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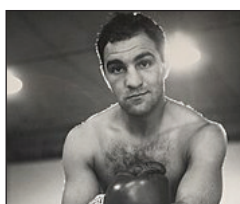
Graysan Peneston pitched a shutout in the Class 3 state title game last year. Now he wants to create similar memories at Hannibal-LaGrange.

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**THIS DAY**



**April 27, 1956:** World heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano retires from boxing at age 32, saying he wants to spend more time with his family. He finished his career at 49-0. Marciano considered a comeback in 1959 when Ingemar Johansson won the Heavyweight Championship from Floyd Patterson on June 26, 1959.

**GREETINGS**

To Jerry Ruhl, a valued subscriber from Hannibal.

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## In bloom for Arbor Day



The tree in front of Hannibal High School is in full bloom, just in time for Friday, April 27, which is Arbor Day. ERIC DUNDON/COURIER-POST

MARION COUNTY

## Showdown over damaged water line averted

6-inch water line was damaged during preliminary bridge work

By Danny Henley  
Courier-Post Reporter

A potential showdown over the cost of a damaged water line and its subsequent relocation has been averted, thanks to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

According to Lyndon Bode, Marion County's presiding commissioner, MoDOT notified county officials within the last week to advise them that a request to replace a section of damaged water line and bury the new section of pipe deeper has been approved as an addition to the project's contract.

"We are glad MoDOT OK'd it for a change order," he said.

At issue was a \$15,800 expense regarding the repair and relocation of the

water line that is located near the new Bear Creek bridge at Withers Mill, just west of Hannibal.

The owner of the water line, the Ralls County Public Water District No. 1, the project's engineer, MECO Engineering, and the project's general contractor, Chester Cross Construction, were all adamant during the April 16 meeting of the commission at the courthouse in Palmyra that they were not responsible for the damage done to the 6-inch water line during preliminary work at the bridge site.

According to Bode, the pipe had been lowered by the water district in advance of the project, but it "floated up and caused a problem."

In the future Bode says such possibilities will be included in plans when a project goes out for bid, rather than having to rely on a change order being approved to cover an ad-

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RALLS COUNTY

## Library promoting literacy with Dolly Parton program

Ralls Co. Library partners with Imagination Library to give books to kids

By Trevor McDonald  
Courier-Post Reporter

A new partnership between the Ralls County Library and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will soon place a new book in kids' hands each month.

Ralls County Library board member Lucia Hamill proposed the idea to partner with Dolly

Parton's Imagination Library after hearing about its success from a friend in Montgomery County. Parton started the Imagination Library for children in her home county in Tennessee in 1995, inspired by her father's inability to read and write. Ralls County Library will become one of three libraries north of I-70 to participate, and children registered in the program will receive a new book in the mail each month from birth until they turn five — beginning with "The Little

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STATE NEWS

## PETA protests dog research at MU

By Pat Pratt  
Columbia Daily Tribune

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is taking aim at University of Missouri's use of dogs for muscular dystrophy research, but the university says the animals are treated humanely and its goal is to end suffering for people diagnosed with the disease.

About 10 members of the animal rights group, many with pet dogs in tow, launched a protest at noon Tuesday on the Francis Quadrangle. PETA campaigner Tricia Lebkuecher said the event, held on World Day for Animals in Laboratories, seeks to bring awareness and an

end to what they say is unnecessary suffering.

"We will not stop our campaign against cruel muscular dystrophy dog labs until all universities end these cruel experi-

ments on dogs," Lebkuecher said. "In 37 years of experiments on dogs they have failed to produce any cure or even any treatment for muscular dystrophy. Recently the FDA pulled a clinical trial. All of these studies that have gone to clinical have failed in humans."

"They are just creating

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A group of protesters representing People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals assembles at Francis Quadrangle on the University of Missouri campus Tuesday. PAT PRATT/TRIBUNE

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

## Clemens Field being prepared for new infield sod

**WHAT IS IT?** Earth work has been taking place at Clemens Field, which is being made ready for the arrival of new infield grass.

By Danny Henley  
Courier-Post Reporter

The process of preparing Clemens Field in Hannibal for a summer's worth of baseball was ongoing Thursday morning. Personnel from the parks and recreation department were busy hauling dirt to the "sod-less" infield and then smoothing the material out. Work has been focused on the right side of the infield where some existing soil had to be removed.

According to the Andy Dorian, director of the parks department, the dirt work is

taking place to prepare the playing surface for new sod, which is expected to arrive in the near future.

The laying of the sod will reportedly be a joint effort between workers from the parks department and members of the Hannibal Hoots' staff.

Also in the process of being redone is the ballpark's warning track surface. A new material is being put down around the field, according to Dorian.

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Earth work was underway Thursday morning on the infield of Clemens Field in Hannibal. DANNY HENLEY/COURIER-POST

