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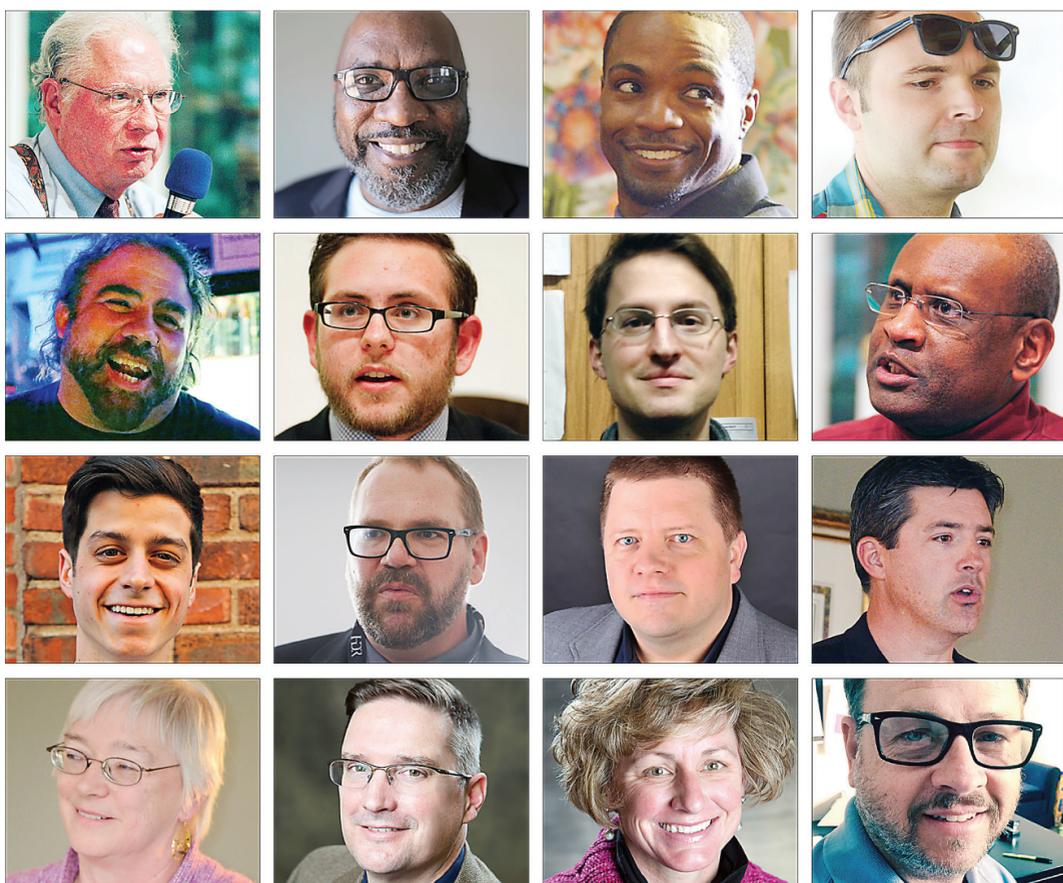
Hundreds of kids hunted for eggs and stuffed their pockets with candy in Douglass Park for the annual Easter egg hunt event.

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Facing the voters



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From top left, the 2015 candidates for Columbia City Council's First Ward seat are, in order of how they will appear on the ballot, John Clark, Clyde Ruffin, Rob Stewart, Rob Rasmussen, Sal Nuccio, Jake Loft, Dan Rader, Nate Brown and Chad Phillips. From third row, second column, the 2015 candidates for the council's Second Ward seat are Michael Trapp and Paul Love. From third row, fourth column, the 2015 candidates for the council's Sixth Ward are Ryan Euliss and Betsy Peters. From fourth row, second column, the 2015 candidates for the Columbia School Board are Christine King, Darin Preis and Derek Wade.

More candidates, not more money, drive voter turnout

By **SAMUEL HARDIMAN** and **WILLIAM SCHMITT**
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City Clerk Sheila Amin can't remember a busier Columbia City Council election in the dozen years she's held her job. Wendy Noren has been Boone County's clerk since 1982, and she vehemently shakes her head: No, she says, there have never been so many candidates in the race for a single council seat.

No local clerk or file cabinet has records for an election with nine candidates vying for one position. Noren said the First Ward has long been plagued by troubles, making it a contentious political district.

Noren in 2003 went west to help out her best friend, then-Los Angeles County Clerk Conny McCormack, during the run-up to the special election after the recall of Gov. Gray Davis. The First Ward race isn't quite the circus that got Arnold Schwarzenegger elected, Noren said.

"It just has been controversial the last two years," Noren said of the First Ward, citing downtown student housing, the proposed implementation of tax-increment financing, downtown infra-

structure and crime as issues that create conflict in the ward. "There are these historic differences on the path growth should take that always stir the pot," Noren said.

Former First Ward Councilwoman Ginny Chadwick echoed Noren's description of the First Ward seat as a controversial position. Chadwick, whose resignation after a recall petition triggered an avalanche of candidates vying to fill the two years remaining in her term, said she believes people in the ward don't feel as though they have a voice in government.

Eight candidates will appear on the ballot for the First Ward seat. They are, in ballot order, John Clark, Clyde Ruffin, Rob Stewart, Rob Rasmussen, Sal Nuccio, Jake Loft, Dan Rader and Nate Brown. Chad Phillips is a write-in candidate.

Data from the Boone County Clerk's office for the previous 15 years show a correlation between the number of candidates running and the number of votes cast. Noren said that's logical because each candidate brings a core group of supporters into the mix.

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New trustee will need to monitor hospital's money

The Boone Hospital Center Board of Trustees winner must decide whether to renew BJC lease

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To be or not to be with BJC: That is the biggest dilemma facing the Boone Hospital Center Board of Trustees.

Either Robert Doroghazi or Jerry Kennett, the candidates in Tuesday's election for outgoing chair emeritus Barbara Weaver's position, will need to decide with surgical precision whether to renew a lease with BJC HealthCare, which operates Boone Hospital, or to look elsewhere for medical management. The winner of the election will serve a five-year term, during which the future of the lease will be decided.

Trustees also will wrangle with yet-to-be determined effects of the Affordable Care Act and with Medicare, Weaver said, as "you never know how new statutes and changes in Medicare reimbursement will affect the hospital."

Even so, Weaver said making a decision about BJC has to be the board's top priority.

"They have done an outstanding job in the past," Weaver said of BJC, "but it's the fiduciary responsibility of the trustees to look at all options."

"It's going to be a difficult decision."

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MU community remembers 12 students who died in the past year

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Friends, family and the MU community gathered Friday to remember 12 MU students who died in the past year.

MU Remembers, the university's annual memorial service, took place at 2 p.m. in Memorial Union. Hundreds filled Stotler Lounge to hear memories and view photos of loved ones.

Cathy Scroggs, vice chancellor for student affairs, said this tradition is dear to the community.

"As a family, we celebrate together, we share common experiences together, and we support each other in times of need and sorrow," Scroggs said. "Those we remember today are a part of us, a part of MU, a part of this com-

munity."

"Grief shared is grief better endured," Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin said during the service. "Our being here today will not lessen grief, but knowing we share grief amongst so many, makes endurance of that grief possible."

The Memorial Union tower was darkened Friday night to honor the following the students: **TRENT BARTOLOMUCCI** of New Lenox, Illinois, enjoyed the freedom of the outdoors and especially loved to fish.

Known among family and friends for his frugality, it made sense to them that he studied accounting at MU. Bartolomucci loved MU — it felt like home to him.

He was 21 years old when he died Oct. 9, 2014, in Columbia.

DAVID 'DAVY' BLAND was a true fan of the

Missouri Tigers. He had a passion for science, animals and the outdoors.

Bland was from Kirkwood, Missouri. He graduated from Kirkwood High School in 2008 and started the school's Rugby Football Club.

Bland went on to study education at MU and was working toward a master's degree and teaching certificate.

The 23-year-old was hit by a car while crossing an intersection in St. Louis County. He died April 12, 2014.

He was a student teacher at Seckman High School in the zoology and biology departments at the time.

CALE BOEDEKER of Marshall was an active member of the MU community. His friends and family remember his smile, boundless energy, witty sense of humor and cooking abilities.

Boedecker had diabetes, but he never made a big deal about it.

On Sept. 29, 2014, he passed away from diabetic ketoacidosis at the age of 19. A candlelight vigil was held on the front lawn of Alpha Gamma Rho, his fraternity, the day after he died.

At MU, he studied fisheries and wildlife. He was also involved in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and worked as an intern in the public relations department.

He was described as a selfless person by those who knew him. Since his passing, the fraternity has renamed its award for those who possess outstanding leadership qualities after him.

RYAN CANDICE of St. Louis was an avid tennis

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KEMPER AWARD

Rachel Harper, the director of the MU Writing Center and an MU Honors College professor, receives the final 2015 Kemper teaching excellence award. **Page 8A**

ONE READ

Columbia's One Read panel has narrowed its 2015 community book selection down to "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride and "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel. **Page 8A**

MISSOURI BASEBALL

Junior first baseman Zach Lavy and freshman pitcher Tanner Houck helped Missouri baseball even the series with Florida. **Page 1B**

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny and windy.
Temp: 67°
Tonight: Cloudy and a chance of showers.
Temp: 51°
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