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Bowling Green City Park Is Vandalized Again

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

Bowling Green city officials are asking for the public's help to stop an increase in vandalism at the city



Michael R. Rueckert

Minnesota Man In Custody, Another Evaded Police

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
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Last week, officers with the Bowling Green Police Department conducted searches for a subject who fled from a traffic stop.

According to the Bowling Green Police Department, the subject has active warrants from the state of Minnesota.

After officers stopped the vehicle with Minnesota plates, the driver and passenger fled on foot.

An image of the man was shared on the department's social media page. Despite being shared nearly 200 times within the community, the subject evaded police.

According to Bowling Green Police Chief, Don Nacke, his sources have stated the man has since returned to Minnesota.

Although one subject got away, officers apprehended Michael R. Rueckert. He was wanted by Minnesota police for a parole violation.

He was taken to the Pike County Jail to await extradition to Minnesota.

No name was provided for the subject still at large.

parks.

The most recent act – breaking off electrical outlet covers – is something that might go unnoticed by many park goers, but still cost the city money and occurred directly after efforts to improve electric service to the parks.

"The Bowling Green Park Board and the City of Bowling Green has been trying to improve the parks over time," the city posted on social media. "They recently started the process to update the electric to provide for more events in the park. Outlets such as these for vendors who require electric for various events and more voltage for bands for your enjoyment."

According to the city, the outlets all had covers which have all been broken after only a few days. They shared a picture of 10 electrical boxes which provide service for events.

"As you can see, they have all been broken off," the post continued. "Right after this was installed three were immediately broken off... a couple of days later and the total was up to five. Now they all are."

"The covers to replace are approximately \$5 each," City Administrator Linda Luebrecht said. "So, this is not a costly thing, but the park board and the city are trying to improve the park and provide more entertainment in the future. We are still having quite a bit of vandalism in the park. Carving in the beams or tables in the shelter, littering, etc."

Other citizens spoke of how vandalism has occurred at the Little Explorers Park since it was first installed.

"The park board works very hard to bring things to the park for the entertainment of everyone," the city's post continued. "Whether it be playground equipment, benches, to trees, flowers and shrubs. Alliance spends a lot of time keeping it looking neat. Please talk to your family, kids, friends, etc who use the park. Please encourage them to treat the park grounds as their own. The park board and the city cannot continue to spend money on things that will only get destroyed."

Anyone with information about the vandalism is asked to contact City Hall at 573-324-5451 or the BG Police Department at 573-324-3200.

Louisiana Man Arrested For Domestic Assault

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
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On Wednesday, June 16 officers with the Louisiana Police Department were dispatched to 121 Prospect Dr. Louisiana in reference to a domestic assault in progress between a male and female subject.

While on-scene, an investigation was conducted, and probable cause was established to arrest a Joseph Francis Ardeneaux for domestic assault.

Ardeneaux was transported to the Pike County Sheriff's Office and placed on a 24 hour hold while charges were submitted to Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison for review.

On June 17, a warrant was issued for Ardeneaux for the criminal offense of domestic assault third degree (felony) signed by the Honorable Judge Milan Berry. A bond of \$2,500 with 10 percent cash was issued with the warrant.

(Please note all persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law).

Fr. Cummings' Death Is Reminder Of Arrest

BY BRENT ENGEL
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June 11 marked passing of priest who was part of landmark freedom of speech case

Friday marks the passing of an area Catholic priest who was part of a landmark freedom of speech case.

Father John Cummings was arrested after saying Mass at St. Joseph Church in Louisiana on Sept. 3, 1865. It's what he didn't say that got him in hot water.

Cummings had failed to take the loyalty oath outlined in the state's new constitution. It required people across many professions to declare they had never been disloyal to the United States. The move was seen as a vindictive effort to entrap former Confederates from the Civil War. Cummings was indicted by 12

Pike County jurists, all of whom had taken the oath. A judge who had also sworn allegiance found him guilty, but Cummings refused to pay the fine -- which would today be about \$7,000.

The Missouri Supreme Court upheld the conviction, but in a 5 to 4 decision the U.S. Supreme Court overturned it.

Mass is still said at St. Joseph in Louisiana. In addition to serving there, Father Cummings was the pastor at a parish near Monroe City. He died at age 33 on June 11, 1873, and is buried in St. Louis.

Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black would later call the Cummings decision "one more of the Constitution's great guarantees of liberty."

New Display Will Enliven History At Louisiana Museum



A portion of the authentic Union flag that will be unveiled at the Louisiana Area Historical Museum from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, July 3.

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Louisiana Area Historical Museum has been missing a companion for one of its signature Civil War exhibits, but that's about to change.

The museum at 304 Georgia Street will unveil an authentic Union flag to go with a restored First Flag of the Confederacy when the facility opens for its regular Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 3. The large banner is a gift from the family of

Photo by Brent Engel

Dr. Edward Glenn, a museum board member.

"We are very pleased to receive this authentic and unique Union flag, and we appreciate this significant donation by the Glenn family that adds so much to our Civil War exhibits," said Museum President Judy Schmidt.

"This flag was in our family's collection of Civil War artifacts," Glenn added. "It was part of my mother's estate and was taken to Virginia by my sister."

One of the features that makes the standard extraordinary is...well, Schmidt would rather wait until the unveiling to offer details, but suffice to say the flag's origin is pretty remarkable and can be pinpointed by the number of stars that appear on it.

In preparation for shipping to Glenn in Louisiana, the banner was folded in acid-free packing and sealed by conservators from Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. Restoration work began in February. Schmidt and her husband, Carl, and Glenn and his wife, Pat, took it for

framing to Creative Art Services in St. Louis.

A linen fabric was selected as a backing to enhance the natural colors. The ensign was spread out on the linen and fold lines were carefully ironed out by the company before being hand-sewn every two inches to the backing. All work had to be reversible without impacting the condition of the material. Wood for the frame is old pine, which came from salvaged floor joists at an 1850s St. Louis area home.

The Union colors will be mounted next to a First Flag of the Confederacy that has been on display at the museum since 2016. It was donated by former Louisiana resident Dan Strode of New London, who bought it from a descendant of Pike County Confederate soldier Samuel Minor. Creative Art Services also did restoration work on it.

Schmidt said the Union flag's addition will only enhance the cultural and educational experience of visitors.

"The Louisiana Area Historical Museum is primarily an 'artifact' museum, displaying Missouri's history through our pioneers' tools, household items, clothing, educational books, governmental changes and even our conflicts," Schmidt said. "It is important that we study the past artifacts to improve our way of living, and to study those past conflicts to avoid the tragedies they cause."

Museum admission is always free, but donations are always accepted. The unveiling of another exhibit is tentatively being planned for Aug. 7 to coincide with Missouri's bicentennial celebration on Aug. 10.

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The Kill List

Pike County Residents Targeted in 1864 Rampage

Editor's note: Following is part four of a story by award-winning print and broadcast journalist, historian and public relations professional Brent Engel of Louisiana.

It would be surprising if Caleb Dorsey wasn't on The Kill List, the Civil War register of Pike County residents targeted for death due to their Confederate support.

He was one of the reasons the Union funneled more troops into the area during the spring and summer of 1864. The 30-year-old Louisiana farmer quietly was recruiting dozens of his neighbors for the rebel cause.

Advertising was unnecessary. While the same could likely be said of Northern sympathizers, many Pike County residents who supported the South had grown tired of living in fear of reprisals. Dorsey mostly remained low-key, but certainly knew how to make a splash when he wanted. A newspaper reported he once showed up for Sunday services at Buffalo Knob Church near Louisiana in full Confederate uniform. A colleague, Maj. John N. Edwards, described the colorful commander as "among the most soldierly and dashing" of the rebel officers.

The fourth of 11 children, Dorsey was from a prestigious family that had arrived in Virginia in the 1650s and later moved to Maryland. Dorsey was a year old when his parents, Edward and Eleanor, came to Pike County. Before the war, he was a sergeant in a Union cavalry company.

After the death of his father in 1858, Dorsey maintained the family's land holdings worth what would today be more than \$700,000. Upon the outbreak of hostilities, he sold inheritance rights to an older brother for the 2021 equivalent of almost \$86,000 to become an officer with a Confederate cavalry unit. He also commanded a rebel infantry brigade.

Family conversations during the war likely were tense. Dorsey's mother and several siblings held Confederate sympathies. However, his sister, Mary, was the wife of James Broadhead, a high-ranking Union officer and one-time Bowling Green attorney. Another sister,

Comfort, was married to former Congressman and Union-supporting Judge Gilchrist Porter.

Proof that they spoke at least occasionally came after Caleb was captured by Union forces near the Osage River on Feb. 15, 1862.

Broadhead requested parole, claiming his brother-in-law would make amends once he returned to Pike County. Caleb was released from a Massachusetts military cell in a prisoner exchange on Aug. 27, 1862, and rejoined Confederate comrades the day he got back to Missouri.

"Those good family influences that Broadhead alluded to included a mother and three sisters who were devoting all of their time to sewing Confederate uniforms and assisting the Confederate soldiers in Pike County," wrote author Lynne Roberts.

Dorsey popped up across Missouri and in Arkansas over the next two years, but avoided recapture even when returning home. In 1864, he was rounding up troops for a last big push planned by Confederate general and former governor Sterling Price.

Dorsey's inclusion on The Kill List would have made sense, because he was "one of the most successful behind-the-Union-lines Confederate recruiters throughout the Civil War in Northeast Missouri," wrote Bruce Nichols in "Guerilla Warfare in Civil War Missouri."

The under-the-radar approach infuriated Gen. Clinton Fisk, who commanded the Union's District of Northern Missouri. He was more determined than ever to catch the "ghost rider." In part because of Dorsey's efforts, Fisk wrote on July 1, 1864, that "serious troubles exist in Pike County."

The original Kill List, supposedly featured 52 names, has been lost, but the first victim was former Confederate soldier Meredith Jett, who was shot to death on May 31, 1864 – allegedly at the hands of soldiers belonging to the Union's 7th Kansas Cavalry.

The next week, the Louisiana Journal reported a man named Murphy was killed near Ashley. Available records do not list a first name or provide more de-

tails, but soldiers of the 7th again were blamed. The Union-supporting paper said Murphy was "a peaceable citizen" whose only offense was that he would not let the soldiers to take his horse.

"Well, may we inquire in what country do we live in, and to what state of society are we drifting?" the paper indignantly asked.

Even if Murphy was not on The Kill List, dozens of other Pike County men certainly would have qualified, including:

*John Quincy Burbridge, 34, a Louisiana banker and Confederate colonel who once urged his troops that instead of killing enemy soldiers outright, they should aim for the waist because such a wound "nearly always gives the victim time to prepare to meet his Maker."

*Burbridge's 30-year-old brother, Clinton Dewitt Burbridge, who was awaiting a second trial on spying charges after the first was called off due to a technicality. He and John recruited hundreds of men to the rebel cause.

*Eighteen-year-old Samuel Minor, a member of Dorsey's regiment whose youthful looks twice helped him avoid capture – once by posing as a 10-year-old boy and another time by claiming he was an agriculture student at the University of Missouri.

*Cavalry Lt. Thomas Dalton, 32, of Bowling Green, a New Hampshire native who was orphaned at seven and grew up on an uncle's Ohio farm later owned by President James Garfield. "Though he was a New Englander by birth, he was a Missourian by adoption and at the opening of the war joined the ranks of the confederacy," the Bowling Green Times noted.

*Retired Capt. Archer Bankhead, 30, a livestock dealer and direct descendant of President Thomas Jefferson, who lived at what is now Eolia.

*Eighteen-year-old Champ Shaw, a private from the Eolia area who was one of Price's bodyguards.

But of all The Kill List's potential victims, one person may have stood out simply because a different pronoun had to be used.

Next time: Fearless Fannie.

Donations Needed For Louisiana July 4 Fireworks

The Louisiana Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for help funding this year's Fourth of July fireworks display.

Donation buckets have been set up throughout Louisiana if you'd like to donate. The thousands of dollars paid each year for the annual fireworks display is paid for solely by the chamber and the donations received.

Donations can be mailed to the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce at 202 South Third St., Ste 207, Louisiana, MO 63353. Checks should be made to the Louisiana

Chamber of Commerce and include "fireworks" in the memo line.

Donations will also be accepted Friday, June 25 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the intersection of Hwy. 54 and Third St.

Volunteers are still needed for the collections, if you'd like sign up to work please contact the chamber via the Chamber's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaChamberofCommerce>. You can also sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48A4AC2AA6FD0-firework1>

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Graver Receives Scholarship

Bob Kirkpatrick, left, Board Treasurer of Champ Clark Honey Shuck Restoration Inc., presents a \$500 check June 4 to 2021 Bowling Green High School graduate Claire Graver. Also pictured, from left, are her family, mother Susan, father John, grandmother Rose Sippely and brother Caleb. Pictured at back is Champ Clark reenactor and Honey Shuck Board Member Alan Hiles. Graver plans to major in elementary education at Columbia College. There were three other applicants for the annual scholarship, which has been made possible since 2003 by the Dr. Eleanor Schewe Fund and Honey Shuck.

Orf Graduates From Quincy U

Quincy University hosted its 158th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8 in Pepsi Arena at two different times, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., so that participant and audience sizes can be restricted. The May 2021 graduating class is comprised of 203 undergraduates, with an additional 27 graduate degree recipients.

Brittany Nicole Orf received a bachelor of science in Human Services.

The procession was led by university marshal, Reverend John Doctor, O.F.M., D.Viv., '72; assistant marshals, David Kirchhofer, Ph.D., professor of physics and Scott Ludaders, Ph.D., professor of chemistry. Brian McGee, Ph.D., president, convened the ceremony, Reverend William Spencer O.F.M., M.Div., '70 director of campus ministry, delivered the invocation and Fr. John Doctor delivered the benediction. Senior choir members Makayla Briggs, Courtney Crane, Joshua Crowl, Samuel Dus, Veronica Holschlag, Nicole Maag, Brendan

Nelson, Troy Potts, Rachel Reinbeck, David Webb and Jeffery Zellerman performed the National Anthem and the Quincy University Alma Mater.

Attendance was limited at each ceremony, consistent with the CDC and the Adams County Health Department guidelines. Masks were required for audience members, and physical distancing was practiced. The ceremonies were live-streamed at <https://www.glvcsn.com/quincy/> for guests unable to attend.

President McGee delivered this year's commencement address, as well as the degree investiture. McGee has served as the university president since July 2019. McGee came to Quincy University from the College of Charleston in South Carolina, where he served for several years as provost and executive vice president. He has over 25 years of experience as a university administrator and professor, with stints at Spalding University in Kentucky, the University of Louisiana Monroe and Texas Tech University.

Louisiana Library Announces Story Hours In The Park

Friends of the Louisiana Library and GFWC Chautauqua will have story hours at the park every Wednesday in July.

Children ages four-seven and eight-12 are invited to attend the story hours at Sunset Park on Georgia Street each Wednesday from 2-3 p.m.

Children will hear read alouds, do a craft and receive small gift items to celebrate "Tails and Tales" on July 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Children attending the story hours are asked to register for each by calling the library at 754-4491 or stopping by the library.

Learn About MO Wild Turkey Numbers

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites turkey hunters, landowners and managers interested in wild turkeys, and others to join its Wild Webcast on "Wild Turkeys in Missouri: Population Trends and MDC Management" on Tuesday, June 29, at noon.

MDC Wild Turkey Biologist Reina Tyl will discuss factors that have contributed to Missouri wild turkey numbers and MDC management efforts regarding wild turkeys. The discussion will include information on wild turkey numbers over the years and why they are where they are today; how weather, predators, and habitat impact turkey num-

bers; MDC turkey management and research efforts; how harvest impacts turkey numbers; and more. Webcast participants can also share their questions for Tyl to answer.

Register in advance for the MDC Wild Webcast on "Wild Turkeys in Missouri: Population Trends and MDC Management" online at short.mdc.mo.gov/ZHk. Participants will be emailed a registration confirmation and instructions for joining the live webcast on Tuesday, June 29 from noon-1 p.m.

Learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.

Camera Bag Raffle Part Of Photo Contest

Pike County photographers entering the "People, Places and Faces of Missouri" photo contest sponsored by the Louisiana Public Library, the Friends of the Louisiana Library, the Louisiana Library Board and Chautauqua will receive a free entry for the Domke camera bag raffle. Others may purchase tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from library board members or at the Louisiana Public Library says Holly Mabry, librarian.

The photo contest is to celebrate Missouri's bicentennial. Entries are due to the Louisiana Public Library Thursday, Aug. 24. Color or black and white photos 8" x 10" but not larger than 11" x 14". Entries must be framed or matted. The photographer must supply contact information with submission. Entry fee is \$10 and forms are available at the Louisiana Public Library. Cash prizes of \$75 for Best in Show. Three runner-up prizes of \$20 will be awarded. Photographers may have a buy option on their photos A 10 percent fee will be charged by the Friends of the Louisiana Library.

Winners of the photography contest will be announced Thursday, Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. The winner of the camera bag will also be announced at that time. Light refreshments will be served. Photos will be on display during the month of September at the Louisiana Public Library, 121 N. Third, Louisiana. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information call the library at 754-4491.

Area Students Named To Missouri State Dean's List

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale).

More than 5,000 students were named to the spring 2021 dean's list. These area students made the list:

Michael Kelly of Elsberry; Megan Kemp of Middletown; Katy Millwood of Middletown; and Elizabeth Yannielli of Bowling Green.

Area Students Named To Mizzou Dean's List

The University of Missouri spring semester 2021 dean's list is now available. During the spring 2021 semester, 10,962 undergraduate students earned the academic distinction to be named to the dean's list.

VANDALIA

Treyson E. Culwell, junior, agr-food and natural resources.

Joshua W.P. Hodde, senior, engineering.

Colten Scott Jensen, senior, Alyse K. Jensen, sophomore, nursing

Parker S. Wallace, senior

BOWLING GREEN

Sarah Nicole Akers, sophomore, education.

Andrew Craig Bowen, sophomore, business.

Nicholas Minh Hoac, sophomore, health professions.

Allyson R. Huber, junior, health professions.

Kaylyn P. Mckee, senior, arts and science.

Jack Alan Norton, senior, agr-food and natural resources.

Madeline Sabina Norton, sophomore, nursing.

CURRYVILLE

Elise P. Bailey, senior, Clint Thomas Bailey, sophomore, agr-food and natural resources.

EOLIA

Olivia M. Brune, sophomore, agr-food and natural resources.

Emily J. Brune, senior.

Katelynn Rose Hammett, senior, Nicholas Melvin Stone, junior, agr-food and natural resources.

FRANKFORD

Caleigh Elisabeth Grote, junior, agr-food and natural resources.

LOUISIANA

Olivia Grace Blackmore, sophomore, business.

Spencer Pershing Butler, junior, engineering.

Gianna Carmen Mandile, senior, business.

Allyson Paige Minor, senior, arts and science.

Titania M Niedner, sophomore, nursing.

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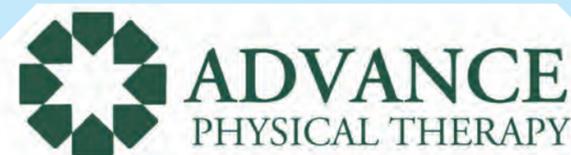
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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

My wife, Karen, and I just returned from a visit to the Ark Experience, the Creation Museum, and a conference. As we turned on to Highway 61 it was relief knowing that we were almost home. As we turned on to Business 61, relaxation and peace appeared and us reminding us of how much we love Bowling Green. We were slowing down to the pace of our town from the hustle and strain of Nashville speed, lane changes, stop and go traffic due to construction and accidents, and the mass of humanity in big cities. We were HOME! Thank you Bowling Green for the life style we have here.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Thanks also Bowling Green taxpayers for allowing your city leaders to make decisions on how to spend this money especially for the improvements of water and sewer lines and our streets. I have been contacted by several saying how good the streets look...finally. We have said unofficially that there will be NO cutting into these streets for utility repairs and then patching. All repairs will have to go under the streets. Many thanks to: Four Point Engineering, McClure Construction, and Mid-America Asphalt for jobs well done. Unfortunately, these are out of town businesses whereas we try to utilize local businesses and services as much as possible. If our city does not offer these types of companies, we are forced to go out of town. "WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID."

I am very appreciative as I read of all the volunteers that are reaching out in our area communities to help with various services, projects, and reaching out to help people. I am also appreciative as we are building up our neighborhoods with new housing and beautifying our yards. We should take pride in what we have in our community and how it looks. Bowling Green Pride! I am disappointed that our town is seeing an uptick in vandalism, however; especially in the big park. I ask that any who walk or

take their children to the park and see vandalism occurring to please notify the police or call city hall. The park board is allocated sales tax dollars to provide opportunities for social, physical, educational, and relational interactions. They try to upgrade our parks each year. Vandalism only destroys and discourages from upgrading and improving developmental opportunities.

As the heat is escalating, I encourage everyone to hydrate and take advantage of our city swimming pool. It provides a cooling station and fun in the sun for all ages. The pool is a major source for physical enjoyment and socialization for all ages, but especially our children and youth. Both of these concepts are essential for physical and mental health and are not simply seasonal pursuits but year-round need for all ages regardless of sex, race/ethnicity, geographic location, and socioeconomic status.

Another big park event is this Saturday, June 26, with the Park and Recreation's BBQ Bash. The Bubble Bus of St. Charles will be there from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Small Batch Winery, the new Ice house with shaved ice, beer outside, Wood Hat Spirits, food and other vendors, plus live music will be on hand from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Come join in the fun and excitement. Support our local activities as you enjoy these summer months after a long winter of isolation and confinement. Many thanks go to the park board and Dena, park's coordinator, for all their time and effort to make this annual activity a success. Bring your umbrellas and chairs, your appetites and thirsts, your families and friends, your swim suits and towels, and enjoy 2021 Summer of Fun!

The Twin Pike YMCA had their 5K Color Run last Saturday in our Big Park and they had 42 runners participate. They also reached their goal financially. Good job, Bowling Green, for supporting this great cause!

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On June 26: Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association's planning committee will meet at 10 a.m., at The Trimble House (Main and South Carolina streets). Plans for the annual, all-school reunion events (on Oct. 2), the annual newsletter and more will be discussed. All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

On July 9: St. Joseph Ladies Altar Sodality will hold a pulled pork dinner at Seton Hall in Louisiana from 4:30-7 p.m. Dinner will include pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, pasta salad, dessert and drink. A child's plate for five years and under will include sandwich, potato chips, dessert and drink. Dine-in or carry-out. Music by Judy Allwood from 5-6 p.m.

Honeyshuck Openings

BY LARRY TWELLMAN
The board at Champ Clark Honeyshuck Restoration announced that they would be opening the house for tours on Friday afternoons in July. The house will be open for tours starting July 9; from 1:30-4 p.m. Tours will also be available on July 16, July 23, and July 30 for the same hours. Refreshments will be available and donations will be accepted. We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the

19th Amendment, giving women the Right to Vote. We invite visitors to look over the names of over 100 women living in Pike County and the surrounding area, who pledged their commitment to vote for Champ Clark in 1920. You might find the name of a relative or a family friend. Enter a drawing for three door prizes that will be awarded on July 30, 2021.

Looking forward to seeing you at Honeyshuck!

Fathers Honored At Bethel AME Church

The Susianna Houston Missionary Society of Bethel AME Church honored the fathers of their congregation, with a meal and gift.

A meal was served, and each one of the men received a gift from the Society.

Gifts were presented to: the Rev. C. Jessel Strong, Scott Yates, Grant Hemphill, Darrell Chatman and Frank Raspberry, also Fathers that will receive their gift that was un-

able to attend will be, LaMont Davis, Eddie Wheeler and Ricky Gardner.

The Missionary Society are very proud of the Men of the Church, they continue to serve Faithfully, in the Church, working with Fish Fries, taking care of the Building When needed so the Missionary Society wanted to Honor them on this Special Day. door prizes that will be awarded on July 30, 2021.

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Vandalia Library News

Tails and Tales is the theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Vandalia Library.

Sign up started June 1. They have two reading programs. The pre k program is for children four and under. The children's program is for children ages five-13. They have five programs scheduled. The first

will be on Monday, June 28 at 10 a.m.

Kathi Moore with the Department of Conservation will be doing a program. Let's keep reading this summer! Stop by the library at 312 S. Main to register. If you have any questions please call the library at 594-6600.

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OBITUARIES



Karma Lynn Niemeyer

Karma Lynn Niemeyer, 41, of Bowling Green, formerly of Jacksonville, Ill., died peacefully from cancer on Thursday, June 10, 2021 in her home while holding hands with her mother and daughter.

Karma requested a visitation with no funeral; cremation; and at a later date, a Celebration of Life.

Visitation for Karma was Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Karma was born Oct. 29, 1979 in Jacksonville, Ill., to Judy Niemeyer and Gordon Shepherd. She grew up in Jacksonville with her sister, Krystal. She was active in USA Track and Field and AAU, and traveled extensively around the United States to compete. Karma loved to swim and spent several years working as a lifeguard for the YMCA. During high school, she played volleyball, where she challenged opponents to return a wicked jump serve. She was also a member of the track team, specializing in discus.

Less active high school endeavors included FBLA, the school newspaper, and band, where she played the flute, the piccolo, and was a flag bearer. Upon graduation, Karma received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where she played volleyball, continued her track and field career, sang in the United States Naval Academy Gospel Choir, and taught numerous cadets how to swim. She established many lifelong friendships at the academy and became an honorary member of her host family.

When she left the academy, Karma attended the University of Maryland College Park in Columbia, Maryland for a year before returning home and enrolling in the Capital Area School of Nursing in Springfield, Illinois, where she graduated as valedictorian. She worked several years at St. John's Hospital; then The Wells Center; several nursing homes; and a doctor's office. Her most recent job was at Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green where she served as the infection control nurse.

Survivors include her mother, Judy Niemeyer; a daughter, Kaya; brothers, Alex and Paul; sisters, Krystal, Brittany, Roma, Debra, and Deneen; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She left many friends behind as well.

Karma was preceded in death by her father; an infant son, Corey Christopher; her brother, Corey; her sister, Jodie; five uncles; both sets of grandparents; and numerous cousins.



L. Joan Skirvin Garrett Myers

L. Joan Skirvin Garrett Myers was born Sept. 12, 1932 in Hamburg, Ill., the first daughter of Charles Vinton and Martha Sevier Skirvin. She married Louis T. Garrett in 1951 and they had three sons, Louis "Shovelhead" Garrett and Terry Wayne Garrett, Sr., and husband, Chris, both of Louisiana, and Jerry Garrett and wife, Jana of Seneca, Ill. Joan and Louis divorced in 1977. She then married Russel Myers in 1997. He left her side that same year.

Joan attended the schools of Clarksville and graduated with the last graduating class of 1950. She attended Illinois Valley Community College in Spring Valley, Ill., for two years where she graduated with a degree in applied science. She became a registered nurse in 1979. She lived and worked in Marseilles, Ill., and retired from Rivershores Nursing Home after serving and taking care of patients for 22 years. Upon retiring, she moved back to her beloved Missouri in 1994.

She looked forward to playing bingo on Saturday and enjoyed cooking meals and desserts for friends and family. An avid watcher of "Wheel of Fortune", she never missed a game with Pat and Vanna.

She went to be with her Lord and

Savior on Saturday, June 12, 2021 peacefully with her family near her side.

She is survived by her three sons, grandchildren, Terry Garrett, Jr., and wife, Pam and Luke Garrett, both of Louisiana, Eric Garrett of Ohio, Travis Garrett and wife, Ashley of Marseilles, Ill., Melisa Crandell and Brandee Litty, both of Mt. Home, Ark., Jenae Wise of Seneca and Shawn Erickson of Tempe, Ariz.; 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Ruth Poyner and husband, Evert of Pittsfield, Beverly Yokem of Quincy, Larry Skirvin and wife, Kay of Pleasant Hill, Charles Skirvin of Belleview and Faith Skirvin of Belleview; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

She was greeted into the pearly gates by her parents, sister, Phyllis Skirvin and brothers, Doug Skirvin, Lonnie Skirvin and Mike West and by her beloved, Fi-Fi.

Cremation rites are being accorded. No formal services are planned at this time.

Lummis Funeral Home in Pleasant Hill, Ill., is handling the arrangements.



Corey Paul Mitchell

On Thursday, June 10, 2021 Corey Paul Mitchell unexpectedly went home to be with Lord where he was greeted with "Well done, good and faithful servant." He was a man filled with life, love, generosity, and compassion.

He impacted the lives of all who met him with his contagious personality and smile. Corey was a radical follower of Jesus who shared his unshakeable faith with everyone. He allowed the light of Christ to shine through him in every aspect of life.

He spent his days immersing himself in the things of God and believed in the power of prayer and prayed for everyone he met. He was a kind and generous man who spent each day striving to be more like Jesus. He believed that "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Corey enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, riding his motorcycle and sharing his faith. He was a strong role model and loving father to his son, CJ and step-son, Hunter, best friend and amazing husband to his wife, Nicki. He was a caring son, brother, and uncle.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Corey on Saturday at noon at the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Vandalia.

Visitation will be at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to Bright Futures at Van-Far Schools.



Lewis Joseph Bowers

Services for Lewis Joseph Bowers, IV, 67, of Columbia, formerly of Laddonia, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday (today) at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Laddonia with Pastor Joey Owens officiating. Burial will be in Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service at the funeral home.

The family requests casual attire for his service.

Mr. Bowers died Thursday, June 17, 2021 at his home in Columbia.

He was born Dec. 12, 1953 in Ft. Leonard Wood, the son of Lewis Joseph Bowers III and Etha Morris Bowers. He married Betty Jane Browning in Palmyra on Nov. 10, 1970. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Lewis Joseph Bowers V and wife, Deanna of Laddonia; three daughters, Christa Bowers and Michelle Bowers, both of Columbia and Jamie Bowers of Mexico; one sister, Elaine Ivy of Savannah, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry and John Bowers.

Mr. Bowers was a lifetime area resident. He was a graduate of Manteno, Ill., High School. He worked at Mexico Heating and Cooling as a

sheet metalist for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Pallbearers will be Dylan Gish, Dustin Bowers, Lewis Bowers VI, Nick Bowers, Ronnie Gebo and Aaron Welch. Honorary pallbearers will be Johnny Snyder, Rick Chism, Kurt Webber and Derek Chism.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family of Lewis Joseph Bowers IV, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Laddonia, MO 63352.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Charles Clemens Forgy

Charles Clemens Forgy, 95, of Vandalia died at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, Vandalia on Monday. The Rev. Bob Hoehn and The Rev. Brian Lehenbauer officiated. Burial was in Vandalia City Cemetery with full military honors being conducted by VFW Post #5553 and Missouri Military Honors Guard.

Visitation was from 9:30-11 a.m., at the church.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green handled arrangements.

Charles was born in Vandalia on Nov. 26, 1925, the son of Otis and Iva Cook Forgy. He grew up in Vandalia and graduated from Vandalia High School, Class of 1943.

At the age of 17 on April 3, 1944 he was inducted in the United States Army. His basic training was at Camp Walters, Mineral Wells, Texas, 103rd Infantry. After basic training, he shipped out from New York City with a convoy of 21 ships to serve the next 18 months in Europe during World War II. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army on June 6, 1946. This service to his country was very important to him during his life.

He returned to Vandalia and through the years worked for Kroger, Hall & Jerman Elevator, Harbison-Walker Refractories and MFA.

He married Shirley Davis of Bowling Green on April 8, 1955. They had no children but were a much-loved aunt and uncle.

Charles was happiest when he was behind the wheel of a truck and driving anywhere. He and Shirley enjoyed many trips together. One special trip was back to France with members of his 103rd Division. They visited places where he served in World War II. Many Vandalia residents would remember his daily suburban drives making sure all was well in Vandalia.

Charles was a long-time member of the Vandalia Fire Department, VFW, American Legion Post #510, Vandalia Jaycees, Vandalia Lions Club and Vandalia Country Club. In checking First Baptist Church records, Charles, at his death, was the oldest member of the church and also the member with the longest continuous membership, being baptized on Nov. 18, 1934.

He is survived by his nephew, Boyd Barrett of Vandalia; a sister-in-law, Charlene McCune of Bowling Green, nieces, Beth Whitaker and husband, Todd of Columbia, Victoria Grove and husband, Jeff, and Meredith McCune of Bowling Green. Several great-nieces, a nephew and a great-great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley, a sister Helen Barrett, brother-in-law Berwyn Barrett, brother-in-law Tapley McCune and niece, Nancy Linn McCune.

Serving as pallbearers were Boyd Barrett, Jay Orr, Barry Sparks, Bill Harris, Todd Whitaker, and Jeff Grove. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Leon Dempsey and Patti In-gram.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Vandalia, Van-Far Alumni Association, or the Central-Missouri Honor Flight.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com.



Carl E. Smith

Carl E. Smith, 60, of Curryville, died Thursday, June 17, 2021 at his home.

Funeral services for Carl will be held Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at the New Harmony Christian Church in Curryville with Pastor Greg Wyble officiating. Burial will be in the New Harmony Cemetery.

Visitation was Monday from 5-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Carl was born April 12, 1961 in Louisiana to Byron Lavell and Barbara Lee McClellan Smith. He was united in marriage to Marcia June Rutherford on June 6, 1981 in Middletown. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Barbara Darnell of Curryville; son, Christopher Smith and wife, Megan of O'Fallon; daughter, Sarah Elliott and husband, Zach of Curryville; grandchildren, Owen and Wyatt Smith, and Quinn and Cooper Elliott; brothers, Mike Smith and wife, Leann of New Hartford, Steve Smith and wife, Gina of Le Mars, Iowa, and Ron Smith and wife, Dena of Columbia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Carl was preceded in death by his father, Byron Smith.

Carl grew up in Curryville and lived on the family farm his entire life. He was a 1979 graduate of Bowling Green High School, where he participated in FFA and Band. After graduation, he immediately went to work farming with his father. Carl was a member of New Harmony Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and a board member. He spent the last 27 years employed at Central Stone Company as the office manager and he also ran the loading. Carl was a dedicated and non-stop worker.

His summer vacations were reserved for baling hay. He liked horses, and enjoyed travelling to Ava, Missouri to watch the fox trotters. Carl liked watching sports, and was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He also enjoyed watching westerns. His grandchildren were his world; he loved giving them tractor rides on his Allis Chalmers and Massey tractors. He enjoyed camping with his children when they were young. Carl also enjoyed bird and deer hunting, and fishing. Carl was a man of pride, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Pallbearers will be Ron Smith, Steve Smith, Mike Smith, Paul Wayne McChristian, Phil Renner, Lindell Rutherford, and Zach Elliott.

Honorary pallbearers will be the grandchildren, Owen Smith, Wyatt Smith, Quinn Elliott, and Cooper Elliott.

Memorials may be made to New Harmony Christian Church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.com.



Donnie Roy Sweeten

Donnie Roy Sweeten, 68, of Silex died Thursday, June 17, 2021 at SSM-Lake St. Louis.

Visitation was Monday from 3-8 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Troy.

Memorial service will be Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Gus Vega to officiate. Inurnment will be in Jefferson Baracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

He was born on March 31, 1953 in Rockford, Ill., to Roy and Marcella Sweeten. Donnie attended the local schools with his siblings and graduated from Francis Howell High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Biloxi, Miss., and San Antonio, Texas. Donnie served for seven years before he was honorably discharged.

He then went on to work for the Air National Guard as an air technician/logistics manager. He was deployed to Honduras with Air National Guard and Korea while on active duty. Donnie worked for a total of 32 years, six months and 29 days between active duty and the guard.

Donnie and Brenda Silvey met while at work at Lambert Air National Guard 239th Combat Communications Squadron. They were united in marriage on Oct. 19, 1985 in New Melle. Donnie and Brenda worked together many years at the Air National Guard. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, hunting, and playing horse-shoes. Donnie loved animals, especially his dogs and his macaw "Nicki". His best times were spent with his wife, children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. He always had a barbecue on 4th of July and was famous for his Christmas breakfasts.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Brenda Sweeten of Silex; children, Shannon Sweeten and wife, Laura of Troy, Kenneth Sweeten and wife Amanda of Troy, Jason Sweeten of Overland, Mindy Johnson and husband, David of St. Peters, Dawn Krause and husband, Rob of St. Charles; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; siblings, Mark Sweeten and husband, John Sanders of Titusville, Fla., Regina Roberts and husband Patrick of O'Fallon and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Patricia Sinderling and Johnnie "Dink" Sweeten.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice, c/o the funeral home

Family and friends may sign online guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh.com



Motivational Speaker Deb Brown Visits Louisiana

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

Small-town specialist, economic speaker, and entrepreneur Deb Brown visited Louisiana on Monday, June 21 as part of the Mark Twain Regional Council's Small Town Workshop Series.

Brown currently lives in Webster City, Iowa but travels throughout the country helping small towns with practical steps city leaders, businesses, and residents can put into practice quickly.

She runs a consulting agency for rural communities named Save Your Town along with co-founder Becky McCray.

According to her bio, "Brown is a small-town enthusiast and expert. Her practical approach for getting communities into action right away has been shared at national conferences, local visits, service organizations and everything in between."

Brown grew up in Geneva, IA – a town with a population of 141. Since then, she has lived in towns of all sizes including major metropolitan areas.

She has a "wealth of experience including leading a small-town Chamber of Commerce, foreign casualty insurance underwriting, bartending, retail management, selling knives, and work of small towns," her bio continued.

Brown has spoken at Brownfields National Annual Training, TEDx Brookings, National Association of Development Organizations, and many events.

Her business partner, McCray lives and works out of Hopeton Oklahoma with a population of only 30 people.

McCray has worked in retail stores, as a city administrator, and as an executive for rural nonprofits.

Brown is also conducting morning and afternoon conferences in Monroe City on Tuesday, June 22 as part of her tour of the Northeastern Missouri.

Brown addressed important issues Louisiana faces such as empty buildings, developing more business, and activity.

She also shared success stories of other small towns.

Everyone was invited to attend the round table discussion in Louisiana. Residents interested in future economic development and entrepreneurs were encouraged to listen and share ideas with Brown.

Visit <https://saveyour.town> more information on Brown and McCray or their work with small towns.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tri-State Housing Summit Touts Innovative Home Ownership Options



Don Patrick, president and chief executive officer of the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC), discusses regional successes during his remarks at the Tri-State Housing Summit Thursday, June 10 in Hannibal.

Photo by Brent Engel

Stakeholders say public and private partnerships are helping to create more housing opportunities in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

More than 60 business people, government leaders, residents and community representatives heard about innovative ideas and programs during the Tri-State Housing Summit June 10 at the Y Men's Pavilion in Hannibal.

The annual event was hosted by the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation, Two Rivers Regional Council of Quincy, Ill., and the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission of Burlington. NECAC organized the first summit in 2005. Representatives of the three agencies offered remarks.

NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick said the Summit appropriately was being held in June, which is National Homeownership Month and June 5-12 is National NeighborWorks America Week.

"Our Tri-State regional approach has drawn attention from the halls of the U.S. Congress to our smallest

communities here at home," Patrick said. "Across the country, the Tri-State area's work is recognized for being on the cutting-edge of housing opportunities."

Two Rivers Workforce Director Kathryn McDaniel said job opportunities are tied with having adequate housing.

"We need our region to support us and we need the housing you provide," she said.

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Executive Director Mike Norris updated the audience on Homes for Iowa, a public-private partnership in which prison inmates build homes that are sold throughout the state.

"It takes a whole partnership, a regional partnership to make this happen," he said.

Remarks also were given by former Quincy Mayor Chuck Scholz, a member of the Tri-State Development Summit steering committee. Housing is a task force of the larger group, which covers 36 counties in the Tri-State area.

"I can't think of anything more

important than housing," Scholz said. "We're so proud of what the housing task force has been able to accomplish."

Vicki "The Fudge Lady" Hansen, who makes treats for military personnel around the world, got a standing ovation after giving her story. NECAC teamed up with Spire to improve the energy efficiency of Hansen's Missouri home through weatherization. Prior to the work, she'd gone four years without adequate heat or a hot water heater, but still kept making fudge.

"To me, it was more important to do what I do and not worry about a hot shower," she said.

Sheryl and Brian Friedrich discussed the purchase of their first home through the USDA Rural Development 502 Direct Loan program. The Illinois couple has been married for 27 years, and had always rented.

"Thank you to everyone who was involved," Brian Friedrich said. "We are eternally grateful."

The greeting was given by Hannibal Mayor James Hark, who emphasized the regional approach. Other speakers, who discussed housing and homeownership efforts in their communities and throughout the area, included All Phase Property Solutions owner Bret Austin of Quincy; Hannibal City Manager Lisa Peck; Jerry Gille, Executive Director of the Quincy Housing Authority; Farlow Rea Estate Experts owner Jerry Farlow; Diane Simbro, Executive Director of the Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board; and Clint Fichter and Shane Akers of Hometown Housing USA. Others in attendance included field staff from the offices of U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley and U.S. Rep. Sam Graves.

NECAC has been a chartered member of NeighborWorks since 2004. More information about the Tri-State Housing Summit and homeownership efforts is available by calling NECAC at 573-324-6622.



Rev. Art Moore & Diane Moore

Rev. Art, Diane Moore Retire

The Rev. Art and Diane Moore were honored by the congregations of Clarksville United Methodist Church and Centenary United Methodist Church at a farewell dinner in honor of his retirement.

Moore will be leaving in another week to move to Beatrice, Nebraska where they will be living closer to their children and grandchildren. It has been a seven hour drive to visit with them in the past, so now when they move to their new location they will easily be able to take part in their activities. Moores have been living in the parsonage at 701 South Carolina Street since moving to Louisiana on Jan. 1, 2015.

Their happiness of living in Louisiana and being part of the Clarksville community is the reason why they chose to move to another small town because they learned how many rich connections there can be in smaller communities. Pastor Moore became involved with local activities through the Ministerial Alliance, men's coffee groups, the local Rotary club, and through offering a monthly worship and music service at Lynn's Heritage House and Maple Grove Lodge.

Mrs. Moore has been the associate director of the local food pantry and has devoted many hours of service to that organization. She has served as secretary in the local Ecumenical Women's Breakfast organization and she enjoyed participating in the Garden Club and Herb Club before the pandemic put a stop to them. She also serves in behind-the-scenes activities like videotaping the worship services, operating the power-point and other ways in which to help things run smoothly at the church.

During the time that worship services weren't held because of the pandemic, Mrs. Moore videotaped the sermon and it was shown via computer for about six weeks. Once in-person services were allowed, the churches started meeting again with the recommended precautions. They have continued taking advantage of the internet to share the Sunday worship services to anyone with an internet connection. Each week Pastor Moore videotapes a "Mid-week Connection" message that is shown through

Facebook or YouTube and he also sends out an emailed "Mid-Week Minute" to keep the congregation informed of announcements. Pastor Moore loves to share many of his messages through song and often sings a solo as part of the worship service. When asked what types of things they are looking forward to once they are settled in Beatrice, both said there were several vacation trips they would like to make now that they will have more time to do so.

They both enjoy bike riding and walking and are anxious to make new friends in Beatrice. Pastor Art will also serve other congregations part-time as time permits.

The Community of Faith Thanksgiving Dinner was started by a group at Centenary over 25 years ago and after all these years, the church still takes the lead on organizing the event that serves over 400 meals. Other smaller events at Centenary included free soup luncheons, Christian musical groups coming to perform, and other special occasions involving music and meals open to the entire community. As far as memorable events, there were eight floods in Clarksville during the first six years Moores were in the area. During the time of the major floods, the Clarksville UMC kitchen and dining hall served as headquarters for feeding volunteers over periods of many weeks.

In addition, the church has completed a stained glass window restoration project and they continue to improve the building with renovations of the kitchen and flooring. More improvements are being planned for the future. Pastor Art could be seen helping with fundraisers, especially fish fry dinners, and Mrs. Moore could be counted on to bring special desserts to share at the fundraisers. Anyone interested in sending a note of good wishes can mail it to the Rev. and Mrs. Moore c/o Centenary United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 135 in Louisiana.

The Rev. Beomseon Hong and his wife and infant daughter will be arriving in Louisiana the last week of June and he will conduct his first services at both churches on July 4.

USDA Announces Dates For Conservation Reserve Program General, Grasslands Signups

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has set a July 23 deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup 56.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for CRP Grasslands from July 12 to August 20. This year, USDA updated both signup options to provide greater incentives for producers and increase its conservation benefits, including reducing the impacts of climate change.

Both signups are competitive and will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"We are excited to roll out our new and improved CRP General and Grasslands signups," said FSA Acting State Director Jeremy Mosley.

"Bottom line, CRP now makes more financial sense for producers while also providing a bigger return on investment in terms of natural resource benefits. The General and Grasslands signups are part of a broader suite of tools available through CRP to integrate key conservation practices on our nation's working lands."

GENERAL SIGNUP

Through CRP, producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Lands enrolled in CRP also play a key role in mitigating impacts from climate change, and FSA has added a new Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for practices that sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FSA is also adding a one-time "inflationary" adjustment for payment rates, as well as having more flexibility on adjusting soil rental rates.

FSA opened the General Signup in January 2021 and extended the original deadline to July 23, 2021, to enable producers to consider FSA's new improvements to the program.

GRASSLANDS SIGNUP

CRP Grasslands helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. Protecting grasslands con-

tributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality.

FSA has updated the Grasslands Signup to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, as well as new National Grassland Priority Zones.

HOW TO SIGN UP

To enroll in the CRP General signup, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center by the July 23 deadline. To enroll in the CRP Grasslands signup, they should contact USDA by the August 20 deadline. While USDA offices may have limited visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To work with FSA, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center. Contact information can be found at farmers.gov/service-locator.

MORE INFORMATION ON CRP

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marked its 35-year anniversary this past December.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity, and natural resources, including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, producers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these chal-

lenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including state, local, and tribal governments. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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VFW 2173 Auxiliary Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, June 10 at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Room. Social distancing was observed. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The May minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for audit. A thank you note was read from scholarship recipient Cayden Caldwell.

During the business meeting previously absent officers for 2021-2022 were installed. Buddy Poppy collections were reported and the traffic stop team were recognized. They were Judy Hull, Joy Davis, Victoria Shaw and Rennie Davis. The stop was conducted on Saturday,

May 29, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the Hwy. 54 and Main Street intersection.

President Shaw announced that the School of Instruction would be Saturday, June 26, at the Troy VFW Post and that District President Georgia Welte would inspect the Vandalia Auxiliary at the July 8 meeting.

Closing ceremonies were observed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The eight members attending were Joy Davis, Vivian Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, Katherine Stewart and Wanda Winders.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, July 8, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Personal Property AUCTION

Saturday, June 26, 2021 9 a.m.
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Tools & Misc.: Very large amount of tools, many Craftsman.
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Motorcycle: 1995 Kawasaki Vulcan 800, 9,900 miles, very nice bike,

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Ryleigh Austin



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PCMI Awards Three Scholarships

Pike County Mutual Insurance Company has awarded three \$500 scholarships to Pike County area youth.

The scholarship was established in 2003 to help outstanding Pike County high school seniors further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Ryleigh Austin from Louisiana High School plans to attend Maryville University and obtain a bachelor's degree in forensic science with a biology minor.

Callie Edmond from Bowling Green High School plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia. She plans to major in psychol-

ogy, eventually obtaining her doctorate degree.

Avery Hall from Clopton High School plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia and obtain an agricultural systems management degree to pursue a career in precision technology.



Pictured are board members, front row (l-r): Karen Holbrook, Kay Robnett, Carlene Galloway, and Floy Oliver. Second row: Jane Duffner, Sterling Holbrook, Phil Pennington, Rich Duffner, and Eldora Lowry. Not pictured: Janet Heim; absent: Mary Thomas.

Agape House Reopens

Agape House of Vandalia board members met June 15 for the first time in several months.

The guesthouse reopened for overnight guests June 10. The house had been closed while the state correctional centers of Bowling Green and Vandalia were restricting visitors. House manager Karen Craig reported two guests stayed at the house June 12 and she took calls of inquiry from several other persons. A limited number of guests will be accepted for a few weeks, and social distancing between family groups will be suggested.

An inspection of the house revealed the need for minor damage to the wall in one guestroom and some peeling wall paper border but otherwise the house was found to be in excellent condition. Sidewalk repair was discussed and will be evaluated soon.

Board members in attendance were Jane Duffner, R. Duffner, Carlene Galloway, Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Eldora Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, and K. Robnett.

Board president Rich Duffner reported he is scheduled for the annual United Way of Audrain County interview July 14. Kay Dubbert will be submitting a grant application to Cardinals' Care (St. Louis Cardinals).

Monetary gifts received in recent months include the following: United Way of Audrain County; Edgewood Baptist Church, Cyrene Baptist Church and Providence Presbyterian Church, all of Bowling Green; Missouri United Methodist Church of Columbia; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Curryville Baptist Church and New Harmony Christian Church Women of Curryville; Fairfax United Methodist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Arthur Wortman of Kansas City; Laddonia Christian Church; St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies' Aid of LaGrange; Knights of Columbus #6473 of Louisiana; Knights of Columbus #1270 of Martinsburg; Grand Crossings Baptist Association, First Presbyterian Church Women, Knights of Columbus #3760 and Lockwood Park Baptist Church, all of Mexico; Van and Elizabeth Lahmeyer of Owensville; Santa Fe Christian Church of Paris; Hopewell Church and John Yost of Thompson; First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Southside Baptist Church, Spencer Creek Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church, all of Vandalia; and Grace Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Hopewell Baptist Church and Hopewell Church Women, all of Wellsville.



Boland Donates To Youth

Boland Chevrolet presented a one-time monetary contribution of \$250 along with baseball equipment as part of the Chevrolet Youth Baseball & Softball program to the Frankford Khoury (Little) League on June 15. Pictured are (l-r): Andy Smith, Amber Potter, and Rob McAlister. As part of the program, the league is invited to participate in youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/MLB players and coaches.



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NOTICE FOR HUNTING AT BOWLING GREEN CITY LAKES

The City of Bowling Green will be accepting names at Bowling Green City Hall for drawing to hunt at Bowling Green City Lakes. Must be Bowling Green City resident to enter for drawing. Two names will be drawn at random for hunting rights Aug. 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. Hunting rights are for archery only on deer and turkey. No other hunting will be allowed. The two names drawn will be allowed to present three names each, at least one more must be Bowling Green city resident, for a total of eight hunters. Specific directions on hunting area and more rules and regulations will be given after names have been drawn. Those hunting the previous year are not eligible to hunt. City of Bowling Green reserves the right to stop all hunting for any reason at any time.

Please stop by Bowling Green City Hall, 16 W. Church St., Bowling Green to fill out form and submit copy of hunting license. Forms must be filled out in person, cannot be submitted by another individual.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dea Hoover Pens Book

Continued from last week

Instead, she minored in English and majored Business Management. After college, she worked for a Saturn dealership until a chance opportunity appeared.

"Totally by accident," she answered when asked how she got involved in the travel industry. She was at Saturn in 1998 when changes with the company's ownership prompted her to look elsewhere. "One of the women who worked there owned a tour company and I said, 'hey if anyone is hiring, let me know.'"

She got a call a month later. "I took a huge pay cut," she explained how she shifted to her third career. "It was all accidental."

Those accidents led to her eventually becoming the owner and operator of two well-known St. Louis tour companies – Discover St. Louis and Are We There Yet?

Her gained knowledge of St. Louis and acquaintances met through her time there paved the way for the book offer.

But it wasn't easy. The book includes 17 areas, and each has its own images and clues for readers to puzzle out.

"I tried to squeeze a ton of information into each clue, because I wanted the reader to learn something," she said. "I felt like it should rhyme because I thought that would be more fun. So, I started out writing them in iambic pentameter."

The idea of Shakespearean prose didn't work out as planned. She wrote nine sections of clues when her editor decided it wasn't working.

After writing in more traditional journalistic style, the editor asked if she could rewrite the clues again in a riddle format.

"I was thinking, 'oh my god,'" Dea said and shared how her husband got a kick out of her revision process. "Declan was laughing and laughing and said, 'that's exactly what you did to me on the one of our tours.'" Despite the rewrites, she said the book and Reedy Press were great.

Another great aspect of the scavenger hunt book is its accessibility.

"Even if you don't live in or go to St. Louis, you could technically do this from your home with the internet," Dea explained.

She warned the publisher that, "it's got to be a feel-good thing, not a feel-bad thing. If you make it

where the first people to finish or those with the fastest times are the winners, then everyone else is going to be mad. Everybody has to have a chance."

Reedy listened to her suggestion. Hunters have until November 15 to submit their answers to Dea's riddles. On December 1, the correct answers and winners will be revealed.

Dea laughed and said that she's already had competitive readers try to prompt her for clues. "People get pretty competitive, but it's great. That's part of the excitement."

But the book isn't for the strictly competitive.

"You don't have bookshelf guilt with this book since you don't have to read it front and back," Dea explained. The book is divided by sections such as the popular Hill, Souldard, and more making it easy for readers to explore and solve at random.

"It's a light and fluffy thing when we haven't had those in our lives this past year. It's something fun to get people back out."

Learning about small connections in each area and how their history has led to current projects was one of Dea's favorite parts of the book creation process.

"Learning about each neighborhood intimately. Going down the rabbit hole," Dea answered. "That was one of the things that slowed my speed, but I loved it."

Best of all, the amount of research she put into the book clues will carry over into her tour guide companies.

"At least if they fire me, I will have learned something I can use for my job," she joked.

Her advice for anyone wanting to start their own business or write their own books:

"Keep asking. Ask for help from people who are doing it. Ask for informational interviews and do your research. I can't tell you how many people I've met who haven't broken not realizing what they were getting into. Ask for information because there are people who want to teach you."

Dea visited the Vandalia Library on Thursday, June 17 as part of her promotional tour.

To learn more about Dea's book or purchase a signed copy, visit <https://stlscavenger.com>

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