

Brett Bozarth opens Canton law practice

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BRETT BOZARTH

A 2002 Canton R-V graduate has now opened his own law practice in his hometown.

Brett Bozarth has located his office in the former Rice's Market building at 405 Clark Street, Suite 120.

"I'm a general practitioner (of law). I'll discuss anything with a client, and if I can't help them, I'll find someone who can," Bozarth said.

That means he'll handle cases including those of criminal nature, family matters, civil litigation, and estate and trust planning.

After graduating from Canton R-V, he graduated in 2005 from Quincy University, and 2008 from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

After graduating, he

was in practice with fellow Canton attorney J. Patrick Wheeler, before opening his own practice April 5.

"My family is here, and I like to help on the family farm. It's a nice community," Bozarth said of his decision to open his practice in his hometown.

"I'm happy to be in Canton and start a practice on my own."

His hours are Monday through Friday 9-5.

Final vote: Some totals changed in certification

(Continued from page 1) County votes, 30 yes, 93 no. Total: failed 154-143.

Lewis Co. Ambulance sales tax/property tax reduction - passed 1,050-540.

E-911 sales tax - failed, 836-761.

Clark Co. Water District 1 Board - (Lewis Co. Vote only) Russell Mathes, 217; Marilyn Day, 142.

LaGrange Special Road - John Tiemann, 108; Phillip Garkie, 76.

Lewis Co. Ambulance, District 1 - Dan Steinbeck, 249; Doug Keim, 76.

LaBelle South ward alderman - Elected were Paul Harvey, 39 and Justin Parrish, 30. Also running was David Wenneker with 22 votes.

LaBelle North Ward - Chris Parrish, unopposed, 42 votes.

Canton aldermen, all unopposed - Peggy Wolf, first ward, 82; Jim Crenshaw, second ward, 64; Jeff Janney, third ward, 63.

Ewing aldermen, all unopposed - Dan Ray first ward, 30; Bonnie Ann Penn, first ward unexpired, 32; Dean Wagly, second ward, 32.

Lewistown city - Steve McKenzie, mayor, 105; David Goodwin, north ward, 45; south ward, Aaron Lay, 62.

Monticello village - (all by write-ins) - Vancell Scifres, 17; Tom Darnell, 15; Tim Grgurich, 14; Sean Burchette, 11; Alan Cau-

dell, eight.

Others getting votes were Paul Raleigh, four; Jamie Goodwin and Jason Darnell, three each; Don Grimwood, Kent Rutledge, Tommy Doran, Dawn Darnell, Randy Garner, Reggie Westhoff, Karen Veatch, and Dale Brown, one each.

E-911 Board northern district - (all by write-in) Schroeder 92; Ginny Wolf, eight; Keith Otte, four; Wolf, Stacey Nichols, Dan Steinbeck, Terry Fretwell, Rick Janney, two each; David Porter, Vancell Scifres, Doug Vaughn, Karen Veatch, Tim Grgurich, Randy Bronestine, Lary Bronestine, Robert Kirchner, Dennis Gartung, Nina Porter, Ted Berhorst,

Carol Ragar, Stan Logsdon, Ronald Horner, Randy Eaton, Mike Bringer, Sue Wolf, Jim Oliver, Jerry Davis, Beth Kenney, Waterman, Richard Bailey, Jeff Janney, George Hoffman, David Brooks, Cindy Kell, Joe Clark, Jeff McReynolds, Colleen English, Orville Tobin, and Larry Cole, one each.

Voter percentage averaged 27 percent for the County and these percentages for the respective precincts: Canton, 22; Durham, 28; Ewing, 32; LaBelle/Deer Ridge, 23; LaGrange, 20; Lewistown, 33; Maywood, 24; Monticello/Benjamin, 38; Steffenville, 30; and Williamstown/Derrahs, 37.

Entities with failed issues mull future actions

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Several entities are contemplating the next course of action when tax issues failed last week.

Lewis County E-911 administrator Gretchen Keith said the board would have to look at its options

when it met April 13. Keith indicated the board might consider other cutbacks to allow breathing room in the budget.

This could include a part time dispatcher, but until the board meets, it's not known for sure the course of action.

While a decision for

Monticello and Williamstown to be part of the Canton Fire District - to switch fire dues to fire taxes - passed in Lewis County, it was defeated in the Clark County regions.

"We've not yet discussed what we would do. It was defeated by Clark County residents. We may come back in a future election," Monticello Fire Chief Randy Bronestine said.

Bronestine said he, Williamstown Chief Brad Bronestine, and Canton fire officials still need to sit down and discuss option.

"I appreciate the people in Lewis County in

favor of the issue. For all the feasibility, it's better to annex with Canton. We're after the people (to respond) more than anything. Our equipment is in good shape. We just got a grant for bunker gear."

Brad Bronestine, who has a lot of his fire department area in Clark County, agreed his department has not had an opportunity to meet yet and plan a next course of action.

"We've made no decision. It's a couple of weeks before we have a meeting. We'll let it lay and see what everyone thinks," Brad Bronestine said.

Lake: To head Lewis Co. Ambulance District

(Continued from page 1) (full time paramedics at both bases), and could reduce some response times."

In that plan coming after the tax money is realized, employees would work shifts, rather than being on duty 20 days each month.

She expressed gratitude for Lewis Countians "for

their confidence in helping us provide the sales tax/property tax reduction."

Outside of emergency medical work, Lake is part of a group that entertains at nursing homes and has horses on her "hobby farm."

Lake plans to have an open-door policy with the public.

H Leader and helps coach boys baseball.

The current sewer plant in LaGrange began operation in 2008. An open house will be held at the plant in June which will give the

public the opportunity to view the operation.

Henderson and his wife, Debbie, have two sons, Nathan and Jarod, and live in LaGrange.



MIKE HENDERON, LAGRANGE PLANT OPERATOR

Henderson named Water operator of the year

Mike Henderson has been named Operator of the Year Small Facility by the Missouri Water Environment Association, which is the Missouri chapter of the Water Environment Federation (MWEA). He has also joined the lab practices committee which provides information and training on lab testing for waste water.

Henderson was presented the award during a joint meeting of the MWEA and AWWA on March 29.

Henderson has been employed by the City of LaGrange since 2002. He holds a Class A Waste Water License and Class C Water license. He is a member of

the LaGrange Fire Department, Boy Scout Leader, 4-

Local census participation is growing

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Census return participation is increasing in the County, but there still remains those believed to be uncounted.

As of April 13, Canton and Ewing lead the County with 74 percent participation, followed by these towns and their respective percentages: Lewistown, 67; LaGrange, 61; Monticello, 59; and LaBelle, 58.

Lewis County has a 68 percent participation. Missouri has 69 percent participation, and the national return rate is 66 percent.

The Census 2010 helps make sure federal funds are fairly allocated, and assures proper representation in Congressional districts.

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