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PULASKI

# Time to file for FEMA aid ends soon

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Phelps and Pulaski County residents have until July 29 to request disaster assistance under an extension granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Homeowners, renters and business owners who suffered damage as the result of the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in a number of Missouri counties designated for federal and state assistance must register by that date.

The assistance is for any damage between the dates of April 19 and June 6. This covers the tornadoes in the Joplin and Sedalia areas and the flooding in southeast Missouri.

Phelps and Pulaski are among 25 counties designated for individual assistance under the presidential disaster declaration.

"The July 29 deadline is coming up quickly," said Federal Coordinating Officer Libby Turner. "If you know someone who was affected by these events, please encourage them to take a few minutes to register with FEMA and learn how we can help them."

Residents in Phelps and Pulaski who have registered have already received \$55,000, said John Mills, FEMA external affairs field specialist.

Mills estimated that the Joplin area had received \$16 million and that the state of Missouri had received \$29 million thus far.

"One of the common questions we get is, 'If I register for assistance, will

## Before calling or registering, applicants should have:

- The address of the affected property
- A brief description of the damages
- A current address where you receive mail
- Social Security number
- Insurance information including policy numbers
- Phone number and alternate phone number where you can be reached

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ST. ROBERT

# \$286,942 in unpaid bills

Natalie Sanders  
Staff Writer

City Administrator Alan Clark requested that the city remove unpaid utility accounts from the books at the St. Robert Board of Aldermen meeting Monday night.

The utility accounts represent the unpaid ones from 2003 through January of 2008.

Some aldermen expressed concern that wiping these unpaid bills off the books would mean accepting a loss on the unpaid bills.



Mayor Pro Tem Todd Williams said, "We're just making them inactive, we can still go after them."

Ward Two Alderman Ed Spotts asked, "We are specifically going

after these people for what they owe us?"

The board discussed the use of collection agencies to try and recoup some of the loss the city is taking on the unpaid bills.

Clark told the board that the option had been discussed and looked into, but "there's nobody out there that wants to do it."

City Attorney Tyce Smith suggested that the city take bids from collection agencies and try to collect on the larger accounts.

He said he knew of a "couple

that the city could request bids from.

Collection agencies usually go after the person or people responsible for an unpaid bill and give the entity that the bill was originally owed a certain amount on the dollar such as \$0.25.

The collection agency and the entity agree upon that price before the collection agency begins trying to collect on the bill.

Collection agencies can get ex-

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PEOPLE PROFILE

By Natalie Sanders

# Kelly Howley

Kelly Howley is an American Red Cross volunteer, special education teacher at Waynesville Middle School, Old Settlers' Day coordinator, Old Stagecoach Stop board member and an Armed Services YMCA advisory board member. She was nominated for people profiles by the folks at the Red Cross for her volunteer work with her therapy dog, Lela.

## "I am..."

"... a flexible person."

"... a dedicated teacher and volunteer."

"... an optimistic person."

"... a person who can always find fun in any situation."

Kelly has been married to Lt. Colonel (ret.) Shawn Howley for 21 years and together they have three sons.

Kelly and her therapy dog, Lela, visit the General Leonard Wood Community Hospital once a month, as well as the barracks to cheer up the patients and the soldiers.

Lela and therapy dogs like her are intended to boost the morale of the patients and there is research to support that their presence is extremely beneficial.



Kelly hopes that people reading her story will become inspired to get involved as a volunteer. She says she would really like to see more dog partners volunteering at the hospital. She pointed out that dogs that are suitable to this type of work are dogs with even tempers, friendly, and obey commands well.

PHOTOS BY NATALIE SANDERS

## Here's something about Kelly

RESIDENCE Waynesville

PETS Two dogs, two cats, two turtles, and a frog

FAVORITE BOOK The Christmas Dog

MY BIGGEST DREAM "I want to open a doggy day care. I think it would be so much fun to play with all the dogs and then send them home."

I AM MOST PROUD OF "my children and the men that they are becoming," Kelly said.

SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT KELLY I play the guitar and sing.

IF I COULD DO ANYTHING OR GO ANYWHERE Kelly says that she would love to be able to spend more time

with her dog volunteering at the hospital.

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO? Kelly said, "I like to make other people happy. It makes you feel good leaving, knowing that you've done something good for others. You come away feeling like you've done something for the soldiers."

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST WISH FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION? "I hope that more people get involved with volunteering for the Red Cross. I'd like to see the therapy dog program continue in the hospital because I know that they come in and a lot of them are spouses and then they PCS. We need dog partners," Kelly said. She says they especially need the dogs for the Warrior Transition Unit which is more commonly known as Wounded Warriors.

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CROCKER

# Meal prices set for 2011-12

## Board approves policies

Michael Misfeldt  
Staff Writer

The Crocker School Board approved the breakfast and lunch prices for the 2011-12 school year.

Breakfast will cost students in kindergarten through 12th grade \$1.10. Elementary lunch will be \$1.45, middle school lunch \$1.55 and high school lunch \$1.65.

The board also approved keeping the gate admission the same as the 2010-11 school year and will be as follows: basketball, softball and baseball, \$3 for adults, \$1 for students.

The school will get a new Damtronics Information Sign at a total cost not to exceed \$24,551, including \$19,551 for the actual sign.

The sign must be a "turn key" project with confirmed warranties.

In other news, the board approved the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, 2011-12 bus routes, BBFA Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure policy and spending \$12,240 on a diesel Grasshopper mower from Crown Power and Equipment, Eldon.

On Aug. 23 there will be a tax rate hearing at 6 p. m. prior to the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting.

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- Gary W. Ball, 30, Dixon
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