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South Side residents looking for solutions with Contrary Creek

By QUINN RITZDORF
News-Press NOW

After the flood last summer in the South Side, many residents went looking for solutions. On Monday, Buchanan County officials addressed the initial response to the flood and possible answers to prevent another one. The Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies never provided relief following the flood in July. The county said this was because it didn't affect enough area of the South Side and the financial ramifications didn't meet the agency's qualifications.

"We contacted (SEMA) after the flood, and we gave them the amount of houses that we had (that were damaged)," said Buchanan County Emergency Manager Bill Britton. "Bill Lamar (the city emergency manager) and I went house to house for the small business administration loans and it just didn't meet FEMA's guidelines."

Despite the lack of funds from the federal and state level, the county and city did contribute time and money. The city helped pump out basements and improve driveway ditches. The

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Buchanan County officials, Ron Hook and Bill Britton, meet with South Side residents, Aaron Armstrong and Penny Bascue, to talk about how to prevent another flood in the South Side.



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Mickey Gill, St. Joseph School District director of operations, watches on Monday evening attendees of a Board of Education meeting including members LaTonya Williams (NOT PICTURED) and David Foster, left, as well as Dr. Gabe Edgar and Dr. Marlie Williams.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

SJSD plans recovery from COVID impacts; board gives OK

By MARCUS CLEM
News-Press NOW

When Hurricane Katrina struck, as it was when a tornado tore into Joplin, local academic recovery had to happen as much as anything else. So it will be in St. Joseph after COVID-19.

The Board of Education took several votes on Monday to approve the SJSD's plan for making this happen. This is chiefly represented by the approval of Dr. Marlie Williams' three-year plan to install new mathematics lesson plans in close consultation with curriculum advisers, teachers and other staff.

Originally, a seven-year plan for making this happen was proposed, before further discussion revealed a shorter-run 3-year plan is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan, in terms of academic achievement. The 3-year plan was ultimately approved, 7-0.

"If the resources are not working for us, or if the standards need to be revisited, having a long-term resource that you cannot shift away from is not a good situation to be in," said Williams, assistant superintendent of academic services.

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Just The Facts

2021 GRADUATIONS ARE ALL 1 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 23

- **Benton High School**
Graduation ceremony is at the school on Sparks Memorial Field
- **Central High School**
Graduation ceremony is at Missouri Western State University Spratt Stadium
- **Lafayette High School**
Graduation ceremony is at Krug Park Amphitheater



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Results are in

U.S. census results show slowest population growth since the Depression, Missouri population grows 2.8%

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Legislative changes provide economic benefit for those at guard base

By RYAN HENNESSY
News-Press NOW

Modifications to a statewide economic incentive program pushed by Northwest Missouri legislators could prove to be a big benefit to the 139th Airlift Wing based at Rosecrans Memorial Airport.

The Missouri Works program has provided private businesses tax credits for employees, and a couple years back it included the military in those economic development incentives. Sens. Tony Luetkemeyer, R-Parkville, and Dan Hege-man, R-Cosby, took the law on the books and amended it. Rep Bill Falkner, R. St. Joseph, was a sponsor of the

bill. The new changes were signed into law last week by Gov. Mike Parson.

"One of the largest employers in Northwest Missouri is the 139th Airlift Wing," Luetkemeyer said. "We felt it was very important to have the Missouri Works program expanded to the military so that the National Guard can take advantage of it."

The big change was the inclusion of part-time guardsmen in those incentives.

"What people refer to as the 'weekend warrior,'" St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce President Patt Lilly said.

The 139th will have to report salaries to receive the

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This photo shows one of three C-130 Hercules aircrafts taking off from Rosecrans Memorial Airport on Wednesday morning for a flyover of area hospitals.

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HIGH: 88° LOW: 60°

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