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**A tattered American flag is left standing beside a home that was destroyed by Sunday's tornado in Renick.**



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## Deadly twister slams Renick

By JODIE E. JACKSON JR. BULLSEYE Editor

RENICK — Just moments before a twister tossed their mobile home into a pond late Sunday, Donald and Mary Biere drove to find shelter at a relative's home.

"We left just before it hit," Donald Biere said Monday morning, not long after being reunited with a trembling little beagle-mix dog, Tinker, who had been missing since the storm hit.

"He said he didn't know what he'd do without that dog," Mary Biere said.

A tear trickled down his face as he patted his dog.

"We're okay," he said.

Others were not so fortunate.

The twister that slammed into southern Randolph

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Friends and neighbors helped Renick residents sort through the debris of this home off Old Highway 63 the morning after Sunday's deadly storm. BULLSEYE photo

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Area residents who want to offer help for those impacted by Sunday's storms are encouraged to make cash donations to the American Red Cross.

- A Red Cross service center has been opened at the Moberly office, 109 N. Williams, to assist those needing help. To help provide assistance, Boone County residents can direct financial donations to the Boone County chapter by calling 573-445-9411 or in person at 1805 W. Worley St., Columbia.

- In addition, Sturgeon High School seniors and their families are helping with cleanup in Renick and Madison.

- Utility crews encourage residents to stay clear of areas where heavy equipment is being used to clear rubble or restore vital services.

## Griggs named to fire board

By JODIE E. JACKSON JR. BULLSEYE Editor

COLUMBIA — Dave Griggs was sworn in Monday afternoon as the newest member of the Boone County Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

Griggs, a Columbia businessman with a long list of local and regional civic involvement, was appointed last Wednesday to replace the late Willis Smith.

Board member Myrna Rapp nominated Griggs from among the 11 official applicants who expressed interest in filling the vacancy that occurred as a result of Smith's apparent suicide in January. John Gordon agreed with the nomination and the seat was filled.

Griggs was out of town on business and unable to attend.

The meeting was punctuated with impassioned pleas for the district to move forward and for critics — particularly those who had mounted a recall effort against Smith — to "shut up."

Smith's widow also addressed the board and large crowd of volunteers, telling them, "Willis is smiling at you."

She added: "Willis was so very proud of you, and you have made me very proud tonight."

## Bulldogs head to Showdown

By JODIE E. JACKSON JR. BULLSEYE Editor

MOBERLY — Kyle Fisher continues to add dramatic chapters to Harrisburg's storybook season.

Fisher swished a half-court shot to beat the third quarter buzzer on Saturday, turning a precarious five-point lead into an insurmountable surge of momentum that led his Bulldogs to a 60-48 Class 2 quarterfinal win over fourth-ranked Canton at Moberly.

The Bulldogs take their 26-4 record into Thursday's 1:45 p.m. semifinal game against 24-4 West Platte at Mizzou Arena in Columbia. In the other Class 2 semifinal, Advance (24-7) takes on defending champion Marionville (26-3) at 12:10 p.m. The winners meet for the state championship at 1:45 p.m. Friday; losers play for third place at 10:35 a.m. Friday.

Fisher told THE BULLSEYE the Bulldogs are ready to write the final chapter: "I would definitely write it with a state championship. We want to get there and win the whole thing. That would be a perfect ending."

Overjoyed Harrisburg fans greet Dusty Lewis, left, as the Bulldogs leave the floor following Saturday's state quarterfinal win in Moberly.



### BULLSEYE NEWS BRIEFS

#### MoDOT ROAD WORK

- Crews will be replacing culvert pipes on Route HH in Boone County on Wednesday (today) and Thursday. Crews will be located between Kircher Road and Ballew Road, south of Hallsville, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.
- Culvert pipe replacement is planned on Friday at various locations on Route Z near Columbia, from north of I-70 for approximately five miles. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

STURGEON FLBA members will be "for sale" at a Student Auction from 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the Sturgeon High School gymnasium.

Bidders can get any FBLA member to work for them for one full day. The event is a fundraiser for the school's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America

THE HALLSVILLE Community Development Association hosts its 11th annual Hog

Dinner and Auction from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Hallsville Elementary commons.

The meal will be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with a silent auction from 4:30-7 p.m. and a live auction starting at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Tickets are available from HCDA members.

The event is a benefit the new community building at the Hallsville Fairgrounds.

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