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Pulaski County Hires! Scheduled for May 13

The Pulaski County Growth Alliance in partnership with the Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce is hosting a job fair! All businesses in Pulaski County with job openings are invited to set up on May 13, 2021 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the St. Robert Community Center. Sign up today to reserve your spot by contacting (573) 336-

5121 or chamber@wsrchamber.com. Registration closes May 11th at 12 p.m.

Community members looking for new opportunities are invited to come to the Pulaski County Hires event with resumes as many will be offering on site interviews. No registration required for applicants.

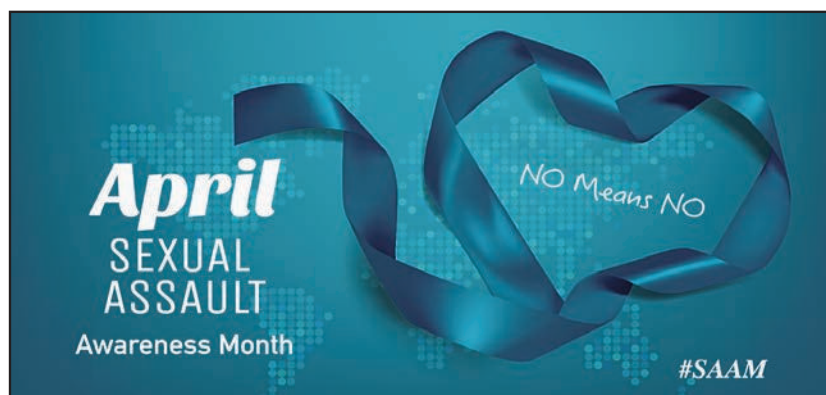
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings supports a life free of abuse and sexual assault

Submitted by Wendy Miller

Waynesville, MO - More than 40 years after activists fought tirelessly to bring a topic once taboo for public discussion out of the shadows and shed light on the widespread problem of sexual assault, the issue remains omnipresent. As an opportunity to increase awareness about the cause and risk factors for sexual assault and empower individuals to take steps to prevent it in their communities, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) was officially declared in 2009 and continues to be celebrated each April.

According to the Missouri Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence, sexual violence is any non-consensual conduct of a sexual nature, with 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men having experienced an act of sexual violence in their lifetime. Sexual violence incorporates a vast continuum of acts that range from unwanted obscene comments, sexual harass-



ment and ogling, to rape, sex trafficking and intimate partner sexual assault. All of these acts are connected by the underlying fact that they are perpetrated without consent. Due to the fact that our society often normalizes and minimizes their experiences, and our justice systems are not always able to hold perpetrators accountable, many survivors are left with few options with which to seek help.

Since it's humble beginnings in a residential home in 1976, Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings, has offered a confidential, safe shelter, case management and care for survivors of domestic, sexual and trafficking violence, while educating our communities about prevention and the needs of survivors and their children.

Genesis, a ministry of Good Samaritan of the Ozarks, supports the principle that all individuals have a right to a life free of abuse and sexual as-

sault. Genesis adheres to the empowerment model. Survivor empowerment through advocacy is achieved by respecting confidentiality, believing and affirming a survivor's experience, acknowledging injustice, respecting autonomy and helping plan for safety and promoting access to community service.

Genesis Program Manager, Sarah Angulo, shared the consequences of sexual abuse and the importance of awareness and acknowledgement. "Sexual assault is a very serious crime.

However, very few know that is also very common," stated Angulo. "Survivors of Sexual Assault can suffer devastating psychological and physical consequences at the hands of their abusers. There are many ways a person can fall prey and become a victim of sexual assault. It could be related to age or cultural factors. Therefore, it is important to raise awareness to some of the early signs of abuse and the dangers associated with these behaviors. Lastly, it is as important to let people know that they are not alone if they fall victim of these crimes and that there are organizations like Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings ready to support and help."

Genesis is an emergency short term

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Dixon Chamber of Commerce First Fridays activities to begin May 7

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce will begin a new event May 7 that will run the first Friday of every month, May-September. First Fridays will feature activities in the downtown Dixon area from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Olde Oak Station will have music following the event.

Participants can set up a booth and let people know about your business or organization and interact with the Dixon community. You will be able to play games, paint faces, have a snack,

sell your homemade or baked goods, and tell the people of Dixon what you are all about.

Booths can be set up for a fee of \$10.00. Booths are free for Dixon Chamber members.

For more information, check the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce facebook page for updates.

The Chamber would like to welcome businesses, organization, and individuals to come celebrate our town with us every "First Friday."

2021 WSR Chamber Board of Directors selected

The Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors were thrilled at the number of applications received from our membership for the open Board positions for 2021. We are lucky to have such talent in our community. At the April Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee presented its proposed slate of candidates. The nominations were then closed. The Board voted on the four candidates and are excited to announce the Board of Directors that will take office on July 1, 2021.

St. Robert - There are three (3) board seats open for St. Robert.

1. Chris Wilkins - Incumbent 3 Year Term (Sellers-Sexton Ford-Lincoln-Mazda)

2. Laura Schoephorster - 3 Year Term (Citizens Bank of the Midwest)

3. Carrie Williamson - 3 Year Term (Smith & Turley)

Member at Large - There is one (1) board seat open for Member at Large.

1. Kelly Brownfield - 3 Year Term (USO of Missouri, Inc.)

Richland High School crowns 2021 Homecoming Royalty April 23rd



Richland High School crowned their 2021 Homecoming Royalty at the Spring Extravaganza Friday, April 23. Shown left to right are (front) Homecoming Princess Leanne Bailey, Homecoming Queen Brandi Allen, (back) Homecoming Prince Kaden Kardosz, and Homecoming King Dylan Heberling. (Submitted)

Inside Highlights...

Hometown Focus

- Dakota Pemberton, State FFA officer prepares for career in ag
- Ozark Fisher celebrates 95 years
- Pulaski Lincoln Day Celebrated
- Former U.S. Attorney Tim Garrison

Dixon Senior Center Re-Opening indoor Dining Room on May 3rd



The Dixon Senior Center will re-open for indoor dining on Monday, May 3rd. Facebook photo

The Dixon Senior Center will be Re-Opening with indoor dining on Monday, May 3rd. Everyone age 60 and over is encouraged to come and enjoy Home Cooked Meals daily Monday through Friday. Soup, Salad and Beverage will be served between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. each day. Hot Meals, including Desserts and Beverage will

be served each day between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

We will be adding some new social activities along with our ever popular Music Activities. We look forward to seeing everyone.

For the time being we will continue to serve our curb service daily.

Tribute to Graduates

The Dixon Pilot will publish a tribute to the Crocker graduating class on May 12 and a tribute to the Dixon and Richland graduating classes on May 19. Anyone wishing to place a special tribute to your graduate should have the information to the Dixon Pilot **No Later than Thursday, May 6 for Crocker, and No later than Thursday, May 13 for Dixon and Richland.** Call 759-2127 for information about sizes and prices.

Or, email us at dixonpilotnews@yahoo.com.

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