

Gov. Nixon announces \$1 million for early childhood education project in Chariton County

Gov. Jay Nixon was in Salisbury last Wednesday to announce a \$1 million investment through Missouri Start Smart to expand access to quality early childhood education opportunities in Chariton County so that more Missouri children start kindergarten ready to succeed in school and beyond. The announcement was made in Salisbury



Governor Jay Nixon announced a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant to the City of Salisbury on behalf of MVCAA to expand and improve its early childhood education program. The announcement was made last Wednesday during a special visit from the Governor at Salisbury City Hall. Pictured behind the Governor are Salisbury Mayor Steve Kacvinsky and Cindy Gabbert, MVCAA Head Start Director.

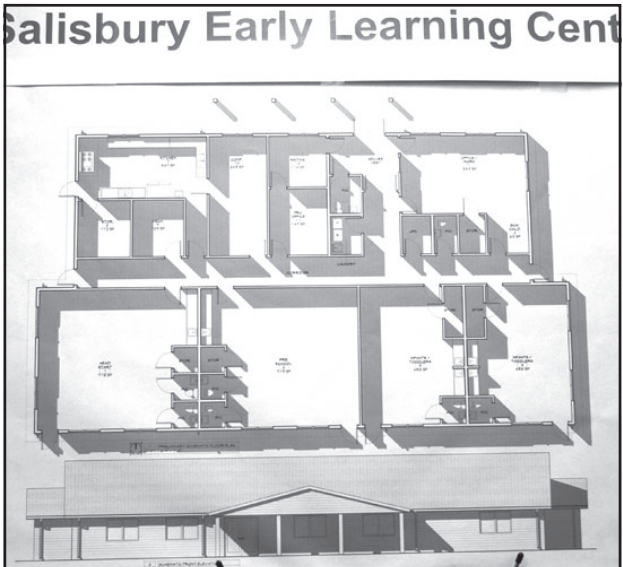
AREA EVENTS

- The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Chariton County is Saturday, Aug. 27 at Salisbury City Park starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending at midnight. There will be a survivors/caregivers walk, luminaria ceremony, entertainment and food. See forms in this issue to sign up for luminarias and the survivors lap. The public is invited.
- Chariton County Sheriff Chris Hughes has decided to hang up his badge. A reception will be held Monday, Aug. 29 at the Chariton County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Stop by and wish him well.
- Northwestern R-I School Reunion will be held at the high school gymnasium in Mendon, on Aug. 27, 2016. The gym opens at 3:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. For information contact Sharon (Collins) Wiesner at (660) 263-6236 or Joey (Heisel) Tomlin at (573) 301-9096.
- A Flashlight Scavenger Hunt at Chariton County Historical Society Museum in Salisbury is Saturday, Sept. 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring a working flashlight. (Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)
- Just Say Boo will present a program at the Chariton County Historical Society Museum in Salisbury October 16. They will provide a different look at what really happens during ghost hunts and paranormal investigations. See website www.just-say-boo.com
- Salisbury Municipal Pool's new hours are: Wednesday, Aug. 17-Friday, Aug. 19 CLOSED; Saturday, Aug. 20 - 1-5 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 21 - 1-5 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 22 - Friday, Aug. 26 - CLOSED; Saturday, Aug. 27 - 1-5 p.m.
- The Chariton County Cupboard, 420 Breckenridge, Brunswick, will distribute food Friday, Aug. 19 from 8:00 a.m.-noon.
- A presentation of the book, "German and Swiss Settlers in Brunswick Township and Vicinity" will be Saturday, Aug. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall in Brunswick starting at 1:30 p.m. The book is by Klaus Timm and Sylvia Jansen Whaley. Everyone is invited.
- The Chariton County Republican Committee is hosting a "Meet the Candidates Night" Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the Salisbury Scout Cabin from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Candidates speak at 7:00. Enjoy cake and ice cream and meet Republican candidates running for Chariton County office.
- The Dalton and Keytesville Methodist churches invite everyone to movie night Sunday, Aug. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Keytesville Methodist Church. The movie is "Facing the Giants."
- Enjoy homemade ice cream and desserts at Prairie Hill Christian Church's ice cream social Sunday, Aug. 28 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- The Salisbury City Wide Garage Sale is the first weekend in September. The *Chariton County Journal* welcomes your listings.
- Aging Safely in Our Home will be presented Thursday, Sept. 1 at 11:00 a.m. at the Salisbury Senior Center. Jessie Terrell, OT with Hometown Homecare will give the program. There is no charge to attend.
- CAPs will present a comedy/mystery Oct. 28, 29, and 30. If anyone is interested in being an actor/actress in the play contact Sarah Moore at 660-388-5323.
- The Brunswick FFA Alumni will serve a chicken dinner at the Brunswick Knights of Columbus Hall, Sunday, Aug. 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- A fundraiser for Salisbury Elementary PTO is a Back to School Breakfast to be held at The Broadway Bakery from 5:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. Fifteen percent of the proceeds will go to PTO.
- Salisbury Girl Scout registration is Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Scout Cabin from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and is open to all girls kindergarten to 12th grade. A parent or guardian must be present to register the girl. Present Scouts and girls new to Scouting are to register at this time. A \$15.00 fee for registration includes insurance during Scouting events for the Scout year. A carnival theme is planned for the evening.

City Hall in the meeting chamber with community leaders and early childhood education advocates.

"Early childhood education is a smart investment with a big return, and that's why my administration has worked to make preschool more affordable and accessible for Missouri families," Gov. Nixon said. "These new early childhood education classrooms here in Salisbury will create more opportunities for more families to enroll their children in a quality early learning program so that their kids are ready for kindergarten on Day One."

The Governor announced that, through the Missouri Start Smart initiative, the Missouri Department of Economic Development will authorize a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant to the City of Salisbury on behalf of the Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) to expand and improve its early childhood education program. The MVCAA will use these funds to construct a new Head Start facility in Salisbury, increasing the



The proposed new Salisbury Early Learning Center will have four classrooms, a laundry room, kitchen, conference room and offices. A location for the new facility is yet to be determined.



The present facility located on the corner of Sixth and Hutchinson Streets in Salisbury, can only handle 17 children, whereas the proposed new building will be able to handle 35. Donece Henke has been Head Start Center Coordinator/Teacher in Salisbury since 1988. Helping her are a teacher's assistant, a cook, and a Family Development Specialist.

available Head Start slots in the community to 35 from 17.

"The MVCAA is grateful to the Governor for his unwavering support for the care and education of Missouri's youngest citizens," said Cindy Gabbert, MVCAA Head Start Director. "This grant to Salisbury and the agency will enable us to provide Head Start preschool and infant/toddler care and education, along with community childcare, in a safe, high-quality learning environment. The benefits go beyond the children in care and their families, helping build a brighter future for the entire community."

Gov. Nixon has made public education in Missouri a top priority of his administration. Even during the height of the recession, Gov. Nixon worked across the aisle to balance the budget every year without raising taxes or making cuts to K-12 classrooms.

As the first official business of his second term, Gov. Nixon met with early childhood education officials, educators and advocates about the importance of improving and expanding access to quality early learning opportunities, and to develop a plan to find additional early childhood education dollars.

In addition to funding through the Missouri Preschool Program, in 2014, the Governor launched Missouri Start Smart to support the development, expansion or improvement of high-quality early childhood and pre-kindergarten programs throughout the state. To date, \$23.1 million in Missouri Start Smart grants have been awarded for 24 projects across the state, which will serve up to 2,325 pre-school age children.

Most recently, the Fiscal Year 2017 budget signed by the Governor includes his recommendation to fund early childhood education through Missouri's school foundation formula, which will provide more than 2,500 kids access to high quality pre-school.



Loro Beth Johnson had a chance to visit with Gov. Nixon on Wednesday. She was the first Education Coordinator for MVCAA Head Start program in Chariton County. The county's first Head Start opened in 1965 and was located in Keytesville.

R-IV Board sets 2016-17 tax rate

Taken from the minutes

The Board of Education of the Salisbury School District R-IV met in regular session August 8 with the following members present: Andrea Binder, president; Regina Boss, vice-president; Deb Edwards, treasurer; Tony Sloan, Sheila Wooldridge, Andrea Rice and Chris Brown members. Also present were Troy Clawson, superintendent; Justin Yates, junior high and high school principal; Robin Gebhardt, elementary principal; and Kim Vetter, secretary. There were three guests.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Andrea Binder, president, called the meeting to order. Sheila

Wooldridge moved to approve the agenda. Andrea Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2016-17 Salisbury R-IV School District Tax Rate Hearing was held. Chris Brown made a motion to set the tax rate of \$4.4697 with 3.4697 being placed in the General Incidental Fund 1 and \$1.0000 place in the Capital Projects Fund 4. Deb Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Andrea Rice moved to authorize payment of the bills as presented. Sheila Wooldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Thank you notes were read from the following:

Jason Haines and Family of Merle Schaefer for

the donation made to his grandfather's memorial.

Bailey Graskewicz, Hope Howser, and Gracen Nanneman – Thanks for helping fund their trip to National FCCLA Conference.

Kevin Curry – Thanking school for selecting him to represent our school district at the American Legion Boys State.

Allison Binder – For sponsoring her to attend National FBLA Word Procession Competition.

Ethan Boss, Alexa Mann, Tyler Gladbach, Trevor Gladback, Allison Binder – Allowing them to attend Washington Leadership Conference.

Kathryn Bachtel reported for CTA.

Superintendent's Report – Back to School Picnic – August 15, 2016, Students to begin August 18 and Evaluation training.

Principal's Report – Nothing to report extra at this time.

Band Surplus Items – Will be advertised at a later date.

Regina Boss moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Andrea Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

i. Approval of Minutes - July 11, 2016

ii. Financial Statement

iii. Transportation

Report
iv. Approval of Transportation Plan/Bus Routes v. MACC Dual Credit
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How much rent should I get for my farm?

Farm Lease Program on Sept. 20 will provide answers

University of Missouri Extension agriculture business specialists discuss issues such as when a tenant should pay part of the rent, how and when to terminate a lease and how much rent is fair at the Farm Lease Program on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The program runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Keytesville High School Multipurpose Room

"Farm leases are a very hot topic right now with cash rents at their current level and crop and live-

stock prices dropping, so landlords and tenants need to make certain they're getting what they believe they should be," says workshop presenter Joe Koenen, MU Extension agricultural business specialist.

"There are many issues that both farm landlords and tenants need to be aware of. This program is designed to address these issues," says Koenen.

Workshop topics include:

- current cash rents in

Missouri and trends;

- items to discuss and agree on in a lease;
- when and how to legally terminate a farm lease;
- recreational (hunting) leases;
- fair livestock and crop share arrangements.

Koenen and other MU Extension specialists presenting the program have worked on farm leases with landlords and tenants for many years. They present the program through Sky-

pe. Participants can see and interact with instructors and participants at other sites.

The program costs \$25 per person or \$35 per couple or two or more from the same operation. Cost includes one set of materials and refreshments. Preregister by Sept. 16.

For more information, contact Koenen at Putnam County Extension Center at 660-947-2705 or koenenj@missouri.edu. You may also contact the site in your area.