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Pike County Associate Circuit Judge Milan Berry is pictured swearing in the newly elected Pike County officials, pictured from left: Chris Stark, coroner; Lori Fuerst, public administrator; Bill Allen, Western District Commissioner; Laura Stumbaugh, county clerk; Tommy Wallace, Eastern District Commissioner; and Stephen Korte, sheriff.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

## Pike County Elected Officials Sworn In Dec. 31

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve, new officials were sworn into office at the Pike County Courthouse.

State representative elect, Chad Perkins was on hand to congratulate the new office holders.

Eastern Commissioner Tom Wallace will step into the role of Eastern Commissioner previously held by Justin Sheppard who chose not to seek the office for a second term.

"These four years have been great, and I will cherish them forever," Sheppard said. "Bill Allen and Chris Gamm have a special place in my heart, and I will consider them brothers forever. I haven't been the best commissioner at times. I haven't been the best person at times. But I always fought for

what I thought was right and truly believe these last four years the commission has made the county a better place. We have fought for many things and have got a lot accomplished."

He continued by encouraging others to serve and thanking his supporters and fellow commissioners.

"Again, I will cherish these four years and the time I got to serve with Bill and Chris. God bless and wish Tommy the best as he takes over tomorrow."

Lori Fuerst officially took over the role as the new Public Administrator after running unopposed. Outgoing Public Administrator, Debby Tepen was on hand and later said she was happy to serve the county.

"I've learned so much and know that it takes a 'team' to care for so

many that need assistance in their lives," Tepen said in a social media post on Thursday. "I'm so grateful and blessed to have been given the opportunity by the people of Pike county and I thank you with all of my heart!"

Tepen decided to retire from the elected position along with Sheppard.

Clerk for the County Commission, Laura Jerry Stumbaugh was also sworn in after running unopposed in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election.

Sheriff Stephen Korte, Western Commissioner Bill Allen and Coroner Chris Stark were re-elected into their offices.

"I would like to say it is truly humbling to be chosen to serve this county for the next four years," Sheriff Korte stated.

## Bowling Green Chamber Officially Cancels Banquet

Unfortunately, due to the increased cases of COVID-19 and for the safety of all, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet is canceled this year.

However, the chamber is still planning to announce all the scheduled annual awards and draw the winning ticket for the Fill the Freezer Raffle.

Tickets for the raffle can still be purchased through the Chamber website, [bgchamber.org](http://bgchamber.org); the Facebook page, Bowling Green MO Chamber of Commerce; or the Chamber office, 573-324-3733.

Anyone who already paid for tickets for the banquet will receive a full refund. Keep watching online and in The People's Tribune for the awards announcement.



## NECAC Effort A Success

Chandra Roberts, Pike County Service Coordinator at the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC), and her volunteers raised \$3,822 for local needs through the 2020 Salvation Army kettle campaign at the Bowling Green Walmart. Despite the COVID pandemic, people were more generous than the year before, when a little over \$3,400 was collected. The money will be used to assist Pike County residents after a fire, accident or other disaster. In addition, generous shoppers at Walmart emptied the Salvation Army/NECAC Angel Tree of gift tags, providing a brighter Christmas for more than 220 disadvantaged children.

Phases	Who	Estimated population
Phase 1A	LTCF Staff: SNFs, RCFs, ICFs, ALF	70,000
	Paid & Unpaid Patient Facing HCW with Comorbidities (who are unable to work from home)	102,000
	Remaining Patient Facing HCW	250,000
Phase 1B	LTCF Residents (SNF)	38,000
	LTCF Residents (ALF, RCF, ICF)	18,000
	High Risk Individuals (18-64 YO)	590,000
	>65 YO	1,000,000
Phase 2	First Responders (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement)	55,000
	Critical Infrastructure with High Risk	310,000
Phase 3	Critical Infrastructure (childcare, schools, energy, etc.)	660,000
	Populations at Increased Risk (Prisoners, Homeless, etc.)	40,000
	General Population	Remaining, unvaccinated population

### COVID-19 Vaccine Availability

Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 2	Phase 3
Long-Term Care Facility Residents and Staff	High Risk Individuals (18-64) and Individuals >65	Populations at Increased Risk (Prisoners, Homeless, etc.)	All Missouri Residents
Healthcare Workers (Patient Facing)	First Responders (See below)		
	Essential Workers (See below)		

**Important Note:**  
We anticipate this list will be updated with more information on Phase 1B from the CDC in mid-December.

Healthcare Workers	Essential Workers	High Risk Populations
Healthcare personnel and staff who may have direct or indirect exposure to SARS-CoV-2 and are unable to work from home.	First Responders Childcare Workers Teachers & Education Staff Water/Wastewater Workers Energy Workers Critical Manufacturing Workers Food & Agriculture Workers	Those at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness, including those 65 years of age or older, may receive priority:  BMI > 30 Chronic Kidney Disease Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Diabetes Hypertension Chronic Heart Disease

## Audrain, Pike Ready for COVID-19 Vaccine

By Brice Chandler  
Staff Writer

The COVID-19 vaccination arrived in Audrain County last week with the Pike County Health Department still planning to receive it. The Audrain County Health Department (ACHD) reported that it received its first order of 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine through the state of Missouri on Dec. 21.

"Currently we are in the Phase 1A of the vaccination process," ACHD officials said in their news release last week. "We have begun the vaccination process for frontline medical workers in doctor's offices and

clinical settings that are not affiliated with SSM-Audrain. Those affiliated with SSM-Audrain are receiving their vaccinations through the SSM corporate office and not the health department. As for the long-term care facilities, those vaccinations of the workers and the residents are being handled through the federal Warp Speed program and are being vaccinated through Walgreens and CVS Pharmacies."

The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) is currently in the planning stages for when the vaccine will be available to the public.

For Audrain County, the next phase will be Phase 1B which includes over 2.6 million individuals in Missouri.

Phase 1B includes a hierarchy of six tiers.

The People's Tribune will continue to release information as it becomes available. The prioritization list is subject to change by the state based on vaccine availability and overall effectiveness to administer the vaccine in priority order.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine go to <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/>



## Boland Chevrolet Opens Doors

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

Boland Chevrolet opened for business on cold and snowy start of the year. The former location of Bowling Green Chevrolet reopened on Saturday, Jan 2 under new ownership.

Despite the weather, General Manager David Buddemeyer said people from the community showed up to support the business's soft launch.

"We had some customers come in to shop, but many people just wanted to stop by to say hi and say

how glad they were the dealership was back in the community," Buddemeyer noted. He went on to say they planned to have a ribbon cutting with more fanfare later in the month. The lot has a line of some new and used vehicles displayed along US 61.

"I'm really happy to be back," Chelle Tharp said. Tharp worked at the dealership when it unexpectedly closed in Dec 2019. She was joined by several other former employees returning to the new Boland dealership.



Pictured are employees of Boland Chevrolet in Bowling Green, from left: Chelle Tharp, Rob McAlister, Owen Houseworth, John Romig, and General Manager David Buddemeyer.

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## Perkins Ready For Biggest Challenge



Chad Perkins

**Editor's note: The following news analysis was submitted by award-winning journalist, author and public relations professional Brent Engel of Louisiana.**

Integrity, empathy and a boundless drive are among traits new state representative Chad Perkins says he's taking to Jefferson City amid the financial, social and racial issues facing Missouri.

The 42-year-old Republican from Bowling Green will represent the 40th District made up of parts of Monroe, Pike, Ralls and Lincoln counties. The job, which pays \$35,915 a year with an expense account of \$119 per day during legislative sessions, begins Jan. 6.

"This is my home – always has been and always will be," Perkins said. "I want to see it grow. I want to see the folks here be successful. I think I'm uniquely qualified to go and fight for those things."

The energy level Perkins exudes isn't just the giddiness of embarking on a new journey. Proof can be found, of all places, in his bedroom.

"I sleep about four hours a day," he said. "And I sleep four hours a day because I'm thinking about accomplishing what comes next."

Conservative upbringing Perkins had four GOP opponents in the August primary, but ran unopposed in the November general election.

The absence of a Democrat challenger shows the dramatic shift in local politics. For decades, and as recently as 10 years ago, Republicans could do little but dream of beating a rival from the other party.

That began to change when Jay Houghton was elected to the Missouri House in 2010 by defeating Linda Witte, wife of Vandalia Democrat representative Terry Witte, who was prevented by term limits from seeking re-election. A Democrat has not held the seat since. Before redistricting, Monroe County had a Democrat representative until 2012.

Perkins argues that it's not as much about party affiliation as it is issues. He believes that nationally, Democrats do not "represent the values of rural America" anymore and that leftist positions on topics such as federal spending, constitutional questions, gun rights and abortion do not equate with the core beliefs of most residents in his four counties. He ran on the GOP ticket, but considers himself "conservative" first.

"If the Republican Party ever stops being the party of family values and personal responsibility, I'll stop being a Republican," he warns.

The view that limited powers and constitutional freedoms are the best form of governance came at an early age. Perkins, a bachelor, is the only son of Bill Perkins and Letha Ebers, known widely throughout the region for their singing and performance abilities. He has a younger sister, Jessica King.

Perkins, who shares the family talent as a musician and composer, was nine when his interest in politics was stoked. It happened during the presidency of a Republican hero, Ronald Reagan, who was not the choice for Monroe and Ralls counties in 1980, but swept all four counties in 1984.

Perkins remembers a conservative neighbor who talked with him about the 1988 race between Republican George Bush, Reagan's vice president, and Democrat Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. The neighbor explained what she saw as the differences between the two.

"I said 'I think I'm a Republican,'" Perkins recalls, before adding a caveat. "I can't tell you I'm a lifelong Republican – I'm a lifelong conservative."

Perkins practices the work ethic he preaches. One of his first jobs came at age

15, when he was a weekend announcer on what was then KPCR Radio in Bowling Green. His father would drive him to the studio next to the Pike County Fairgrounds. The station is now KJFM, and Perkins still gets behind the microphone there regularly.

After getting a diploma from Bowling Green High School in 1997, Perkins attended John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill., before graduating from the University of Missouri Police Academy in 2001.

As mayor of Bowling Green – a position his father also held – Perkins gained political experience. As a small business owner, he kept an eye on economic development efforts. And two decades in law enforcement taught him lessons that will serve well at the capital – the ability to listen attentively and a capacity to avoid hasty decisions.

"How you treat people makes all the difference in the world," he said. "I've known people in law enforcement who can make a traffic stop on someone who was legitimately speeding and deserving of a summons and give them a warning. People can end up hating cops because of how they're treated. I've arrested people multiple times who still consider me a friend."

Two big priorities A lot of the issues that make headlines aren't necessarily those which Perkins wants to address.

But one thing that goes to his fiscal prudence is clear: He is highly unlikely to support any measure that doesn't have a specified, approved funding source.

Missouri lawmakers are constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget, and Perkins calls the Hancock Amendment – the 40-year-old mandate which requires voter approval to raise state taxes – the "saving grace for Missouri."

"It saves Missouri from becoming an Illinois," which faces a budget deficit of almost \$4 billion this year, Perkins said. "There is no choice. Missouri must spend less than it takes in. It's just the rule."

One concern most media rarely look at is high-speed internet connection and data transmission for rural areas, called broadband. Ralls County has been particularly adept in upgrading its technologies over the last decade, and 17 Missouri broadband providers were awarded \$346 million in federal funding a few weeks ago to expand high-speed internet.

Perkins is encouraged. He said the state could help by looking at incentives that would allow rural electric cooperatives and cell phone providers to enhance the efforts. Revenue probably would have to come from increased electricity or phone bills, but Perkins believes the result would not only be good for business and economic development, but for health, education and lifestyle.

"If COVID taught us one thing, you've got to be able to go the doctor and to school from home," he said.

Another big concern for Perkins is the Grain Belt Express, an 800-mile electricity transmission line from Kansas to Indiana that would cross Monroe and Ralls counties.

Missouri regulators initially rejected the controversial project. Then, the state Supreme Court ruled a precedent used in the decision was incorrect. The Missouri Public Service Commission approved the transmission line in 2019, but the fight continues.

One of the biggest worries for opponents is Grain Belt's proposed use of eminent domain – the right to take private property for public use as long as there's compensation to landowners.

Grain Belt has tried to appease skeptical property holders, including a pledge in early 2020 to provide broadband capabilities along the route. The developer, Invenery Transmission LLC of Chicago, argues it is a public utility regulated by federal and state agencies. Perkins disagrees.

"I don't believe it's a public utility," he said. "It's not being traded (on the markets) on a daily basis. It's a small group of people looking to make a lot of money by, in my mind, stealing land from farmers in Missouri. It's a horrible thing."

Perkins' 40th District predecessor, Republican State Rep. Jim Hansen of Frankfort, waged an unsuccessful campaign in the 2020 legislative session to block Grain Belt's use of eminent domain, but Perkins said he will "do anything I can" to keep developers from using it.

Stance on other issues Though the COVID virus remains problematic, new cases reported across most of Missouri during Christmas Week declined.

Republican President Donald Trump and the private sector streamlined vaccine development and production, and the first shipments arrived in Missouri on Dec. 14.

Fewer than one percent of residents in all four 40th District counties had contracted the disease as of Dec. 25. The death total for the four counties was 45 – or .0004 percent of the entire population.

Perkins does not downplay COVID, but is glad Missouri has not taken some of the radical steps and limits to freedom that other states have enacted during the pandemic.

"I've always believed I don't need the government to protect me," he said. "I need the government to leave me alone. My party is the party of personal responsibility."

One bright spot of the pandemic has been in the workforce. While the jobless rate climbed to an average of almost 10 percent last spring in the 16 counties of Northeast Missouri, it had dropped to 3.3 percent by November. The 40th District counties had numbers ranging from 2.8 percent to 3.6 percent for the month – closer to the historic lows that preceded COVID as part of the eco "I think we're on that road to recovery," Perkins said.

One area of uncertainty is Medicaid expansion. Missouri voters last August approved a constitutional amendment that greatly expands services offered by the health care program for the poor.

An estimated 230,000 more people could be eligible for Medicaid when the expansion takes place next July. Projections range from a savings to the state of \$39 million to a cost as high as \$300 million. Perkins, who opposed the expansion, believes any cost could be made up. Thirty-seven other states already have experience with Medicaid expansion.

"I think you'll see some out-of-the-box ideas," he said. "I think you will probably see some discussion in Jefferson City about online betting or online poker. There are some areas where you could make that money up without raising taxes."

Democrat governors in some states have enacted bans that curtailed religious services or shuttered houses of worship. Even with a Republican governor and GOP majorities in the General Assembly, Perkins predicts the protection of constitutional guarantees will draw the attention of lawmakers in 2021.

"There is absolutely no clause in the United States Constitution that limits a person's religious liberties during a pandemic," said Perkins, a member of the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene. "If there is a separation between church and state, that means the government cannot say 'yes' to church, but it also means it cannot say 'no' to church."

Because of COVID, some states are considering massive tax increases to offset revenue losses. Missouri is not among them, but even as the next session begins there already have been Republican proposals to both lower and raise fees.

Perkins said he would support a "way-farer tax" on internet sales because "currently you don't pay taxes on things you buy online, which is unfair to brick and mortar businesses."

He also would back a state gasoline tax increase of three cents per gallon, as long as the revenue was specifically dedicated to transportation needs. Missouri has the nation's seventh-largest highway system and the sixth-most bridges, but its 17-cent-per-gallon gas tax has not been raised in almost 25 years. Only Alaska has a lower fuel tax. Missouri voters rejected similar hikes in 2014 and 2018, and would have to approve any new proposal.

For Perkins, the discussion comes with an addendum. He is adamant that if some taxes are raised, other fees would have to be lowered to "level the playing field more."

As for education, Gov. Mike Parson announced \$209 million in cuts to schools last summer, but some of the money is being made up through federal COVID-relief funding. Perkins does not see the need for significant changes.

"I think the (school funding) formula actually works pretty well," he said.

Looking ahead As with all elected officials, Perkins has heard the calls for criminal justice and police reforms.

The veteran law enforcement officer, who as a state representative must give up his sheriff's deputy job, is not unaffected. He says change must begin with the mindset in individual agencies. At the same time, Perkins understands the anguish expressed by peaceful protestors.

"I don't know how much a good police officer will cost you, but I know how much a bad police officer will cost you," he said. "In my opinion, I don't know that you need to reform the whole (system)."

Parson last year created a School Safety

Task Force. One of its recommendations was that every public school employ armed protection. Perkins said he supports the proposal, but is not sure a statewide mandate is needed to make it happen. The decision, he says, should be left to each district.

Amid the opioid crisis which has swept the nation, Missouri is the only state that does not have a prescription drug monitoring program.

Supporters say such a database would help keep track of controlled substance prescriptions and go a long way toward cutting the number of deaths from opioid abuse. States have reported a rise in cases since the COVID pandemic began.

Perkins favors a monitoring program for controlled substances, but believes he's in the minority.

"There are those that might think it's government overreach, but I think it's ridiculous that you can go from doctor to doctor and pharmacy to pharmacy without anybody regulating the amount of pain medication you can get," he said.

One topic that may get more attention is election security. Missourians for the first time in 2020 were allowed to vote by mail-in ballot. Perkins lauds the state and counties for being very professional in handling the November election and avoiding counting inaccuracies that happened in other places. But, he says, Missouri should "never again" allow mail-in ballots, and he would be willing to sponsor a bill saying so.

As of Christmas, Perkins had pre-filed a bill that would require food stamp recipients

to comply with federal work requirements. He is pro-life and supports the Second Amendment, with a promise as a member of the National Rifle Association to curb as much as possible federal threats to infringe upon gun rights. He says the "job of a good representative is to bring back to the district" as much benefit as possible.

"I think voters chose me because I've been involved in so many issues for a very long time," he said.

Even so, there are big shoes to fill. Perkins said Hansen has been "gracious all along" in helping him to prepare.

"Jim did the job for the right reasons," he said. "Jim was never in it for personal glory. There were issues he was passionate about and that's why he was there."

Perkins, who often can be seen wearing a large cowboy hat, is looking forward to his committee assignments. He's already met with some of the power players in Jefferson City, and has drawn attention outside his district, including a recent appearance on an episode of "Politically Speaking" with Jason Rosenbaum of St. Louis Public Radio.

One more thing

Perhaps the most important guide for Perkins will be his Christian faith.

And a foundational Biblical passage will come from the Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy. Locked in a Roman prison and facing execution, Paul encourages Timothy to stand firm and endure despite difficulties.

"I feel like I'm pretty well-prepared to start," Perkins said.

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## From The Mayor's Desk...

Goodbye, 2020 and hello, 2021.

As 2021 was ushered in it couldn't have gotten here soon enough for many! New Years always seem to ring new opportunities, resolutions, and chances for fresh starts and new beginnings.

New Year's has become a time of re-evaluating the past year and creating a new vision or outlook on where we've been, verses where we're headed. As I reflect back on 2020 I have become your mayor of Bowling Green, my family has added two more great grand children, an airport renovation, streets repaved, old water and sewer lines have been upgraded, outdated fire hydrants replaced, and a successful summer at the city swimming pool.

New and expanded businesses were added to the development of our city and even though COVID-19 struck our nation hard, Bowling Green has stood strong! Our Bowling Green School District has been able to stay in session and meet the needs of our students and their families. To quote the Welcome on the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce's webpage: "Bowling Green, Missouri is strategically located along the Avenue of the Saints, which runs between St. Louis and St. Paul, Minn.

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Regrettably, the Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet has been canceled. The chamber is still planning on announcing the award winners and the winning ticket/person for the "Fill the



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Freezer" fundraiser. Tickets for Fill the Freezer are still available for sale.

Anyone who paid for the banquet will receive a full refund. You may contact Chamber members for raffle tickets, go on line at bgchamber.org, or you may call the Bowling Green Chamber office at 573-324-3733. Watch for the awards and raffle

winner announcements online or in the newspapers.

Final inspections are being completed this week and the first week of January on the newly renovated Bowling Green airport. A celebration with mini dedications and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced upon finalization from MODOT and the FAA.

Alliance continues to work on water and sewer line leaks, fire hydrant replacement, cleaning and winterizing our parks, installing a gate at the Lake, leaf and branch pickup, and overseeing needs across our city.

Boland Chevrolet officially opened on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 and a Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for a later date.

As the corona virus vaccine becomes more and more available to those who desire to take such, it has seemed to give a little light at the end of the tunnel. The stock market has reflected the "Warp Speed" to get the FDA to approve the vaccines and these seem to have been somewhat effective, especially for the elderly in our nursing homes.

However, it doesn't mean that we still don't have to use wisdom. Plus, a new strain has been thrust upon the United States. Thanks, United Kingdom! Our hope is that the US and the nations of the world can conquer this dreaded disease and open up free speech, free Second Amendment, free enterprise, freedom of religion, free exchange of ideas and philosophies and acceptance for all.

As we look forward to 2021 with hope, I pray that we stay optimistic in what lies ahead! Challenges will occur; it's a part of life. Yet, as we work together, help each other, have a common vision, and support one another, let's make 2021 our best year so far as a city and individually.

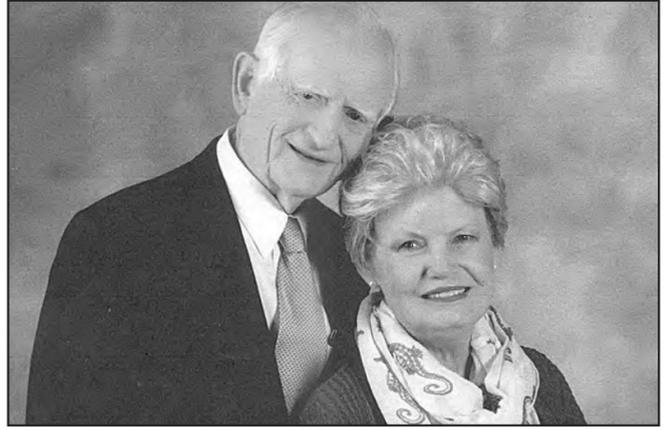
## Lewis Couple Celebrates 60th Anniversary

A 60 year wedding anniversary celebration was held recently for Paul and Joyce Lewis at their rural Clarksville home.

Friends and family enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of food, fellowship, and remembering.

Included in the number of guests were their son, Paul Robert Lewis of Dallas, Texas; and daughter, Yvonne Marie Lewis of rural Clarksville.

Both Paul and Joyce know they have been blessed to have had all those 60 years together as the Lord has led them.



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# OBITUARIES



## Richard Baker

Richard Baker, 60, of Frankford died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

At Richard's request and final wishes, there will be no services held.

He was born Nov. 19, 1960 in Hannibal to Chauncey "Melvin" Baker and Marie Hubert Baker. He married Jamie Sorrell on Oct. 11, 1986 in Frankford. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Marie Baker of Curryville; children, Brandon Baker and wife, Chantel of Quincy, Ill., Jared Baker and wife, Victoria "Paige" of Frankford, and Paige Nicole Baker of St. Louis; seven grandchildren, Adisyn Baker, Ainslee Baker, Jaidyn Redman, Gerald Redman, Allison Redman, Braxton Baker and Noah Baker and a sister sister, Kimberly Luebrecht and husband, David of Bowling Green.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Melvin "Wayne" Baker; and a granddaughter, Elli Renee Baker.

Richard served in the United States Marines from August 1979-August 1983. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant E-5. He received various awards including a Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Meritorious Mast.

Richard then began his career at UPS in 1984. He worked various delivery routes from Palmyra to Montgomery City over 31 years. You could give him any address and he would immediately know where it was, who lived there, and how many dogs would be on "attack" mode. Whenever he was near his parent's home, he would stop to check on them and of course have a second lunch. Richard received a 30 year "Safe Driver" award and was honored in The New York Times. He retired from UPS in November 2015.

After quickly becoming bored with retirement, Richard began working for Spring Lake Pork until 2018. He then moved to Pratt, Kan., to manage a hog facility owned by Lynch Livestock until 2019. Missing his family, he moved back home and began his "dream job" selling cars at Poage Ford in Bowling Green until his untimely death.

He loved spending time with his family; especially his grandchildren. He never missed an opportunity to spoil them. His wallet was always open to their desires and sneaking \$5 to any grandchild who gave him a hug or a foot rub. Outside of the house, he never met a stranger. He showed his generosity by frequently paying for someone else's meal while with his family.

In lieu of memorials, the family asks you to honor Richard by showing kindness to a person in need. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com)



## Delores K. Krankka

Delores K. Krankka, 77, of New London died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Pastor Jack Emmitte officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Friends and family were invited to Delores' Life Celebration at a visitation from 10-11 a.m., Saturday at the funeral home.

Delores was born Dec. 9, 1943, in Frankford to Hugh A. and Velma Miller Mosley. She was married on Sept. 28, 1968 in Key West, Fla., to Donald E. Krankka, Sr. He survives.

Other survivors include five children, Roger Williamson of New London, Teresa Bowes and husband, Tony of Byfield, Mass., Robert Williamson and wife, Gerri of Rainbow, Calif., Donald Krankka, Jr., and wife, Theresa of St. Charles, and Matthew Krankka of New London; six grandchildren, Jennifer Bowes, Danny Bowes, Sarah Krankka, Christine Krankka, Joseph Krankka, Rebecca Krankka; and three great-

grandchildren, Annabell Krankka, Lilly Kapsimalis and Axel Krankka. She is also survived by 12 brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Joann Floyd and one brother, Daniel Jennings.

Professionally Delores worked as a nurse's aide. She also enjoyed volunteering at Seaview Nursing Home in Rowley, Mass.

Doing jigsaw puzzles, reading Amish books and taking a simply car ride in the country to watch for deer were a few of Delores' favorites. She also enjoyed baking and made the best chocolate chip cookies. Delores was a wonderful wife and mother and loved her family especially her grandchildren.

Delores was a Baptist by faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.



## Pauline Stemmons

Pauline Stemmons, 99, of Vandalia, formerly of Troy died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Dec. 26 at 1 p.m., at Troy City Cemetery. The Rev Dr. Henry Brewer officiated.

Miss Pauline, as she was called by many, was born March 7, 1921, in Lincoln County, the daughter of William and Ersie Kerr Anderson. Pauline made her first pie, an apple, at the age of nine, and always loved cooking.

Her mother worked caring for other families during the day, and she would bring home recipes for Pauline. She only attended to the eighth grade, because she wanted to start cooking full time. Her family moved to Springfield, where Pauline discovered Scott's Catering. They always had fancy cakes in the window, and she was determined to learn how to make those works of art. She was hired on there, and learned so much about cooking and baking and carried those skills with her.

Later her family moved to Elgin, in 1959 she was offered a job at the Dunham Woods Riding Club. She became famous there for her curried crab soup, chicken salad, lemon bisque, and above all, her orange rolls. For several years she went to work at the Portable Electric Company, and she was the first black woman to hold down the job she had.

When the company closed she returned to the riding club. She ran the entire kitchen, and met several movie stars, many of them asking for her recipes. Pauline made special chocolate angel pies, and they were sent all over the world. Club members sent them to family and friends.

Miss Pauline even had her own cooking show, "Cooking with Pauline." In addition to her career, and her television show, Pauline had a daughter, Imogene, who was her world. Together they were dedicated members of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Troy.

Pauline was a warm, loving, compassionate woman, who brought joy to so many with her delicious pies and cakes. She was a very strong Christian woman, and accomplished so much in her lifetime. Pauline will be remembered lovingly by all those who knew her.

She is survived by a daughter, Imogene Robinson of Troy; a sister, Pansy Sydor of Troy; a sister-in-law, Elsie Cockrell; as well as many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Thomas Anderson, and Ollie Ray; a sister, Nora Powell, and a brother-in-law, George Sydor.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy, MO, 63379.

Friends and family are invited to visit our website at [mccoyblossomfh.com](http://mccoyblossomfh.com) to sign the on-line guest register.

## Ralph V. Crank Jr.

Ralph V. Crank, Jr., formerly of Clarksville, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020 following a brief illness with COVID-19.

A private graveside service for interment of Ralph's ashes will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Ralph grew up in the farming communities of Clarksville, Paynesville and Punkin Center. He attended community schools in Paynesville and Clarksville finishing high school at the consolidation of those schools-Clopton R-III High School. Following graduation Ralph attended Ranken Technical School in St. Louis for training in auto mechanics. Ralph

loved cars and would do some of his own maintenance for many years.

Ralph took a job with then Missouri Edison (later part of Union Electric and now Ameren) in service and sales with a long and distinguished career.

There was some interruption to his time with Missouri Edison as Ralph served in the Missouri National Guard. Through his associations in this job Ralph became a member of the Home Builders Association of St. Louis. This organization brought many friendships and was a source of pride for the activities in which Ralph participated. After his retirement from Ameren, Ralph was active in a group he referred to as "The Old-Timers" fellow retirees from his UE/Ameren days.

In retirement Ralph was a sales associate at Sears in the tool department. Tools were a source of fascination and enjoyment in his skilled hands. He enjoyed wood-working and building things. Many family and friends were gifted with his bookends, coat racks, shelves, and cutting boards. Ralph also served as an OATS driver during his retirement.

To friends and family, Ralph was known as a prolific gardener. He liked to see row upon row of canned green beans lining the shelves as winter approached. He would sometimes be in friendly competition with his aunt Marian Bankhead as to who had managed the most quarts of beans in a given day. He also helped his cousin, Mike Bankhead, counted among his best friends, in hauling pumpkins in the fall.

He is survived by his daughter, Leah Crank Lensing; son-in-law, Dan Lensing; and grandson, Luke Lensing (the apple of his eye). Other survivors include his sister, Debra Crank-Lewis; brother-in-law, Tom Lewis; niece, Rebecca Lewis; nephew, Christian Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Omohundro, aunt and uncle; and numerous cousins.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph V. Crank, Sr. and Willanna Frances Omohundro Crank.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations may be made to the Clarksville United Methodist Church as Ralph grew up in the Methodist tradition.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.



## Tammy Lynn Cook

Services are pending at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes for Tammy Lynn Cook, 57, of Bowling Green.



## Mary Elizabeth Motley

Mary Elizabeth Motley, 85, of Hannibal died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 at her home from natural causes.

Private graveside services were held Sunday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green handled arrangements.

Mary was born Sept. 7, 1935 in Worthington, the daughter of Noah Franklin and Ruby Lucille Adams Glaspie. She married Raymond E. Motley on Feb. 19, 1951 in Bowling Green. He preceded her in death on July 1, 2004.

Surviving are six grandchildren, Yvonne Roberts and husband, Roy, Mark Motley, Bryan McMillan and wife, Teresa, Gregory McMillan and wife, Ashley, Ashley Hawkins and husband, Trent, and Harlan Wommack and wife, Jennie; eight great-grandchildren, three brothers, Wayne Glaspie and wife, Mary Jane of Curryville, Robert Glaspie and wife, Carolyn of Iowa, and George Glaspie of Georgia; and one sister, Nadine Robertson of Hannibal.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Raymond E. Motley; two sons, Kelvin Edward Motley and George David Motley; one daughter, Teresa Lynn Motley Moring; one brother, Carl Glaspie; three sisters, Gladys St. Clair, Karen Fern-

strom, and Judith Smith.

Mary lived in Frankford most of her life with her husband and their children on their farm. She was employed at Bobbie Brooks Garment Factory and Bridal Originals. Mary's hobbies included cooking for her family, gardening, working in her flower beds, reading her Bible, wood-working, crocheting and knitting. She enjoyed many different types of crafting.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com)



## Bonny Askey

Bonny Askey, 74, of Monroe City died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at the First Baptist Church of Monroe City. Bro. Milton Baumgardner will officiate. Burial will be in Vandalia Cemetery following the service.

The service will be streamed live on the Waters Funeral Home Facebook page, starting a few minutes before 11 a.m., Tuesday. The service may also be viewed after the service on Bonny's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com).

A visitation celebrating the life of Bonny Askey will be held from 10 a.m., until the time of service on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Monroe City.

Bonny was born Sept. 6, 1946, in Vandalia, the daughter of Thomas and Helen Michael McDannold. She was united in marriage to Dale Askey on April 9, 1964 at the South Side Baptist Church in Vandalia.

Survivors include her husband, Dale Askey of Monroe City; one son, David Askey and wife, Leigh Ann of Hannibal; a daughter, Kelly Askey Lodes and husband, George of Ballwin; one sister, Lynne Richmond and husband, James of Moberly; five grandsons, James Nahrgang and wife, Juliette, Paul Nahrgang and wife, Sydney, Parker Nahrgang and wife, Ellen, Alec Askey and wife, Ali, and Chase Askey; two granddaughters, Hannah Carpenter and husband, Dylan, and Katy Bier; 10 great-grandchildren; and many other loved family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one great-granddaughter, Eden Nahrgang.

Bonny graduated from Vandalia High School Class of 1964 and went on to further her education at Hannibal-LaGrange College.

Bonny was a member of First Baptist Church of Monroe City where she played the piano for over 45 years. Bonny and Dale recently retired from the music ministry at the First Baptist church of Monroe City. Bonny taught many of the area children how to play the piano over the years as well. She was a great cook and made the best pecan pies around. Bonny loved her family and spending time with them and was often found in the strawberry patch with her grandchildren making memories.

Pallbearers will be James Nahrgang, Paul Nahrgang, Terry Critten, Bill Franklin, Jim Dorsey and Dennis Carson. Honorary pallbearers are Parker Nahrgang, Alec Askey and Chase Askey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Benevolence Fund at First Baptist Church of Monroe City, 221 N Main St., Monroe City, MO, 63456.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Bonny's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com)



## Cindy Church

Cindy Church, 58, of Clarksville died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at the Hannibal Regional Hospital after battling pneumonia for the past two months.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with funeral services immediately following.

Cindy was born Jan. 22, 1962, the

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daughter of Dale and Margaret Walker Hagen and had six children.

Survivors include her children, Bennie Church and wife, Tammy of Bowling Green, Joe Church and wife, Jennifer of Jasper, Tenn., Jimmy Church and wife, Allie of Clarksville; twin daughters, Leah Church and Nathan Martin of Perry, and Sarah Church and Kyle Lucas of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Natalie Church, Mathew Church, Payten Church, Braden Church, Ava Rose Church, Ryleigh Elizabeth McMillan, Lonnie May Martin, Braxton Church, and Addison Church; great-granddaughter, Maicynn Williams; companion, Rick Ochs, Jr.; brothers, Shawn Hagen and wife, Trana of Bowling Green and Donnie Hagen and wife, Amy of Troy; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents; son, Lonnie Dale Church; sisters, Jeanette Martin and Debbie Winchell.

Growing up alongside her siblings in Pleasant Hill, Ill., Cindy attended Pleasant Hill High School and graduated in 1981. After graduation she became a C.N.A. and worked alongside her mother at the former Smith-Barr Manor in Louisiana, then as a medical assistant for Dr. Stephen Justice at his Clarksville office. From there, Cindy spent the next 22 years serving as a housekeeper at Tievoli Hills and the last 15 years as a housekeeper at Overlook Farms, both in Clarksville.

Known to enjoy a good cup of coffee, in her spare time she enjoyed sitting out on her front porch with her coffee, watching her hummingbirds. Cindy loved many things, including the river. She enjoyed living alongside the Mississippi River and fishing. She spent that last 14 years living with her special companion Rick Ochs, Jr. in Clarksville and enjoyed teaching the grandchildren to pick on Big Poppa Rick. She enjoyed her flowers, cooking the best fried chicken and potato salad around, and making sure her grandbabies had a playground and a swimming pool to play in. On the occasions that she slowed down and took time to do something for herself, she enjoyed watching LivePD, Hallmark Channel Christmas Movies and The Polar Express.

Loved by all, Cindy will be truly missed by those that she touched.

Memorials may be made to the donors' choice

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com)



## Sherry Lee Mendonsa

Sherry Lee Mendonsa, 66 of Eolia died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 with her family by her side at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

According to her wishes, private services were held and cremation rites were conducted by Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Sherry was born July 25, 1954 in Troy, the daughter of Forrest Eugene, Jr. and Helena Augusta Vaughn Robinson. As a child, Sherry grew up living all around Missouri and Kansas, as her parents pastored churches. When living back in Foley, she met Buzz Mendonsa. They married June 2, 2007. They moved back to the Mendonsa family farm and built the house they currently share.

Survivors include her husband Buzz Mendonsa of Eolia; a daughter, Nickie Nelson and husband, Richard of Hannibal; one son, Jordan House of Silex; grandchildren, Ian and Kelby Nelson; siblings, Don "Bob" Robinson and wife, Mary of Osage Beach, Norma Hamilton of Fisher, Ind.; 14 nieces and nephews, Anna Keck and Charlie Fraker, John Wayne Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Brad Robinson and wife, Stephanie, Shane Robinson, Rainer Robinson and wife, Claudia, Yvonne Weidenback and husband, Heinz, Tammy Thomas and husband, Paul, Justin Robinson and wife, Donna, Lisa Crosswell and Brian Ardulio, Sarah Robinson, Dwayne Robinson, and Dusty Robinson; 32 great-nieces and nephews; 38 great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Forrest Eugene "Gene" Robinson Jr; nephew, Forrest Eugene "Little Forrest" Robinson III.

Sherry began her working years at Hwy. 79 Meats in Winfield and Browns Processing, before moving away and working for Greeves Grocery Store in Kansas. When she returned to the area, she worked for North's Grocery Store in Elsberry and American Botanicals in Eolia, before working and retiring from CBC Bank

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## OBITUARIES

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In her spare time, Sherry enjoyed scrapbooking and making homemade cards. She enjoyed tending to her yard and planting flowers. She recently panted over 90 tulips and was looking forward to seeing them grow this spring, while sitting outside looking at her hummingbirds. She enjoyed listening to Southern gospel music and being surrounded by her church family as well as her own family and friends. Known for many things, she was known mostly for being Buzz's sweetheart, although she could often be heard calling Nickie and saying, "Do you know what your father did?"

She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made to Eolia Free Holiness Church.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com).

## Marilyn Joann Woodruff

Marilyn Joann Woodruff, 81, of Thomaston, Ga., died Sept. 8, 2020.

A celebration of life for Marilyn Joann can be seen online at [Be In Health.com](http://BeInHealth.com).

She was born Aug. 16, 1939 in Clarksville, the third daughter of Henry and Anna Jaye Tilly Bradshaw. She married Donald Woodruff in 1955 in Tampa, Fla. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Donna Wright and Deborah Knapp.

Marilyn Joann attended Clarksville Schools. She lived many years in Missouri, Florida, Ohio, and Georgia. She had an adventurous spirit with a happy disposition, always seeing beauty in God's world. She loved to travel to each state and outside of the U.S., but found special joy in visiting her hometown, family, and friends. Marilyn Joann was a faithful member of Hope of the Generations Church in Thomaston, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Bradshaw; her mother, Faye Bradshaw Emery; her stepfather, Eugene Emery; sisters, Joyce Bradshaw Myers and Linda Lee Bradshaw Tillmans, and, Donald Woodruff.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Wright of Thomaston, Ga., and Deborah Knapp of Ohio; sisters, Mary Beth Smith of Pittsfield, Ill., and Jeanie Eisenhower of Clarksville; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

## MoDOT 2020 Annual Report Now Available

The 2020 Report to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight, also known as MoDOT's Annual Report, was completed and delivered to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The annual report consists of five documents:

- The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- The Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri
- The Financial Snapshot
- The MoDOT Results document
- The Year in Review

Some highlights of this year's report include MoDOT's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and department successes in delivering cost savings, safety initiatives and quality service to the citizens of Missouri.

It also looks at the growth of the Buckle Up Phone Down program, the many grants MoDOT received last year, the progress of Governor Parson's Focus on Bridges program and a variety of other accomplishments.

The Annual Report and all its components are available online here: [modot.org/modot-annual-report](http://modot.org/modot-annual-report).

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## Survey Finds 47 Percent Likely To Return Clothes After Holidays

As we enter a new year, consumers may find themselves still returning any post-holiday presents. However, according to TopCashback.com, the USA's most generous cashback site, 34 percent of Americans may find themselves re-gifting an item they are unable to return.

The survey polled a cross-section of 1,875 adults, aged 18 and over.

What are you returning?

Top three items people will most likely return:

- Clothes (47 percent)
  - Don't know (13 percent)
  - Tech (10 percent)
- What is the main reason you return a gift? [Top four responses]
- Not the right size (37 percent)
  - Not my style/taste (27 percent)
  - It will never be used (15 percent)
  - Already have a similar item (12 percent)

How will you be making returns this year?

- In-store (59 percent)
- Through the mail (41 percent)

The survey also found that 83 percent of respondents are more likely to shop at an online store that offers free returns.

The fine print of return policies Do you research/read the return policy before returning an item?

- Yes (80 percent)
- No (20 percent)

Do you return gifts on time or end up having to keep them because you missed the deadline?

- Return gifts on time. (79 percent)

End up having to keep gifts. (21 percent)

What do you do with unwanted gifts you can't return?

- Regift it (34 percent)
- Donate to charity (28 percent)
- Sell it (23 percent)
- Keep it (15 percent)

To make post-holiday returns a little less hectic, here are four returns tips from Rebecca Gramuglia, Consumer Expert at TopCashback.com.

•Research the return policies and deadlines. Skip the post-holiday, gift-return headache by researching policies and deadlines ahead of time.

And don't worry, you don't need to return everything before 2021—some deadlines are extended well into the new year.

•Have all of your paperwork. Whether it's the receipt, packing slip, tags that still need to be intact or anything else, make sure you have everything packed (if you're returning the item via mail) or with you if you return your products in-store. Making the return on-time and having all of your necessary items with you will not only help make the process go smoother, but it will also likely guarantee you a full refund. Pro-tip: If you are sending a package back in the mail, either make a copy or take a photo of the tracking number on the label to ensure your return is delivered and that you will get a refund.

•Avoid peak return times. Before you think about returning or exchanging your unwanted holiday gifts immediately after Christmas, hold off a few days or even a week. Avoid peak times altogether and make holiday returns in the early mornings and weeknight evenings. Not only will you likely be in a less-hecky returns environment, but chances are you'll also find heavily discounted goods you can exchange for.

•Don't be shy—ask for the gift receipt. If you plan on returning a gift, don't be afraid to ask for the receipt. Often if an item is on sale and you don't have the receipt in hand, retailers will refund you the current sale price of an item via store credit or the money will get put back on the original method of payment (i.e. money will get put on the buyer's credit card).

•Know your return options. Safety is a big priority this holiday season and it's important to know your return options. Whether you pay to send an item back, have free shipping labels, head to the store or drop off the item for curbside returns, do your research ahead of time to avoid waiting in long lines and crowds.

## MSF Youth In Ag Scholarship Deadline Is Feb. 1

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2021. The application form can be found on the Fair's website. Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2021. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies.

These scholarships are possible thanks to the gracious contributions of many individuals and companies supporting Youth in Agriculture. A total of 40 scholarships amounting to \$68,500, the largest amount offered, will be awarded:

- one \$5,000 platinum scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters,

- one \$2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners/Sydenstricker Genetics,

- four \$2,500 supreme scholarships sponsored by the Missouri State Fair Foundation,

- and thirty-four 1,500 scholarships sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters.

Applicants must be high school seniors and active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university in the state of Missouri. Applicants are not required to pursue a degree in

agriculture, however, a five point bonus will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in agriculture during the selection process.

Missouri State Fair scholarships are funded through the generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors, hometown supporters and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions; the sponsors and buyers list is available here. A portion of each animal's sale price is allocated to the scholarship program.

Additional support is also provided by the Missouri State Fair Ham and Bacon auctions, Edward Jones Associates, Randy Little of Republic, Nutrien Ag Solutions of Hannibal, Walmart of Sedalia, Missouri State Rabbit Producers Association, and Casey's General Stores.

## Little Ones

A son, Everett Lee, was born Friday, Jan. 1 to Brice and Ashley Harvey of Perry at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill. The little man weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Aaron and Angela Rentfro of Vandalia and Chris and Stacy Davenport, Hannibal. Great-grandparents are Mark and Carolyn Stokes, Bowling Green, Richard and Vickie Rentfro of Vandalia, Dean and Donna Ehret, New London and Jim and Lola Miller of Hannibal.

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## Card Of Thanks

The family of Gregory Jay Tipton wishes to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who showed us sympathy during our grief.

Our thanks for all our extended family, relatives, neighbors, and friends who showed, helped, and supported us prior to, during, and after the celebration of his life in their so many different ways for which are really appreciative.

A special thanks to Ryan Bibb and his staff, the doctors and nurses at Hannibal Regional COVID ICU Unit, Pastor Mike Dallas and family, Lori Kottwitz, Dawn Bell, Karen Kerns, and Angelia Silvey who made the celebration so special. Also to the many others who made the celebration truly memorable.

Pam Tipton

Gregory, Mindy & Jacob Tipton

Brandi Tipton Smith,

Jazlyn & Brody

"In Memory of the Sweetest Friend"

## Doris Scherder

What a loss I received this week of a "true friend" of about the last 25 years.

First, in 1995 I lost my "true love" Joe Henry of 43 years to cancer. Soon after I relocated to town from the farm.

I soon needed a new circle of friends and invited a nice group of ladies to my house for an evening of "gab", food, and fun for a New Year's Eve social.

As our friendships increased in companionship and "safety in numbers", we took some lovely trips near and far. What started out as a group of "8" that actually travelled together soon added up to many more for daily or weekly coffee gatherings and annual Christmas parties held at MeMe's each year. The requirements to be part of the group was that you liked your coffee black and loved to hear the latest gossip!!

The blessings of these friendships were the joy of caring in our community!

Sadly, the first loss from our group was Willene Gamm who always had the games to play and fun stunts and decorations. Other losses were Bert Marshall and Helen Hurd who are so sadly missed. Wanda Hanson has relocated to Columbia to be near her daughter as well as Peggy Schumacher to Troy.

Today, I'm so sorry for the loss of my dearest and true friend, Doris Scherder, for the last 25+ years. She was my "Partner in Crime"! We never had an argument or a harsh word between us. You will never be forgotten.

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Darlene Bruch



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## Card Of Thanks

The family of Richard Baker would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Richard's illness and premature death. The cards, flowers, calls, texts, food, and condolences are greatly appreciated.

Your kindness means more than you could ever imagine. Please continue to show kindness to others to honor Richard's memory.

Thank you and God bless!

Jamie Baker

Brandon Baker & Family

Jared Baker & Family

Paige Nicole Baker

Marie Baker

Kim (David) Luebrecht & Family

## Card Of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,

Or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,

If so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words

As any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all

Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console the heart,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

## The Families Of Lil Straube

R.J. & Annice Allensworth

Chris & Vickie Straube

Willis Straube

Lucy Scherder



All classified ads are payable in advance. 30-cents per word, \$3 minimum. Deadline: Monday at noon.

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ALL AMERICAN PUMPING & DRAIN - Sewer and drain cleaning, septic cleaning, clogged drains. David Charl-ton, 324-9932. (tf)

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### SERVICES

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BROWN'S SEPTIC PUMP-ING - Commercial or residen-tial, portable toilet rental, job sites, special events, auctions. Brown's Septic Pumping, 206 Brown Lane, Louisiana, 754-5812. (tf)

### OPENING FOR FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYMENT

The Pike County Clerk's office is accepting applications for a full-time deputy clerk. Strong accounting skills are re-quired. Excel knowledge is pre-ferred. Candidate must also possess knowledge of general of-fice skills, computers, and excel-lent organizational skills. Applications are available at the County Clerk's Office, 2nd floor of the Pike County Court-house, 115 W. Main Street, Bowl-ing Green. No phone calls please. Starting pay rate is \$12 per hour. Benefits after 60 days probation period. Pike County does not discriminate because of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or age. Pre-employ-ment drug screening is required. Applications along with re-sumes will be accepted through Jan. 15, 2021 at 4:30 PM. **Laura Stumbaugh, County Clerk**

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**Lifeguards**  
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Both management and lifeguards will be required to clean and sanitize bathrooms, office, tables, lounge chairs, etc. multiple times daily.  
*Please submit resumes and applications by Feb. 26, 2021 to: City of Bowling Green, ATTN: Linda Lue-brecht, 16 West Church Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334.*  
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**Christmas Tree Pickup**

The City of Bowling Green Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees, weather per-mitting, next Monday, Jan. 11, 2021. Please have trees at curb Monday morning. Call city hall at 573-324-5451 or Alliance Water Resources at 573-324-2660 if you have any questions.  
**Linda Luebrecht, City Clerk**

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