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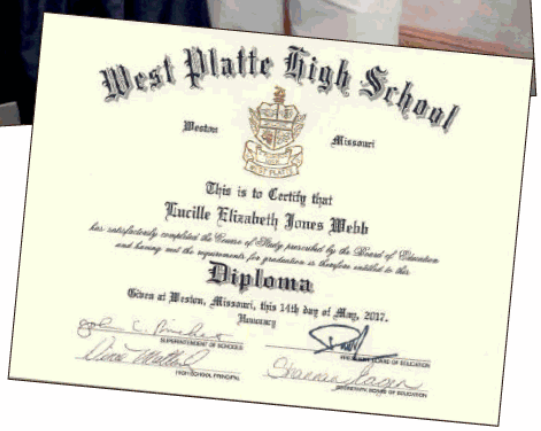

West Platte High School

Weston Missouri

This is to Certify that

Lucille Elizabeth Jones Webb

has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education and having met the requirements for graduation is therefore entitled to this

Diploma

Given at Weston, Missouri, this 14th day of May, 2017.

High school of life grad

Mooresville's Lucille Webb finally gets her diploma

By Amy Hillenburg
Correspondent

MOORESVILLE

Lucille Elizabeth (Jones) Webb, 98, proved Sunday that it's never too late to get your high school diploma. And it's an even a sweeter triumph when it comes as a gift from your son.

Webb, surrounded by her family and fellow residents at Meadow Lakes Assisted Living in Mooresville, only went through eighth grade. But she got her honorary high school diploma from West Platte School System in Weston, Missouri. She wore her graduation gown and cap and walked slowly to her son Ben, who presented the diploma, and her smiling granddaughter Leanne Tacosik.

Webb celebrated her 98th birthday Sept. 4 at Meadow Lakes, where she has lived for the past two and a half years. Ben was determined to obtain the diploma for her birthday.

He said he felt his mother, who was an advocate for further education, deserved to have the document because of all her

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ABOVE: Lucille Webb, 98, a resident at Meadow Lakes Assisted Living, received this honorary high school diploma as a gift from her son and administrators at West Platte High School in Weston, Missouri. Submitted photo.

TOP: Lucille E. (Jones) Webb, 98, receives her honorary high school diploma Sunday from her son Ben and granddaughter Leanne Tacosik. Photo by Amy Hillenburg.

Irritant reported at bank building

By Lauren Carpenter
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MOORESVILLE

Due to an irritant in the air, employees at BMO Harris Bank in Mooresville were evacuated from the building on Saturday.

According to Mooresville Fire Department Chief Tim Medsker, the fire department received a call from BMO Harris, 46 Spring Mill Court, at around 10:20 a.m. One of the employees called the department after experiencing itchy, watery eyes and a sore throat.

The bank opened at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and the customers who came in and out did not experience this, according

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M-G schools present 2018 budget

By Lauren Carpenter
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MONROVIA

Monroe-Gregg School District superintendent William Roberson presented his recommended 2018 budget at the school board meeting Monday night.

According to Roberson, the department of local government says they have to advertise the budget high. He said he doesn't anticipate the tax rate, currently at $1.07, being any

New community concert season kicks off

By Lauren Carpenter
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MORGAN COUNTY

Since 1994, the Morgan County Community Concerts Association has provided music and entertainment each year.

After receiving a list from Allied Concert Services of about 30 performers, the association spends about three and a half hours to decide who it wants to bring to Morgan County, according to board member and publicity committee member George Boder. The organization tries to have at least four performances each season, depending on the cost to bring in certain performers.

Not only does the association bring in singers, it tries to bring in other talent too. It has had dance groups, acrobats from China, a Russian symphonic choir, comedians and dog acts.

This season, the association has four shows: The David Osborne Trio, Scott Kirby, Scarborough Fair and The Glenn Miller Orchestra. The David Osborne Trio kicks off the season this Saturday, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

According to vice president Janice Lindboe, one reason the group chose David Osborne to perform is because he is known as the "Pianist to the Presidents," as he has performed for Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. He met

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higher in the near future.

The budget estimate for the following funds are:

- Rainy day: $250,000

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Deaths

Charles W. 'Sonny' Wheeler, 78
Sherry Lee (Hardin) Lloyd, 69
Dorothy J. (Adams) Martin, 86
Deacon Ryan Ray, Infant
Martha Lou (Sacks) Goss, 85
Naomi R. Adams, 92
Loren E. Wright, 91
Dorothy Fay (Eldridge) Blake, 95
Barbara (Kusky) Garrigus, 77
Charles Ronald Rairdon, 74
Phillip Anthony Rainbolt, 54

Brooklyn Fire Department to host annual fish fry Saturday

By Lauren Carpenter
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BROOKLYN

For more than 30 years, the Brooklyn Fire Department has hosted a fish fry for the community.

The purpose of the fry is to raise money for any gear the fire department will need, according to EMT and firefighter Charlie Heflin. He said turnout gear — or the specialized equipment firefighters have to use or wear — for one firefighter is $1,200. Since it is put into an account dedicated to equipment, it could go toward a new nozzle, automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) or another equipment item the fire department decides is necessary to purchase.

"It's all going towards equipment one way or another," Heflin said.

The Brooklyn FD does other events as well throughout the year. Earlier this year, it had a pancake breakfast at a local shelter house, and later this year, it plans to do a meet and greet with Santa Claus, Heflin said.

This year, the fish fry starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday and will go until 7 p.m. — or whenever they run out of food. Heflin said

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BUDGET

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- General: $12,308,943
- Debt service: $2,283,761
- School pension debt: $145,172
- Capital projects: $1,696,711
- Transportation: $1,295,000
- Bus replacement: $426,000

The total budget estimate is at $18,405,587 for now. Roberson recommended to move the energy-savings project money from capital projects to the debt fund. He made this recommendation because in doing so, next year the school district would be paying some projects off, thereby reducing the costs for the capital funds budget in 2018 by about $299,000.

The public did not share comments on the budget proposal. The budget will officially be adopted for 2018 at the Oct. 9 meeting. To view the entire taxpayer notice regarding the Monroe-Gregg 2018 budget, go to budgetnotices.in.gov or call 888-739-9826.

Dr. Ruth Gassman, executive director of the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, reached out to Roberson about Monroe-Gregg schools participating in the 2018 Indiana Youth Survey. The annual survey's purpose is to gather data on alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Participation in the survey is free, and it will be administered between Jan. 29 and April 6 next year.

Roberson said not every student participates in the survey and they will not know for sure if each student who participates tells the truth. He said the district will receive the results from the survey, which the board approved to participate in this year.

Roberson and the board discussed a letter sent to them from Nate Dilley, director of special education at Monroe-Gregg School District, regarding the district's opportunity to participate with the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville in the annual Special Olympics day. It will be held at Martinsville High School on Oct. 10 and Monroe-Gregg plans to send a group of about 20 students, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Last year, some of the students took a field trip to observe the event. This year, students would like to participate and will be asking the community to donate or help with the event. The school board gave its approval for the students to participate. To find out more about the event, visit its Facebook page at Facebook.com/MartinsvilleSOTrackandFieldDay.

Roberson shared a few updates to the board with what is happening at the schools. He explained that the building trades course — a high school class that takes place at Mooresville High School — will have a groundbreaking on constructing a new locker room area. Because of the costs for the project, Roberson said he thinks it is necessary for the Monrovia High School students to partner with Mooresville High School.

Roberson updated the school board on the performing arts center as well, and said the construction is going along very well. He said that once they secure the entire building and get the roof on, they will begin to dig the auditorium out on the south side. The construction is scheduled to be finished at the end of February to beginning of March. Roberson said they have yet to decide when to hold a dedication ceremony.

The next board meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 at the Monroe-Gregg Administration Building, 135 S. Chestnut St.

Proposed Monroe-Gregg School District 2018 budget

FUND	BUDGET EST.	MAX. TO RAISE*	EXCESSIVE APPEALS	CURRENT LEVY
Rainy Day	$250,00	$0	$0	$0
General	$12,308,943	$0	$0	$0
Debt Service	$2,283,761	$2,387,380	$0	$1,988,828
School Pension Debt	$145,172	$123,811	$0	$139,667
Capital Projects	$1,696,711	$1,253,594	$0	$769,949
Transportation	$1,295,000	$945,696	$0	$794,890
Bus Replacement	$426,000	$300,000	$0	$119,002
Totals	**$18,405,587**	**$5,010,481**	**$0**	**$3,812,336**

*Estimated, including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations

FISH

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there will be craft booths as well, which will open at 10 a.m., and it is up to the individual vendor when they want to close that day. Heflin said there should be around 20 craft booths for attendees to peruse.

Along with fish, there will be other food available to purchase. Other food items include chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, onion rings, huge dill pickles, French fries and breaded tenderloins. Heflin said there will also be sides to choose from, such as coleslaw and potato salad. The Brown Township Fire Department will also be selling kettle corn.

Heflin said there will be games for children, such as bowling and a ring toss. There will be prizes for them as well.

There will also be raffle tickets that are $5 each and a person can buy as many as they want, although the fire department is selling only 600 tickets, according to Heflin. They will be giving away $1,000 in cash, where first place wins $500, second place wins $250, third place wins $100 and three $50 gift cards to local restaurants will also be given away. The drawing will begin at 7 p.m.

Along with the kettle corn being a new feature to the event, Heflin said other new features are a disc jockey playing music, which will be in the lot across the street that was recently purchased.

Heflin said his favorite part of the fish fry event is meeting local residents and learning about how the fire department was able to help them in certain situations. He said it is nice to know how firefighters were able to provide a service to others in the community.

"We like to interact with people from our community," Heflin said. "(The fish fry is) more to build a camaraderie with people in the community and to support your local fire department."

Admission is free to the public, with the fish fry located inside the station and the rest of the activities in the lot across the street, 10 N. Main St., Brooklyn. To find out more information about the event, visit the department's Facebook page "Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department."

IRRITANT

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to Medsker. Five of the employees in the building started to notice these symptoms themselves after being inside the bank for an extended amount of time.

When the fire department showed up, they had the employees evacuate the building and have them decontaminated in the ambulance. They were sent to Mooresville Franciscan Health for safety precautions. Medkser said none of the employees seemed to have any significant illness or injury due to the irritant.

Although it is unknown what the irritant was, Medkser said the bank had a cleaning crew come in and decontaminate the entire building. He said no potential causes for the irritant they tested for came back positive. So far, Medsker said they have not heard back from the hospital or bank on what the irritant could have been or how the employees are doing.

Firefighters go through a decontamination process following a hazardous-material response at the Mooresville BMO Harris Bank branch Saturday morning. Photo by Eric Scott Miller.

Patrick O'Herlihy, spokesperson for BMO Harris, said the branch contacted health officials and the building was closed for cleaning and inspection, and it is now open again. He said he could not give any details on the situation due to employee confidentiality.

"For employee privacy reasons, we cannot get into specifics, but out of an abundance of caution, we recently contacted local health officials and we temporarily closed our Mooresville branch for their evaluation," O'Herlihy said. "They conducted a review of the location and the branch is now open."

CONCERT

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Carter at a book-signing event in Orlando, Florida, and he has played almost every year for his birthday for the past 30 years.

"I thought, 'How often are we going to get somebody who gets to go to the White House every time, here in Martinsville? This is awesome,'" Lindboe said.

Osborne also performs on the Las Vegas Strip, and has for the past 18 Stubblefield. They plan to perform songs from popular singers such as Frank Sinatra, Barry Manilow, Elton John, Billy John and even some selections from Phantom of the Opera.

To view these performances, people can choose to pay for an individual show or a season. Lindboe said season packages also get members into the Southern Indiana Live on Stage and the Southeastern Illinois Concert Association performances. The shows are at Olney Central College Theater, 305 N. West St., Olney.

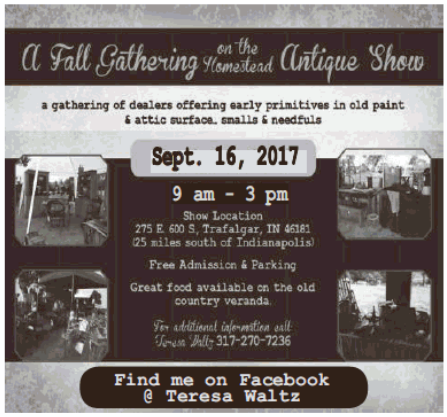
Lindboe said season-ticket holders can also use any tickets they didn't use at a previous show for a future show, but it has to be within the same season.

Boder said those who attend the concert on Saturday should expect professionalism from a very excellent pianist.

"If they enjoy good music by an excellent pianist, then this is one they should come to," Boder

"All of these presidents have thought that this guy is excellent," Lindboe said. "This is your opportunity to see the same thing; this is the person these people like, so come and see what it's like. Come and see why they like him. They're going to like it."

Single show tickets are $30 for adults and $15 for students. Season packages are $50 for adults, $15 for students and $95 for a family of two adults and children under 18 years of age. For more information



and has for the past 10 years, according to Boder.

For his performance Saturday evening, Osborne will be playing alongside bassist Denny DeMorales and drummer and vocalist Paul

tion performances. The Southern Indiana Live on Stage is located at the Bedford-North Lawrence Performing Arts Center, 595 Stars Blvd., Bedford. The Southeastern Illinois Concert Association's

should come to," Boder said.

Lindboe said people should come to this show because of his credibility with multiple previous presidents wanting to hear from him.

on purchasing a season package or purchasing a single show ticket or to find out more information on the concert association, visit concertassociation.net/MartinsvilleIN.

DIPLOMA

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contributions to her family and to the nation's economy. Webb also turned her tassel as real graduates still do today. Mother and son exchanged a kiss and a hug.

Webb grew up in Platte County, Missouri, and because of her important farming duties as a young girl, there wasn't time for her to attend high school.

She and her husband, who has since passed away, were divorced. She found herself a single mother of two boys, Bennie and Charles, and took care of other children in her home. Charles died as a teenager.

Ben said he applied for the honorary diploma in June and was able to get it by August. When he related his mother's various experiences in her long life, the administration of West Platte sent the diploma in a folding frame and also included other pictures and pieces of information about the school.

Webb would have first attended the old high school in 1936, and it was soon rebuilt to accommodate the growing student population. Signing the certificate were superintendent Dr. John Rinehart, school board president Ron Rowe, high school principal Vincent Matlick and Board of Education secretary Shannan Eagan.

"My mother always insisted that we go to classes, no matter what. When we got in trouble, she came to school," Ben laughed.

"She was a hard worker. During World War II, she worked for the Sunflower Ordinance Works in De Soto, Kansas, packing military ordnance shells. They could be explosive, and Mom told us whenever you heard a 'sssss...,' you ran like hell."

Webb also worked for RCA over 31 years as a union counselor and security guard. The family moved to a home in Decatur Township. She went on to employment with Sears in Indianapolis as a sales associate and storeroom supervisor.

A woman of courage

"I always admired my mom," Ben said. "She raised two boys on her own and never really got what she deserved. I used to joke that I was born at home because I didn't want to be away from my mother."

Webb is known to people as Lucy, and her nickname from Meadow Lakes residents is "Speedy" because of the way she goes up and down the halls with her walker. She does spend some time in a wheelchair, but has a quick wit and sound mind — although she is hard of hearing.

Webb's example as a committed mother and hard worker influenced Ben and her family members to aim for higher education.

"I'm a Purdue graduate — it took me 10 years, but I got my master's degree at Butler University."

Webb's granddaughter Leanne Tacosik said she is also reaching for a career as a school administrator. She works as a teacher and has two undergraduate degrees from the University of Indianapolis. She also earned a master's degree online and has earned credits from Ball State University.

"She taught us all what a good work ethic was, and to stick with your education after high school," Tacosik said. "I don't know how she did it all."

Taking a video of the festivities was Ben's wife Lois Webb. Other family members included Leanne's husband Todd, along with Lucille's grandson Michael Webb and great-grandchildren Danielle Tacosik and Dustin Marsee.