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Waverly Knights of Columbus hosting fish fry

The Waverly Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 22 from 5:30-7 p.m. at St. Mary Church. It is located at 2700 Horton Rd in Waverly. Carry-outs will be available from 5-5:30 p.m. at the north entrance. Please order meals ahead of time through the form found on the Church website or Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to attend.

500 card party

There will be a 500 card party on March 15 at the Clarksville Library at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Clarksville Council hears opposition to vacating Weare Street, discusses water rate increase

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CLARKSVILLE – The Clarksville City Council heard opposition from property owner Jerry Leibold during its public hearing to vacate West Weare Street for VT Industries on Monday, March 4.

Upon opening the hearing, it was noted that the Council had received no written or oral comments regarding the idea up until that point. Leibold, who lives in Waverly but owns a building on the south side of the street, stated he is against the idea because he needs access to his building. He continued, stating that VT is interested in purchasing his building though he is not interested in selling to them. He claimed he approached the company five years ago with an interest in selling his building but it was not interested at the time.

VT was represented at the Council meeting by Adam Mapes and Jordan White. Mapes claimed the discussion of the road's vacation has been happening for a significant amount of time, even before some of the Council's current members took office. Mapes shared that the reason for vacating the road is to add a dust collection area for the company, though plans have changed in the past several months so he was unsure what any expansion would look like specifically.

The company had stated to the Council its understanding that if the road is vacated, each property owner would receive half of the road to use, and that the company would grant Leibold complete use for his property. It also expressed a desire to listen to the nearby land owners and its commitment to Clarksville.

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The store set out cookies and beverages for all to enjoy during Miller's retirement celebration.

Allison Hardware and Floral hosts retirement celebration for 37-year employee

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ALLISON – JoAnn Miller, an employee of Allison Hardware and Floral (formerly known as the Allison Hardware Store) for 37 years, celebrated her retirement from the company at the store on Friday, March 8.

Miller's retirement party was hosted at the variety store in Allison from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and saw many visitors stop in to congratulate her and enjoy snacks and beverages. Cookies and beverages were available for visitors (and Miller, of course!). The store also purchased a large bouquet of flowers

recently honored with the NHPA's 2023 Young Retailer of the Year Award, was in attendance to show his support and gratitude for all of her years of hard work and dedication to the store. Lühring lightheartedly remarked, "When I took over the store,

I was like, 'You've worked here longer than I've been alive!'" When asked if she has plans to pursue other interests, Miller replied, "Nope, I'll have free time. Just to do stuff with my grandkids and go to their activities."

As many of the locals who have been served by Miller at the store over the course of her 37 years of service extended their congratulations, the Star Tribune staff also extends its congratulations to Miller and wishes her a very happy retirement with her grandchildren!

Photos by Niko Vassios.



JoAnn Miller posed for a photo next to her bouquet of flowers from the staff at Allison Hardware and Floral.

Butler County to offer one-time first aid mental health class to first responders

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BUTLER COUNTY – During the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County on Tuesday, March 5, the Board heard from EMS Coordinator Kari Coates and Public Health Director Jennifer Becker about a mental health first aid class for first responders. Coates and Becker were at the meeting to ask permission to offer the class to 25-30 of Butler County's first responders.

Becker informed the Board that she conducted a county-wide assessment last year to gather information on the health and wellbeing of Butler County citizens. Upon gathering the data, she put together a five-year plan. Part of the plan she came up with includes offering a mental health first aid class to the County's first responders. Currently, the class is only to be offered to 25-30 people. Of that total, 12 will

be under Coates' EMS field and the other slots will be offered to law enforcement, fire, and other first responders. Becker stated she thinks there is a county-wide and nation-wide need for mental health training.

Coates added that they have already found someone willing to conduct the class, as the mental health field is both outside of their areas of expertise and comfort zones. For a group of 25-30 people, Coates' contact offered to teach the class for \$2,000. Ordinarily, he would charge around \$200 per person. She offered to take the price out of her own budget and the Board voiced no objections to the idea.

"I would like to have your permission to take that out of my budget," stated Coates.

"That sounds like a bargain to me," replied Supervisor Rusty Eddy. Supervisor Greg Barnett added, "If it's in your budget, I

don't know if you need to (ask permission)." He continued, suggesting their current request could officially be viewed as more of an informative session rather than asking for permission. The Board did however express its support for the class by approving their request.

The class is tentatively set to be held on Saturday, April 6 from 1-5 p.m. at the Greene EMS facility.

Karpel Solutions Sara Trepp of the IT Department was at the meeting to provide supporting information on a proposed contract between Butler County and Karpel Solutions. The County will be migrating its court systems and files to Karpel from ProLaw, which it has been using for 20 years. Trepp added that many organizations are moving away from ProLaw, so the County doesn't have much of a choice but to follow suit. The new software will house all of the County's court records and files from the past 20 years. The

company will charge a one-time migration fee of \$31,570 to move everything over. Beyond that, there will only be an annual fee of \$9,170, but that will not begin to occur until year two. The Board approved and signed the contract. The initial migration fee is already included in Trepp's FY25 budget plan and will not be charged until the County is in the new fiscal year. She added that the sooner it can get approved, the better, because the company's current waitlist is pushed out to Oct.

"It's already in my budget that you have now," said Trepp. She added that this will improve courtroom security concerns the County is currently facing. Currently, the County has to move files to a physical flash drive for sharing and has to plug in a foreign drive to receive files from other entities, which presents a security risk to the County computers so they usually don't plug them in.

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