after voters approved new special sales taxes for roads, stormwater and parks.

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The city used the taxes collected by retailers in the CID district to fund the East Osage improvement project that included streets, sidewalks, gutters, vintage street lights and decorative trees from McDonald’s to the former Red Cedar Inn.

“Agreeing to close this out allows us to help the city,” Sauvage said. “It’s being a good neighbor.”

In the same meeting, the board agreed to convey a 5-foot strip of land beside the sidewalks that borders the Pacific Intermediate School on West Osage to allow MoDOT to improve the sidewalks in its 2020 Highway 66 improvement project.

‘Missouri’s Murderous Matrons’ Author to Speak at Library

By Pauline Masson
Pacific Missourian Editor

On Nov. 28, 1928, a jury found Bertha Gifford not guilty of the crime of first-degree murder on the sole ground that she was insane at the time of the commission of the offense and had not recovered from such insanity.

For months residents of Franklin and Jefferson County had been mesmerized as stories unfolded that as many as 10 people were dead after this Cateauissa woman voluntarily to care for them as a nurse.

For her trial she was charged only with murdering three people, Edward Brimley and two little boys, brothers Lloyd and Elmer Schamel.

She used arsenic that she claimed had medicinal qualities, which she bought at Powers Drug Store in Pacific.

Gifford said she had been administering arsenic to different people for years with the hope of helping them. She also took arsenic to help her heart and make herself look younger.

She told the court that she had cared for the sick with no hope of reward and had always been kind to those she treated.

A string of doctors said a person would have to be insane to say such things and Gifford was found not guilty by reason of insanity. She was confined to a mental facility for the remainder of her life where she was assigned the duties of cook.

Gifford has fascinated Franklin County residents for 90 years. Those who continue to wonder about what she did and what happened to her will have a chance to hear an expert on the life and acts of Bertha Gifford.

Victoria Cosner, who co-authored the book “Missouri’s Murderous Matrons,” has studied the case of Gifford. She will speak at the Pacific library on Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m.

The book also covers the murderous acts of Emma Hepperman, of St. Charles, who also poisoned people with arsenic.

Barb Schweissguth, Pacific Scenic Regional Library adult programmer, arranged the talk, which will be held in the meeting room of the new library at 111 Lamar Parkway. There is no cost to attend.

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Between April and June, Pacific Eagles Aerie 22015 is seeking a $4,500 grant from Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) chapter.

The source of the funds is the popular nighttime bingo games held at the Eagles large hall located at 707 W. Congress St.

Children’s needs are high in the list of important areas of Eagles grants, including American Legion Boy Scouts, CASA Sports softball teams, MVR-III Project Graduation, school lunch programs, school dress and safety services for homeless students.

The Eagles also developed backpack programs through the Franklin County Leadership program and in cooperation with the Franklin County Family Partnership and other organizations.