

COMMUNITY NEWS

March Was Developmental Disability Awareness Month

The month of March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month, and the Pike County area has much to be proud of when it comes to supporting our citizens with developmental disabilities. The history of Pike County bears this out.

In 1955, four mothers of children with developmental disabilities approached then Superintendent of Schools Ruth Jensen, and requested her assistance to establish a state school for children with special needs.

The group secured a location in the basement of the Bowling Green junior high school, and Lillian Shaper State School was born. Classes were started in January 1960, and eventually the program was relocated in 1974 to the Pike County Senate Bill 40 campus, located at the junction of Highway 161 and Business Route 61 in Bowling Green.

Shortly after getting education for their children implemented, the small group of advocates, who became known as the Champ Clark Association for Challenged Citizens, and later "The Learning Center", partnered with the Hannibal sheltered workshop to establish a satellite workshop in Bowling Green in October 1966. Initially, the Pike Shop was located in the same school building as the State School, but on June 12, 1972 the Pike Shop relocated to a new building on the Senate Bill 40

campus. No longer a satellite of the Hannibal sheltered workshop, it remains at the same location today, offering contract work for various industries the employees' jobs include packing, collating, assembly, and recycling.

One month after getting the Pike Shop going, on November 11, 1966, a meeting was held at the former Wil-Lo Café in Bowling Green where Russell Armentrout, a member of the Champ Clark Association, presented a plan to establish group homes for persons with developmental disabilities in Pike County. At the time, there were only a handful of large state institutions scattered throughout the state, and very few options for parents to keep their adult children with developmental disabilities close to home.

Seeing a need for state enabling legislation to make his plan a reality, Armentrout partnered with St. Louis businessman Frank Ackerman in the late 1960s to advocate at the state capitol for passage of what would later become known as the Senate Bill 40 statute. Passed in 1969 by the state legislature, the legislation allowed individual counties throughout Missouri to provide for a property tax to meet the needs of their citizens with developmental disabilities in areas of residential, employment, and related services.

Pike County was the first county in Missouri to pass this state enabling legislation

in 1970. One of the first actions of the newly established board was to purchase property on what was then the edge of town in Bowling Green; this became known as the Ruth Jensen Village campus.

Today, Pike County Senate Bill 40 owns and maintains the campus, and provides operational assistance funding and facilities to The Learning Center, Pike Shop, the Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities, and Ruth Jensen Village in their efforts to support persons locally with developmental disabilities. The Senate Bill 40 board is administered by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the Pike County Commission, and consists of parents and family members of persons with developmental disabilities, educators, members of the business community, professionals, and other advocates.

Since its establishment in the late 1960s, nearly 90 Missouri counties have passed the Senate Bill 40 enabling legislation, collectively serving thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the state.

All of this resulting in large part from the initial efforts of a handful of Pike County citizens who rolled up their sleeves and got the ball rolling for developmental disability services back in the 1950s.



NECAC Legislative Visit To Capitol

Stephanie Dunker, left foreground, and Kayla Wasson of NECAC met Wednesday, March 22 at the capitol in Jefferson City with State Rep. Chad Perkins, R-40, of Bowling Green. The visit was part of Community Action Legislative Day. NECAC joined representatives from agencies around the state in discussing issues with lawmakers. NECAC highlighted its student educational, job training and housing development efforts.

Agape House Re-Elects Officers

At their meeting on Wednesday, March 22, board members of Agape House of Vandalia conducted the annual election of officers.

All officers were reelected by acclamation and include:

President Rich Duffner; Vice-president Floy Oliver; Secretary Janet Heim; Treasurer Kay Robnett; Historian Jane Duffner.

R. Duffner reported nearly all repainting and minor re-

pairs in the guesthouse have been completed. Unneeded furniture will be removed soon and cleaning of the storage shed has been completed.

The manager reported
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The Learning Center Has Grown

In the 1970's, citizens of Bowling Green determined that children with a disability needed a preschool.

Through the hard work and dreams of many citizens, The Learning Center was established. It has had different locations and formats but at its core was always the hope that children with disabilities would have access to a quality education.

Today, The Learning Center (TLC) is a not for profit private preschool in Bowling Green which is operated by the Champ Clark Association for Challenged Children, Inc. From the basement of a house at Ruth Jensen Village to its present location on Business 61,

TLC has grown and expanded to now serve children of all abilities in an inclusive environment. That is, they all work and play together. For those children who qualify, TLC provides physical, occupational, speech, language and developmental therapy as well as transportation. TLC maintains a low sta% to student ratio with some students receiving one on one assistance.

TLC's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment which includes all children and motivates them to explore, create and learn, regardless of their abilities. TLC is steadfast in its commitment to support each child's individual stages of learning, including his or her physical, social, moral, emotional and cognitive develop-

ment. Presently, TLC serves 89 children. It contracts with Bowling Green R-1 School, Clopton and Van-Far schools to provide early childhood special education to children, ages three-five years, who qualify for services. We believe we are making a difference in the lives of the children we serve and their families.

We celebrate when each child reaches a milestone, regardless of their age. Sometimes children learn to walk when they are one year old and sometimes they learn to walk when they are *ve years old. Each of these moments is important. The programing offered at TLC also has an economic impact on our communities.

Many of TLC's graduates

are now employed in jobs around Pike County. Because TLC provides day care services, parents are able to work outside of the home. Many prior employees of TLC now work at our schools, having discovered a love for teaching and for assisting individuals with disabilities.

TLC employs 32 staff and seven therapists. The members of its board of directors are Debbie Fisher, Art Flynn, Clay Koenig, Bridgette Reuther, JoEllen Storch, Beth Straube and Mackayla Wiler. Pike County has been a leader in establishing programs to serve people with developmental disabilities. TLC is proud to be one of those programs. We look forward to learning more and doing better. As our motto says "Play is where learning begins."

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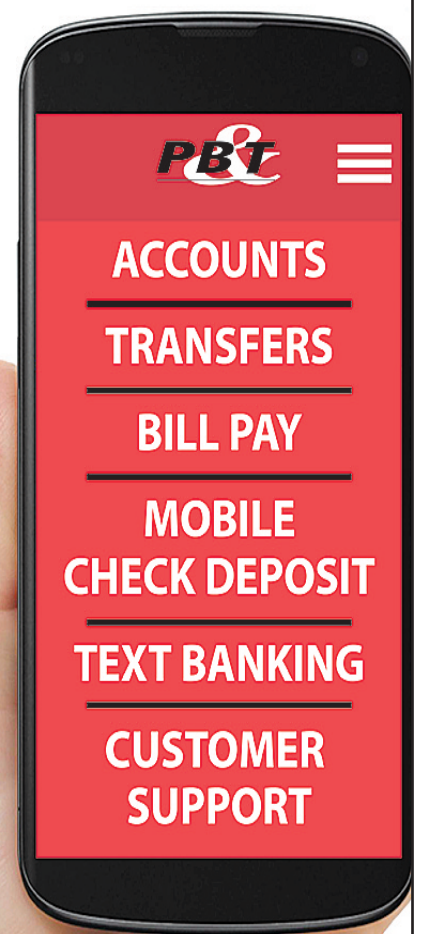


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State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

BUDGET BILLS THIRD READ & PASS

HBs 1-13 & 15 passed the House this week and will now move onto the Senate. Debate quickly became inflamed amid the amendments previously offered regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Reflecting on this divisive debate, Perkins commented, "DEI is divisive to our state, where we seek to unite, it seeks to divide and stifle diversity of thought. It is an insidious ideology that has taken root throughout our state government, and it is our duty, as elected officials, to seek out this ideology and eradicate it. The most efficient way to accomplish this task is through the state budget." Perkins concluded, "My goal is always to give people, all people, an equal opportunity for success, allowing them to succeed, or fail, based on their merits. My goal is never to create a false equity that seeks to produce equality of outcome. That latter goal will always fail and will destroy individual initiative in the process, and I, for one, will not stand for it."

MISSOURI HOUSE APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE OPERATING BUDGET (HBs 1-13)

HBs 2 and 3 which contain the funding for education did not receive a single vote from Democrats. After this vote, Perkins commented, "I'm disappointed to see that none of my colleagues across the aisle chose to fully fund the foundation formula. Our schools depend on this money to operate and our children don't deserve to have political games played with their future."

The members of the Missouri House of Representatives this week approved a \$45.6 billion state operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year that begins in July. The 13 appropriations bills passed by the House include full funding for the state's school foundation formula, funding increases for institutions of higher learning, additional support for law enforcement and school safety, and new funding for nursing homes and child care providers.

With the FY 2024 state budget plan, House members are making an enormous in-

vestment in the both the K-12 and higher education systems. The House allocated approximately \$9.7 billion for the state's elementary and secondary education system. That number includes full funding for the state's foundation formula that is used to fund K-12 public schools. It also includes an additional \$233 million to provide a total of \$347 million to fully fund school transportation for the second time in as many years. The House Budget Chairman included another \$55.1 million in funding for Close the Gap grants that will help Missouri families address the learning loss that occurred as a result of the pandemic.

The budget includes approximately \$1.4 billion for higher education and workforce development. Included in that figure is a 7% funding increase for community colleges and a 5% increase for four-year universities. The spending plan also includes an additional 2% increase for four-year institutions that will be allocated through a performance-based system. The FY 2024 budget also includes full funding for the state's scholarship program such as Bright Flight, Access Missouri, and the A+ Scholarship Program.

With the approval of the state budget, House members also showed their strong support for law enforcement and public safety. The spending plan now on its way to the Senate would provide a 20% pay increase for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Capitol Police. The budget also includes \$50 million for school safety grants for Missouri schools to make physical security investments on their campuses, develop safety plans, establish school resource officer programs, and increase active threat trainings. Additionally, the budget provides an additional \$2 million to the Missouri National Guard to assist with recruitment.

The bills now move to the Missouri Senate for consideration. The House and Senate will have to reach final agreement on the bills by Friday, May 5.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

\$9.7 billion in funding for the state's system of K-12 education which includes full funding (\$3.6 billion) for the school foundation formula.

\$233 million increase to provide a total of \$347 million to fully fund school transportation for the second time in as many years.

\$31.9 million to expand the Teacher Career Ladder Program.

\$1.3 million for a Curriculum Transparency Portal.

\$2 million for Classroom Support Grants.

\$55.1 million in funding for Close the Gap grants that will help Missouri families address the learning loss that occurred as a result of the

pandemic. \$56 million recommended by the governor to expand pre-kindergarten options to all four-year-old children eligible for free and reduced priced lunch at no cost.

\$1.4 billion in total funding for higher education and workforce development.

\$70.8 million to increase funding for state colleges and universities. Community Colleges will receive a 7% increase while four-year institutions will receive a 5% increase and an additional 2% boost based on a performance-funding system.

\$35.5 million for MoEx-cels workforce development projects on college campuses. Full funding for state scholarship programs such as Bright Flight, Access Missouri, and A+.

20 percent pay increases for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Capitol Police to help attract and retain quality officers.

\$50 million for school safety grants for Missouri schools to make physical security investments on their campuses, develop safety plans, establish school resource officer programs, and increase active threat trainings.

\$2 million for the Missouri National Guard to assist with recruitment.

\$1 million increase for Blue Scholarships to help attract more Missourians to law enforcement careers and address officer shortages.

\$20 million to support Missouri's veterans homes.

Speaker Dean Plocher with House Majority Whip Hardy Billington and Rep. Perkins discussing the history of the Thomas Hart Benton Gallery with children visiting from St. Clement School

BILLS SENT TO THE SENATE

HBs 913 & 428 modifies provisions relating to licensed child care facilities. Currently, a person caring for up to six children, with a maximum of three children under the age of two, can operate an unlicensed child care facility. Under this bill, that would change to a person caring for four children, with a maximum of two children under the age of one and a maximum of four children under the age of two. Currently, up to two children who are five years old or older that are related to the child care provider within the third degree will not be included in the maximum number of children for which the family child care home is licensed. This bill allows up to four children related to the child care provider within the third degree to not be counted, regardless of the child's age or if there are multiple members responsible for the child care home that have related children being served there. Supporters say the bill cleans up language in statute that caused unintended consequences. The bill will incen-

From The Mayor's Desk...



JIM ARICO, MAYOR CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

On June 27, 2023 at 6:30 in the Bowling Green High School auditorium, the Bicentennial Princess and Queen candidates contest will be held. Ladies aged 14-18 will be for the Princess contest, and ladies aged 19-99 for the Queen contest. The dress will be a "roaring twenties" theme where each contestant will be required to provide, in advance, a two paragraph or short biography of themselves, their community service and or church activity, and how they serve their neighbors and families.

On the stage, each contestant will pull from a fish bowl, an opinion of our Bowling Green community question. (All possible questions will be shared in advance with each contestant). Winners and runners up to each Princess and Queen contest will participate in the parade and other activities for the next four day of the Bicentennial. Entry blanks are available at BG Middle School, BG High School, City Hall and Don Hamilton Farmers Insurance office. Contestants must have some connection to Bowling Green or Bowling Green School District.

I am so proud of Bowling Green's Planning and Zoning Board as they continue to accept, approve and desire the improvement of housing, buildings, and upgrading of properties. With valuable information from code and ordinance director's input, the P and Z Board is looking to meet the housing and building needs of our great city. Our building inspector/code enforcement does a wonderful job of educating the board plus pursuing the elimination of derelict vehicles, trash accumulation,

old tires, pallets/wood, and unauthorized appliances piling. The Board of Alderpersons have then approved the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board.

I would nominate Delbert Clark for citizen of the month (if there was this recognition) for volunteering to clean up an area that doesn't belong to him. He has been trimming branches, clearing collected debris, and cutting grass for several years now in this area. Well done, Mr. Clark. You are a model for the rest of Bowling Green citizens to follow with maintaining and beautifying our city. It's called "civic pride!"

Along those same lines, if you have a project around your house that you need help, our Volunteer Team is ready with the Adopt-A-Project for Bowling Green. They have built ramps, tore down a garage, (you are responsible for delivering the remains to the Meridian Landfill and avoiding fines), cutting wood, (Thank you SBC Men's Ministry), and other minor projects to clean and beautify your property and Bowling Green.

Saturday, April 22 will have Art In The Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bowling Green City Park. There will be Ceramics, Painting and Drawing, Music, Dancing, and a Talent Show. This is hosted by Bowling Green Schools and talented Bowling Green students. Face painting, photo boards, cotton candy, and food vendors, (Coalney's BBQ), and Klott's Kones. Come and enjoy the hard work and artistic styles of Sheri Grote and her faithful and talented student volunteers.

Good people inspire themselves. Great people inspire others!

Community Calendar...

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

On April 7: Silver Wings band will perform from 7-10 p.m. It will be a carry-in and held at KB Event Center.

On April 12: Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly member meeting. Tony Windmiller,

building inspector for the City of Bowling Green, will be our keynote speaker. All are invited to attend the meeting, which includes a complimentary light lunch. The meeting begins at noon at the Bowling Green Visitor Center. For

more info about the meeting or the Chamber of Commerce, visit the Facebook page or contact Sarah, 573-324-3733.

On April 15: Barbecue at 6 p.m., barbecued pork steaks at Clarksville Boat Club.

tivize unlicensed providers to become licensed, which will give the Department more oversight to protect the children. There is a need for day-care services and this bill will open up space for more service to be provided.

HB 1133 modifies provisions relating to credit toward the service of a sentence of imprisonment by changing the beginning of the credit accrual to after the offense occurred, as opposed to the current provision of after conviction. This credit must be based upon the certification of the sheriff, and may be supplemented by a certificate of a sheriff or other custodial officer from another jurisdiction having held the person on the charge of the offense for which the sentence is ordered. The court, when pronouncing sentence, may award additional credit for time spent in prison, jail, or custody before

the commencement of the sentence for those in which the person was incarcerated, but for whom no detainer or warrant was served. The total amount of credit must not be more than the number of days between the date of the offense and the commencement of the sentence. Supporters say the bill helps address the various nuances when awarding jail time credit, such as defendant mobility throughout the state, providing credit for time already served, and ensuring that no offender or inmate would be required to do doubletime. Post-conviction motions relating to recalculation and resentencing may be reduced as well.

The House approved the bill by a vote of 139-16. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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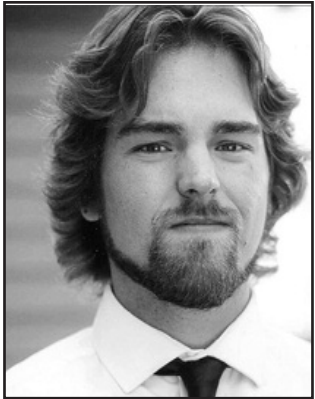
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OBITUARIES



Tristan Wayne Glaspie

Tristan Wayne Glaspie, 24, of Palmyra died Saturday, March 25, 2023, at his home in Palmyra.

Friends and family were invited to Tristan's Life Celebration at a visitation from 9-11 a.m., Thursday at Lewis Brothers Funeral Chapel in Palmyra.

A funeral was held at 11 a.m., Thursday at Lewis Brothers Funeral Chapel. Major Brandon Lewis officiated. Burial with the Adams County Ambulance District Honor Guard followed the service at Greenwood Cemetery in Palmyra.

Tristan was born June 17, 1998, in Hannibal to Darin Wayne Glaspie and Bobbi Jo Massingill.

Survivors include his parents, Darin Glaspie and wife, Amy and Bobbi Jo Massingill and husband, Wes; fiancé and love of his life, Jordan Krow of Lima, Ill., with his expectant child, grandparents, Mary Glaspie of Curryville, Bob and Teresa Orf of Bowling Green, David and Vicki Meyer of Bowling Green, Mark and Kathy Funkenbusch of Palmyra; great-grandparents, Gertrude Orf of Bowling Green and Delores Meyer of Bowling Green, and Loretta Christy of Monroe City; aunts and uncles, Cory and Becky Orf of Bowling Green, Joey and Christy Orf of Bowling Green, Tim and Michelle Brown of Vandalia, Pam Glaspie of Bowling Green, Stacy and Tim Neff of Palmyra, Stephanie and Tim Woodard, Josh and Meghan Funkenbusch; a brother, Alex

Huffman of Quincy, Ill.; sisters, Andrea Ruths and spouse, Reagan of Quincy, Ill., Danielle Gibson and husband, Jacob of Hannibal, Aimee Glaspie and Taybren Campbell of Quincy, Ill., Kaylin Glaspie and Chris Lear of Ursa, Ill., Deanna Huffman and Michael Lyon of Palmyra, Delaney Huffman of Jefferson City, Mikala Glaspie of Philadelphia, Alexandra Massingill of St. Louis, Kelsi Kemner of Quincy, Ill., and Kaetlyn Massingill of Quincy, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa Wayne Glaspie, and his great-grandparents.

Tristan was that easy going nice guy that always wanted to help people. He was quick to offer a helping hand whether that was to buy you lunch or change a tire. He had a great singing voice and could play the trumpet. Tristan enjoyed watching and playing baseball, hunting and fishing when he had the time and was an avid desktop gamer.

He was good at keeping things organized which really helped him excel at his job with the Adam's County Ambulance District and Emergency Management, where he was an operations specialist. Tristan was licensed in both Emergency Medical Response and search and rescue, often heading out to aid where he could. He took a while to warm up to you, but once he did, you were family. Tristan had that innate ability to problem solve and figure out how to do anything, even build his own computer.

Tristan loved his large family, looking forward to taking the time to cook a Thanksgiving meal, grill burgers for his work family or the trips that they enjoyed together. He had hopes to visit Oregon soon and was very excited for the baby on the way and being a daddy. He was a cherished grandson, uncle, son, brother, and fiancé who will be deeply missed by all.

Pallbearers were Darin Glaspie, Wes Massingill, Alex Huffman, Cory Orf, Joey Orf,

Reagan Ruths, and Taybren Campbell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, payable to either his parents, Darin Glaspie, Bobbi Massingill, or his fiancé, Jordan Krow for the needs of his child.

Online condolences may be shared, and video tribute may be viewed at www.LewisBrothersFuneralChapel.com.



Jane Ann Fanning

Jane Ann Fanning, 76, of Springfield, formerly of Bowling Green, died Sunday, March 26, 2023 at her home.

Funeral services for Jane were Saturday at 1 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory with the Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Jane was born Dec. 24, 1946 in Mexico to Leslie and Lois Peterman Hudson. She was united in marriage to James R. "Dick" Fanning on June 21, 1964. He preceded her in death.

Jane is survived by children, Rhonda Roberts and husband, Mark of Springfield, Kirsten Haden and husband, Corey of Frankford, and Darin Fanning and wife, Lori of Columbia; grandchildren, Austin and Hannah Roberts, Brett, Grace, and Ellie Haden, and Carter, Abbie, and Andy Weber; two sisters, Rhonda Dollens and Ardis Wohlbold; and son-in-law, Rich Weber of Mexico.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents;

three brothers, Arthur, Eldon, and Jim; daughter, Suzie Weber; and a grandson, Logan Haden.

Jane was a 1964 graduate of Vandalia High School. Over the years, Jane had been employed at the Bowling Green Pharmacy, Western Auto, and lastly, the Bowling Green R-I School District, from where she retired in 2006.

She had been a member of the Heir Study Club and also the Jaycee Wives. Jane was a prayer warrior and loved talking about God to anyone who would listen. She had attended God's Gathering Place and Community of Christ churches. Jane enjoyed sending cards to people for various occasions, but mostly, Jane enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mark Roberts, Austin Roberts, Corey Haden, Brett Haden, Rich Weber, Carter Weber, and Andy Weber.

Memorials may be made to Seasons Hospice in Springfield.



Matthew Lee Dempsey

Matthew Lee Dempsey, 31, of Bowling Green died Sunday, March 26, 2023 at his home.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory with the Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Matthew was born Jan. 13, 1992 in Hannibal to Randall and Melissa Branstetter

Dempsey. He was united in marriage to Kayla Nation on June 2, 2018. All survive.

Matthew is also survived by daughters, Makinley Dempsey and Evelyn Dempsey; siblings, Daylan Dempsey and wife, Rebecca of Louisiana and Joshua Branstetter of Bowling Green; paternal grandmother, Mary Lou Dempsey; mother- and father-in-law, Tom and Annell Willemarck; nieces and nephews, Ella and Beau Dempsey and Nora Branstetter; and many aunts, uncles and extended family.

Matthew was preceded in death by his Papaw Bobby Dempsey; and grandparents, Carolyn and Jack Branstetter.

Matthew was born and raised in Bowling Green, and has lived here his entire life. He was a 2010 graduate of Bowling Green High School, where he was always known as the class clown.

Upon graduation, Matthew went to work for his father. He had also spent many years employed at True; along with All-Parts and Trailerman Trailers.

He also taught karate at the Dojo and at the YMCA for many years. He recently began streaming video games in his spare time, with Fortnite being his favorite under the user name SayAPrayer3.

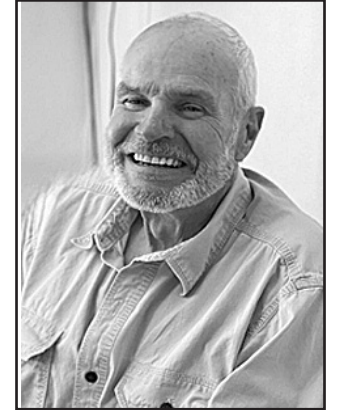
Matthew loved spending time with his children, and he especially enjoyed his daddy/daughter dates. He also enjoyed watching wrestling with

his kids.

In his free time, Matthew liked playing video games with his girls, shopping online, and watching Dance Moms with Makinley and Evelyn. He was a big Kansas City Chiefs fan. Matthew also enjoyed his day trips to the City, eating out, and karate; where he was a brown belt, and was working toward his black belt.

Pallbearers were Roy Lang, Joey Wagner, Cody Wagner, John Channell, Landon Truelove, and Chad Chilson. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle Kirkpatrick, Daylan Dempsey, Joshua Branstetter, Travis Nation, and Jared Feather.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Cemetery or to his children.



Dan Harty

Dan Harty has now found eternal peace and joy. His soul left this world on Sunday,

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NOTICE

Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery Association has extended the deadline for care taker bids until Friday, April 7, 2023. Proof of insurance must be submitted with the bid. Send bids to: Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery, c/o Becky Chitwood, P.O. Box 1, Louisiana, MO 63353



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The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Pike County Illinois Sheriff's Department, Pike County Missouri Sheriff's Department, Louisiana Police Department, and Bowling Green Police Department for assisting deputies in the apprehension of these suspects.

take a proactive stance on illegal narcotic sales and trafficking occurring in and through Calhoun County, and will remain aggressive in our pursuit and apprehension of suspects committing these offenses in the Kingdom of Calhoun.

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The specifications and other contract documents may be examined at the following: Bowling Green R-I School District, 700 West Adams Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334
The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARIES

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ingly surrounded by his children.

Dan was born on April 8, 1955 to Bob Harty and Rose Maloney Harty in Marion, Ohio. He married Karen Piper and together they built a beautiful family and made a lifetime of memories. Dan's dream was to own land in the country, and he worked hard for his slice of heaven on earth. He lived his life enjoying the wonders that God gifted daily, watching the changes in the sunsets, listening to the trees blow in the wind, and soaking up nature with a grateful heart.

Dan was an active member of Ironworkers Local 396 and took immense pride in the buildings he built around the world. He was passionate about participating in charitable events like the annual toy and food drives.

Dan is reunited with his wife, Karen, for an eternity of happiness.

He will be forever remembered by his children Ryan Hoffman and wife, Brandy, Carissa Lovelace, Danielle Robinson and husband, Davey; grandchildren, Aiden, Alyson, Rocco, Cash, Lola, Beck, Liam, Owen, and Myles; a brother, Tom Harty and wife, Ann; brother-in-law, Gary Piper; sisters-in-law, Barb Knipshild and husband, Mike and Patrice Piper, and Jason and Michael Reckamp; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and life-long friends.

A memorial celebration was held Friday from 4-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral

Home & Crematory in Bowling Green.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Ironworkers Local 396 toy drive or food drive.



Mary Joan Reed

Mary Joan Reed, 71, of Louisiana, died Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at her home.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Mary was born April 21, 1951 in California to Eddison and Eva Fudge Berry. She was united in marriage to David Reed. He preceded her in death in 2020.

Surviving are daughters, Tena Carter of Louisiana, Diana Drake of Stover, and Amanda Yocum and spouse, Ceeona of Louisiana; grandchildren, Sheena Elliott and husband, Dustin, Gerald Cooper, Eric Drake, and Karmari Thomas; several great-grandchildren; three brothers; and a sister.

Preceding Mary in death were her husband; her parents; a grandson, Scotti Yocum; and a son-in-law, Scott Drake.

Mary enjoyed crocheting

and crafting for the grandkids. She was very fond of



Sherrie Vickie McCurdy

Services for Sherrie Vickie McCurdy, 64, of Center, will be at 12 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Center Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Peters officiating. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday (today) from 10 a.m., until the time of the service at the church.

Bienhoff Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sherrie was born April 19, 1958 in Louisiana the daughter of Ezra Lee and Francis Myers See. She married Charles Joseph McCurdy Jr. on April 17, 1976 in Bowling Green. He preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 2016.

Survivors include three sons, Charles McCurdy and wife, Kim of Mexico, Joseph McCurdy and wife, Tina of Center and Gary McCurdy and

wife, Karin of Farber; one brother, Ralph See and wife, Sharron of Elsberry, nine grandchildren, Alania, Joseph Michael, Gary Wayne Jr., Alexis, Charles Matthew, Kadin, Landen, Lylah, and Kristopher; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Charles Jr., two brothers, Raymond and Richard See and one sister, Anna Conrad.

Sherrie was a lifetime area resident and member of Center Baptist Church. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, games of chance but most of all was her time spent with her grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Rick Long, Bill Hall, Keith Golan, Dale Kuda, Keith Long, and Joe Gipson. Honorary pallbearers will be her nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Sherrie McCurdy, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 212 Center, MO 63436.

Karen F. Williamson

Karen Frances Williamson, 74, of Bowling Green died Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Cre-

matory in Bowling Green with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., Monday at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 4, 1948 to Gordon and Florentine Catherine Wendel William-son in Louisiana.

Karen is survived by a companion of 30 years, Ernie Brown; and his daughters; a sister, Ellen Stark and husband, Tom of Hannibal; and nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Ruth Ann Williamson.

Karen grew up and lived in Bowling Green her whole life. She was a 1966 graduate of Bowling Green High School. Following graduation, Karen went to work at the Pike County Sheltered Workshop where she was a supervisor to the special needs employees.

Karen was a member of St. Clement Catholic Church. Her hobbies included tending to her garden, sewing, cross stitching, reading, fishing, and working sudoku puzzles. She and Ernie enjoyed traveling together. Karen was also a great cook.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Speagle, Clifford Jennings, Adam Mitalovich, Cody Mitalovich, Bob Kirkpatrick, and Kevin Brown. Honorary pallbearer were Whitney Caldwell.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Cemetery Association or Heartland Hospice.



Brenda Gower

April Book Reviews

APRIL 2023 LIBRARY STAFF JUVENILE BOOK REVIEW LINES OF COURAGE BY JENNIFER A. NIELSEN REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER

Lines of Courage takes place during World War I. It tells the stories of five young teens, two males and three females, from five different European nations, Austria-Hungary, Great Britain, France, Russia, and Germany, which are involved in World War I.

Jennifer Nielsen tells the story of how the lives of these young people changed with the war, how each person showed courage, and gives the reader a personal look at this historical time. World War I was a tragic time in our history, but the stories of these five people, while they have to face many hardships, are written with hope and acts of kindness. As the war continues, the lives of these five people cross paths as friendships are made.

Reading Lines of Courage helped me to understand some of what was happening during World War I. Jennifer Nielsen has written other juvenile historical fiction books, which I am looking forward to reading. There are several books by Jennifer A. Nielsen available through the Mexico-Audrain County Library System.



Lindsey Eick

APRIL 2023 LIBRARY STAFF YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW LOVE & GELATO BY JENNA EVANS WELCH REVIEWED BY LINDSEY EICK, ADULT MATERIALS CATALOGER

Over the past year, Lina's life turned upside down by her mother's short illness and death.

Now, she is moving to Tuscan for the summer to live with the father that she has never met. She is only doing this because it was her mother's last wish that she get to know her father.

What kind of father is not around for sixteen years, and why has he not tried to contact her? When Lina arrives, all she wants to do is be back home with her best friend, Addie, who is determined to help Lina return to Seattle.

Things begin looking up for Lina after meeting her father, Howard, who is the caretaker of a World War II cemetery in Italy, and meeting the handsome Lorenzo, known as Ren. She is then given a journal that her mom kept when she was attending art school in Italy. Through this journal, Lina uncovers a magical world of secret romances, art, and hidden bakeries. Along with Ren, Lina begins to follow in her mother's footsteps to unearth a secret that will end up changing everything Lina knew about her mother, her father, and even herself. This book is fast-paced and perfect for fans of romance and travel. I felt like I was fully immersed in Italy's culture throughout the entire novel. This novel is the first in a three book series; the second book is Love & Luck, and the third book is Love & Olives. Fans of Gayle Forman, Huntley Fitzpatrick, and Hannah Reynolds would love this book.

AGAPE

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guests from across the state and Kansas stayed at the house in February. Guest surveys reported satisfaction with the house and its management.

Board president, R. Duffner, reported he would take part in the annual interview with a United Way of Audrain County official later that day and will take a display to the Knights of Columbus convention in Columbia in April.

Board members in attendance were Jane Duffner, Rich Duffner, Janet Heim, Eldora Lowry, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett and Mary Thomas.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18.

Monetary gifts received in February include the following: Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Littleby Baptist Church of Laddonia; St. Brendan Parish School students and staff of Mexico; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia; and Hopewell Baptist Church of Wellsville.

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