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NECAC Recognizes Pike Board Member

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick, right, and Chairman of the Board Mike Bridgins, left, recently presented a certificate of recognition to Curt Mitchell of Clarksville for his service on the not-for-profit agency's 36-member volunteer board of directors. The presentation was made at the November board meeting. Not pictured are NECAC Pike County Board Members D. Randall Cone and Tommy Wallace, both of Louisiana. Headquartered in Bowling Green, NECAC is a 12-county area social service, community health and public housing agency that serves the low-income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged with more than 60 self-sufficiency programs. The NECAC Pike County Service Center is at 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green and can be reached at 324-2207.

As She Retires From NECAC, Robinson Urges Colleagues To 'Keep Up The Good Work'

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Instead of tears, Janice Robinson offered a challenge to colleagues as she departed after 50 years of employment at the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC).

"Keep up the good work," Robinson told employees of the not-for-profit social service, community health and public housing agency. "Your clients need you so much. Stand up for what a Community Action Agency does. You all are that cornerstone, so always remember that. Put that in your hip pocket. What you do is a great thing."

Robinson's first day at NECAC was Sept. 28, 1971. Her last was Dec. 3. Her job titles have included receptionist, accounts payable clerk and executive secretary. In 2002, Robinson was promoted to Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Director and in 2004 was named Deputy Director for Community Services Programs, overseeing a department that makes up about 77 percent of the agency's current $29.1 million budget.

Robinson graduated from Bowling Green High School in spring 1971 and worked part-time that summer for a Bowling Green accounting firm. An aunt told her about a clerk position opening at NECAC.

North East Community Action President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick, right, and NECAC Chairman of the Board Mike Bridgins, present a plaque and roses to NECAC Deputy Director for Community Services Programs Janice Robinson, who is retiring after 50 years with the agency. The presentation was made at the NECAC Board of Directors meeting Nov. 30. At upper left is NECAC Board Vice-Chairman Glenn Eagan and at right in background is NECAC Chief Deputy Director Dan Page. The sign reads "May you be proud of the work you have done, the person you are and the difference you have made. Happy retirement, Janice Robinson, Dec. 3, 2021."

"We make a difference for so many people," she said. "I've seen it happen. It's so great to see people turn their lives around after being in such a dead end place."

NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick praised Robinson for her contributions.

"Janice was the first person I met at NECAC when I arrived for my job interview with the board's screening committee for the open CEO position 36 years ago, as she was serving as the receptionist for the committee," Patrick said. "When I was then hired in 1985, she was the executive secretary and she helped me learn my way and how to navigate around the agency. We developed and formed a great working partnership and administrative team for 17 years, until I had the opportunity to promote her from an administrative role to a program management role in 2002. As she excelled as the executive secretary, she also then excelled as a program director, so I promoted her to a Department Director two years later in 2004. She's been a great fellow employee, she's a great individual and she will be missed very much by me and all the NECAC Chief Deputy Director Dan Page called Robinson "the heart of Community Action for a long time." Even when the two disagreed, Page knew her "intent and heart" were in the right place.

"I was always able to 100 percent support her in moving forward," he said. "It worked out more often than

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Louisiana Church Walk Is A Holiday Tradition

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

History and holiday cheer will be part of the Louisiana Mid-Town Church Walk on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Louisiana Area Historical Museum. It begins at 3 p.m., at Bethel AME Church at Sixth and Tennessee and then progresses on foot to First Christian, First Baptist, Centenary United Methodist, Calvary Episcopal and First Presbyterian.

Each church presents a 15-minute program. Cider and cookies will be available after the last program at First Presbyterian. People may join or leave the procession at any point.

The Centenary United Methodist Church handbell choir performs at a previous Louisiana Mid-Town Church Walk. This year's event starts at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12.

The rich history and distinct beauty of each parish adds to the experience. Some of the structures date to the late 1800s, serving as ephemeral foundations of lasting faith.

Bethel AME is on the National Register of Historic Places and First Christian has a modern sanctuary that makes it acoustically welcoming.

Large pipe organs serve as a backdrop to the altars at First Baptist and Centenary United Methodist, which stand across from each other at Seventh and South Carolina.

The breath-taking stained glass windows in Calvary Episcopal at 704 Georgia are intricate, as are the larger, elaborate stained glass offerings inside First Presbyterian at 121 S. Eighth. The walk usually ends with the crowd suggesting favorite hymns to sing.

Louisiana has several other parishes, including the immaculate St. Joseph Catholic at 508 N. Third, but their distance from the downtown area makes visits by the church walk impractical.

While there is no admission charge, donations are welcomed. All proceeds will go toward the museum at 304 Georgia Street. The facility is closed during the winter, but will reopen next spring.

Freedom At A Cost - Henderson Initially Backs Recompense In Slavery Debate

BYBRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the first part of a story by award-winning journalist, author and public relations professional Brent Engel of Louisiana.

Before he drafted a constitutional provision outlawing slavery, Pike County legislator John Brooks Henderson offered something even more radical.

In December 1862, he suggested the federal government pay Missourians to give up their slaves.

The senator admitted "a dangerous precedent" could be set and acknowledged the inherent flaws – including obvious objections from other states, legitimate questions of constitutionality and the impact on debate over states' rights.

Henderson himself did not appear confident in the measure's chances, saying that once he had "done all I can to secure its success, my whole duty will have been discharged."

But the idea helped kickstart discussion that would lead to the 13th Amendment, which freed four million people with no financial incentive. And that was the ultimate goal.

"The decree has gone forth that slavery must be destroyed," Henderson declared.

The senator was perfect for the role. He considered secession to be treason and slavery – not states' rights – to be the cause of the Civil War.

From the moment he took his seat in Washington on Jan. 29, 1862, Henderson was what the Chicago Tribune called "one of the most promising" politicians.

Just six weeks later, he began meeting regularly with President Abraham Lincoln – almost unheard of for a new legislator. Henderson would be one of the president's strongest advocates and closest advisors from the Border States that had remained loyal to the Union.

The meeting came at the same time as Lincoln called upon Congress to pass a compensated emancipation plan. Almost a year of a war that was going badly for the Union had forced another look at some form of ending slavery – immediate, gradual or even a colonization of freed African-Americans outside the nation's borders.

Lincoln was being financially practical as well as inherently moral. He estimated that freeing slaves in the Border States of Missouri, Kentucky, Delaware and Maryland along with Washington, D.C., would cost $173 million, the equivalent today of $4.3 billion. The figure was about what the Union was paying for three months of fighting the Confederates.

On March 27, 1862, Henderson predicted passage would lead to "the early restoration" of the divided Union. He said it was time to stop pointing fingers and find a remedy.

"It comes not in the spirit of arrogance, demanding conformity with the views of others, but with humility – acknowledging if slavery be an evil, it is a sin for which we all are responsible, and for the removal of which we are willing to come with practical benevolence," he said.

Compensated emancipation was approved for the District of Columbia, but Border States rejected it. Missouri was an example of why.

In 1860, almost 75 percent of the state's population came from or traced its roots to the South, mainly Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. One of every five people in Pike County was the "property" of someone else.

Henderson was a Virginian by birth and at one time "owned" several people. While it isn't certain, he may have gotten the slaves through an inheritance, but did free them. In the summer of 1862, Henderson said he had "already lost more by this rebellion than 10 times the value of all the (slave) property I ever owned."

Despite the senator's efforts, Missouri wasn't quite ready for compensated emancipation, but Henderson warned that "certain destruction" was inevitable if the state continued to back slavery.

So, on Dec. 10, 1862, the senator introduced his compensation bill. It called for the federal government to pay for emancipation by issuing $20 million in bonds at five percent interest and redeemable in 30 years. Once Congress approved, Missouri would have 18 months to act. The state had about 114,000 slaves and 24,000 "owners."

One of the first questions Henderson faced was why the Union should fork over money to people who more than likely backed the Confederacy. The senator said he had "as little sympathy with disloyalty as any man in the nation" and called it "wholly unjustifiable" and "wicked beyond my powers of denunciation." While he was talking about Confederate sympathizers, the words could as easily have been applied to rioters of the present.

"The man who sees nothing to admire in our system of government, and lends himself to the base work of destroying it, deserves but little consideration at the hands of the government, and as little favor from its friends."

Despite his feelings, Henderson realized that a resolution would

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Kailey Flowers Luebrecht

Area Student To Perform In St. Louis Ballet

Kailey Flowers Luebrecht, a junior at Bowling Green High School, will perform with Saint Louis Ballet in the Nutcracker at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri - St. Louis Campus, Dec. 17-23. During the Nutcracker, Kailey will be seen as a Lady Mouse during the Battle Scene between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker. Kailey also has a special role as a Flower where she dances on pointe with the Dew Drop Fairy during the Waltz of Flowers. Tickets for the performances are available at https://www.stlouisballet.org/nutcracker.

Saint Louis Ballet is the only professional, resident ballet company of metropolitan St. Louis. The Ballet's Executive and Artistic Director is Gen Horiuchi, who performed as a principal dancer with the New York City Ballet.

Kailey has been training at the Saint Louis Ballet School for the past nine years and has performed in such Nutcracker roles as grey mouse, lead white mouse, red soldier, blue soldier, and party girl. In each of her roles, she has had the opportunity to rehearse with the Saint Louis Ballet professional Company dancers and has been directed by Mr. Horiuchi. Kailey takes classes six days a week at Saint Louis Ballet and trains during the summer at intensive ballet programs. This past summer, Kailey attended the Ballet Arizona Summer Intensive in Phoenix for six weeks. Kailey is the daughter of Daryl and Krista Flowers Luebrecht and the granddaughter of Judy Flowers.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Toy Safety Tips For Holiday Season

During the Christmas season children will receive a variety of toys - but some of them come with potential safety risks if it is not age appropriate or if the warning labels are ignored. Dr. Levi Strube, Pediatrician with Hannibal Regional Medical Group, has a few tips to help make this Christmas a safe one.

BUY AGE APPROPRIATE TOYS

When choosing toys as gifts, age matters. Small items are not the safest choice for young children. For children under age three, choose toys that are at least 1 inch in diameter and 2 inches long, so they will not lodge in a child's mouth or throat. "It is also important to watch for pull toys with longer strings as they could be a potential strangulation hazard for babies," notes Dr. Strube. "If you are purchasing gifts for an older child be sure to keep in mind younger siblings as well. If you purchase a toy for an older child that has several small parts try to keep it separate from the younger siblings toys."

BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT TOYS CONTAINING BUTTON BATTERIES OR MAGNETS

Children can have serious stomach and intestinal problems – including death – after swallowing button batteries or magnets. "Button batteries or small magnets can be in a variety of items - not just toys," notes Dr. Strube. "If children swallow batteries or magnets it could lead to serious medical problems and you should call your healthcare provider immediately." In addition to toys, button batteries may be in musical greeting cards, remote controls, hearing aids, and other small electronics. Small, powerful magnets may be part of building toy sets.

AVOID CHOKING HAZARDS

"Test your child's toy to see if there are any small parts that can break off and check to see if the toy you choose has small parts - if they can fit inside a paper towel roll they are potential choking hazards," notes Dr. Strube. Don't forget to discard any plastic wrapping or other toy packaging once the gifts are opened. When storing toys, remember to store toys for older kids separate from toys for younger kids.

To contact the pediatrics office at Hannibal Regional Medical Group call (573) 629-3500.

MU Extension Offer Free Produce Safety Class For Gardeners

University of Missouri Extension will hold a free online class on produce safety for gardeners 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

MU Extension horticulturists Patrick Byers and Justin Keay will offer tips on growing, harvesting, processing and storing produce safely. Participants will learn best practices to reduce the risk of foodborne illness from harvested garden produce.

The program is not geared toward commercial growers, Keay says. It was developed for home gardeners, community garden participants and MU Extension Master Gardeners. (For information on free training for commercial growers, visit muext.us/n5439.)

"Growing safe produce is a goal we should all be working towards," he says. "This class will help you understand how to identify and address produce safety risks in the garden."

For details and free registration, visit muext.us/GardenProduceSafety2022.

Mullins Hits The Roof At BGHS

Bowling Green High School Principal, Scott Mullins, spent a big chunk of his Friday, Nov. 20 at a makeshift office on the roof over the school's main entrance after the school made its book fair goal. They sold over $3,500 worth of books and received over $1000 worth of book to add to the library collection. Mullins said he didn't mind working on the roof and enjoyed the quiet time.

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Nicole Shaffer

Shaffer Joins NECAC As Administrative Assistant

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick has announced the hiring of Nicole Shaffer of Bowling Green as Administrative Assistant for the Self-Help Housing Home Rehabilitation Program.

Shaffer will perform recordkeeping, work with clients, prepare reports and provide technical assistance for the program, which is overseen by NECAC Self-Help Construction Supervisor Howard Sommer.

Sommer works with income-qualifying people to provide one-on-one instruction on the skills they need to do renovation work at their homes. Supplies are purchased by the program, but labor is contributed by families or individuals. The program covers Lincoln, Marion, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Shelby and Warren counties.

Shaffer is a 2017 graduate of Holt High School in Wentzville. Her job experiences include being a receptionist and working in retail sales for three years.

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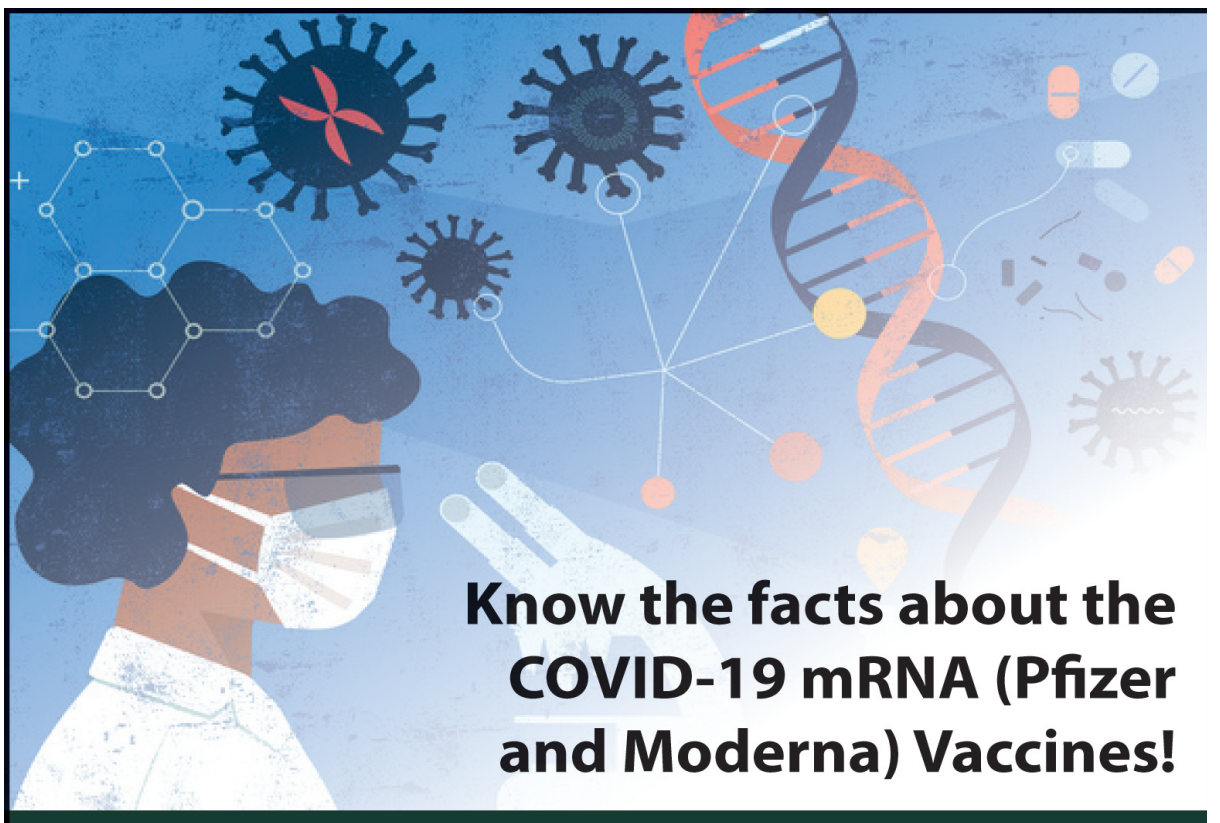

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Community News

Louisiana Bulldogs Send Van-Far Indians Packing

By Brice Chandler
Editor

The upperclassmen heavy Bulldogs earned a 65-35 win over the Van-Far Indians.

With one win and one loss already in the books, the Bulldogs came out onto the court looking relaxed and taking their time with the ball which led to an early but short-lived lead for Van-Far.

The Bulldogs utilized a height advantage and quickly moved the ball around the court to put Louisiana's snipers, Jack Logan and Tremaine Chatman within three-pointer range. For those shots that bounced off the rim, senior Ryan Capps was there ready for the rebound.

Despite facing a challenging team, the younger Van-Far Indians were determined to fight back.

They answered the Bulldog's three-pointers with their long-range shooters in the form of Brayden Lay and Carter Jennings during the first quarter.

Van-Far stayed close to the Bulldogs by the end of the first quarter but saw that gap widen throughout the game.

"We played probably as good of a 1st half as we can right now against a very good Louisiana team," Van-Far Head Boys Basketball Coach, Pat Connaway, told The Tribune. "At the end of the first, we were down six and then down 12 at the half. Then in the second half, they really came out and put it away in the third quarter and that is what good teams do."

The Bulldogs amped up their defensive pressure against the Indians, denying sophomore, Nikos Connaway, an easy path to the net. A tactic not lost on Coach Connaway.

"They sped us up, turned us over, and got several easy transition buckets," he explained. "We need to learn how to stay composed and play within ourselves. We don't have the firepower right now to score with teams. We need to limit touches and make everything a grind. Coach Smith did a really good job of taking Nikos away, doubling him a lot and really making others handle the ball and making them make plays."

The Bulldogs also tested the Indians endurance with their quick passing and movement on the court.

"The one thing I would like to note is our conditioning is getting better, 4 of our 5 kids logged all 32 minutes tonight," Connaway continued. "I'm not disappointed in our effort, we just need to learn how to put four quarters together. Louisiana is a team that I feel will compete if not win the EMO and we played with them for a few quarters. That is a positive that we need to take out of this game. Focus on each possession as Coach Reading likes to say focus on the next play and continue to get better. Now we have to turn our focus to the Centralia tournament next week."

After the win, Louisiana Boys Head Basketball Coach, Matt Smith, said the game was a good rebound after their 63-53 loss against Highland, but the team still needed work if they are going to meet Coach Connaway's prediction.

"I thought we played hard and did a good job applying pressure," Coach Smith told the Tribune. "We did a good job getting the ball in the paint and finishing around the basket. We still have a lot of things to clean up, but I feel like it was a good bounce-back game from Highland. We have to find some consistency with our defense and shot selection, but we are on the right track."

Logan put in the most points of the night tallying up 19-points which included four three-pointers. Washington and Capps followed close behind with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Van-Far's Connaway and Jennings put in the top numbers for the Indian's with both netting 11-points

The Louisiana Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs travel this week to the Monroe City Tournament.

The Van-Far Indians and Lady Indians head to the Centralia Tournament.

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Van-Far Lady Indians Battle For Win

By Brice Chandler
Editor

The Louisiana Bulldogs hosted Van-Far last Thursday, Dec. 2 in boys and girls varsity basketball. The Bulldogs claimed an easy win over the visiting Van-Far Indians. The battle of the night went to the ladies' matchup with both teams looking for their first win.

The Lady Indians prevailed for the win, but not without a fight.

Louisiana's relatively young team entered the game looking to get ahead on the scoreboard and that's exactly what they did.

Junior, Emily Powell put up the first points of the night for the Lady Bulldogs which they sustained until the final minute of play in the first quarter when the duo of Haley Baskett and Mara Jensen put the Lady Indians ahead.

As a team, the Lady Indians were solid at the free-throw line hitting 25 out of 32 shots.

Jensen proved a formidable force under the net with two-pointers and rebounds racking up a whopping 25-points until she went out early in the third quarter due to an injury.

The Lady Bulldogs showed an aggressive game which helped keep them within overtaking Van-Far but it also may have been their undoing.

Louisiana was looking for a shift in momentum when Jensen went out and quickly whittled Van-Far's lead down to only a four-point difference as they sought their first win against the Highway 54 rivals since 2015.

Powell was close behind Jensen on the scoreboard with a total of 23-points. She also showed her versatility by hitting a three-pointer and netting 10 out of 14 free throws.

She wasn't the only Lady Bulldog making shots from there. Tyona Campbell hit on the second and third quarter and De'Prisha Chatman also put one in.

But the Lady Indians weren't having any of it with the rest of the team filling in after Jensen went out.

Devyn Keller found an open lane to the net only to be fouled repeatedly in the fourth, which was costly for Louisiana. She made eight out of ten shots at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter alone.

The Lady Indians took advantage of the momentum shift and set to work putting themselves at a safe distance from any further Louisiana surges.

They walked away with a 65-53 victory and the first of the season.

For the Lady Bulldogs, the game showed an improvement in their offensive capabilities as they racked up the most points during a single game since the 2018 57-48 win over Winfield.

Last season the team couldn't break past the 25-point barrier. They've nearly done that in each of their first two games.

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From The Mayor's Desk...

Jim Arico, Mayor
City of Bowling Green

"Trail of Lights" in the main park looks so beautiful. Thanks to all who are participating-families and businesses! Hopefully we can add to the number of lights and decorations each year. Hats off to Dena and the park board for decorating with donated funds.

Your city officials voted to set up a Police Academy Scholarship program for the 2022 budget year. As I'm sure you are aware, getting police officers is a challenge now with all the "Defund police" and attacks on cops across our country. With the scholarship program, Bowling Green can select candidates for this scholarship and in exchange they commit to being police officers in our town.

Our new Chief of Police Darin Chance, a representative from the Bowling Green Police Department, a Board of Alderwoman, your city administrator, and myself have been interviewing candidates for this scholarship opportunity. We have interviewed some very outstanding possibilities, but the problem is we have only one scholarship. As many people look for tax benefits at this time of year, a tax-deductible gift to this police academy scholarship program would offer such a tax break. There are so many good causes out there but why not invest in Bowling Green police!

COVID-19 and its mutations have not affected Bowling Green R-I in large numbers. There are only two active cases at this writing and only a few quarantines. It is better this year than last year at this time. On Dec. 14 at Frankford Elementary, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new FEMA building/shelter will occur. This new building will double as art and music classrooms, (plus storage areas) as well as a disaster protection for our children and citizens of Frankford.

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for $500 worth of meat from Woods and a freezer to place it in. Tickets are $5 for one and $20 for 5 tickets. The chamber will be celebrating its 50th Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. Citizen of the Year and other recognitions for businesses and individuals are announced at this ceremony. The cost of the chamber banquet ticket is $40.

The Salvation Army is looking for Bell ringers outside of Walmart. Call Penny at 324-2207 to sign up. All money raised stays right here in Bowling Green and Pike County.

Bowling Green Second Baptist Church is having a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Our community is invited to this free celebration of the birth of Christ Jesus.

If you have not had a chance to see the new Industrial Park, as you're driving and looking at Christmas decorations, detour out to see the progress of Sparks Maintenance's new facility. It is very interesting to watch its developmental stages. Many thanks to Brad and his sons for the vision and commitment to Bowling Green and its expansion and growth.

I'm told by our building and code that all our lots in the city that were for sale are now sold. We, as a city, are still experiencing housing shortages which impedes our ability to meet the needs of people and industry that want to move here for business, work, and/or schooling. We will become landlocked if we do not annex and expand our city limits for growth and development. I know that is not a popular topic for tax purposes, but it is necessary if we are going to meet not only the benefits and needs of our own citizens but for those who grew up in Bowling Green and want to move back. I am planning on running for mayor again and one of my goals is to revitalize Business 61. Where will the future businesses and families live? Other towns?

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Johney Belinda Baird

Johney Belinda Baird, 68, of Vandalia died Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home. Pastor Nathan Geesey officiated. Burial was in Laddonia Cemetery following the service.

Visitation celebrating Johney's life was held at noon until the time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Johney was born April 4, 1953, in Rector, Ark., the daughter of Raymond and Anna Sue Meese Kent. She was united in marriage to Larry Baird, Sr., on July 6, 1971, in Frankford. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include a son, Larry Baird, Jr., Crystal Bontz of Vandalia; a daughter, Angie Schlotter and Andrew Shaw of Vandalia; four brothers, Ray Kent and wife, Agnes of New Florence, Chuck Kent of Wellsville, Bradley Kent of New Florence, and Dewitt Vaughn and wife, Doris of Middletown; three sisters, Sandra Martin of Jefferson City, Alice Hill of Middletown, and Lisa Kent of Middletown; two granddaughters, Josie Bontz and Julia Schlotter; and two grandsons, Weston Schlotter and Aaden Shaw.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Kent; mother, Anna Sue Meese Kent; and stepmother, Juanita Kent.

Johney graduated from Bowling Green High School Class of 1971 and worked as a CNA for Tri-County Nursing Home, Lagoons Garment Factory and Target Windows in Vandalia.

She loved to sew and spend time in her flower gardens. Anyone who knew Johney would say she was friendly and enjoyed visiting with people. She was often found making her daily trip to the grocery store just to visit the workers and people in the community. She loved her family and being with them more than anything.

Pallbearers were Bill Maiden, Travis McDonald, Jessie McCurdy, John Pargeon, Heath Gaston, Doug Grote, and Wes Fuget. Honorary Pallbearer was Bufford Barnes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Johney's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.

Teresa 'Tess' Hendrix

Teresa 'Tess' Hendrix, 70, of Vandalia died Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, peacefully at her home.

At Teresa's request no services will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Waters Funeral Home.

Tess was born Dec. 20, 1950, to David Lee and Ione Jewell Terry Fielder of Vandalia. She attended Saint Joseph Catholic School in Martinsburg until eighth grade, and then attended Van-Far High School and graduated in 1968. She was united in marriage to Ronald Joe Hendrix on April 25, 1970. Together, they had on son, Travis Lee Hendrix.

After high school, she worked at Bobbie Brooks from 1968-73. She took a course in floral design at Hannibal-LaGrange College. She then worked at the local florist. Her love of flowers and her caring nature was shown in the beautiful arrangements that she made. Tess also worked at Avery's Floor Mat Company in Laddonia, Hickmans IGA deli, among many other jobs afterwards.

Tess was a lifelong resident of Vandalia. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and taught CCD classes. She found happiness in working in her flower gardens and took pride in her beautiful yard work. She also loved her fur babies, Snuckie, Bullet, and Smedley, all cocker spaniels. Everyone that knew her, knew she had the biggest, caring heart, and would do anything for anyone.

She loved to cook and had a way gathering people together and making them feel like family. She enjoyed ceramics, shopping, flea markets, and auctions.

She was an avid collector of Boyd Bears, glassware, and Longaberger Baskets. She and her mother and sister had a chance to visit the Longaberger Basket facility in Ohio.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald J. Hendrix of Vandalia; son, Travis Hendrix of Vandalia; nephew, Sean Lovelace and wife, Wendy; and great-nephew, Zach Lovelace, all of Jefferson City; and her special kids, Steve and Denise Hank, and Angie Morris.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David L. Fielder and Ione Drainer of Vandalia; stepfather, Jim Drainer, of Vandalia; sister, Brinda Pargeon and husband, Ralph "Gene" Pargeon of Vandalia; and nephew, Christopher Lovelace.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Community Loving Care Hospice, 1310 Business Hwy 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334, in memory of Tess Hendrix.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Teresa's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.

Ida May Belt

Ida May Belt, age 95, of Warrensburg died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

A private family graveside service and burial was held at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Warrensburg on Friday at 11 a.m. Densil Allen of Warrensburg officiated.

Ida was born Aug. 20, 1926, in Adeline, La., the daughter of George and Jeanne Haydel. She was united in marriage to Salem F. "Buddy" Belt on July 19, 1951, in Louisa, La. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 2008.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Phala Haydel.

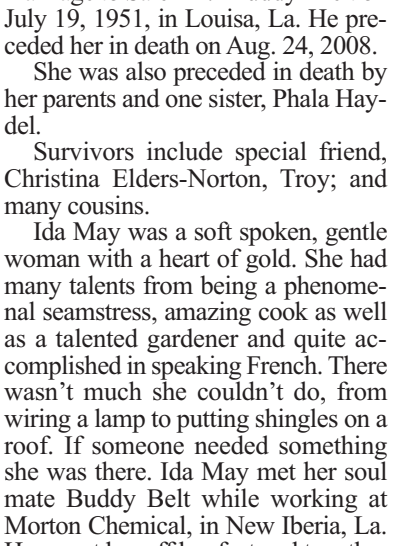
Survivors include special friend, Christina Elders-Norton, Troy; and many cousins.

Ida May was a soft spoken, gentle woman with a heart of gold. She had many talents from being a phenomenal seamstress, amazing cook as well as a talented gardener and quite accomplished in speaking French. There wasn't much she couldn't do, from wiring a lamp to putting shingles on a roof. If someone needed something she was there. Ida May met her soul mate Buddy Belt while working at Morton Chemical, in New Iberia, La. He swept her off her feet and together they resided in Texas City, Texas until moving to Warrensburg where she resided until 2014 when she moved to Troy. Buddy and Ida May were the definition of "love", the two of them were inseparable and truly devoted to one another for 57 years.

Pallbearers were Curtis Collett, Warrensburg, Aaron Collett, Warrensburg, Tom Fraccascia, Kansas City, and Rick Butler, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Missouri Baptist Children's Home or Powell Gardens, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Ida's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Samuel Reed Branstetter

Samuel "Sam" Reed Branstetter, Sr., 91 was born July 30, 1930, on the family farm, four miles south of Curryville to Frank T. and Bertha M. Henderson Branstetter. The youngest and last surviving child of 12, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, resulting from complications of end-stage metastatic prostate cancer.

A visitation with family was held Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 4-7 p.m., at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home in Lincoln, Neb.

Private family interment to be held at a later date.

He was surrounded by close family daily while hospitalized, until he transitioned peacefully from this life to a "big jam session in the sky" as he'd say.

He grew up on a small farm south of Curryville until the family relocated to Bowling Green during The Great Depression. Sam returned to live and work on neighboring farms as a farmhand, until leaving high school. He enlisted in the United States Army, serving from 1952-54 during the Korean War, remaining stateside. Post military service, he relocated to Nebraska, working in Omaha, Neb., and Lincoln, Neb., where he was employed 20 years (1965-85) with the State of Nebraska's Department of Roads as road maintenance supervisor. He returned to Missouri in 1985 and moved back to Nebraska in 2020.

To know Sam, is to know his passion for music and family. Sam was a gifted musician, playing acoustic guitar and bass for nearly 75 years. He was also an accomplished country music singer, with a passion for western swing. His prolific musical talent led him to form several bands, including Nebraska's 'Prairie Sons' and Missouri's 'Swinging Strings,' as well as many coveted spots in touring groups and opry venues across the midwest.

He was inducted into both the Cowtown Society of Western Swing, and the International Country Music Hall of Fame. When interviewed on his induction, Sam expressed his gratitude humbly, "Well for an old poor country boy like me, it was quite an honor," he said, "I appreciate them asking me to be here."

Sam needed little arm-twisting for a performance. He continued to sing and play guitar and bass on stage until a few weeks prior to hospitalization, last performing a brief impromptu set at the Beatrice Senior Center, where he was "pressured" by an enthusiastic crowd into performing - all too willingly, one last time. He even cooed or hummed favorite songs while strumming an invisible guitar or tapping his toes to a country tune while he slept.

He took pleasure in simple gifts like a hot, homecooked meal, a good song, or a game of pitch. He didn't take much pleasure in losing anything, especially a game of pitch. He often joined family in Lincoln, Neb., for holidays or special occasions, where he was routinely the 'life of the party,' as a gifted storyteller with a booming laugh. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by four children, Ronald "Ronnie" E. McBride and wife, Chris of Middleton, Margie L. Kadavy and husband, Mike, Sherla M. Post and husband, Greg, and Samuel R. Branstetter, Jr., and wife, Teri of Lincoln, Neb.; 10 grandchildren, Lisa Shimp and Scott Chamberlain of Frankford, Regina Cover and husband, Bill of Bowling Green and Melissa Baskett and husband, Jared of Vandalia; George D. Neberman, Deacon B. Neberman, both of Lincoln, Neb., John Carl Denkovich and Ryan Rehder of Omaha, Neb., Zach R. Branstetter and wife, Lindsey, Eric C. Post and wife, Emily, Stasa M. Denkovich-Becker and husband, Shane of Lincoln, Neb., and Carl M. Post of Portland, Ore.; 12 great-grandchildren; and long-time companion, Neoma M. Patterson of Weatherford, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Ankrom McBride Branstetter who died Jan. 30, 1995; infant son, Frank A. Branstetter on April 15, 1959; a son, Emmett P. Branstetter on July 8, 1989; and Karen Bornemeier, May 7, 1998. He is also preceded in death by parents, eight sisters, and three brothers.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Kathleen M. Lowe

Kathleen M. Robison Lowe, 92, of Vandalia died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Rev. Philip M. Kane will officiate. Burial will be in the Vandalia Cemetery following the service.

Visitation celebrating Kathleen's life will be from 9:30 a.m., until the time of service Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with a Rosary service at 9:15 a.m.

Kathleen was born June 4, 1929, in Perry, Missouri the daughter of Wm O. and Veronica Sullivan Robison. She was united in marriage to Birney E Lowe, Jr. on June 5, 1948. He preceded her in death on June 21, 2003.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, William "Bub" Robison; two sisters, Mary E Duvall, and Lucille Wilkison, her husband of 55 years; and grandson, Timothy O. Brown.

Mrs. Lowe is survived by her son, Gary Lowe and wife, Cathy of Clinton; a daughter, Donna Lowe of Vandalia; grandchildren, Amanda and Anthony Littrell of Warrensburg, Andrew L. Brown of Vandalia, and Christina "Katie" Ridgeway of Columbia; and great-grandchildren, Jackson and Patrick Littrell of Warrensburg.

After high school she worked several years at Vandalia State Bank, later becoming a working farm wife. She was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she served as president of the Altar & Rosary Society for many years; a member of Sacred Heart Parish Council & volunteered at the women's correctional facility (WERDCC) from 1988 until failing health prevented her from volunteering. Kathleen was president of the Audrain County Women's Democratic Club; served on the MO Demo Days Advisory Board for many years & received the Grass Roots Worker Award in 1988. She loved campaigning, being with friends and meeting new people.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Brown, Mickey Davis, Bob Giltner, David Hays, Robert Hays, and Tex Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Evans, Ronnie Hays, Mike Hechler, Anthony Littrell, Tim Luebrecht, Russell Osterhout, and Chuck Early.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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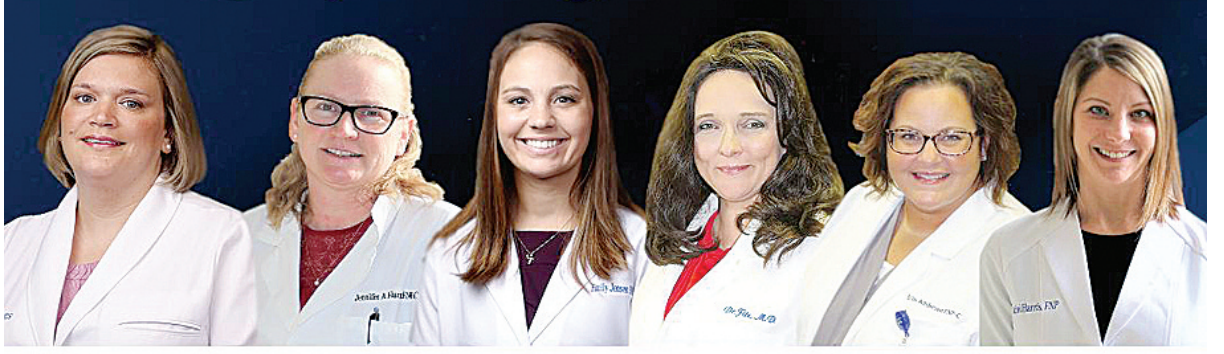

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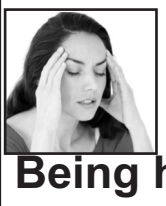

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The City of Bowling Green is accepting sealed bids to construct a 1,700 m/l sq. ft., building for Alliance Water Resources. Bid specs are available at Bowling Green City Hall, 16 West Church Street, Bowling Green or at Alliance Water Resources, 6 Jefferson Drive. Prevailing wage will be required.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the Alliance Building. Sealed bids will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, 16 West Church Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334 until 9 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at which time will be opened and read in the City Hall Conference Room. Call 573-324-5451 or 573-324-2660 with questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brenda Gower

Audrain County Library Staff Book Reviews

JUVENILE BOOK REVIEW
ALONE BY MEGAN E. FREEMAN
REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER

Alone by Megan E. Freeman is about a young girl who finds herself alone. She and two friends organize a sleepover at Maddie's grandparent's summer lodging with their parents thinking they are at other places. Maddie's parents are divorced so she had told each that she is at the other's house. Maddie's two friends end up not being able to come so she is alone in the apartment and during the night the whole area is evacuated but her. She is ALONE. How is she going to survive? What should she do? Will anyone come back for her? What has happened to her family and friends? The story is written in sparse verse which reads very quickly and is a page turner. Who hasn't wondered what you would do if you woke up and everyone else was gone. I enjoyed reading this juvenile fiction book and would give it a 5.

Ruth Nation

STAFF ADULT BOOK REVIEW
AMERICAN DIRT BY JEANINE CUMMINS
REVIEWED BY RUTH NATION, LIBRARY ASSISTANT
VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins is an Oprah's Book Club recommendation and an Amazon Editor's Pick for a reason.

This gripping novel moves quickly from beginning to end with the protagonist and her son escaping from one danger just to land in another. This book is not an easy read. There is graphic violence from beginning to end but . . .I felt realistic and oh too believable violence.

There are two journeys in this book, undertaken by women who don't have any other viable decision but to flee to "el Norte", the United States. Staying home is not an option, staying with relatives, not an option, going to the police….definitely not an option. The author completed exhaustive research and the whole story rings with authenticity. Just when you think they can't possibly survive and I can't keep reading this....the kindness of strangers saves them. I so want to believe that if such evil can exist in our world, then this hope of humanity, that we can be kind to others, must exist too.

If you want to expand your understanding of the immigrant/illegal alien controversy, then add this book to your must read list.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW
THE HAWTHORNE LEGACY
BY JENNIFER LYNN BARNES
REVIEWED BY RUTH NATION, LIBRARY ASSISTANT
VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY

The Hawthorne Legacy by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is a wonderful YA sequel to The Inheritance Games. So many times a sequel just can't quite attain the same quality as the first, but this bookdid not disappoint! Action-packed with many twists and turns, the book takes off and doesn't stop until the last page. With a very satisfactory conclusion, you are content to leave our heroineAvery, until the final installment comes out next fall.So many themes run through these books. I found themes like "what actually makes family, family", "and forgiveness is essential" and "is money really that important?" Add in just a touch of romance and you have a wonderful read from beginning to end. I do recommend reading thebooks in order, and I think kids from 12 to older adults like me will truly come to admire the grit and loyalty of nineteen year-old Avery. Enjoy!

Join MDC For Eagle Days Events Or Watch Eagles On Your Own

From December through February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Discover nature with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) through Eagle Days events around the state or enjoy watching bald eagles on your own.

Because of Missouri's big rivers, many lakes, and abundant wetlands, the Show-Me state is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing. Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in Missouri. Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Early in the morning you can see them flying and fishing. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars.

MDC EAGLE DAYS EVENTS

MDC is again offering Eagle Days events around the state. Some events will include live eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos, and guides with spotting scopes. Some events require registration. Locations include:

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City -- Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Smithville Lake at Paradise Pointe Golf Course Clubhouse in Smithville -- Jan.8, 2022, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Jan. 9, 2022, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off Riverview Drive in St. Louis -- Jan. 15, 2022, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Preregistration is required for each of the live-eagle program time slots at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Springfield Conservation Nature Center in Springfield -- Jan. 15, 2022, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Jan. 16, 2022, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Preregistration is required.

Lock and Dam 24 and Apple Shed Theater in Clarksville -- Jan. 29, 2022, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Jan. 30, 2022, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City -- Jan.22, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Preregistration is required.

For more info on Eagle Days events, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/events and search Eagle Days.

EAGLE WATCHING ON YOUR OWN

Can't make an MDC Eagle Days event? Other local events and hot spots for winter eagle viewing include:

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia,

Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access east of Bagnell,

Lock & Dam 20 in Canton,

Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville,

Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield,

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City,

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico,

Moses Eagle Park in Stella,

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis,

Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton,

Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs,

Smithville Lake north of Kansas City,

Stockton Lake near Stockton,

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner,

Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson, and

Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw.

For more information on bald eagles, visit the MDC online Field Guide at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/bald-eagle.

Gardening Tips For December

HOUSEPLANTS

On cold nights, move houseplants back from icy windows to prevent injury.

Over-wintering geraniums like bright light and cool temperatures. Keep soils on the dry side. Be sure newly purchased indoor plants are well protected for the trip home. Exposure to icy temperatures for even a few moments may cause injury.

Water houseplants with tepid water. Cold tap water may shock plants.

Holiday Poinsettia basics:

- Sun for at least half the day.
- Keep away from drafts, registers and radiators.
- Night temperatures in 50's or low 60's, days at 70 degrees.
- The soil should dry only slightly between thorough waterings.

Discard the drainage.

- Be sure to punch holes in decorative foil wraps to prevent soggy soil conditions.

Louisiana Food Pantry To Relocate

The Louisiana Ministerial Alliance has announced that the Louisiana Community Food Pantry will be moving. The new location for the Food Pantry is 406 South Carolina Street in Louisiana. Pantry volunteers expect that Dec. 27, 2021 will be the last distribution date in its current location at 414 Georgia Street. Jan. 3, 2022 is expected to be the first distribution day in the new location.

Manpower will be needed to make the move. In contrast to one freezer and several cases of food which were moved to the current address, there are six freezers and three refrigerators, shelving and dozens of cases of food plus freezer contents to be moved out. The plan is to move in stages with the final push starting on Dec. 27 or 28.

Many individuals have indicated willingness to help with getting the building ready. Others have indicated they will be glad to help with the move, offering the use of strong backs and/or trucks. If those individuals will contact their pastors or Sara (754-2421), your names and information will be noted for future reference.

The Food Pantry has been solidly supported by individuals, businesses, and community organizations throughout the past five years. The Pantry director stated, "It would be difficult to express just how appreciated community support has been as we all strive to reach out to our friends and neighbors. This effort means as much to those who help make it work as it does to our clients."

FREEDOM

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not. She knows the community, she knows the people. She just really cares about what is happening with those that have fallen on hard times."

Robinson and her husband, Phil, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in January 2022. They are the parents of a son, Jerad, and two daughters, Chelsea and Kristen, and have nine grandchildren.

Robinson, whose official last day was Dec. 3, calls her retirement "bittersweet," but looks forward to what the next chapter holds.

"I don't want a schedule," she said. "I don't want to have to be at a certain place at a certain time. I just want to get up when I want in the morning and be a slob if I want to be for a few days. I'm looking forward to it."

We Welcome Your Local News

PIKE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to persons wishing to file a declaration of candidacy to appear as a candidate at the General Municipal Election on April 5, 2022. Filing will open on Dec. 7, 2021 and continue through Dec. 28, 2021. Filing for the following office will take place in the office of Laura Stumbaugh, Pike County Clerk, Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main, Bowling Green, MO. Pike County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. One Trustee position to be filled for a 5-year term. Pike County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. One Trustee position to be filled for a 3 year unexpired term. Office hours for the County Clerk's office are from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The office will be closed Dec. 24 & 25, 2021.

NOTICE FOR FILING FOR APRIL 5, 2022 CITY OF LOUISIANA GENERAL ELECTION

The filing period for the City of Louisiana's upcoming elected offices has been set for Dec. 7, 2021 through the close of business on Dec. 28, 2021. Business hours for the Louisiana City Hall are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals interested in, and qualified to run for, the following offices can pick up the required form in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 202 South 3rd Street, Suite 118, Louisiana, Missouri and must have it returned to the same office before the end of the filing period. The election for these offices will be held on April 5, 2022.

Councilperson Ward 1 – (2 year term)
Councilperson Ward 2 – (2 year term)
Councilperson Ward 3 – (2 year term)
Councilperson Ward 4 – (2 year term)
Mayor – (4 year term)

Memarie Gonzalez, City Clerk

PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021 AT 10 AM

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Windows Come To Life

A.J. and Piper Weihl brought the windows of the Louisiana Area Historical Museum to life on Nov. 27 as part of the Louisiana Christmas Parade and activities. Most storefronts and businesses featured holiday displays.

Holiday Bells

The award-winning Centenary United Methodist Church Handbell Choir kept crowds in the holiday mood with its performance prior to the Louisiana Christmas Parade Nov. 27. The parade featured floats, walkers and dogs, and traveled Georgia Street from Sunset Park to the downtown. The event, sponsored by Louisiana Community Betterment, also included vendor booths and a visit by Santa Claus.

Trimming The Tree

Mother and daughter Hyerim Jung and Seoah Hong decorate Nov. 27 at the Louisiana Area Historical Museum's Tree-Trimming Party. Dozens of other children and their families participated in the free event, which was held in conjunction with the Louisiana Christmas Parade. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies were available. Hyerim and Seoah are the wife and daughter of the Rev. Beomseon Hong, pastor of Centenary and Clarksville United Methodist churches.

OBITUARIES

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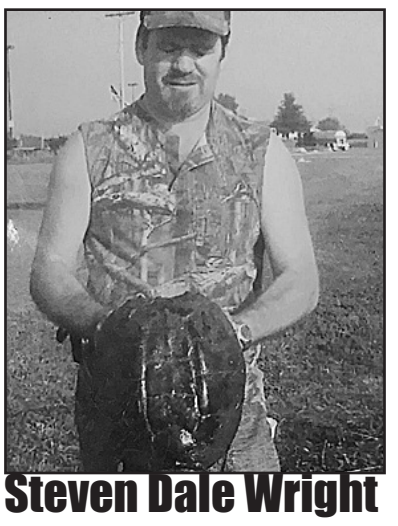

Steven Dale Wright

Steven Dale Wright, 55, of Louisiana died in his home on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory of Bowling Green is handling cremation rites, per Steven's wishes. A Celebration of Life is being planned by the family and will be held at a later date.

Steven was born Nov. 21, 1966 to Paul Wright and Marilyn Ehrgott in Louisiana.

Steven enjoyed collecting coins and attending auctions. His favorite pastimes were fishing, shooting pool, and playing cards. Steven had a green thumb, and loved to craft. He also volunteered at the Louisiana food pantry.

Steven is survived by his children: Brandon Niffen and wife, Carol, Brian Wright, Nick Wright, and Hattie Wright; and grandchildren: Adien Niffen, Landon Niffen, Brayden Wright, Jacen Wright, Elijah Wright, and Camdon Niffen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, John Wright.

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

Sounds Of Christmas

Beau and Reese Potter ring bells Nov. 27 for the Salvation Army kettle campaign outside Walmart in Bowling Green. Additional volunteers are needed to ring bells. The campaign continues through Dec. 24. Eighty-five percent of proceeds from the fund-raiser stay in Pike County to help those in need. Volunteers may sign up by calling the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) at 573-324-2207. Beau, 7, and Reese, 4, are children of Brent and Jenny Potter of Bowling Green.

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