

Senior center receives \$50K Dart grant

Groundbreaking set for June 18

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Construction on the new Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County is expected to begin June 18, immediately following a groundbreaking ceremony at the facility site near Thompson-Berry Park.

Senior Center Director David Tucker said the organization has the funds to construct the new cen-

ter on West Second Street.

On Monday, the center announced it is receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Dart Foundation, which provides grants to community organizations where Dart Container Corp. has facilities, according to the foundation's website. Dart Polymers is located in Owensboro on Harbor Road.

Tucker said the senior center was nominated by Dart Polymer

employees who are also active with the center, and that Dart Foundation members reached out to him to apply for a grant.

"When we told them about the new building, and the matching funds through Daviess County Fiscal Court, they were thrilled to hear their dollars would be maximized and matched," Tucker said.

City and county governments have been involved in funding the



David Tucker

project. The city paid \$1 million for the site while also contributing \$3.5 million toward construction of the facility. Daviess Fiscal Court has allocated \$2 million for the project.

The senior center board is also raising \$500,000 that will be matched by the county. The Dart Foundation grant will go toward that match, as will a \$100,000 grant the senior center is receiving from Owensboro Health.

The funds come from the foun-

dation, not from Dart Container Corp.

Traci Goulding, program officer for the Dart Foundation, said the organization was created by William and Claire Dart to "improve the lives of families in the communities in which Dart Container has a footprint."

Employees nominate the local organizations and then vote on which they want to receive a grant, Goulding said.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Mastodon leg on display at W.S. Kleiderer store

One of the largest celebrations ever held in Muhlenberg County is being planned under the auspices of the Methodist church at Drakesboro for the Fourth of July. Governor William J. Fields has enthusiastically accepted an invitation to be present on the occasion and has promised to deliver an address. The committee in charge of arrangements is planning to take care of an overflowing crowd and to provide an abundance of wholesome entertainment. An airplane to make stunt flights has been engaged for the event and this should prove a great attraction. An old fashioned barbecue is to be prepared and a large number of muttons will be served.



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- **June 2, 1925**, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Prof. Walter Myers charging him with giving cold checks to J. W. Quigg of Livermore, and Walter Samuels, Owensboro, also hold checks given to them by Myers, each for \$25. Myers left Owensboro early Sunday morning, taking with him a seven-year-old girl that he brought to Owensboro two months ago from Philadelphia.
- **June 3**, the bone of a mastodon's leg from the hip to the knee found in the bank of the Ohio River at Henderson is on exhibit in the show window of the W.S. Kleiderer store on Second Street. Portions of large teeth and tusks of other large animals, dug up in gravel from the river in Henderson, are exhibited by W. H. Soaper. They are supposed to have lived near the retreated of the last great glacier something like 10,000 years ago.
- **June 4**, W.H. Hunter celebrated his return to the Eddyville penitentiary with a fight with one of the guards, according to Deputy Sheriff Pack Morris, of Daviess County, who took the man to Eddyville where he will begin a three-year sentence for a second violation of the liquor laws. Hunter was undressing, preparatory to being fumigated, and had carelessly thrown his socks in the middle of the floor. When a guard attempted to pick up the socks Hunter jumped on him and a fight ensued.
- **June 5**, Lewis Mathews was arrested by Chief Lyons and officer Bollington and lodged in the holdover on the charge of grand larceny. He is charged with stealing a Ford roadster belonging to John H. Huebner. The car was stolen while parked on Frederica Street. The officers went to the dance at the dam after the car was stolen and saw it parked there.
- **June 6**, Phillip Mayfield was arrested on a warrant charging him with contributing to the delinquency of Evelyn Aldridge, under eighteen. Mrs. Katherine Kuntz stated that Mayfield came to the house last night and took her daughter away with him and never returned. Mayfield's story was that the girl was the cause of his action. He stated that he had been going with her for some time and that she had been to Indianapolis for school. While she was there, she met another boy who followed her home and who Mrs. Kuntz wanted her to marry.

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Josh Hamilton shows his Ham's Heaters pepper sauce at his vendor booth on Saturday at the Owensboro Regional Farmers' Market.

The Spice is Right

Owensboro man releases pepper sauce brand

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Like many people during the COVID pandemic and subsequent "lockdown," Owensboro resident Josh Hamilton searched for a hobby to help occupy his time.

And he settled on peppers, growing them in his garden and then using those peppers to create sauces for his personal use.

"It's weird because I hadn't really gotten into spicy foods in the past, but whenever I started growing them, I kind of acquired a taste for it (spicy food) which is weird because growing up, I never really ate spicy food," Hamilton explained. "I feel like it's kind of getting more popular and that's how I was kind of exposed to it. And then I just kind of got a taste for it."

Hamilton said that growing peppers was also a great way for him to start gardening because "peppers are pretty easy to grow."

"Peppers ended up being my favorite

thing to grow. And they're super easy, too. They're really made for beginner gardeners. Just about anybody could grow pepper, you know? They're pretty lenient on your green thumb," he said.

As a way to utilize his abundance of peppers, ranging from hot varieties to more mild selections, Hamilton began turning those peppers into different sauces, even bottling them as a way to preserve his creations for his pantry. Hamilton said that he used a Facebook group called the Fermented Hot Sauce Society, along with a course provided by the University of Kentucky, to learn the bottling process.

"So with the with the hot sauce bottles, you do what they call a hot fill and flip. You basically get the sauce up to 180, 200 degrees, and then you fill the bottle up, put the cap on and flip it upside down. And that does basically all of your sanitizing and canning of it. Because when it heats up and then cools, it creates a vacuum and then that top ring will seal, and then, it's basically bottled," Hamilton said. "I've probably had some sauces that have been sitting around for four or five years and I would still feel fine about trying them out. They almost get better with age. Like, you know, wine or something."

As he transitioned into wanting to create larger portions of sauce for retail

sale, Hamilton said that he started using peppers from wholesale providers because he couldn't grow the volume that he would need to fill all of the bottles.

He also said that, by working with a wholesale distributor, he's able to get peppers during the off-season, whereas just using his home-grown varieties would limit production to the summer months when peppers are in season. But, he said, that he has just moved into a new home and has been able to plant a large garden with around 100 pepper plants, along with plenty of tomatoes, so that he can continue working on recipes for his sauces.

He's named his brand of sauces Ham's Heaters Pepper Sauce, and he describes them, not as just a hot sauce, but more as a finishing sauce or dipping sauce.

"I would say that they're more of like a wing sauce or like an everyday dipping sauce. I feel like they're a little more versatile than just an actual hot sauce like Tabasco, Cholula, Frank's or even sriracha because they just have a little more going on, a little more flavor. I feel like those popular brands are better to like use it as an ingredient in something, but these are more of a complete sauce, well-rounded and complete."

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McLean motorcycle group raising funds for Christmas campaign

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MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS

McLean County's Promise Seekers Riders Motorcycle Ministry may come across as unconventional Christians.

But Tiffany Key, the wife of the group's President Johnathan Key, describes their mission as "sharing the love of Jesus and letting the community know that there are organizations out there that may not look like or fit into the standard of what many people think religion is, but that Jesus loves the people that typically don't fit

the traditional idea of Christianity."

The church, located at 650 Royal Cypress Drive in Sacramento, according to Steve McElvain, a member of both the church and the Promise Seekers Riders Motorcycle Ministry club, said that, even though the church is located in McLean County, members attend from all over the area.

"The original motto for the church when we came together around nine years ago was 'no longer misfits,'" McElvain explained. "The ministry was a way for us to come together and, not just celebrate Jesus, but to spread that message to the community."

Each member, Tiffany Key explained, has formed their own personal relationship with Jesus on their own time and on their own terms.

"Just about every single one of us grew up with a religious background. And, you know, we went (to church) every Sunday. We went every Sunday night, and we went every Wednesday," she said. "There was a set of standards and rules that we fol-

lowed, but now we're breaking out of those rules and standards because religion is not something that should have rules. Because when Jesus went out to minister, it wasn't with the church folks that he found. Jesus purposely found the misfits, the outcasts and the people who nobody wanted. So we've made it our mission to include those 'outcasts.'"

Tiffany Key added that her husband had a "bit of a rough past."

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