deeply devoted to them.

Aimee is preceded in death by her father, Albert Hicks.

She is survived by her son, Brady Hays; two daughters, Avery Hays and Libbee Hays; their father, Monty Hays; her mother, Sue Hicks of Lebanon, Missouri; a sister, Traci Hicks-Hartenstein; a brother, Kevin Hicks; and four nephews, Davis Hicks, Stephen Hicks, Williams Hartenstein and Matthew Hartenstein; and her best friend, Lisa Anthony.

Aimee loved reading and traveling. Her years in education allowed her to see many corners of the world and truly experience life to the fullest. She was always ready for a new adventure. Aimee also kept several animals and enjoyed spending time with them.

Her warmth, kindness, and unwavering generosity leave an indelible mark on the lives of all who knew her. Her absence will be deeply felt by her family, friends, educators, and the community whose life she touched.

Funeral services for Aimee Hays will be Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10 a.m. in Holman-Howe Funeral Home. Visitation will be Monday, April 21 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A memorial to Aimee Hays Memorial Scholarship has been established and donations may be left at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

For more information or to visit the website go to www.holmanhowe.com.



Maureta Fugate

Maureta Fugate, 98, of Buffalo, Mo., was born Nov. 24, 1926, in Greencastle, Mo. to Walter Ray McKinley Darr and Lotta Day Darr and died Feb. 13, 2025, in Buffalo, Missouri.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann and Doug Brethower of Bolivar; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2025, at Canton-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home in Urbana. Burial was in Bowers Chapel Cemetery.

Donations in her name may be made to Prairie Chapel or Bowers Chapel.

Voncille Miller

OF LEBANON, MISSOURI

Voncille Miller, 83, Lebanon, Missouri was born on September 3, 1941 to John and Bernice (Sturges) Green in Los Angeles, California. Voncille departed this life on April 12, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Bernice Green, her husband, Allyn Kent Miller; four sisters, Carol, Naomi, Nancy, and Betty; and brother-in-law, Terry Miller.

Voncille is survived by her grandchildren, Justin Fall (Libbey) of Ohio, Thomas Headley (Lexi) of Lebanon, and Taylor Headley, of the home; Logan and Susan Barber of Lebanon; as well as a host of family and friends.

Voncille was united in marriage to Allyn Kent Miller on October 24, 1991. They shared 29 years of marriage before his passing in 2020. Voncille loved babies and babysitting. She enjoyed playing cards, working puzzles, crocheting, and traveling. Voncille was an amazing baker and she enjoyed baking for her family and friends. She loved spending time with family and shopping with Taylor. Voncille was so loved and will be missed very much.

Arrangements are under the direction of Day Funeral Home of Marshfield. Online condolences may be made at www.dayfuneralhome.com



Sandra Kay Johnston

Sandra Kay Johnston, 80, of Falcon, was born Nov. 7, 1944, in Lafayette, Ind. to Lynwood S. Feaster and Olive B. Tull Feaster and died Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in her home.

She is survived by a son, Albert R. Johnston Jr. of Falcon and his ex-wife Danielle Johnson of North Fort Myers, Fla.; two daughters, Leah Kirby and her husband Gregory of Cape Coral, Fla. and Rebecca Peterson of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a brother, Lynwood S. Feaster Jr. of Lebanon, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2025, in Lynchburg Baptist Church in Lynchburg, under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

A memorial has been established to Lynchburg Baptist Church or GYN Cancers Alliance and donations may be left at the funeral home.

Fern Lavonne Burdick

Fern Lavonne Burdick, 90, of Richland, died Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025, at New Life Fellowship in Richland, under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. A memorial has been established and donations may be left at the funeral home.

Joan Marie Bradshaw

Joan Marie Bradshaw, 91, of Lebanon, died Friday, April 18, 2025, in her home.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon.

Gary Loyd Mink

Gary Loyd Mink, 69, of Mountain Grove, was born Oct. 14, 1945, in Vernon, Texas to Royal Verlon and Edith Earlean (Long) Mink and died Saturday, April 12, 2025, at his home.

He is survived by three children, Randy Curtis Bachhofer and his wife Shirley, Gary Michael Mink and his wife Shelley, and Rhoda Yeager; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Mink and Rita Phelps; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, under the direction of Craig-Hurt Funeral Home of Mountain Grove.

James Lewis Taylor

OF DIXON, MISSOURI

James Lewis Taylor, 46 of Dixon, Mo., passed away Sunday, April 13, 2025, in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Mo.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Taylor of Waynesville, Mo.; two children: De'Ja Fowler of Kansas City, Mo. and Don Terrell Fowler of Kansas City, Mo.; brother: Paris Taylor of St. Robert, Mo.; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2025, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Burial was in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville, Mo.

Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2025, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of James Taylor and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

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Paul Michael Manning

Paul Michael Manning, 49, of Lebanon, was born June 18, 1975, in Sacramento, Calif. to Les Curtiss and Joyce Marie (Guzi) Manning and died Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in Lebanon.

He is survived by his wife Brandy; three children, Austin Westerlund, Makenzy Westerlund and Taylor Manning; his father, Les Manning; one granddaughter; a sister, Lisa Marie Manning and her significant other, Amber King; a brother, Steve Jesse Manning; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Scott and Lora Rogers; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lacey Ward and her husband Chris, Shelby Angst and her husband Ryan, Cody Rogers and his wife Amy.

Funeral services are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Shadel's Colonial Chapel of Lebanon.

Memorials have been suggested to Paul's family. Donations can be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, 1001 N. Lynn or P.O. Box 948, Lebanon, Mo. 65536.

Kenneth "Ken" Lumley

Kenneth "Ken" Lee Lumley, 57, of Strafford, was born Nov. 4, 1967, in Springfield to Kenneth and Elba (Thomason) Lumley and died Monday, April 14, 2025.

He is survived by his fiance', Andrea Paxson of Strafford; a daughter, Cami McDaris-Cupp and Robert of Strafford; three grandchildren; one brother, David and Melissa Lumley of Marshfield; three sisters, Jane and Robert Frazier of Marshfield, Ronda and Doug Williams of Marshfield, Tammy McKeel and Jeff of Marshfield.

Celebration of Life services for family and close friends will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2025, at Fraker Funeral Home, Inc. of Marshfield, with visitation to follow. A public celebration of life service will be held at a later date and time and will be announced by the funeral home.

Robert "Frankie" Hedges

Robert Franklin "Frankie" Hedges, 81, of Lebanon, was born Nov. 5, 1943, in Quilin, Mo. to Elmo and Betty J. (Hien) Hedges and died Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in Lebanon.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn; three children, Clinton Hedges and his wife Michele of Lebanon, Ronald Hedges and his wife Ronda of St. Robert and Paula Hudson and her husband Casey of Lebanon; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Ronnie Hedges and his wife Janice of Fulton; two sisters, Wanda Figard of Holts Summit and Pat McMunn of Valles Mines, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Shadel's Colonial Chapel with Pastor Don Ball officiating. Burial will be in Mount Rose Memorial Park. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. until service time, also on Saturday at Shadel's Colonial Chapel.

Memorials have been suggested to Tabernacle Baptist Church Missionary Fund. Donations can be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, P.O. Box 948, Lebanon, Mo. 65536.

Loretta Dunham

Loretta Dunham, 66, of Lebanon, was born March 5, 1959, in Modesto, Calif. to Bill and Joyce Luttrell Finley and died Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in her home.

She is survived by two sons, David and Shane Dunham; her father, Bill Finley and his partner Alberta of Lebanon; three sisters, Holly Finley and Cleata Munholland, both of Lebanon, and Teresa Martinez and her husband Sam of Oakdale, Calif.; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2025, in Holman-Howe Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established and donations may be left at the funeral home.

Cannabis regulators add products to recall

REBECCA RIVAS
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

In Missouri's massive marijuana recall two years ago, regulators pulled 62,000 products off the shelves that contained a THC concentrate the state deemed a "potential threat to health and safety."

Last week, the Missouri Division of Cannabis Regulation added another 6,000 products to that list that should have been pulled in 2023 because they were all made with an ingredient produced by the company at the heart of the recall, Robertsville-based Delta Extraction.

However, there have been no adverse reactions reported for any of the product in the original or updated recall, she said.

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Delta Extraction is a

using "unregulated cannabis," the division stated in a Thursday press release.

"Regarding risks to the public, the department recalled these products for the same reason it issued the original, related recall: It identified a potential threat to health and safety," said Amy Moore, the division's director, in an email to The Independent.

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Delta Extraction is a

licensed cannabis manufacturing facility that specializes in making THC distillate, a highly potent and pure form of THC used for things like vape pens, infused pre-rolled joints and edibles. About 100 other manufacturers bought the distillate in question in spring 2023 and went on to make thousands of products.

In August 2023, the division suspended Delta Extraction's license after finding the company's distillate was made with untested "marijuana or converted hemp from outside of a Missouri licensed cultivation facility."

The state also issued the product recall.

A few months later, the state rolled back its recall of nearly 15,000 Midwest Magic products and allowed them to return to the dispensary shelves. Though part owner of the Delta facility, Midwest Magic owners successfully argued that the brand didn't use the distillate



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in its products.

A company called A Joint Operation owns the other 50% of Delta Extraction.

In February, Delta Extraction lost its appeal of its license suspension, but it was awarded a renewed search for Midwest Magic products on the recall list. The Thursday update released about 120 Midwest Magic products from dispensaries and manufacturing facilities. The update also allowed testing labs to

release samples of several hundred recalled products so they can be destroyed.

Ted Maritz, co-owner of Midwest Magic, said the company had already written off the released items as a loss.

"I'm not going to ask any stores for payment or anything," Maritz said. "Everyone's gone through hell for this."

One Kansas City manufacturer had almost 700 ingredients recalled Thursday.

Josh Corson, co-owner

of A Joint Operation, said he had not yet heard about the updated recall, in a text message Friday to The Independent and could not immediately comment.

Over the last two years, several companies have opted to destroy the products to make more room in their storage areas.

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Missouri Democrats filibuster GOP effort to overturn voter-approved paid sick leave

CLARA BATES
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

Missouri Democrats stonewalled a Republican effort to roll back a voter-approved paid sick leave law, blocking action in the Senate for more than nine hours before GOP leadership adjourned the chamber around 1 a.m. Thursday.

A bill sponsored by state Sen. Mike Bernskoetter, a Republican from Jefferson City, would gut Proposition A, a voter-approved law requiring most employers to provide paid sick time off for hundreds of thousands of qualifying workers starting May 1.

Bernskoetter said Proposition A "creates a one-size-fits-all" solution that would hurt businesses.

"An agreement to exchange time and talent for wages and other benefits is a contract between employee and employer, so I don't really think we should be getting in the middle of that," Bernskoetter said, adding that voters may not have understood the

extent of the law from the ballot summary.

The bill passed out of the House last month on a vote of 96 to 51. If the Senate approves the bill, it will head to the governor's desk.

The bill would also modify the minimum wage law by removing the requirement that it be indexed to inflation.

Democrats began filibustering the bill shortly after Bernskoetter brought it to the floor Wednesday, just before 4 p.m.

Senate Democratic Leader Doug Beck of Afton said he and Republican leadership worked on a compromise dealing with "some details of implementation" that was then upended.

"I'm going to continue those negotiations, and we'll see what we can do, if we can come to some sort of conclusion. Maybe. Again, we might not," Beck said when the filibuster began.

Proposition A passed with over 57% of the vote in Missouri, including rural, suburban and urban

counties.

As he began the Democratic filibuster Wednesday evening, Beck ticked through each Senate district's vote totals, noting that it passed in 20 of the chamber's 34 districts, including 11 represented by Republicans.

"This is literally a mandate," Beck said, from the voters. "...The voters were never deceived."

State Sen. Angela Mosley, a St. Louis Democrat, said the bill "will send a message back to their constituents that their public input doesn't matter."

State Sen. Rick Brattin, a Harrisonville Republican, said the passage of Prop A is evidence of the problems with Missouri's initiative petition process, which he said puts major policy decisions in the hands of voters rather than the government they elected to represent them. It should've never gone to the people for a vote, he said.

"This is one of those things, of the problem

with direct democracy," Brattin said. "This is exactly what our founders were expressly against when they formed this nation."

He said small businesses won't be able to absorb the costs.

"The people casting the ballots for measures such as this, they have no skin in the game whatsoever, when it comes to these sorts of measures," Brattin said. "No realization of the detriment, or the harm that it may cause to their very own bottom dollar, because they may not even understand what these measures would do to their employer."

On Wednesday night, as GOP leadership adjourned the chamber because an agreement could not be reached, Senate Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin, a Republican from Sheldina, posted on social media that the debate is not over.

Under the law, beginning May 1 employers with business receipts greater than \$500,000 a year must provide at

least one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked. Employers with fewer than 15 workers must allow workers to earn at least 40 hours per year, with larger employers mandated to allow at least 56 hours. The law also gradually increases the minimum wage.

The bill would allow the minimum wage to increase to \$15 per hour in 2026, as voters approved, but it would not be adjusted for inflation thereafter — a policy that has been in place since 2007. The sick leave provisions would be repealed entirely.

Those provisions would make sick leave guaranteed for around 728,000 workers who currently lack it statewide, or over 1 in 3 Missouri workers, according to an analysis from the progressive nonprofit the Missouri Budget Project.

Business groups at last month's hearing called the measure a "job killer."

Buddy Lahl, from the Missouri Restaurant

Association, called the requirements on businesses "extremely cumbersome" and said the law is a "slippery slope" for what businesses will be required to provide.

Richard Von Glahn, policy director for Missouri Jobs with Justice, the organization that helped lead the campaign for Proposition A, said it was modeled on paid sick leave policies in 18 other states.

"It will make Missouri workers more likely to have to go to work while sick, jeopardizing their own health, the health of their coworkers and of Missouri workplaces," he said last month, of the legislation to overturn Prop A.

Many of the same industry groups who testified at hearings to challenge the law are also challenging Proposition A in the state Supreme Court. The court has not handed down a decision yet.

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LC LEGALS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Paul Robert White, dated June 2, 2022, and recorded on June 3, 2022, Document No. 20222753, in Book No. 2022, at Page 2753 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Laclede County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on April 22, 2025, at 2:30 PM, at the Front Door of the Laclede County Courthouse, Lebanon, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

ALL OF LOT 16 OF LEMON-KEEL ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF LEBANON, LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, commonly known as 1232 Tyler Dr, Lebanon, MO, 65536 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C.
Successor Trustee

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NOTICE

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 the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 243069-1018701).

(3) 29, (4) 5, 12, 19

IN THE 26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI

James J. Hedrick, Sr. and Deborah K. Hedrick, husband and wife Plaintiffs vs Merlyn Leon Key Jr., deceased; Richard Key and DOE I Through DOE _____, and all other unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, and legal representatives, and all other persons, corporations, or successors claiming by, through, or under Merlyn Leon Key, Jr., deceased Defendants. Case Number 25LA-CC00004

NOTICE ON ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to the above-named or described Defendants, Greetings:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court, County of Laclede, Missouri, by the object and general nature of which is to request reformation of deed and to quiet title, and which affects the title to the following described land:

All of Lot 32 of FINAL PLAT OF REPLAT OF BRITLI ESTATES, PHASE ONE, a subdivision in the City of Lebanon, Laclede

County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiffs is J. Brad York, Allen & Rector, P.C., 135 Harwood Avenue, P.O. Box 1700, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition, within forty-five (45) days after the 5th day of April, 2025, Plaintiffs' Petition will be taken as confessed and judgment by default will be rendered against you accordingly.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Laclede County Record, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Laclede, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court, County of Laclede, State of Missouri, the 31st day of March, 2025.

/s/ Heather Officer,
Circuit Clerk

(4) 5, 12, 19, 26

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of principal and interest now past due on a certain promissory note dated September 3, 2024 and secured by a deed of trust dated September 3, 2024 signed by Brandon Widel and Tabathia

Widel, husband and wife, and recorded on September 9, 2024, in Book 2024 at Page 3375 as Instrument # 20243375 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Laclede County, Missouri, Lee J. Viorel, III will, at the request of the legal holder thereof, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 2025, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., specifically at 1 o'clock p.m. at the Front Door of the Laclede County Courthouse, located at 200 N. Adams Ave., in the City of Lebanon, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the property in the deed of trust described as:

All that part of the North half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 14 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Laclede County, Missouri, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 20 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds West 3751.55 feet to a point on the South right-of-way of Old U.S. Highway #66 at Station 730+70; thence South 63 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds West 81.42 feet along the said South right-of-way to the true point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence continuing South 63 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds West 190.0 feet along the said South right-of-way; thence South 14 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds East 216.78 feet; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds East 141.45 feet; thence North 4 degrees 59

minutes 20 seconds West 298.79 feet to the true point of beginning of the tract herein described. Subject to and except any part thereof deeded, taken or used for road or highway purposes.

which has an address of 32190 Route 66, Richland, Missouri 65556.

for the purposes of satisfying the note and costs.

By: /s/ Lee J. Viorel, III, Successor Trustee
c/o Lowther Johnson, Attorneys at Law, LLC
901 St. Louis Street, 20th Floor
Springfield, MO 65806
Telephone: (417) 866-7777

(4) 19, 26, (5) 3, 10

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the Estate of JAMMIE W. LITTY, deceased.

The undersigned, Gregory Litty, is acting as Successor Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Successor Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

The address of the Trustee is:
Gregory Litty
c/o Randall R. Sutter
276 E. Commercial, PO Box 125
Lebanon, MO 65536

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 pursuant to Section 456.610 RSMo 1994.
Date of first publication is April

19, 2025.

/s/ Gregory Litty

(4) 19, 26, (5) 3

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Laclede Co. C-5 School District is accepting bids for the following products/services for the 2025-2026 school year.

A. Dairy Products
Bids for the listed products/services will be accepted in the Food Service Director's office on/or before 9am, May 1st, 2025. Should you need further information, or a list of bid specifications, please call Edith Pearcy, 417-532-4837 ext: 5163, or request in person at the school, 16050 Hwy KK Lebanon, Mo 65536

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Spending time with new friends and those you've known for years can be a satisfying way to pass the week, Aries. Try to plan some activities that you can enjoy together.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, this week you may choose to tackle some necessary, albeit time-consuming, chores. They may take a few hours, but then you'll have time to unwind.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, certain information that you have been looking for may finally come to the surface. Once you have your answers, you might be able to move on to other tasks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, emotional matters that emerged over the previous few days might soon be settled with all parties feeling satisfied with the results.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, confusion with loved ones can be easily cleared up with a little, honest communication between you and the other people involved. Embrace this chance to be open and honest.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may be especially motivated this week and feel a need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are operating at peak efficiency and ready to handle many of the less exciting tasks on your to-do list. Tackle the grunt work and the fun will follow.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You have the stamina and energy to get a lot of chores taken care of this week, Scorpio. But you may be short on time. Enlist other people to help if an opportunity presents itself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't be surprised if you spend a lot of your time on the phone this week, Sagittarius. There are many things on your to-do list and tackling them one by one is essential.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Financial paperwork and money matters fill the docket for you the next few days, Capricorn. Paying bills, balancing a checkbook and building your nest egg are your top priorities.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

This week you could be feeling industrious and on the lookout for a new project, Aquarius. You will be an asset to anyone who needs extra assistance.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Particularly vivid dreams could have you wondering what your mind is trying to tell you, Pisces. You might come up with some interesting interpretations, but the answers remain unknown.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell Something pertaining to:

Fruit.

C A A O O D V



Answer: Avocado

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell Something pertaining to:

Easter.

K I C H S C



Answer: Chicks



Dear Abby

GRANDMOTHER THINKS TODDLER SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE

DEAR ABBY: I have a 16-month-old who has recently learned to walk. My mom was watching him one day a week while I worked part-time, but she ultimately decided it was too much stress on her back and said she could no longer lift him. Lately, she has been telling me I need to "train" him to do certain things in order for her to watch him without lifting him (e.g., climb into his own car seat). Abby, he's too young to consistently do anything like that.

It's no longer possible for her to put him in his car seat, lift him to put him in his crib, high chair, etc. She's being very pushy about me finding alternative ways to do things that ultimately will make more work for me. I think it would be safer and easier to pay an able-bodied caregiver.

Talking to her about this has become stressful because she calls me "crazy" for thinking this is a safety concern. If we are at the park and he does something

unsafe, I pick him up and remove him because he is not yet a reliable listener. How do I discuss this with her in a kind but firm way, and is my concern valid? -- LIFTING HIM UP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LIFTING: You are not crazy! Of course your concerns are valid. Your son is years away from being able to do what your mother is suggesting. End those discussions. She needs to be told kindly, but firmly, that you know she loves her grandson, but he needs more hands-on care than she is able to give him, which is why you ARE hiring someone to do it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

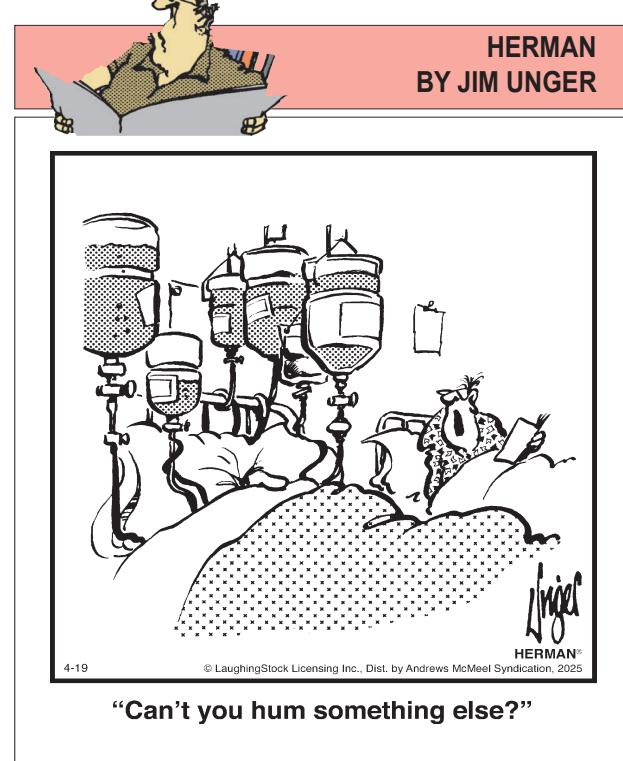
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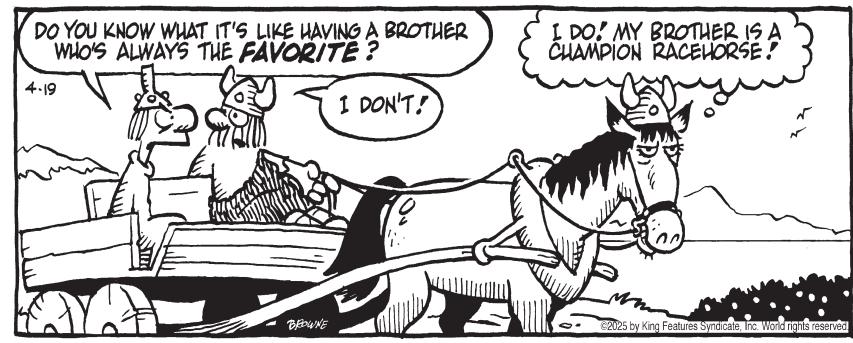
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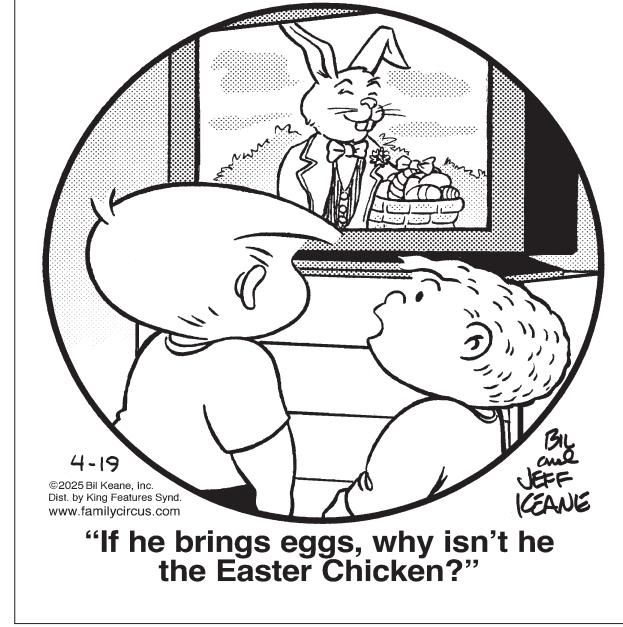
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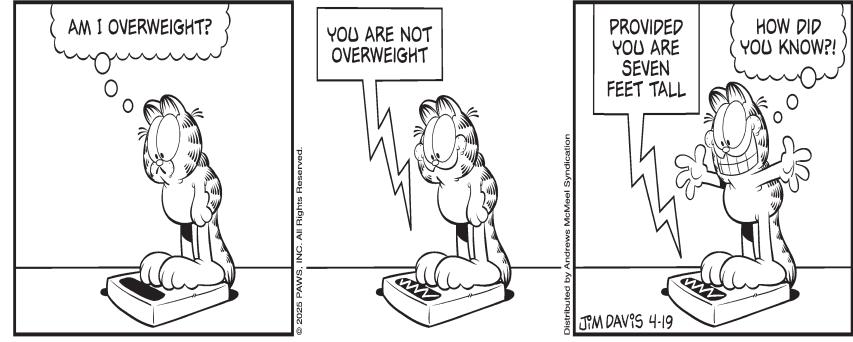
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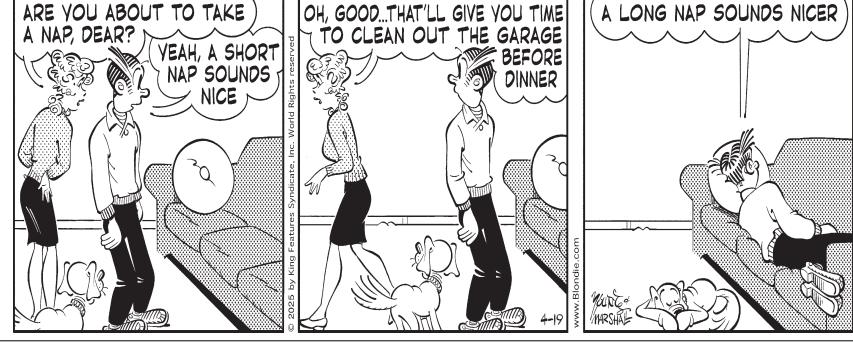
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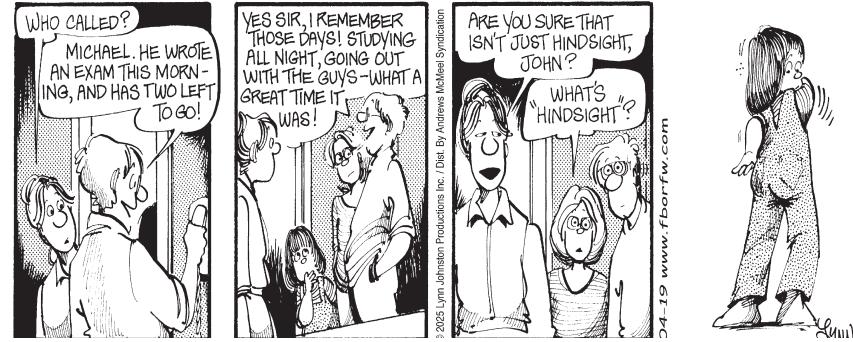
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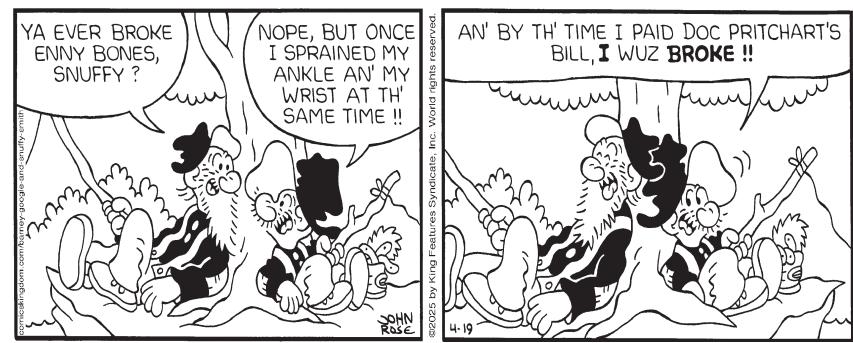
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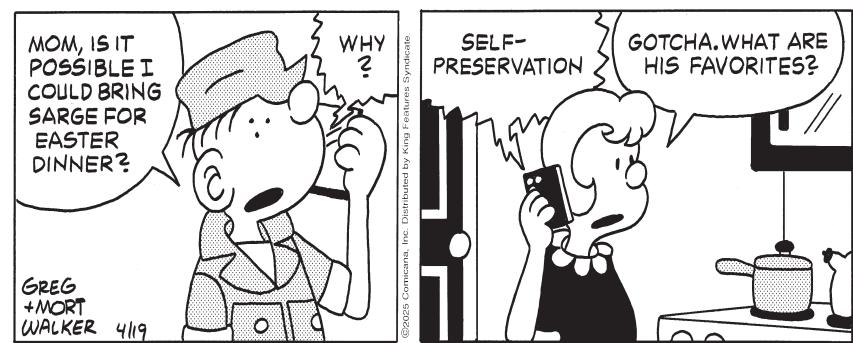


PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



BY MORT WALKER



ACROSS

1. Currently fashionable
5. Free from gloss
10. Licenses TV stations
13. Pop
14. Wakes a sleeper
15. Not light
17. 13-19
18. Sets of statistics
19. Ultimate image
20. Rescued by payment of money
22. Vowel sound
23. River in Florence
24. European money
26. Electronic data processing
27. Carriage for hire
30. Not out
31. Bird homes
33. Helps little firms
34. Challengingly approaches
38. Taxis
40. 007's creator
41. Scoundrels
45. Landed properties
49. Dash
50. Yemen capital
52. Atomic #89
54. One point E of due S
55. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
56. Ed Murrow's home
58. A braid
60. Czech writer Karel
62. Examines in detail
66. W. Romania

city on the Muresel

67. A citizen of Oman

68. Cain's brother

70. Add alcohol beverages

71. N. Swedish lake & river

72. Fury

73. Prohibition

74. Birthday sweet

75. Frozen rain

DOWN

1. Time in the central U.S.
2. Garden digger
3. The content of cognition
4. Indian shot lily
5. Pop star
Ciccone
6. "I836 siege"

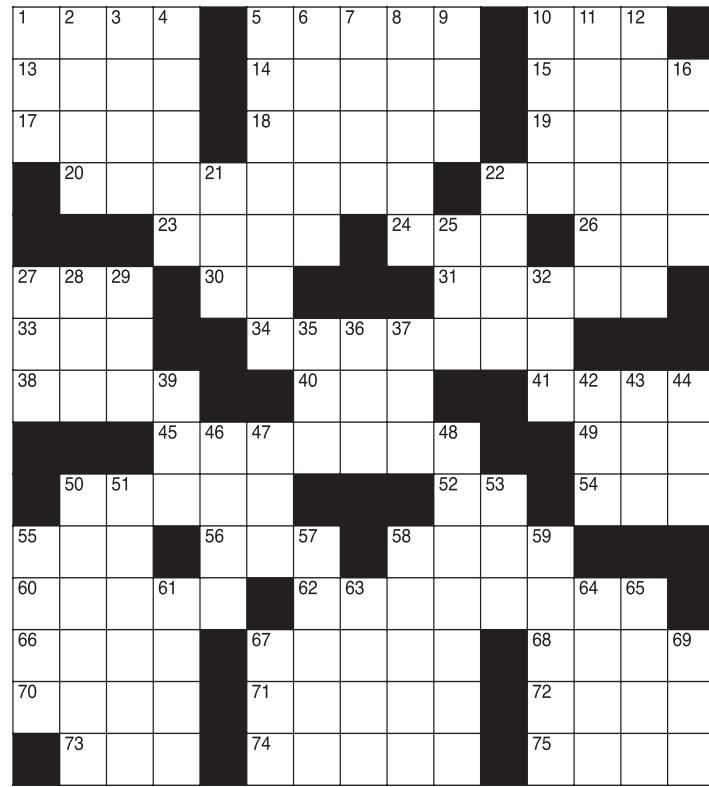
of U.S.
7. Murdered by Manson
8. An equal exchange
9. M M M
10. Insures bank's depositors
11. Indication of superior status
12. Large groups
16. Chip stone with sharp blows
21. ___ Lanka
22. Fat for birds
25. The brain and spinal cord
27. Reciprocal of a sine
28. Goat and camel hair fabric
29. Founder of Babism
32. Strategic Supply Chain
35. Former OSS
36. Feline mammal
37. Smallest whole number
39. Brunei monetary unit
42. Public promotions
43. Tap gently
44. The woman
46. Terminate someone's job
47. The bill in a

Last Issue's Answers

O	D	D	T	H	E	R	M	P	G
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M	I	N	A	S	I	D	L	U	R
S	U	G	A	R	P	L	U	M	F
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restaurant

48. Rushes out to attack
50. Divine Egyptian beetle
51. Llama with long silky fleece
53. A coral reef off of S. Florida
55. 1000 calories
57. A S. Pacific island group
58. A special finish for velvet
59. Former Russian rulers
61. Home of Adam & Eve
63. Informer (British)
64. Israeli politician Abba
65. Lily flower of Utah
67. Securities market
69. Soul singer Rawls

**FUN & Games****SUDOKU**

8		4						3
	9	2	1					5
1	5	8	7					
5		1	2					4
1	8	6	9					
2	3	1	4					9
	5						2	8
8						4	1	

LEVEL: BEGINNER

8	9	6	3	2	5	4	1	7
7	5	4	9	6	1	3	2	8
2	3	1	7	4	8	6	5	9
9	2	3	5	8	4	7	6	1
1	4	8	6	9	2	9	8	4
5	6	1	5	8	7	3	2	9
4	1	5	2	1	6	8	4	5
3	7	9	2	1	6	8	4	5
6	8	2	4	5	9	1	7	3

ANSWER

Fun by the numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment your square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crypto Fun

Solve the code to discover words related to fairs and carnivals.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(HINT: 14 = A)

A. 17 11 1 22 16

CLUE: MOVING ATTRACTIONS

B. 14 25 11 10 14 2 16

CLUE: FARM RESIDENTS

C. 2 22 10 12 25 14 1 22

CLUE: TART BEVERAGE

D. 24 14 10 22 16

CLUE: FUN ACTIVITIES

Answers: A. Rides B. Animals C. Lemonade D. Games

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