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WELCOME TO THE WEEKEND

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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Hometown titleholder competes for Miss Missouri crown

Miss Central Missouri has local ties

Miss Missouri candidates from across the state, their pageant directors and families will travel to the heart of Missouri June 12 to kick off a week filled with rehearsals, talent performances, interviews, and evening gowns at Missouri Military Academy.

The group includes Miss Central Missouri Kelly Hooper. She is a graduate from the University of Florida and will enter the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law this fall. She is the granddaughter of Betty Earle of Mexico.

As part of the Alpha competition group, Kelly will have her personal interview with the judges on Wednesday morning, followed by her red-carpet look on Wednesday night. On Thursday, Kelly will perform a monologue for the judges and audience during the talent portion of the preliminary competition. Friday's preliminary competition will conclude when Kelly gives her social-impact statement on her initiative, "Head for the Cure: Supporting Brain Cancer Awareness". She describes her social-impact initiative as: "Head for the Cure supports the brain cancer community by increasing awareness, fundraising efforts, and spreading hope. In the state of Missouri, and across the country, the work executed by Head for the Cure, a Kansas City-based 501c3 organization is vital."

Pageant week will begin Sunday, June 12 when the Miss Missouri candidates move onto the Missouri Military Academy's campus. Throughout the week, the Miss Missouri candidates will participate in a wide variety of activities, ending on Saturday afternoon with a meet and greet for area residents on the courthouse lawn, located in downtown Mexico.

The preliminary competition begins Tuesday, June 14 and will continue through Friday, June 17. The organization will crown the new Miss Missouri Saturday night, June 18, as it says goodbye to reigning Miss Missouri Callie Cox. After being crowned, the new Miss Missouri will begin a hectic schedule of preparations for the Miss America stage and competition, to be held later this year.

The Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization is one of the largest providers of scholarships to young women in the state. This year, the organization will award more than \$85,000 in scholarships between the Miss Missouri and Outstanding Teen programs.

Tickets for the Miss Missouri and Miss Missouri's Outstanding Teen Pageants are available through the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 100 West Jackson Street or by calling 573-581-2765.



Kelly Hooper

Saturday on the Square will be a Miss Missouri highlight

Miss Missouri Week 2022 is here again and as in years past, it promises to be a time where highlights abound and emotions run high as candidates vie for the title. Among can't-miss events on this year's Miss Missouri schedule will be Saturday on the Square. This will be the second year it has been a part of the festivities, offering an opportunity for folks to visit with the candidates.



Saturday on the Square started in lieu of the parade and has been well received as Mexico's downtown square becomes the center of the Miss Missouri universe for a short time. The 2022 edition will be held Saturday, June 18 from 9:30-11 a.m.

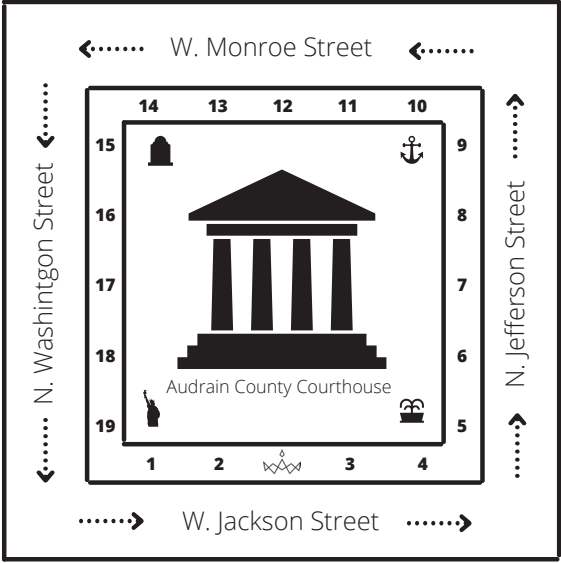
Candidates will line the downtown and Miss Missouri organizers welcome the public to stop by for a visit. "The community is invited to come meet, get autographs and take pictures with Miss Missouri and all the candidates," said a Miss Missouri spokesperson.

Candidates set up tents around the square and often hand out goodies and create fun stations for those that come by their tent.

For a complete Saturday on the Square map, see right.



Miss Missouri candidates visit with well-wishers during the 2021 Saturday on the Square. [File Photos]



- Match the number below to the map to locate the candidates!
- Miss Missouri 2021 & Miss Missouri's OT 2021**
1. Miss Kansas City & Miss Kansas City's OT
 2. Miss North Kansas City & Miss Kansas City International
 3. Miss Clark County & Miss Clark County's OT
 4. Miss Northeast & Miss Northeast's OT
 5. Miss Central Missouri & Miss Heart of Missouri
 6. Miss Bilby Ranch Lake & Miss Nodaway Lake
 7. Miss Maryville, Miss Maryville's OT, & Miss Mozingo Lake
 8. Miss Northwest & Miss Northwest's OT
 9. Miss Northwest Counties & Miss Northwest Counties' OT
 10. Miss Columbia, Miss Columbia's OT, & Miss Boone County
 11. Miss Southern Missouri, Miss Southern Missouri's OT, & Miss Texas County's OT
 12. Miss Route 66 & Miss Route 66's Outstanding Teen
 13. Miss Spirit of St. Louis & Miss Spirit of St. Louis' OT
 14. Miss Saint Charles County & Miss Saint Charles County's OT
 15. Miss Audrain, Miss Audrain's OT, & Miss Brick City
 16. Miss Springfield & Miss Historic Route 66's OT
 17. Miss Table Rock Lake & Miss Table Rock Lake's OT
 18. Miss Branson & Miss Branson's OT
 19. Miss Flower City's OT, Miss Southwest Missouri OT, & Miss Show-Me State's OT



TODAY



SUNDAY



MONDAY



MHS announces scholarship recipients



Mexico High School's class of 2022 earned nearly \$900,000 in scholarships, presented during the school's recent awards program, held May 19

A staggering \$894,195 in scholarships was presented to Mexico High School's class of 2022. Here's the roster:

A+ Completer
Ryan Beasley, Wyndee Bohr, Haley Chastain, Keiliani Cox-Flores, Layla Epperson, Jesus Garza, Ahrajah Givens, Deacon Haag, Rebecca Haeffling, Jaden Hatfield, Evan Heaton, Piper Higgins, Brett Iman, Ricardo Juarez Ramirez, Shelby Kennemore, Collin Martin, Emilee McCoy, Abigail McCune, Halie Mesko, Daeye Miller, Mya Miller, Sydney Moeller, Ashtian Morgan, Emma Nowlin, Keith Ransom, Jacob Rowe, Jokiah Sewell, Dillon Smith, Brock Smythe, Jacey Thewlis, Riley Thurman, Winona Whelan, Michael White, Taylor Wieberg, Madeline Williams, Katelyn Wuger, Lillian Yager.

A+ Scholarship
Aaliyah Peterson, \$5,430

Mexico Young Farmers
Logan Carter, Grant Norfleet, Ellen Phillips, Matt Spurling. These scholarships are \$800 each.

Roy Creasey
Grant Norfleet, Ryan Pemberton, Andrew Stephens, Jackson Unger. These scholarships are \$1,000 each.

Francis Jenicek Scholarship
Joshua Forbis, Jaden Hatfield, Sydney Moeller, Keith Ransom, Jokiah Sewell. These scholarships are \$5,018 each.

CC A+ Recognition Award
Keiliani Cox-Flores, \$1,500; Mya Miller, \$1,500; Emma Nowlin, \$1,500; Madeline Williams, \$1,500.

CC Achievement Scholarship
Myra Miller, \$9,000
CC Distinction Scholarship
Keiliani Cox-Flores, \$11,000; Winona Whelan, \$11,000; Madeline Williams, \$11,000.

CC Diversity Excellence Award
Keiliani Cox-Flores, \$3,000.

CC Full Ride Tuition Exchange
Winona Whelan, \$24,326

CC Navy and Silver Award
Emma Nowlin, \$5,500.

CC Recognition Scholarship
Wyndee Bohr, \$7,000

CCC Presidential's Torch Scholarship
Shelby Kennemore, \$4,000.

CCC Tour Scholarship
Shelby Kennemore, \$500.

Firefighters Association Scholarship
Shelby Kennemore, \$1,000

Mexico Wrestling Club in Memory of Harold Barnett
Jokiah Sewell, \$200.

Sean Lamberson Wrestling Scholarship
Keith Ransom, \$140.

Audrain County Farmers & Laborers' Cooperative Insurance Assn Scholarship
Cora Ransom, \$1,000.

Phil Azdell Memorial Wrestling Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$300.

Alan Woods Scholarship
Haley Chastain, \$3,167.57

Charles D. Smith

Memorial Service Award & Scholarship
Deacon Haag
Deacon John Chris Hotop Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000.00
Kennemore Shelby Renee \$500.00
McKeown Dominic \$500.00

Haley-Jane Elizabeth Graham Memorial Scholarship
Samanth Joiner, \$500.

Kansas City Art Institute
Emilee McCoy, \$20,000.

Melissa J. DenHartog Memorial Scholarship
Keiliani Cox-Flores, \$200.

Mexico CTA
Haley Chastain, Kacey Craddock, Taylor DeMint, Shelby Kennemore, Sydney Moeller, Cora Ransom. These scholarships are \$500 each.

Mexico Kiwanis Club
KeilianiCox-Flores, \$1,500; Blair Wieberg, \$1,500.

MHS Class of 1965
Kacey Craddock, \$300; Keith Ransom, \$300.

MHS Class of 1968
Ricardo Juarez Ramirez, \$500; Lorinn Waisner, \$500.

Ozark Christian Mosaic Leadership Scholarship
Aaliyah Peterson

Ozark Christian Visitation Scholarship
Ozark Christian \$6,000.00
Peterson Aaliyah \$1,000.00

Savannah Honors Scholarship
Benjamin Clampitt, \$10,000.

Wanda Smith Memorial Education Scholarship
Haley Chastain, \$1,000.

Berneice Delaney Gallop Athletic Scholarship
Mya Miller, \$5,000.

Cleveland University Honors Program Scholarship
Keith Ransom, \$11,500.

Columbia College Basketball Scholarships
Mya Miller

Gary Filbert Scholarship Columbia College
\$10,500.00
Miller Daeye Lavon \$500.00

Iowa Western Wrestling Scholarship
Ricardo Juarez Ramirez, \$4,000.

NCMC Basketball Scholarship
Isaiah Reams, \$3,000.

Paul Friedberg Memorial
Amelia Denham, \$250; Haden Frazier, \$250.

Quincy University Athletic Scholarship
Michael White, \$22,880.

Ron Whittaker Track Scholarship
Riley Thurman, \$250.

The Bill Johnson Award
Haden Frazier, Riley Thurman.

Truman A+ Recognition Scholarship
Piper Higgins, \$500.

Truman Clithero Award
Piper Higgins, \$500.

Truman Presidents Honorary Scholarship
Piper Higgins, \$2,000.

Truman TruMerit Scholarship
Piper Higgins, \$3,000.

Academic Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$3,000.

William Jewell Wrestling Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$6,500.

Carl & Charollette Hirst
Tristan Playter, \$1,000; Isaiah Reams, \$2,500; Riley Thurman, \$2,500; Peyton Willer, \$1,000.

Marvin McCowan Scholarship
Deacon Haag, \$500; Peyton Willer, \$500.

Miss Missouri Excellence Scholarship
Jaren Early, \$500; Deacon Haag, \$500; Lillian Yager, \$500.

Audrain Co. Cattlemen's Assn.
Amelia Denham, \$1,500; Peyton Willer, \$1,000.

Eunice DesCombes
Shelby Kennemore, \$500;

Mary Powell Davis
Haley Chastain, \$3,657; Shelby Kennemore, \$3,657 ; Emily Nunan, \$7,000.

Mid America Academic Scholarship
Ryan Beasley, \$12,000.

Mid America Nazarene Scholarship
Ryan Beasley, \$5,000.

MO S & T Kummer Vanguard Scholarship
Sydney Moelle, \$1,000.

MO S & T Merit Scholarship
Joshua Forbis, \$5,000; Sydney Moeller, \$7,000.

UCM Red & Black Scholarship
Jaren Early, \$1,0000; Jacob Holtkamp, \$1,000.

William Woods A+ Recognition Scholarship
Katelyn Wuger, \$1,000.

William Woods Academic Merit
Katelyn Wuger, \$7,000.

William Woods Lead Scholarship
Katelyn Wuger, \$5,000.

Griffin Family Foundation
Benjamin Clampitt , Morgan Craig, Amelia Denham, Jaren Early, Deacon Haag, Piper Higgins, Shelby Kennemore, Daeye Miller, Emma Nowlin, Riley Thurman, Taylor Wieberg, Lillian Yager. These scholarships are for \$1,750 each.

Ralph R. Roth Scholarship
Austin Martin, \$2,000; Peyton Willer, \$2,000.

Heather Brandow Memorial Scholarship
Mya Miller, \$1,000; Madeline Williams, \$1,000.

Mexico Band Parents
Amelia Denham, \$500; Cora Ransom, \$500.

MU Curators Scholars Award
Jaden Hatfield, Dominic McKeown, Blair Wieberg, Taylor Wieberg. These scholarships are for \$4,500 each.

MU Diversity Award
Daeye Miller, \$2,500.

MU Excellence Award
Evan Heaton, Samantha Joiner, Scout Jones, Halie Mesko, Brett Pascoe, Lillian Yager. These scholarships are for \$3,000 each.

MU Juliet F. Hulen Memorial
Jaden Hatfield, Scout Jones, Halie Mesko, Daeye Miller, Brett Pascoe, Brock Smythe, Riley Thurman, Lorinn Waisner, Blair Wieberg, Amelia Denham, Lillian Yager. These scholarships are for \$1,300 each.

MU Legacy Alumni Scholarship
Halie Mesko, \$1,000.

Thomas A. Badaracco

Band
Bre'Lynn James, \$200.

Troy Kysar Scholarship
Benjamin Clampitt, \$250; Joshua Forbis, \$250. MHS Class of 1962
Amelia Denham, \$500.

Emma Azdell Scholarship
Haden Frazier, \$1,500; Shelby Kennemore, \$1,500.

L.Buford Thomas Scholarship
Deacon Haag, \$300; Jaden Hatfield, \$300.

Audrain Co 4-H Foundation
Amelia Denham, \$500; Hannah DeVault, \$500; Dillon Gish, \$500.

Mexico Rotary
Morgan Craig, Evan Heaton, Halie Mesko, Emma Nowlin, Jokiah Sewell, Riley Thurman. These scholarships are for \$1,000 each.

Westminster Dean's Scholarship
Haley Chastain, \$13,000.

Westminster Trustee's Scholarship
Kyla Gentry, \$17,000.

Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation Scholarship
Keith Ransom, \$7,500.

Robert Collins Presbyterian
Deacon Haag, \$700; Jaden Hatfield, \$250; Austin Huddleston, \$250.

Bob Gooch Award
RileyThurman, \$200.

Mexico Elks Most Valuable Student
Keith Ransom, \$1,500.

Mexico Elks Student of the Year
Aiden Bingham, \$100; Amelia Denham, \$100.

Audrain Law/Fire Scholarship
Katelyn Wuger, \$1,000.

Sheriff's Association Scholarship
Shelby Kennemore, \$250.

Mexico Young Farmers
Kacey Craddock, \$600; Amelia Denham, \$600; Hannah DeVault, \$600.

Central Bank of Audrain County
Brett Pascoe, \$500.

MU Audrain County Dr. Peter Ekern Alumni Scholarship
Jaden Hatfield, \$500; Halie Mesko, \$500.

MU Audrain County Red Graham Alumni Scholarship
Lorinn Waisner, \$1,000.

MHS Class of 1954
Cora Ransom, \$500.

Commerce Bank Scholarship
Keith Ransom, \$500; Lillian Yager, \$500.

Ross Ferris Scholarship
Sydney Moeller, \$1,000.

Roy Creasey
Haley Chastain, Joshua Forbis, Piper Higgins, Samantha Joiner, Quin Manns, Emilee McCoy, Halie Mesko, Sydney Moeller, Brett Pascoe, Brock Smythe, Rylee Thurman, Lorinn Waisner, Blair Wieberg, Madeline Williams, Lillian Grace. These scholarships are \$1,000 each.

United Credit Union Scholarship
Keiliani Cox-Flores, Kacey Craddock, Taylor DeMint, Amelia Denham, Madeline Williams. These scholarships are for \$1,000 each.

Coach Ray Heaton Student Athlete Scholarship
Emily Nunan, \$1,000;

Keith Ransom, \$1,000.

A+ Scholarship
Samuel Adair, Jessica Barnett, Aiden Bingham, Lissalou Blair, Riley Blair, Christian Brashear, Tyler Byrd, Lance Campbell, Bryna Carey, Alexis Clifford, Zoie Cook, Kacey Craddock, Amelia Denham, Hannah DeVault, Sydney Fetterhoff, Haden Frazier, Dillon Gish, Rylee Johnson, Taylor Jones, Caleb King, Tiffany Martin, Zackary McWilliams, Dylan Mosley, Emily Nunan, Alexander Paladin, Ivy Perez, Tristan Playter, Ava Potter, Adam Proctor, Cora Ransom, Isaiah Reams, Nikolas Speaks, Camden Stamper, Peyton Willer, Graham Williams, Tristan Young. These are \$5,340 each.

Bright Flight Qualifier
Keith Ransom

French Seal of Biliteryacy
Lorinn Waisner

Spanish Seal of Biliteryacy
Carey Bryna Rose, Keiliani Cox-Flores, Samantha Joiner, Taylor Jones, Dominic McKeown, Sydney Moeller, Winona Whelan, Blair Wieberg.

Robert M. White II
Deacon Haag, \$1,000.

Fern Braden - Audrain Community Hospital Auxiliary
Keiliani Cox-Flores, \$1,000.

Key Club Scholarship
Piper Higgins, \$100; Taylor Jones, \$150; Blair Wieberg, \$100.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$500; Blair Wieberg, \$500; Taylor Wieberg, \$500; Lillian Yager, \$500.

Mexico Heating Co. Honoring Vince Fuemmeler
Ransom Keith Owen

Mexico Optimist Club Scholarship
\$1,000.00
Deacon Haag, \$400; Evan Heaton, \$400; Riley Thurman, \$400.

Show Me Credit Union
Samantha Joiner, \$500; Cora Ransom, \$500;

Team for Life Scholarship
Jakob Darby, \$250.

Heart of MO Board of Realtors
Amelia Denham, \$500; Deacon Haag, \$500;

Consolidated Cares Scholarship
Kacey Craddock, \$1,500.

Audrain Agribusiness
Hannah DeVault, \$500; Peyton Willer, \$500.

G. H. Dudley Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$500.

George Irion Memorial Scholarship
Kacey Craddock, \$900; Taylor DeMint, \$900; Hannah DeVault, \$900; Shelby Kennemore, \$900; Camden Stamper, \$900.

Harry & Trudy Thompson Scholarship
Keilani Cox-Flores, \$4,000;Samantha Joiner, \$4,000; Scout Jones, \$4,000; Lillian Yager, \$4,000.

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Craddock Kacey Laine \$1,500.00
MACC Superintendent Scholarship
Aalayah Brookens-Dors-ey, \$300; Rylee Johnson, \$300; Camden Stamper, \$300.
MHS Class of 1933
Cora Ransom, \$500.
St. Louis University Vice President's Scholarship
Morgan Craig Morgan Alexis
Tanna Parish Memorial Scholarship St. Louis University
\$25,000.00
Kacey Craddock, \$1,000; Taylor DeMint, \$1,000; Caleb King, \$1,000.
Viola Maxwell
Samantha Joiner, \$2,500; Taylor Jones, \$5,000; Quin Manns, \$2,500; Syd-ney Moeller, \$5,000.
William A. Haas Journalism Scholarship
Emilee McCoy, \$11,600; Halie Mesko, \$11,600; Emma Unger, \$11,600; Sherrell Williams, \$25,000.
William E. Lowry Scholarship
Jaren Early, \$500
Madelyn Clark Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Jessica Barnett, \$2,000; Lance Campbell, \$2,000.
Harris Family Scholarship
Joiner Samantha Kyle \$956.00
McIntyre Award
Samantha Joiner, \$100
Speech & Theatre Scholarship
Jacob Holtkamp, \$100
Future Business Leaders of America
Benjamin Clampitt, \$200
Jerry Brauer - Mexico Noon Lions
Samantha Joiner, \$500; Sydney Moeller, \$300; Keith Ransom, \$300
Eugene Field Popcorn Mania Senior Scholarship
Deacon Haag, \$250; Tay-lor Wieberg, \$250
DAR Good Citizen
Keith Ransom, \$250
DAR Outstanding History
Sydney Moeller, \$250
Hardin Club Scholarship
Kacey Craddock, \$1,000
Youth and Government
Benjamin Clampitt, \$250; Sydney Moeller, \$250.
Audrain Co. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
Haley Chastain, \$250; Ha-den Frazier, \$200; Deacon Haag, \$250
Darriel Douglas Memorial Scholarship
Jokiah Sewell, \$1,000
David A.& Florence A. (Kable) Meyer Vocational
Tristan Young, \$2,925.73
Doug Rainey Conserva-tion Scholarship
Keith Ransom \$500
Helen & Walter Petersen Memorial Scholarship
Amelia Denham \$1,000
Jim Butler Automotive Scholarship
Jakob Darby \$2,000
Mexico FFA Blue & Gold Supporters Achievement Award
Amelia Denham \$250
Dillon Gish, \$250
Mexico FFA Schol-arship in Memory of Kenneth Dowell
Amelia Denham, \$500
Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship
Amerlia Denham, \$1,500

State Tech Chapter Display Team
Lance Campbell, \$1,500
State Tech Computer Repair Technical Information
Zackary McWilliams, \$2,000
State Tech Engineer-ing Technology/Design
Dylan Mosley, \$2,000
State Tech Infor-mation Technology Services
Zackary McWilliams, \$1,500
State Tech Photoigraphy
Lance Campbell, \$1,000
Mexico Bulldog Athletic Boosters
Samuel Adair, \$500; Tay-lor DeMint, \$500; Amelia Denham, \$500; William Dobyys, \$500; Haden Frazier, \$500; Deacon Haag, \$500; Jaden Hat-field, \$500; Evan Heaton, \$500; Conor Johnson, \$500; Scout Jones, \$500; Ricardo Juarez Ramirez, \$500; Shelby Kennemore, \$500; Dominic McKeown, \$500; Daeye Miller, 500; Mya Miller, \$500; Isa-iah Reams, \$500; Brock Smythe, \$500; Riley Thur-man, \$500; Peyton Willer, \$500; Madelin Williams, \$500.
Kenette Hatfield Spirit Scholarship
Jaden Hatfield, \$1,000
Mexico Area Commu-nity Foundation
Jaden Hatfield, \$1,000; Evan Heaton,\$1,000; Emma Nowlin, \$1,000; Tristan Young, \$1,000.
Mexico Jaycees
Morgan Craig, \$500; Ame-lia Denham, \$500; Ha-den Frazier, \$500; Quin Manns, \$500; Lillian Yag-er, \$500.
MHS Class of 1950
Lance Campbell, \$1,000; Kacey Craddock , \$1,000; Halie Mesko, \$1,000; Da-eye Miller, \$1,000; Isaiah Reams, \$1,000.
Bulldog Golf Classic Scholarship
Alexus Craig, \$500; Evan Heaton, \$500.
Henry A. Jubel Scholarship
Joshua Forbis, \$1,500; Sydney Moeller, \$1,500.
Charles Cockelreas
Piper Higgins, \$866
Denver M. Hudson Scholarship
Joshua Forbis, \$1,520
First Christian Church
Piper Higgins, \$275; Alex-ander Paladin, \$275.
Glory of Missouri - Liberty
Cora Ransom
Glory of Missouri - Charity
Willia Dobyys
Glory of Missouri - Ed-ucation
Emily Nunan
Glory of Missouri - En-terprise
Shelby Kennemore
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Bailey Crum
Glory of Missouri - Progress
Benjamin Clampitt
Glory of Missouri - Temperance
Jokiah Sewell
Glory of Missouri - Truth
Keith Ransom
Glory of Missouri - Virtue
Haden Frazier
Audrain County VFW Post 3772
Benjamin Clampitt, \$2,500; Keith Ransom, \$2,500.

Altrusa installs officers, welcomes new members

Altrusa International, Inc. of Mexico, met on May 26, at The Oaks at noon for their program meeting. The meeting was called to order by Melanie Utterback fol-lowed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced and commit-tee reports were given. Deann Brooks and her guests were introduced. Deann is one of the recipients of the Altru-sa International, Inc. of Mexico, Missouri Foun-dation scholarships. She is enrolled in State Fair Community College in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program. Plans are underway for the Miss Missouri luncheon. Altrusa mem-bers will host the twenty-four Miss Missouri can-didates on Wednesday, June 15 at noon at Mis-souri Military Academy. The Little Libraries will soon be finished and will be located in Mexico and Martinsburg. ASTRA held their last meeting of

the school year with one senior graduating from high school. Two new members were initiated during the meeting. We welcomed Ashley Caldwell and Ja-nis Deimeke. Officers for 2022-23 were installed by Mem-bership Chair, Rhonda Vitale. President – Ro-berta Cope; First VP – Judy Kelly; Second VP – Peggy Payne; Past President – Melanie Utterback; Recording Secretary – Kathy Sims; Corresponding Secretary – Rhonda Vitale; Treas-urer – Gina Raines; Par-liamentarian – Donna Peak; Directors – Jane Duffner and Saunceria Neale. Members gave “Happy Moments” and recited the benediction to close out the meeting. New members are always welcome to at-tend. Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at noon at The Oaks.



Suzanne Pursifull, representing the scholarship committee, is pictured with scholarship winner, Deann Brooks [Submitted photo]



New members initiation - sponsor Patty Meyers, Janis Deimeke, Ashley Caldwell, sponsor Donna Peak and Membership Chair, Rhonda Vitale [Submitted photo]



Officer Installation - Roberta Cope, President; Melanie Utterback, Past President; Kathy Sims, Recording Secretary; Gina Raines, Treasurer; Donna Peak, Parliamentarian; Saunceria Neale, Director; Jane Duffner, Director and Rhonda Vitale, Corresponding Secretary. Not pictured are Judy Kelly and Peggy Payne [Submitted photo]

YMCA’s Kick for Kids, Vandalia, is July 23

Eastern Missouri Family YMCA will host Kick for Kids - a community day of family fun - at 10 a.m. July 23 at South School Park, Vandalia. The main event will be a 10-person family or co ed adult kickball tournament. Registration is \$70 per team. The day will also include a cornhole tournament and a vol-leyball tournament. There

is a fee to register for each. A barbecue will be held, with snacks available. All proceeds will benefit youth programs and members-hip assistance through the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA annual support campaign. The Y is located at 309 S. Main, Vandalia and can be reached by calling 573-594-2208.

A look back at Miss Missouri - 1995

From the June 4, 1996 Mexico Ledger, this original cutline reads: Miss Missouri 1995 Erin Phillips of Mexico is crowned at last year's pageant by Miss Missouri 1994 Ann Marie Sun. Phillips says being Miss Missouri has given her the opportunity to get the attention of kids and to let them know they are important. Mexico's long-standing tradition returns this week. For more on Miss Missouri, watch The Ledger and visit missmissouri.org. [Dean Patrick Photo]

17th annual Mexico Young Farmers Truck and Tractor Pull Saturday June 11th • 7pm at the Audrain County 4-H Fair Grounds

We will be having 10 classes from the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League and the Eastern Missouri Truck Pullers Association, on 2 tracks for nonstop excitement!

Tickets: Adults- \$20 at the gate \$15 in advance Kids 12 and under get in free!

Pull proceeds go to the Mexico Young Farmers, Mexico Young Farmers Scholarship Fund, Mexico FFA, and the Audrain County Cattlemen's Association

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Leave It Better Than You Found It: the look-back, recap, best-advice edition featuring THE MHS CLASS OF 2022

Alexis Clifford



The best advice I can give is, don't let your procrastination win. The years will slip by.

Kiki Cox-Flores



Enjoy each and every moment. Enjoy the struggle, enjoy the challenge, and embrace the joy in your life.

Bailey Crum



It doesn't necessarily take born ability or born intelligence to do something, as long as you're willing to get out the put in the work.

Piper Higgins



Never hold back from what you want to do.

Brayden Dunn



Don't bully other people!

Tiffany Martin



Try new things, don't be afraid to come out of your comfort zone. Put yourself out there, take those classes you are unsure about.

Je'Von Mahaney



Keep your grades up!

Zier Strauter



If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.

Zander Elzea



Just be who you are and don't change to fit in with people.

Collin Martin



Don't drop out and be a super senior!

Cora Ransom



In all honesty, anyone can SURVIVE high school. However, it takes a lot more to THRIVE in high school. My advice is to get yourself out there...



Dylan Mosley

Don't act married to your high school partner at 14-18. You have a lot of life left to live and people change.



Isaiah Reams

Enjoy it as much as you can because it goes by fast.



Riley Thumman

Always be yourself and never worry about what others might think!



Haley Chastain

Stay true to yourself while also having fun. Don't let your "friends" change the type of person you wish to be.



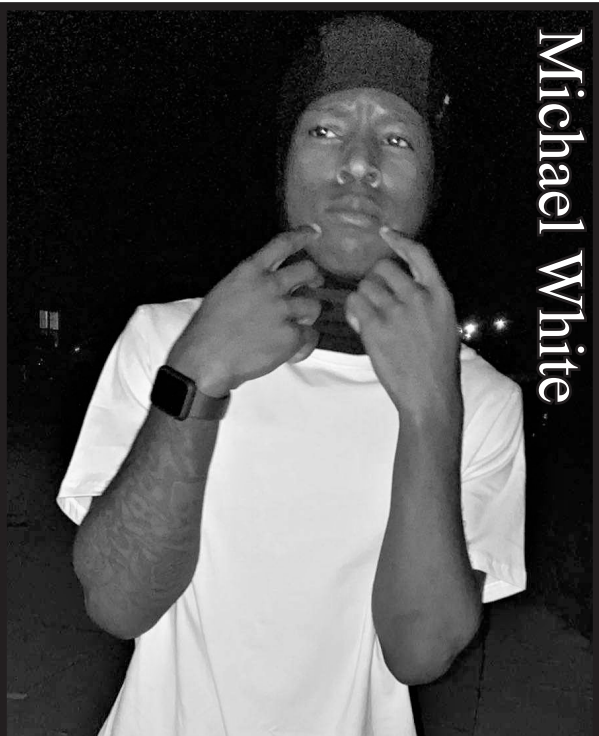
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Find something you enjoy and stick with it.



Ivy Perez

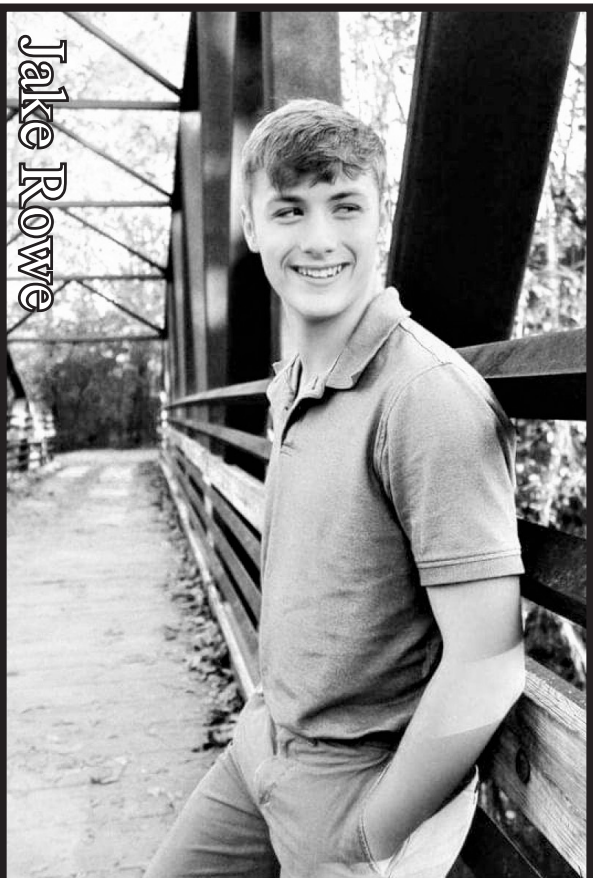
This will be your glow-up era; you pick everything! Have fun while it lasts.



Michael White

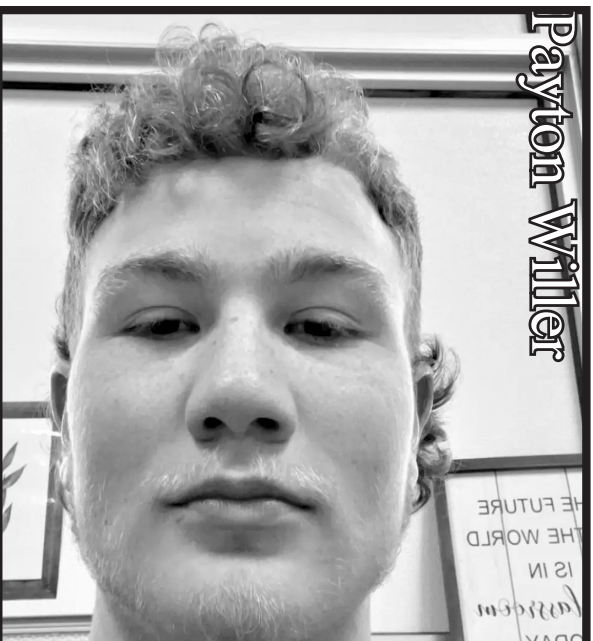
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School began on August 25th, 2021. As school started, fall sports also quickly began, including football, volleyball, softball, girls tennis, girls golf, boys soccer, cross country and cheerleading.

The Mexico High School football team coached by Steve Haag, Kenneth Grubb, Adam Barnett, Travis Simmons, Andy Baker, and Landen Graves, had an amazing season. They went 10-3, going all the way to the state semifinals. They had a bye in the first round of districts, then beat Eldon 50-19 in district semifinals. This led them to play Blair Oaks in the district championship, beating them 49-14. They moved on to the state quarterfinals, beating Seneca 20-7. Sadly, the football team ended their season with a loss to St. Marys in the state semifinal, 62-16.

The volleyball team, coached by Mendi Tutt, had a record of 4-19. Things are looking up for the Bulldogs as they will begin the 2022 season with a new assistant coach, RaShonda Willis.

As the last season of being head coach, Kendra Murphy along with Dejara Aaron-Holman and Donna Butts lead the girls softball team to a record of 11-10. They won the first round of districts beating Centralia 14-9. They lost the second round to Hallsville, 13-8. Abby Bellamy had a record-breaking season, setting the new home record with 10 beating the past record of eight set by Paytience Lawson-Holman, Abby Oetting, and Logan Blevins. She set a record for most doubles of 14. She also had a slugging percentage of 0.917, beating

Dejara Aaron-Holman's previous record. Lastly, she set a new record for total bases of 78 surpassing Patience Lawson-Holman.

Girls tennis was coached by Kimberly Costley and Sara Olson. They had a banner season record of 11-4 and placed second in districts.

Girls golf was coached by Lanye Ray. Kennedy Rowe placed in conferences and districts and went on to state.

Boys soccer was coached by Bill Gleson and Eric Devault. Varsity went 3-19 and JV went 0-15. They lost the first round of districts 3-5 to Fulton.

Cross country was coached by Lucas Brenneman and won conference. Sidney Turlington, Kaleah Henneberry, and Jordyn Weiman were all district champs sending them to state. Thomas Pueter and Guy Fairchild also made it to state.

Varsity Cheerleading is coached by Linda Mallot. Varsity cheerleaders were always on the sidelines cheering the Bulldog football team to their victories.

Homecoming took place the week of September 20-25. On Wednesday was the powderpuff game. Freshman vs. seniors with seniors coming out on top and sophomores vs juniors ended with the juniors on top which meant a play-off of seniors vs. juniors The juniors won the 2021 powderpuff title.

The candidates for homecoming were Kacey Craddock, escorted by Deacon Haag; Taylor DeMint, escorted by Peyton Willer; Rylee Johnson, escorted by Manny Rameriz; Mya Miller, escorted by Daeve Miler; Riley Thurman, escorted by Will Dobyns; and Lily Yager, escorted by Keith Ransom. Riley Thurman won homecoming queen and was crowned by the returning queen, Nayeli Ruiz. The football team played a difficult Hannibal squad and lost 21-48.

Contributors: Gage Walker

The beginning of the spring season started off with a bite in the wind. As the months rolled by, it began to heat up and so did the competition in spring season wide variety of tennis, baseball, boys golf, and

During the winter months, the one act and readers' theatre produced a series of well-rounded performances to pave their way to the state competition. Unfortunately they did not place at the state level.

The Mexico bulldog Esports team went to in-person regionals for the first time since Covid to play the hit video game Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. The team was fifth in regionals this year.

Several track and field members are moving on to state competition including: Tyler Grimes, Anthony Shivers, Thomas Peuster, and Haden Frazier.

Girls soccer went through a season of rebuilding, while the baseball team had a winning season that ended in the first round of districts.

The senior class of 2022 graduated on the night of May 20, on the football field, under the threat of rain.

As for the underclassmen of Mexico High School, they will return to school after a much needed summer break beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Contributors: Gage Walker

Winter at was exciting for students and athletes. Many were snowed in getting a much needed break from school.

Sports featured this season were boys and girls wrestling and boys and girls basketball. The boys basketball team made it to the final four before losing. Boys and girls wrestlers made it to state and fought for state titles.

During December the annual Christmas assembly was held for students and staff. Games were played by the students and the teachers.

Mr. Bulldog Haden

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recap/look back

Wear Sunscreen: To the Class of ~~1999~~ 2022

Note from the adviser: I was out of high school and college by the time Baz Luhrman took the words of commencement speaker Lee Spencer and turned them into a song. I've always thought it applied - it never gets old. So to the MHS Class of 2022 I give not my own advice... that would be sketchy and irresponsible. I give the advice of Baz Luhrman's musical talents and Lee Spencer's eternal wisdom.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of '97: Wear sunscreen. If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth; or never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they have faded. But trust me, in 20 years you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine

Don't worry about the future; or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubblegum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind; the kind that blindside you at 4 PM on some idle Tuesday

Do one thing every day that scares you

Sing

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts; don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on jealousy; sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember the compliments you receive; forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40-year-olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium.

Be kind to your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't.

Maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't.

Maybe you'll divorce at 40.

Maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary.

Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance; so are everybody else's.

Enjoy your body. Use it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it, or what other people think of it. It's the greatest instrument you'll ever own

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but in your own living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty magazines; they will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents; you never know when they'll be gone for good.

Be nice to your siblings; they are your best link

to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but for the precious few you should hold on.

Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people you knew when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard.

Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft.

Travel

Accept certain inalienable truths: prices will rise, politicians will philander, you too will get old-- and when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you.

Maybe you have a trust fund, maybe you have a wealthy spouse; but you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair, or by the time you're 40, it will look 85

Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen.



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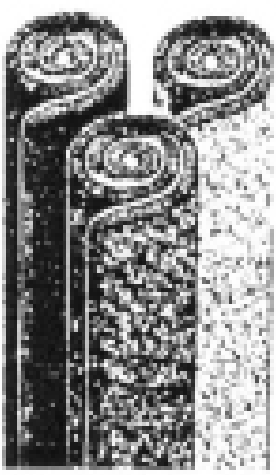
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June 11 - BBQ, Mexico Elks Lodge 919 @ Moser's 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
June 11 - Hall of Fame Induction @ Simmons Stables
June 11 - Family Feud Game Night @ Mexico Moose Lodge 6 p.m.
June 12 - National Walk a Trail Day @ Scattering Fork Outdoor Center - 2-5 p.m.
June 14 - Village Square Association meeting @ Chamber 8 a.m.
June 14 - League of Women Voters Meeting @ Chamber
June 15 - Elks Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6 p.m.
June 15-18 Miss Missouri Pageant @ MMA
June 16 - Mexico Noon Lions Club meeting @ Utterback Crop Insurance - Noon
June 17 - Fish Fry @ Mexico Elk's Lodge 4:30-7 p.m.
June 18 - Graf's Car Show @ Mexico Elk's Lodge - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 18 - Miss Missouri Meet and Greet @ Downtown Square - 9:30-11 a.m.
June 18 - Mexico Moose Lodge BBQ @ Moser's 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
June 21 - Leadership Mexico "Past and Future" 11:30 a.m.
June 22 - General Membership Meeting @ Mexico Moose Lodge 6:30 p.m.
June 24 - Chamber Golf Tournament @ The Oaks - 8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. tee off
June 24 - Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition Formal Dinner @ Fairytale Estates 6 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

The Audrain County Board of Equalization will open on Monday, July 26th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Hearings will be held in the County Commission Room, Audrain County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson St., Mexico, MO 65265.

Appointments for the board are made by calling the County Clerk's Office at (573) 473-5820.
The deadline to make appointments is Monday, July 11th, 2022.

Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Modifications to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mexico

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 42-87 of the Code of the City of Mexico, Missouri, notice is hereby given that the Mexico City Council will, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, hold a Public Hearing on the following proposed rezoning: (Legal Description: PROM (51-9-24)- PT W1/4 BEG INT W/L S24 & MEX LMT'S/L, S605, E165, NE250, SE180, SW180, SE90, SW270, NW500, SW100, SE55, SW90, E50, NE 420, SE200, NE170, SE225, N TO LMT, W TO POB IN THE CITY OF MEXICO, COUNTY OF AUDRAIN AND STATE OF MISSOURI) from R-1, Single Family District to R-3A, Multiple Family District. This property is located north of the Veterans Home and east of Berkshire Apartments.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL
MARCY LECOUNT,
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Concrete Work

The Board of Education of Mexico School District is seeking information for the Tear out and replacement of concrete at Hawthorne Elementary School. To request the specifications related to this project, please contact Curt Jackson at (573) 581-3773 ext. 2424 or cjackson@mexico.k12.mo.us.

Companies are to submit Two (2) originals of their response to the RFP. Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes clearly marked as indicated below.

Mexico School District #59
Attn: Bethany Collins
"Concrete Work Bid"
2101 Lakeview Road, Mexico, MO 65265

Responses to the Request for Information must be received by 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept that bid which appears to be in the best interest of the School District. The Board reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, or to reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. All proposals received become part of the District's file.

It is the policy of the Mexico School District in making purchases to give preference to and encourage the purchase of all commodities manufactured, mined, produced or grown with the municipality, county and state, and to all firms, corporations, or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, when quality and price are approximately the same. It is further the policy of the school district to encourage the purchase of products manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States.

The District shall have the right to enter into negotiations in an effort to reduce the amount of the bid with the lowest responsible bidder should the lowest responsible bidder's bid exceed the funds available. The Mexico Board of Education approves payment of all bills at its regularly scheduled meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month. Penalties imposed requiring payment prior to the aforementioned time will not be accepted.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in each precinct of Audrain County, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of August, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for State, District and County office, to be voted for at the General Election held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022. The nomination, together with a designation of the office for which they are a candidate and the party or principle they represent.

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I, Lisa L. Smith, County Clerk within and for the county of Audrain do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list as certified to me by John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State, State of Missouri, of the offices for which candidates are entitled to be voted for at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held August 2, 2022 and I further certify that the candidates to be nominated for county offices are as filed in this office and that the above names of committeemen and committeewomen to be ELECTED at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held August 2, 2022 are as filed in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
(SEAL) my hand and affixed my SEAL.
Done at my office this 7th day of June, 2022.
s/Lisa L. Smith
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Van-Far teaches basketball to young children

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

It isn't too early to learn basketball's fundamentals. That was the reasoning Van-Far head girls basketball coach Heather Minter and a few Lady Indians spent May 31-June 3 at basketball camps for children in grades first through fifth at the elementary school and grades sixth through eighth at the high school.

"It starts at a young age," Minter said. "This is our third year doing it. It's good to see (kids come out)."

Minter said the camp was opened up for boys also, adding a couple more children to the total 27 that signed up for camp — 17 in the first-through-fifth group and the other in the older group. Last year, Minter said the camp had about 20 children.

On Friday, the younger group worked through various drills like passing, shooting and footwork with candy being distributed to the campers after a hard day's work.

"A lot of young girls want to play," Minter said. "We're excited to have them."



Campers work on their footwork June 3 at the Van-Far Lady Indians basketball camp at Van-Far Elementary School in Vandalia. A total of 27 children in first- through eighth-grade learned basketball fundamentals May 31-June 3 at the elementary school and high school. [Jeremy Jacob photo]



A couple of campers bounce passes to each other June 3 at the Van-Far Lady Indians basketball camp at Van-Far Elementary School in Vandalia. [Jeremy Jacob photo]



The campers in the first- through fourth-grade age group June 3 come together at the end of the final day of the Van-Far Lady Indians basketball camp at Van-Far Elementary School in Vandalia. [Jeremy Jacob photo]

Mexico boys basketball begins summer undefeated

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Mexico boys basketball is undefeated.

That was the case for the first 28 games last season until the Bulldogs were eliminated in the state quarterfinals by Class 4 state champion Vashon. This summer, Mexico sent a junior varsity/freshmen and varsity squads to Monroe City on Monday and Tuesday to play six games each in shootout rules, winning every game.

Head coach Darren Pappas said the wins and losses aren't important in the summer as the Bulldogs mainly want to evaluate players for next season, but it was still a nice way to begin the team's summer schedule.



Jordan Shelton drives through the defense Thursday during the Mexico boys basketball team's practice in the high school gym. The Bulldogs were fine-tuning their game before a couple of shootouts next week at Higbee and Stover. [Jeremy Jacob photo]

"We try to play kids up so that's why a lot of the freshmen play against JV teams to try to push them and have some guys who were on JV last year that are trying to fill some roles for varsity due to our graduation. We really use this time period as an evaluation piece for individuals and for the team aspect as well."

On Monday, Mexico's varsity defeated Camp

Point Central, Elsberry and Griggsville Perry and Mexico's JV team won against Montgomery County, Unity and Glasgow. On Tuesday, Mexico's varsity was victorious against Monroe City, Milan and Western and Mexico's JV defeated Monroe City, Camp Point Central and Scotland County.

The shootout rules included two 16-minute running halves and a free throw

counts for two points.

Pappas said Mexico has seven shootout days remaining this summer, starting with the JV/freshmen going to one in Higbee on Tuesday and Wednesday and the varsity squad playing in the Paradise Shootout in Stover on Thursday and Friday. The varsity also plays in Harrisburg May 21 and in the Rib City Shootout on May 23-24 in Dexter.

Van-Far's Hanson misses amateur golf tournament cut

The Missouri Amateur Qualifier at Jefferson City Country Club took place June 5.

Tommy Boone (Columbia) shot the day's low score at four-under par, 68. The top 18 players qualified for the MO Amateur Tournament taking place at Bellerive Country Club in Saint Louis. on June 20 through 25, but Van-Far graduate and Columbia College junior Rylee Hanson wasn't one of them.

The cut to qualify was four over par, 76. Hanson missed the cut after shooting a 13-over par, 85. Hanson finished his day with seven pars and birdie on the par four 18th hole but had 10 holes where he shot bogey or worse, including seven strokes on par four sixth hole and eight strokes on the par five 15th hole.

The playoff for the two alternate spots was between the five golfers who shot five-over par. The first alternate is Adam Nashed (Sedalia) and the second is Jeff Echelmeier (Columbia).

Van-Far announces spring athlete honorees

Van-Far High School recently announced its spring athletic award recipients.

Varsity Girls Track Plaques
Most Valuable Runner — Alayna Bryan
Most Valuable Field — Alayna Bryan
Outstanding Newcomer — Abigail Shelton
Gusto Award — Erin Childs
Varsity Boys Track Plaques:
Rookie of the Year — Dominic Hartley
Most Improved Athlete — Jason Baugh
Most Valuable Runner — Gage

Gibson
Most Valuable Field — Andrew Myers

Baseball Plaques
Highest Batting Average — Nikos Connaway
Most Hits — Nikos Connaway
Most RBI's — Hunter Scrogin
Most Runs Scored — Nikos Connaway
Most Doubles — Hunter Scrogin
Mr. Defense — Gage Gibson
Newcomer — Reece Culwell
Most Improved — Dalton Hays
Most Outstanding Player — Nikos Connaway

Most Valuable Player — Hunter Scrogin

Golf Plaques
Mr. Golf — Kaden Whiteaker
Golf Medals:
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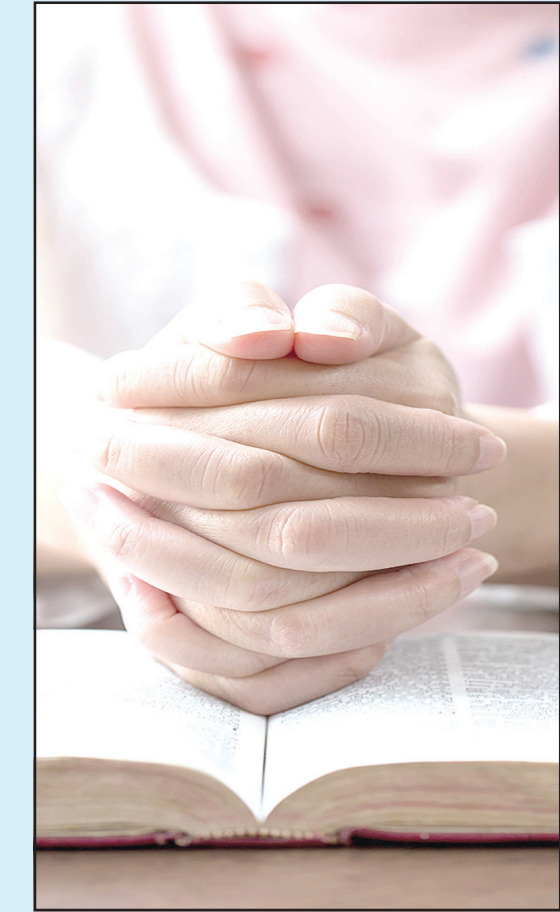
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