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Pictured front row, center, is Pam Perkins, wife of the late Tim Perkins, and mother of the late Amanda Perkins, who were all Van-Far graduate with a license plate presented to the family at this year's Van-Far Cruise Night. Proceeds from the 2022 Cruise were donated to the Perkins family.

## Van-Far Cruise Night Benefits Perkins Family

The fourth annual Van-Far Cruise Night was held Saturday, Aug. 24 throughout the streets of Vandalia. The streets of Vandalia were full of vintage and newer vehicles. For many this night each year brings back lots of memories not to mention reminiscing with old friends throughout the evening.

## The Battle Of Ashley

1862 Skirmish Brought Civil War To Pike County



Twenty-five-year-old Davis Whiteside was one of the Confederate bushwhackers who died as a result of the Battle of Ashley. (From the book "With Porter in North Missouri")

BY BRENT ENGEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
Editor's note: Following is the final part of a two-part series by contributing writer Brent Engel of Louisiana.

The Battle of Ashley apparently led to seven deaths, which for the Civil War was nothing short of miraculous. A contingent of about 30 Union militia and local residents held off an estimated 125 to 150 Confederates on Aug. 28, 1862. The rebels were after guns stored at an arsenal.

In its report on the hour-long skirmish, the Louisiana Journal said at least 19 Union men fired upon the invaders. Two or three instead "wished to surrender, deeming the situation untenable" and the odds too great.

"The rest said 'No surrender. We'll fight and whip the scoundrels,'" the newspaper reported. "And they did whip them soundly."

Given their overwhelming numbers, it's surprising the Confederates didn't finish off the small garrison.

The Journal claimed store owner J.C. Elmore pleaded with rebel captains to withdraw because further fighting would only result in more deaths and "accomplish nothing." Author Bruce Nichols says the "fear that nearby Yankee troops would come to" Ashley's defense led to the retreat.

Thomas James Clark Fagg was a 40-year-old Pike County judge and future Missouri Supreme Court justice who helped recruit the Ashley soldiers. He said the Confederates would have "made it hot" for the Union had they taken the arsenal.

As it stood, the Journal declared the militiamen had "covered themselves all over

with glory!"

**CASUALTY LIST**  
As with some tales of the battle, there are conflicting stories about casualties. At least five Confederates were reported to have died. The first was Moses Beck, although accounts vary. The most plausible came from Louisiana bushwhacker Samuel Minor. He was standing near Beck when the 31-year-old farmer was struck by a bullet while overseeing work to build a portable barricade.

One story says Beck died instantly, but author Joseph A. Mudd wrote that Beck "loosened his money belt, containing gold, and gave it with his revolver to Sam. He lived only a few minutes."

Two other Confederates — 25-year-old Davis Whiteside of Lincoln County and William Friedly of St. Charles County — died the next day. Whiteside was the second of five brothers and is buried just south of Eolia.

While it doesn't seem likely, Mudd claimed Whiteside lived for several days and "until the end was tenderly nursed" by Mary Clark Kerr Purse, the wife of Ashley Union Capt. William Purse.

Ralls County resident David Blue died of a stomach wound a few days after the battle. The 1883 Pike County history book identifies the final rebel victim only as a "Mr. Wosham," who was "killed by a ball carrying away part of the skull."

The Journal says that as Confederates left Ashley, they shot 23-year-old Union soldier George Washington Trower. However, another account says secessionist townspeople ambushed Trower and murdered him. A 28-year-old brother, Robert

Trower, was wounded during the battle. Two other siblings, Henry and James Trower, performed wartime duties for the Union. George Trower is buried in Smyrna Church Cemetery between New Hartford and Middletown.

James Venable is noted by the Journal as the second Union casualty, dying on Aug. 29. The newspaper lists the other Union injured as John McCormick, Ambrose VanArsdale, John Kiser, Samuel and Crede Grimmert, Jonathan Mayberry, Joseph Orr and H.M. Reid.

One of the Confederates wounded was Dr. Henry Lovelace, whom Mudd called "a man of the highest integrity and of most lovable disposition." Lovelace died in 1900 at age 66.

There were likely more hurt on both sides. "Just what the casualties were is not fully known," the history book admitted. "Pools of blood in the woods back of Ashley indicated that others were seriously wounded, a number of whom were reported to have died soon after."

**THE AFTERMATH**  
Fallout from the Battle of Ashley would continue for weeks, and Pike County would soon encapsulate the violent national divide between North and South.

Purse declared that "the brush around is swarming" with rebels. A Union patrol sent from Ashley after the skirmish came across suspected Confederate scout Peter Parsons.

"Parsons refused to tell where his gang was secreted and his captors promptly shot him," the Journal reported.

Union loyalists held an unprecedented meeting at Bowling Green four days after the battle to discourage secession. Missouri U.S. Sen. John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana and Illinois U.S. Sen. Orville Browning of Quincy were the primary speakers. Both were strong Union supporters.

Henderson said "selfish demagogues" had started the "unnecessary rebellion" and "should receive the condemnation of every patriot in the land." He also called guerilla warfare that had resulted in the Battle of Ashley a "disgrace to the civilization of the age."

"They have destroyed our property and taken the lives of our people, and Missourians owe it to their own honor to drive these scoundrels from the state," Henderson said.

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## Ron Moore Claims First Place For The 6th Time At Boat Race

Vandalia resident Ron Moore has won six times at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout held Saturday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Aug. 30.

Moore in his 1984 Formula 242 with a 468 engine Chevy big block with a 671 blower. The boat has a Mercury XR drive and Bravo 25 with a pitch propeller.

The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States, named one of the nation's eight "must-see" boating events according to Powerboat Magazine, the Shootout takes place for the 10th year at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach (Lake Road 5-50, mile marker 34.5).

The event raises funds for eight Lake-area rescue teams and numerous other charitable organizations.

Moore has been racing at the LOTO Shootout, Captain Ron's, Sunrise Beach for six years.

Ron began racing in 2015. He won his class first time out



Ron Moore of Vandalia is with granddaughter Presley and his first-place plaque from the 2022 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout.

and was hooked.

The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is the largest unsanctioned boat race in the US, named one of the nation's eight "must-see" boating events according to Powerboat Magazine.

The charity event raises funds for a range of local charitable organizations.

In 2008, the Shootout moved to Captain Ron's Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach on the 34.5 mile marker.

## NECAC Seeks Board Nominations

The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) still is accepting candidate nominations for an open board position in Pike County.

The deadline is Friday, Sept. 16. Nominations are being accepted for a civic interest representative. The term is for four years from October 2022-September 2026.

Candidates must live in Pike County and be nominated by a local business,

labor, civic, fraternal, social, educational or religious organization.

The board will hold the election Tuesday, Sept. 27, with installation and term of office beginning on Oct. 25. Nominations must be made on forms available from the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 North in Bowling Green. A biographical questionnaire provided by NECAC or a personal resume must be completed.

The board meets the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, October and November at 7 p.m., at the agency's headquarters in Bowling Green. A complimentary meal and travel reimbursement are provided. The agency has an annual budget of almost \$29 million, with 100 full-time and more than 85 part-time employees.

More information is available by calling the NECAC Pike County Service Center at 573-324-2207.

## September Dates From Pike County History

BY BRENT ENGEL  
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Sept. 3, 1865: Father John Cummings is arrested after saying Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana. His crime? Failing to recite the new state constitution's "loyalty oath" enacted after the Civil War. The legal battle that followed would reach the U.S. Supreme Court, where Cummings won a narrow victory. The case is still cited as a free speech milestone.

Sept. 8, 2017: Ground-breaking is held for a new Champ Clark Bridge at Louisiana. The event comes 90 years and two days after a worker was killed during construction of the original structure. Clark's great-grandson, J. Bennett "Ben" Clark, is featured at the ceremony, during which a bald eagle flies low directly over the audience. Clark returns for dedication of the new bridge on Aug. 3, 2019.

Sept. 13, 1917: Cornerstone ceremonies are held in Bowling Green for a new Pike County Courthouse. The \$100,000 facility -- almost \$2 million today -- opened in January 1919. The project was not without controversy. Proposals had been made to construct buildings in Bowling Green and in Louisiana, where the county's first government building stood. In the end, voters decided one courthouse was enough.

Sept. 17, 1972: Retired nursery executive and former Missouri Gov. Lloyd Stark of Louisiana dies at 85. During his one term from 1937 to 1941, Stark led reforms and battled Kansas City political boss Tom Pendergast. He lost the U.S. Senate primary in 1940 to Harry Truman, who five years later would become president upon the death of Franklin Roosevelt.

Sept. 18, 1884: The

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## Remodel To Start At People's Bank & Trust Louisiana Downtown Location

It's going to start looking different inside 101 South Third Street in Louisiana this month as Peoples Bank & Trust Co., begins renovations at the Louisiana downtown branch.

The renovation includes a refresh of the interior of the building along with some building improvements and updates.

"We love being in historic downtown Louisiana and want to do our part to revitalize this area of the community," said Ben Logan, branch manager, "and this starts with renovating the bank branch."

To continue to provide bank services to customers, a temporary interior wall and teller line has been installed. Customers need to enter the bank using the south door by the drive up while renovations are being done on the north side of the building. Once renovations on the north side are complete, operations will switch to the completed side while work is being done on the south side of the building.

In addition to updating the inside of the building, plans also include adding a second drive up lane and performing some maintenance work on the south exterior wall of the bank.

"The brick on that side of the building was never meant to be exposed to the outside elements. To prevent further deterioration and to maintain

the integrity of the building, a more suitable material will be installed over the brick," said Logan.

During the work on the exterior of the building, there may be times when drive up banking is unavailable at the downtown location. However, the west bank drive up will remain open during the entire renovation process to accommodate customers. In addition, a new drive-up ATM is being installed at the West bank location to further accommodate customers now and in the future.

The renovation project is expected to be completed by the end of December 2022. At this time, the Louisiana west branch will permanently close and all banking services will move to the downtown location.

"We know this may come as a bit of a surprise to some, but with the remodeled building and additional services Peoples Bank & Trust offers our customers, moving all our banking operations to one location just makes more sense. The new drive-up ATM will remain out west and we'll still keep the land for possible future use, but everything else will transition to the Downtown location. We've spent the last month cleaning out the bank in preparation for the construction. We're all very excited for the project to start and look forward to working in a new, updated building," said Logan.

## OBITUARIES

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## ASHLEY

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Mudd said the retreating Confederates were left to "get through the (Union) lines as best we could" after the "Ashley disaster." Judge Fagg gave credit to the Union militia.  
"It was doubtless true that this regiment was largely instrumental in preserving the property and even the lives of the people of this section," he said.  
The Journal didn't hold back, either.  
"Take it all in all, the affair turned out most disastrously to the rebel rascals who ven-

ured to make a raid on the 'sacred soil' of Old Pike," the paper proclaimed.  
**ONE LAST THING**  
One stubborn Ashley man wasn't about to let attackers get the best of him.  
The story goes that before taking on Union militiamen, 75 bushwhackers descended upon the Moses Hendrick farm three miles from town. Though born in the South, the 56-year-old Union sympathizer wasn't about to give up his constitutionally-protected five guns without a clash.  
"Accordingly, he sent the contents of the first plump into the buttocks of a rebel, giving him so much of his 'rights,'" the Journal hysteri-

cally noted.  
Hendrick managed to fire two more of the guns before being captured. Remarkably, he wasn't killed instantly. Instead, the Confederates put him atop a horse, tied his hands and led him into the woods with the promise of an execution at noon.  
While the guerillas were engaged at Ashley, Hendrick loosened the ropes, got away from a guard and galloped into town, all the while dodging an estimated 30 to 40 bullets.  
"Thus it was that a life was saved and a horse captured," the Pike County history book decreed.

## HISTORY

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Riverside Press of Louisiana offers the following political advice: "Young man, you will vote for the first time next month. We don't want to influence you, but candor compels us to

say that if you do not heed our words, and you contribute to the election of any candidate but the one we vote for, you may take our word the country is ruined."  
Sept. 24, 1883: Twenty-three-year-old Samuel Wesley Collins of Middletown guns down 35-year-old

Curryville farmer Owen Utterback. Collins, whose attorney was Champ Clark, claimed he had been shorted by Utterback in an unspecified business deal.  
A jury convicted him and he was hanged at Spring Hollow just east of Bowling Green on Aug. 28, 1885.

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The Changelings Theatre Company presents an adaptation of Shakespeare's classic:

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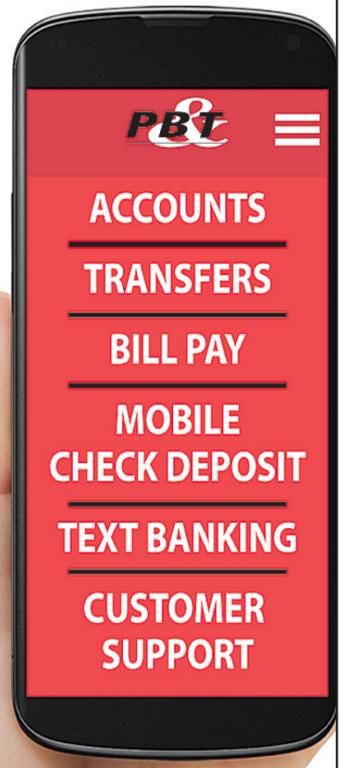
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### U.S. BEEF IMPORTS BY COUNTRY

Rank	Country	Jan.-Mar. 2021	Jan.-Mar. 2022
1.	Brazil	50,451,842	230,206,229
2.	Canada	199,923,183	227,586,505
3.	Mexico	143,926,910	200,108,073
4.	New Zealand	126,909,807	126,279,486
5.	Australia	81,649,111	93,273,802
6.	Nicaragua	41,353,637	47,008,054
7.	Uruguay	30,653,656	29,666,608
8.	Argentina	9,246,543	15,202,190
9.	Ireland	4,668,690	4,800,107
10.	Costa Rica	5,610,192	4,374,238
11.	Netherlands	850,350	2,395,224
12.	United Kingdom	0	2, 215,943
13.	Japan	561,411	1,102,777
14.	France	63,642	379,235
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Source: USDA - Rob Cook

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Lasagna Gardening: Layers And Layers Of Goodness

As traditional gardening season takes a bow, lasagna gardening makes a grand entrance.

Lasagna gardening is no-till, no-dig gardening that uses materials typically thrown away such as kitchen and yard waste, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Donna Aufdenberg.

Aufdenberg says lasagna gardening is environmentally friendly and frees the gardener from tilling, weeding and digging. Gardens also retain moisture well.

Fall is the perfect time to build a low-cost, nutrient-rich lasagna garden, she says. Use ingredients such as grass clippings, leaves and small tree limbs, which are readily available for free from friends, neighbors and city cleanups. Stockpile ingredients throughout the year to build new beds or maintain existing ones.

Lasagna gardening requires no special tools or materials. Gardeners can build a frame for their gardens or go without. Aufdenberg recommends cypress, cedar or other untreated lumber that does not leach contaminants into the soil. She discourages metal or plastic frames that can heat up to dangerous levels.

Choose a level site that offers full sun. Avoid areas with large trees. Prepare the site by "scalping" the grass with the mower on its lowest setting. Then lay down layers of card-

board or newspaper. Wet to start the decomposition process. This area becomes home to "powerhouse" microorganisms and worms that break down ingredients to create a rich soil with a light-weight texture.

The garden starts as 24 inches of alternating layers of compostable materials that cook down to 6 inches.

The cold compost system rule of thumb is a ratio of two parts carbon to one part nitrogen in alternating layers of browns (carbon) and greens (nitrogen). Browns include peat moss, straw, hay, wood chips, sawdust, chopped corn-cobs, chopped stalks, pine needles or dry foliage. Greens include grass clippings, manure, coffee grounds, kitchen waste and plant clippings. Avoid meats, oils and dairy products that attract animals. End with a brown layer on top. There is no need to turn or stir layers.

Be careful when using manure from pasture-fed cattle. Residual herbicides may pass into the manure and damage plants. Manure and hay with seed heads cause more weeds in the garden.

Water when needed to increase microbial activity and break down the ingredients. Gardeners should expect slugs and snails. Correct any bad odors by adding more brown ingredients.

Leave the pile uncovered unless waste is not breaking down into small, unrecognizable parts. This might happen

if it is wet, rainy or cold. If this is the case, cover the pile with 5 mil plastic sheeting and weigh it down.

Let the pile cook undisturbed through October until the end of winter. In spring, plant as usual. Aufdenberg recommends planting after May to allow materials to break down.

Gardeners should reserve their best garden plants and seeds for lasagna gardens, she says. "This is precious planting space. Consider it high-cost real estate."

Aufdenberg's favorite plantings include tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, spinach and root vegetables. Root vegetables grow extremely well and pull easily at harvest. If using seeds, plant no more than a quarter inch deep with a light covering of soil.

Aufdenberg recommends having your soil tested. MU Extension's Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory offers low-cost soil testing services. Visit [soilplantlab.missouri.edu](http://soilplantlab.missouri.edu) to learn more.

## Graham Is College Grad

Eastern Oregon University in LeGrand, Ore., awarded 717 degrees during the 2021-2022 academic year.

EOU extends congratulations to the class of 2022 and takes great pride in the achievement of all alumni.

Eric Dwayne Graham of Elsberry received a bachelor of science, fire services administration



## Samantha McCurdy Joins NECAC

Samantha McCurdy of Middletown has joined the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) as an administrative assistant in the weatherization department.

McCurdy will work with clients about weatherization programs, coordinate referrals and handle other tasks. She is a 2008 graduate of Louisiana High School and formerly worked as an administrative assistant for Corizon Correctional Healthcare at the Bowling Green prison and as an office manager at the Louisiana License Office.

Weatherization services available to income-qualifying households include home energy audits, air leak sealing, insulation of walls, attics and floors, replacement of furnaces and checks of heating systems to make sure they are working properly.

More information is available by calling McCurdy at 573-324-2251.

## MO State Dean's List

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

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Mary Alhorn of Eolia (63344)

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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**PARADE**  
9:00 AM : Line Up Begins: Bowling Green High School  
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10:00 AM : Parade Begins. Featuring Grand Marshall:  
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# OBITUARIES



## Joyce Marilyn Detmer

Joyce Marilyn Detmer, 86, of Silex died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2022 at Mercy Hospital-Lincoln Troy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy. The Rev. Sammy Lorton and the Rev. Nathan Detmer officiated. Interment was in Old Alexandria Cemetery, Troy.

Visitation was held Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1935 in Eldon to Jesse David and Josie Pearl Payne White. Joyce attended the local schools with her three siblings and graduated from Ferguson High School.

Joyce was blessed with three children with her first husband, Bruce, Brent and Colleen. On May 17, 1980 she was united in marriage with Charles Detmer and along with his son, Nathan they all became a family. Charles describes Joyce as an angel on earth. They spent many happy years together with family and friends. Joyce was a hard worker and never tired, her family says she was "super-human" with her energy and enthusiasm.

She was employed by Con-Tel as an operator for over 15 years, worked as a realtor and owned Fantasyland Décor for over 20 years (the huge chicken out front on Hwy. 61) many people will remember.

Joyce was a talented artist who received many awards for her paintings. She was patient, loving, kind and generous to all whom she met. Joyce was not afraid to get her hands dirty and would often help Charles on the farm.

She was a Christian and was baptized at New Salem Baptist Church. Joyce was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, who will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 42 years, Charles Detmer of Silex; children, Bruce M. Allmon and wife, Linda of Wentzville, Brent M. Allmon of Winfield, Colleen G. and husband Steven Brown of Middletown, and Nathan Detmer and wife, Amy of Briscoe; nine grandchildren, Mora Detmer, Dustin Allmon and wife, Ashley, Breanne Stiltz and husband, Tad, Lynette Delp and husband, Christopher, Holly Williams and husband, Daniel, Jolleen G. Brown, Sarah Spaulding and husband, Timothy, Bekka Detmer and Nicholas Sutton and wife, Evangeline; great-grandchildren, Cash, Nathan, Eleanore, and Brady; siblings, Lindell Asher of Steeleville, Evelyn and Jim Vandivort of Richwoods; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and recently her brother, Forest White.

Memorials may be made to Troy Holiness School or Old Alexandria Cemetery, c/o the funeral home. Family and Friends may sign the online guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

## Shirley Fay Jensen

Services for Shirley Fay Jensen, 78, of Laddonia, were held at 11 a.m., Friday at Bi-hoff Funeral Home in Laddonia, with Pastor Tommy Barnhart officiating. Burial followed at Littleby Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jensen died Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 at University Hospital-Columbia.

She was born Nov. 29, 1943, in St. Louis, the daughter of Charles and Doloris Lincoln Matlock. Shirley married Glenn Alvin Jensen, Sr., on June 3, 1961 in Web-

ster Groves. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 2013.

Survivors include two sons, Reggie Jensen and wife, Tracey of St. Charles, and Glenn Jensen Jr., and wife, Christina of Laddonia; four daughters, Amanda Jensen and Larry Myers of Laddonia, Laura Obermark and husband, Kevin of Tomahawk, Wis., Shannon Boone and husband, Russell of Montgomery City, and Sarah Palmer and husband, Robert of Mexico; one brother, Neil Matlock, Sr., of Ballwin; two sisters, Nancy Creek and husband, Larry of Laddonia and Tammy Barnhouse and husband, Tom of Lonedale; 16 grandchildren, Alyssa, Hayden, Glenn III, Matthew, David, and Nicholas Jensen, Joshua Theiss, Andrew and Samantha Thomasson, Brandon and Allyson Boone, Ravin, Melania, and Raith Palmer, Daniel Fischer, Ely, and Cameron Myers; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Doloris; and her husband, Glenn.

Mrs. Jensen was a Lutheran by Faith, who spent 45 years as a school bus driver, with 33 of those years being with the Community R-6 School District.

She enjoyed spending her time quilting, growing flowers, and doing puzzles. Most of all, Shirley loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hayden Jensen, Glenn Jensen, III, Matthew Jensen, David Jensen, Nicholas Jensen, Joshua Theiss, Andrew Thomasson, and Brandon Boone. Honorary pallbearers were Raith Palmer, Ely Myers, and Cameron Myers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Laddonia Volunteer Fire Department or the Laddonia Missouri Athletic Association, c/o Bi-hoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Laddonia, MO 63352.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bienhofffuneralhome.com](http://www.bienhofffuneralhome.com).



## Patsy 'Pat' Juanita Chandler

Patsy "Pat" Juanita Chandler, 78, of Louisiana died Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill. She was surrounded by loved ones at her time of death.

Funeral services were held at noon Wednesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana with the Rev. Mike Thomas officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m., until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Patsy was born on Nov. 25, 1943 in Louisiana to Bruce Hight and Ella Darnell. She was joined in marriage to Carroll Edward Chandler on Dec.

13, 1958 in Louisiana who survives.

She is also survived by her children, Carroll Chandler and wife, Caro of Russellville; Margaret Dunn and husband, Tom of Bowling Green, Jacqueline Sterne and husband, Harold of Henderson, Nev.; Lucinda Traywick of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; David Chandler and wife, Lona of Louisiana; Brenda Chandler of Bowling Green; and Brice Chandler and wife, Kimberly of Louisiana; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Rachel Scran-ton; a brother, Jack Darnell; and a brother-in-law, Terry Weaver.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the father that raised her Jack Darnell, a special granddaughter Patsy "P.J." Juanita Chandler, and 3 sisters, Berniece Weaver, Addie Hagen, and Frances Howard.

Patsy attended school in Louisiana where she was a Presbyterian by faith. In Louisiana, she dedicated her working career caring for the elderly. She spent several years at each of the city's nursing homes including Maple Grove, Smith-Barr Manor, and Lynn's Heritage House where she retired at the age of 65.

As with many little girls, Patsy wanted to attend dance school; however, when she was 10-years-old, she was involved in a car accident that left her with a lifelong injury to both feet. Although she was never able to fulfill that dream due to those injuries and a long recovery, she went on to live a full life, marry the love of her life of 63 years, and raise a large family.

Family meant everything to Patsy, and she took great pride in the many achievements (great and small) of her children, grandchildren, and extended family. She often regaled them with stories of life on River Road and Louisiana during its heydays.

She was noted by family members as not only loving and caring but also fearless. Patsy was just as willing to join her younger children on even the most harrowing amusement park rides as she was to protect them from the dangers of country living.

Patsy was a crack shot with a rifle when needed. A book lover with a soft spot for Amish romance novels. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, and cross stitching. She was a talented seamstress and liked to sew. She would make clothes for her family whenever needed. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Matt Dunn, Ryan Dunn, Josh Hill, Robbie Momphard, Samantha Momphard, and Harold Sterne.

Memorials may be given to the Ruth Jensen Village, any local hospices, or donor's choice.

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## Card Of Thanks

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All the cards, phone calls, visits, food, and continued support that I have been given is greatly appreciated. They all mean so very much to me.

Also, my family would like to thank the Korte family for making them feel included in their family.

Sincerely,

*Donna Carver*

## Two Week Closure Of Rt. 54

Weather permitting, September 6, immediately following Labor Day, the next phase of construction will begin on the intersection improvement project and new roundabout, located in Audrain County at the intersection of U.S. 54/MO19/Route J, just north of Laddonia.

During this time, it will be necessary to temporarily close a section of U.S. Route 54 at this location for a period of up to 14 days from just east of the intersection to CR 509. A signed detour will be in place directing traffic over Missouri Route 154 to Missouri Route 19. While north and southbound traffic on MO 19/U.S. 54 will remain uninterrupted, the closure will prohibit access to U.S. 54 (heading to Farber) east of the intersection.

This closure and temporary detour are necessary for the construction of intersection improvements and to provide safety for drivers and construction workers. Signs and message boards will be in place to alert motorists, as schedule changes occur.

Once this phase of construction is complete and U.S. 54 is reopened, traffic will continue to remain closed. A graphic of the detour and additional information on the project can be found by visiting <https://www.modot.org/roundabouts-us-route-54>.

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"In the end, she was transformed into a sunflower, a plant which turns its face toward the sun as it moves across the sky each day," said University of Missouri horticulturist David Trinklein.

Young sunflowers actually search the heavens for light for photosynthesis in a process called heliotropism, Trinklein said. The sunflower's internal (circadian) clock acts on growth hormones that cause cells on different sides of the plant's stems to enlarge or contract. Older sunflowers mainly face east, warming themselves early in the day to attract pollinators.

This tough, carefree flower will bring smiles to the faces of even novice gardeners and children, Trinklein said. Its head of tightly packed clusters of small, tubular disc florets produce seeds. The surrounding ray florets, often incorrectly referred to as petals, attract pollinators.

Native Americans grew sunflowers for their edible, nutrient-rich seeds. Sunflowers made their way to Europe in the early 16th century. Russians soon developed a thriving sunflower oil

industry. American farmers produce nearly 3 billion pounds of sunflower seeds yearly.

Recently, sunflower has been the subject of breeding efforts aimed at making it a more attractive garden flower and cut flower. This has resulted in the introduction of a number of new varieties which are shorter and more free-flowering.

Another recent AAS winner is "Suntastic," a dwarf sunflower that, unlike other varieties, produces new flowers all summer long, he said.

Trinklein shared several other facts about these beacons of summer:

- Not all sunflowers are created equal. Single-stem sunflowers do best in high-density plantings and produce consistently on tall stems. Plant throughout the season for continuous blooms. Branching varieties produce flowers on multiple shorter stems that bloom all sea-

son.

- In 1987, Vincent van Gogh's "Still Life: Vase With Fifteen Sunflowers" sold to an anonymous buyer for \$39.9 million, a record at the time.

- Harvest cut flowers early in the morning before plants become heat-stressed. For fun, immerse cut stems in vases and add food coloring.

- Not all sunflowers are pollinating. Breeders have created pollenless varieties that enjoy a longer blooming season. Check seed packages for classification.

- Choose a full-sun location for planting. The sunflower's deep taproot prefers a well-drained, loose garden loam. Sow seeds ¼ to ½ inch deep and space 6 inches apart. Thin to 24 inches when established.

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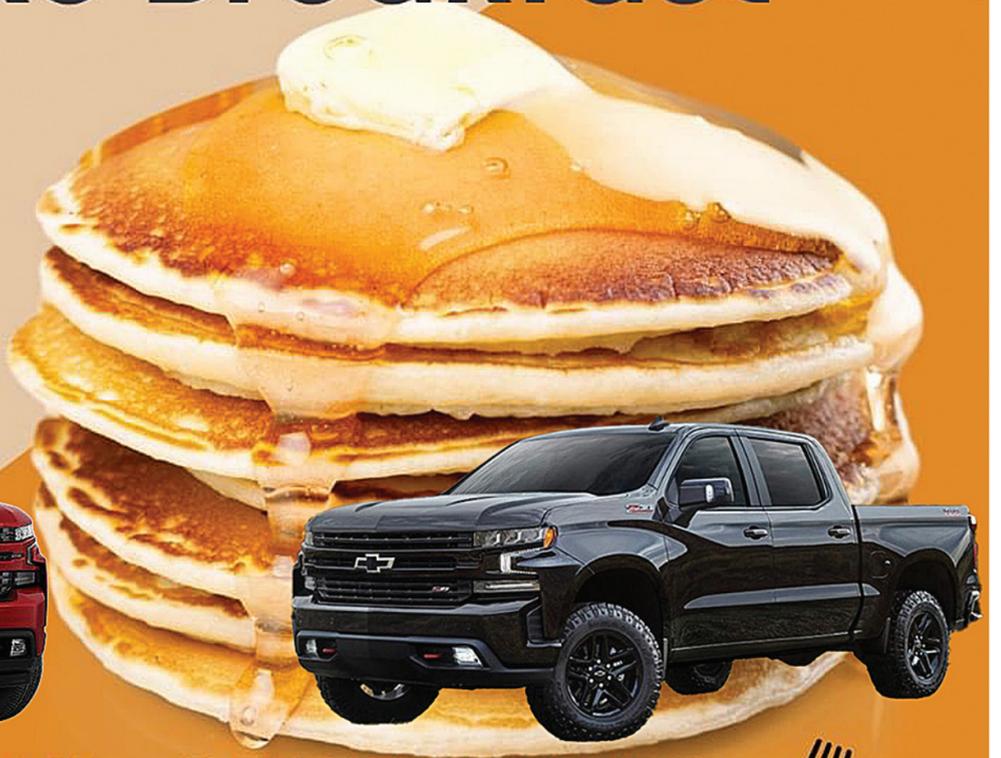
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