

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE Division  
Case Number :  
23 TE-PR00109

In the Estate of NORMAN DELBERT BRADFORD, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of NORMAN DELBERT BRADFORD, Decedent:

On DECEMBER 13, 2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of NORMAN DELBERT BRADFORD, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of TEXAS COUNTY, Missouri. The name, business address, and phone number of the personal representative is:

**CHERI STARCEVICH 631 LONE PINE DRIVE, ESTES PARK, CO 80517**

The personal representative's attorney name, business address and phone number is:

**MELISSA STEWART 201 W. MAIN STREET, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775.**

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such

creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: **September 9, 2023**

Date of first publication: **December 21, 2023** (Seal)

/s/ **Erin Smith, Circuit Clerk**

Bobbi Martin, Deputy Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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### Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the

County of Texas, Missouri, Division No. 25, Case No. 23TE-CC00420 made entered on the record on Nov. 16, 2023 the name of Patricia Ann Coleman was changed to Trisha Ann Parks.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 23TE-PR00057  
In re the matter of  
M.H.B., Minor

### NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: JOHN DOE

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Texas County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a request on the part of Joseph Statler and Kelly Statler for guardianship of M. H. B., minor child,

and it is alleged by affidavit that the natural father is unknown and that he can be served only by publication of notice.

The names of all of the parties to said suit are: M. H. B., minor child; John Doe, natural father; Elizabeth Barnes, natural mother; Joseph Statler and Kelly Statler, Petitioners; the name and address of the attorneys for Petitioners, THOMAS BIRDSON, MILLS, MCBRIDE & OSBORNE, P.C., 1100 North Elm Street, Rolla, Missouri, 65401.

You are hereby notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty five days after the 28th day of December, 2023, judgment by default will be rendered against you insofar as your interests appear in this suit.

Witness by hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Texas County, Mis-

souri, Juvenile Division, this 20th day of December, 2023.

(Seal)  
/s/ **Erin Smith, Circuit Clerk**

Bobbi Martin, Deputy Clerk

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### Notice

Texas County Health Department will be taking sealed bids on a 2012

Ford F150 XL FWD truck. The truck will be sold AS IS, where is, clear title. It can be seen at the Texas County Health Department 950 N Hwy 63 Houston, MO during normal business hours. Bids can be submitted M-F 8:30-4:30 until the close of business day on January 22nd. Bids will be opened at the monthly board meeting on Tuesday January 23 at 3:00 PM. 36/2t

### Success R-VI School District Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Cash Basis All Governmental Funds Year ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>				
Local	\$ 400,354	\$ 174,500	\$ -	\$ 574,854
County	50,564	10,712	-	61,276
State	150,006	609,147	-	759,153
Federal	291,169	297,487	638,346	1,227,002
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>892,093</b>	<b>1,091,846</b>	<b>638,346</b>	<b>2,622,285</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Current				
Instruction	162,247	826,500	-	988,747
Health services	14,570	22,633	-	37,203
Improvement of instruction	1,055	-	-	1,055
Professional development	3,728	-	-	3,728
Media services	4,052	-	-	4,052
Board of Education services	12,794	-	-	12,794
Executive administration	108,964	60,231	-	169,195
Business, fiscal, internal services	25	-	-	25
Operation of plant	386,894	-	-	386,894
Security services	49,379	-	-	49,379
Pupil transportation	150,768	8,604	-	159,372
Food service	159,385	17,209	-	176,594
Community services	87,234	88,184	-	175,418
Capital outlay	-	-	810,088	810,088
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Principal	-	-	17,090	17,090
Interest and other charges	-	-	1,078	1,078
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>1,141,095</b>	<b>1,023,361</b>	<b>828,256</b>	<b>2,992,712</b>
Cash receipts in excess of (less than) cash disbursements	(249,002)	68,485	(189,910)	(370,427)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers	(162,326)	-	162,326	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	503,634	-	42,329	545,963
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 92,306	\$ 68,485	\$ 14,745	\$ 175,536

The above Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis was prepared by our independent auditor, Catlett & Associates, LLC, CPA's, and is part of the June 30, 2023 Audit Report. The Success R-VI School District's financial statements were audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. The auditor's opinion of the financial statements was unmodified. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Superintendent's office. The independent auditor's opinion is as follows:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Success R-VI School District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1."

## The Upper Current River at Akers event

BY DELORIS GRAY WOOD

It was an Ozark Mountain Christmas at Mt. Zion Community Church in Akers, Mo.

The church house was filled with friendly noises like the voices of little children, friends sharing, and a little battery-operated train running around the Christmas tree on its tracks before the event started.

Judy Maggard Stewart and Ruth Maxwell welcomed everyone.

Judy's Daughter, Bridget Stewart Liggett, led the standing-room-only crowd in singing "The Old Country Church," which we traditionally sang at each of the eight other Christmas services at Mt. Zion that set the atmosphere of how our ancestors gathered together as Ozark Mountain People a long time ago in churches and rural schools near the Current River.

Carl Van Vliet from Corinth Baptist Church gave the Christmas service message.

The highlight during sharing time was Ervin Taylor reading a poem by his uncle Winford. It was about Mt. Zion, a church with cobblestone siding at Akers. Winford's parents, Ada and Jayson Boyet, did the ribbon technique on the concrete between the cobblestones, making the church's outside wall unique.

Rick Mansfield did the opening and closing prayer. Rick gave the Christmas message at an earlier Christmas service.

Refreshments of cookies and choices of hot chocolate and coffee filled the tables.

Adding Santa Claus during the reception was a new dimension to the Christmas service. Everyone who wished could get their picture taken with Santa and take home a brown bag with fruit and candy as we did at Christmas in our churches and rural schools along and above the Upper Current River.

Santa's Elves, William Terry and Steven Williams, park service employees, refinished the floor at Mt. Zion that, in the old days, might have been preserved with linseed oil used on the floor of many rural schools, like the Upper Parker #68 School.

There is something special about the gathering on a Sunday afternoon in December at the Mt. Zion Church. It was a time of remembrance of the people who came together and built the building for their children of our ancestors to think back to a time when people would build churches for each community.

Mt. Zion Stands as a symbol for the other churches and rural schools on or near the Upper Current River. At Mt. Zion, we can repeat some of the traditions of the Current River people back to the mid-1800s. Sim-



RETA BARKLEY

Johnnie Stewart's children, Jake, Presley and Ridge hiding Santa.

ilar celebrations were had in the schools and homes before churches were built. Mt. Zion's Sister Church, Shannondale, which frequently shared the same preacher.

A few Ozark Mountain descendants that could be seen at the event were Dooley, Akers, Smith, Taylor, Welch, McDonald's, Schafer, Hubbs, Kell, Stephenson, Prince, Gray, Purcell, Boyet, Maggard, etc.

Churches and schools were places where the communities would gather, like Jadwin Church of Christ, Upper Parker Community Church located in Dent County, Ashley Baptist Church, and before it was Ashley Methodist Church, at the Kell Cemetery that was renamed Ashley Creek Cemetery. It was located near Ashley Creek in Texas County, Antioch Church in Texas County, and Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dent County. South Fairview School was the place of worship before a building was built for Mount Olive Baptist Church. Rector School, Aker's Mt. Zion School and later moved and called Cedar Hill.

It was a special day for Judy, like when she was a child. She set out to continue her grandmother Jane

Summer's Purcell's (Mrs. George) dream for the community to build the church. Judy wanted it preserved for the community.

This is how the annual Christmas celebration tradition started in 2014 after Judy asked a National Park Service (NPS) Ozark National Scenic Riverways representative if she could use Mt. Zion for a Christmas church service. National Park Service owns the Mt. Zion Church Building on Missouri State Highway K, about a mile above the Current River and Missouri State Highway KK.

Mark Van Patton, an NPS Ranger, opened the door for the workday and the Christmas service. His wife Regina is a descendant of the Welch's of Welch Spring. Dave Tobey was very active and opened the door recently, except during the pandemic when we met on the banks of the Upper Current River.

Now representatives from NPS Ozark National Scenic Riverways, friends of Mt. Zion, Dent County Historical Society, Ozark Riverways Foundation, Ozark Heritage Project and the Shannon County Museum work together to plan and prepare a celebration for an Ozark Mountain Christmas at Mt. Zion, Akers. These organizations aim to preserve our Ozark Mountain People's culture, heritage and traditions.

The Christmas celebration at Mt. Zion accomplished the feel of a traditional Ozark Christmas church service in the past. 2024 will be the 10th year for the event.

The Dent County Historical Society honored Judy Maggard Stewart during the Christmas sharing and fellowship time for her work in getting a 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS and establishing a friends of Mt. Zion website; Deloris Gray Wood, president of the society, presented and read the honor for Judy. Judy is president of the Shannon County Museum. You can see John Stewart, Judy's Husband, smiling at Judy's energy at each event.

"On this Day, Dec. 10, 2023, The LORD's Day, The Dent County Historical Society honors one of our Ozark Mountain People, Judy Maggard Stewart, who has championed her family, her old neighborhood, including but not limited to the heritage and culture of The Upper Current River, Mt. Zion Community Cobblestone Church, Akers Ferry, her homestead, Old Akers Post Ophews, Josh, Alex, and nieces, Brandy, Skilea and Kaylin with their children, and the Smoke House where her father Buck cured and preserved meat for the family. The people in Shannon County plus southern Dent County and the Current Township in Dent and Texas Counties," on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, is the next Mt. Zion's Ozark Mountain Christmas.