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## Bowling Legend Visits Louisiana



PBA Bowling Champion, Walter Ray Williams Jr. held a bowling clinic and bowled with fans at Twin City Bowl in Louisiana earlier this month.

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER  
EDITOR

Recently, the parking lot of Twin City Bowl in Louisiana was packed to near overflowing. Nothing extraordinary about that, especially for one of—if not the—last bastions of family entertainment in town.

But this wasn't an ordinary night. It was Monday, May 8, and the bowling league season had already ended just in time for high school graduations and full Little League schedules.

For Twin City Bowl and avid fans of bowling in general, it was an extraordinary night and perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A bowling legend had spent the day there and was finishing the night meeting fans, signing autographs, and bowling with a limited number of patrons.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. is a name that should be recognizable in almost any bowling alley, yet several in larger city establishments didn't recognize the bowling star who holds a staggering 123 Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) titles.

The seven-time PBA Player of the Year and star of the documentary, *A League of Ordinary Gentlemen*, was competing in a horseshoes tournament in Wentzville and wanted to find a couple of bowling alleys to host clinics and a meet and greet.

Unlike some of the greater

St. Louis venues he contacted, his name was immediately recognized by Jennifer Asquith—daughter of Twin City Bowl's owner, Diana Guthrie.

Jennifer said she initially thought the call was a scam, after all, it's not every day one of the greatest pro-am bowlers alive calls from his home in Florida.

She immediately got to work ensuring the event was a success.

Williams made the right call when contacting the Louisiana bowling alley.

Built in 1959, Twin City Bowl has been a staple in the community for generations. Diana Guthrie, the second-generation owner, took over the reins from her parents more than 15 years ago. They had left their home in Centralia, Missouri, to purchase this center in 1974.

Now Diana's children and grandchildren help out with the family business.

Under their watchful eyes, the bowling alley has not only survived, but thrived, hosting fundraisers, parties, high school bowling competitions, and even youth bowling tournaments.

Unlike the silence of the full-to-capacity parking lot, inside the bowling alley was alive with the sounds of laughter, high-fives and fist-bumps, background music from the jukebox, and of course the clattering of bowling balls crashing into pins.

Amidst all the noise and excitement, Williams sat quietly and focused on his students and bowling partners as one picked up a spare. One young man rushed back from the lane to give Williams an excited fist bump before joining a group of friends.

It was a common occurrence as the night grew along with laughs and excitement from bowlers of all ages, but especially the younger crowd.

Twin City is quickly becoming a place that harbors young talent in the area. Several have competed over the past few years and gained state-level recognition and accolades.

One of the young talents to emerge from this small-town bowling alley is 11-year-old Bo Blaylock, who recently took 1st place in the U12 division of the 2023 MOUSBC Pepsi Youth Championship, bowling against 53 competitors in a six-game contest. His winning score? An impressive 1,103.

Perhaps the next legend like Williams? Maybe even better one day.

But the bowling alley isn't just about the sport – it's a place where the community comes together for a cause. For the last 19 years, Twin City Bowl has held its annual Bowling for a Cure event to raise funds for cancer victims.

May 8 was, in many ways, a reflection of what makes Twin City Bowl so special. People from all walks of life, coming together to share a laugh, a story, or a game, cheered on by a community that feels more like a family.

"This is a really big deal for this place," one avid patron told the Tribune. "A lot of people grew up watching him on TV, and now they've got an opportunity to play and learn from him right here in this small town."

Looking around at the camaraderie and the sheer joy of the moment, Williams could only agree.

"I think all the smiles and the good time everyone is having speaks for itself," he said.

Williams' visit only adds to the rich tapestry of stories at Twin City Bowl. It's a place where legends are welcomed, champions are made, and above all, where a community comes together.



Husband and wife, George Rives and Mary Cannon, foreground, each made their own recipes at last year's Show Me Missouri State Chili Cook-Off in Clarksville. Lynette Trares of O'Fallon, left, went with one of George's samples. The 2023 event is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 10 in Clarksville's Riverfront Park.

## Clarksville Chili Cook-Off Is June 10

For Linda Blakey, there are three keys to making great chili.

"Fresh spices, lean, but marbled, meat, and patience," she said.

Blakey ought to know. She and her husband, Bill, are overseeing the 29th Annual Show Me Missouri State Chili Cook-Off hosted by Raintree Arts Council.

The event is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Riverfront Park in Clarksville. Prizes of \$1,500 will be awarded and cooks will compete to move on to the world championship Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Admission is \$3 and samples are 50 cents each. There will also be vendors, music, raffles, cold beverages and other foods.

Categories are red, verde, homestyle and salsa. Each has its general guidelines, but homestyle is as close to "anything goes" among the four. Cooks have three hours to provide about a quart of competition product from each category entered. Volunteer judges award points based upon taste, spices and color.

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This year's event is "a big deal" because Clarksville is "one of the last chances" to compete before the world championships, Blakey said.

The sauce aficionado – and it is a sauce, not a soup or a stew – is quick to point out that zesty doesn't necessarily mean blistering. And eagerness can lead to disappointment.

"Chili can get away from you if you don't watch your fire," she said. "Nothing spoils a pot of chili quicker than scorching it – or being too impatient to let the spices and meat cook."

Just as in sports, competitors use every advantage they legitimately can.

"Most of the cooks keep a book of what they used in their pots every place they go," Blakey said. "Lots of things can affect a pot. Altitude is one of the biggies. Remember, they cook all over the United States."

Anyone can enter the competition, but an International Chili Society membership is required. More information is available by logging on to [www.ics.com](http://www.ics.com) and clicking on the "I want to cook" tab. Blakey can answer questions at 754-0335.

One reason chili is so popular is because of its versatility. "Beans are cheap, and usually for a family it is easy to prepare," Blakey said. "It goes a long way and can make for entertainment the next day."

Blakey likes a medium to hot chili, which "always goes good with a really cold beverage."

While she used to utter a dismissive scoff when asked for her recipe, she's less vigilant now. White pepper and garlic salt will do the trick.

And, because the day is coming when she and her husband plan to step back from

their organizational duties, they'll have more time for a pot of "low and slow" from their own kitchen.

"I don't really have a secret," Blakey said. "If you like something, do what you want to do."



Pictured, from left: Scott Yates, Clopton recipient, Shana Yates, Becky Yates



Pictured, from left: Sharon Thomas, Cara Wallace, Louisiana recipient, Elaina Butler, and Jeff Butler.

## Pike DAR Honors 'Good Citizens'

The Pike County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented two seniors, one from Louisiana High School and one from Clopton High School, with awards. Senior girls can apply for the DAR "Good Citizen" Award based on their grades, their activities in school, recommendations from teachers, and being all-around good citizens during their school year(s).

Awarded to each winner was a DAR Certificate, a DAR lapel pin, a DAR ID card and a monetary gift.

This year the runner up honoree chosen at Louisiana was Elaina Butler. Elaina also received a number of awards at the Assembly on Monday, May 1, as well as being chosen Valedictorian. Elaina is the daughter of Daryle and Cara Wallace and Jeff and Melissa Butler. Cara's grandmother, Sharon Thomas, also attended the Awards Assembly. Pike County DAR Chapter Regent Sandy Orf made the presentation.

At Clopton, on May 19, the winner of the Pike County DAR Chapter "Good Citizen" Award, which will also be forwarded to the State level of DAR, was Shana Yates. Shana also walked away with several other awards and she too was chosen valedictorian of her class. Shana is the daughter of Scott and Becky Yates. Regent Orf also made the presentation at the Clopton Awards Assembly.

Both girls submitted applications, essays and teacher recommendations, all of which described their activities during their school years. Those remarkable activities more than met the qualifications for the Good Citizen Award. Due to the outstanding records of the two participants, the decisions were difficult for the outside, unbiased committee who had no current connections to either school.

The Louisiana Pike County Chapter, NSDAR, wishes to further congratulate both of these young ladies as they further their educations.

## Register For Summer School Reading Program

It's time to register for the Bowling Green Public Library's Summer School Reading Program. Our theme this year, All Together Now, invites you to explore theme-based activities, programs, and books. By joining the fun, you'll meet new friends and

connect with others through the power of stories.

They are a small facility with a small staff, so each session is limited to 20 children; registration is first-come, first-served. Online registration does not guarantee a spot in the program. We will call to

confirm your spot by June 15.

Please have a parent or legal guardian stop by the library prior to the start date of Wednesday, June 21, to complete guardian consent and emergency contact paperwork. If you are registering more than one child for the program, you will need to complete a separate form for each child. You can also download the registration form on our library website at [www.bgmpubliclibrary.com](http://www.bgmpubliclibrary.com) and email it back to us at [bglibrary@bowlinggreenmo.gov](mailto:bglibrary@bowlinggreenmo.gov).

## Bobcats Announce New Defensive Coordinator

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER  
EDITOR

The Bowling Green Bobcats have a new defensive coordinator and assistant track coach. Bowling Green graduate, Cody Spegal, has accepted the position held by now head football coach, Mark St. Clair.

Spegal was the head football coach for the Winfield Warriors.



## We Have Sparklers

The Bowling Green Bicentennial committee has 1,770 sparklers (John W. Basye's birth year) already delivered and ready to lite and enjoy. These are for the July 1 Bicentennial finale during the National Guard Band concert on the square. They hope that many kids and their parents will join and help them out in displaying this huge amount of sparklers at the conclusion of the concert. They may even have musical accompaniment to add to the sparklers. Come and see it all happen.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Tri-State Housing Summit's Mission Unchanged As June 8 Event Nears



NECAC's Carla Potts addresses the crowd at the 2022 Tri-State Housing Summit. This year's event is from 9 a.m. to noon June 8 at the Rialto Banquet Center, 601 Broadway in Hannibal. It is free and open to the public. Registration may be made by calling NECAC at 573-324-6622.

Dawn Jolly is the reason the Tri-State Housing Summit never stops trying to make the American dream a reality for more people.

The 37-year-old mother of three teenagers recently bought her first house. The grocery store employee did it with the help of the North East Community Action Corporation.

NECAC is one of the hosts of the 2023 summit, which takes place from 9 a.m. to noon June 8 at the Rialto Banquet Center, 601 Broadway in downtown Hannibal. The free event is open to the public, and brings together housing advocates, community stakeholders and government representatives to highlight successful housing options.

"I love it," Jolly said of her home. "I'm excited to get things moving forward."

"Dawn was a wonderful person to work with as she made the journey to homeownership," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Carla Potts, the summit organizer. "I am so delighted that she is now the proud owner of her new home. She worked very hard to make this happen."

Jolly admitted it was not an easy journey and that she sometimes felt discouraged.

"There were quite a few tears," she said. "I got upset thinking it was not going to happen."

Jolly was able to make it happen and is glad she did. The family previously lived in a mobile home and one of her children

Council of Quincy, Ill., and the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission of Burlington. NECAC organized the first summit in 2005.

One of the summit's biggest successes came in 2013, when NECAC was instrumental in bringing a U.S. Department of Agriculture Great Regions designation to the 35-county area that makes up the Tri-State Development Summit. The designation gave the region another tool in building a stronger housing market.

Speakers this year include NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page; Hannibal Mayor James Hark; Ulysses "Deke" Clayborn of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; CBDG Chief Development Officer Debbie Feedback; Jesse Mofe of the Missouri Housing Development Commission; Two Rivers Community Development Director Chad Frederick; USA Missouri State Director Kyle Wilkins; Wayne Crawford of Missouri Inclusive Housing; Self-Help Housing participant Kenneth Hemphill; and Beyond Housing President and Chief Executive Officer Chris Krehmeyer.

Jolly offers encouragement to others who are trying to decide about pursuing homeownership. "Keep going and don't give up," she said. "Keep pushing forward."

For more information about the summit, call NECAC at 573-324-6622.

had to sleep in the living room. All three now have their own bedrooms.

Potts said confidence-building is just one aspect the summit addresses.

"As housing needs continue to grow throughout our communities, the summit gives each of us the opportunity to come together, hear great speakers and work together to make the Tri-State area an even better place to live," she said. "The summit allows us to explore new housing and homeownership opportunities. Together, we are stronger."

In addition to NECAC, hosts are the Two Rivers Regional

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point scale. The following students who received the honor from the area are:  
Bowling Green - Claire Graver, Day Campus - Columbia. Victoria Meier, Online. Elsberry - Kylie Kinsler, Day Campus - Columbia.

Vandalia - Olivia Bybee, Day Campus - Columbia. Kristina Moore, Main Campus Graduate. Kirsten Scott, Day Campus - Columbia. Wellsville - Parker Henderson, Day Campus - Columbia.

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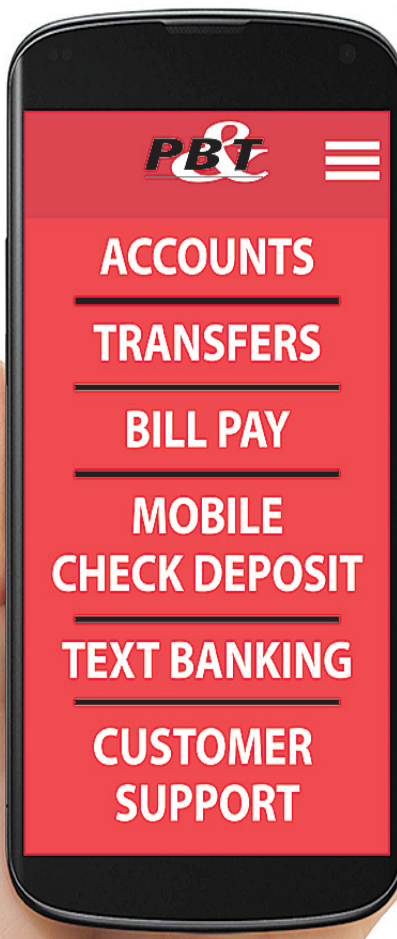
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Poppy: The Flower That Honors Fallen Warriors

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row ...." So begins "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by John McCrae, a Canadian poet and military physician.

"The hauntingly eloquent words of McCrae helped to immortalize poppy as one of the most recognized symbols honoring soldiers who died in combat," said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

The poppy referred to by McCrae is known today as the corn poppy or Flanders poppy (Papaver rhoeas), a common flower native to Europe, Trinklein says. Its seeds often lie dormant for years and spring to life when the soil is disturbed. This happened in European cemeteries used to bury fallen soldiers of World War I, which is one reason the plant is associated with those who have died in combat.

Poppies belong to the Papaveraceae family, which contains 30 genera and about 600 species. Most are cold-tolerant and prefer relatively cool summers. Among the annual poppies, in addition to Flanders poppy, is the notorious opium poppy (Papaver somniferum). Although its flowers are quite beautiful, growing the opium poppy is illegal in Missouri, noted Trinklein.

The Iceland poppy and Oriental poppy are two of the most familiar perennial types.

The latter has the distinction of being the most popular garden poppy. Its large, spectacular orange-red flowers are 3 1/2-4 inches in diameter and have petals with a crepe-paper texture. Borne singly on wiry stems, the flowers wave well above the low-growing, sharply toothed foliage. Leaves and broken stems yield a milky white sap.

Like most poppies, the Oriental poppy is not suited for extremely hot weather and usually goes dormant in summer, Trinklein said. In Missouri, it flowers in the spring, usually April, and seemingly disappears from the landscape by July due to heat.

Oriental poppy prefers well-drained soil and a sunny exposure. Do not overwater during its dormant period, which often extends throughout the winter. Plant with other species of annuals and perennials that will provide color in the area once the poppies go dormant. You can start Oriental poppy from seeds, but it will not flower until the second or third year. In addition to red-orange, flower colors include rose, salmon, pink and white.

Iceland poppy (Papaver nudicaule) prefers cool climates and tends to be short-lived in Missouri. Because of this, Missouri gardeners probably should treat it as an annual or biennial. It has colorful and distinctive flowers. Some of the more durable

varieties, such as "Champagne Bubbles," are rewarding even though their bloom period is brief, said Trinklein.

"If annual poppies interest you, then Shirley poppy is hard to beat," he said. "Shirley" refers to any named cultivar of Papaver rhoeas. Some cultivars are quite colorful and have flowers likened in texture to tissue paper. They are easy to grow from seed.

Poppies generally do not transplant well, so directly seed annual types into the garden. If started indoors, plant in a cool location in peat pots or other biodegradable containers that can go in the ground with the plant. This reduces root disturbance and increases the chances of transplant success. Poppies tend to reseed themselves readily and can become a weed in the annual flower garden. To prevent this, simply remove seed pods before they mature and shed seed.

Another type of poppy treated as an annual in Missouri is derived from the opium poppy but is legal to grow in our state. Peony-flowered poppy (Papaver somniferum var. paeoniflorum) bears spectacular, fully double flowers up to 5 inches in diameter with lacy, tightly packed petals. It comes in shades of red, pink, purple and white and requires the same care as Shirley poppy.

## From The Mayor's Desk...



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

As I drive through Bowling Green and read of its history. I am amazed at our number of 100-year-old farms, the generations that continued our farms and ranches plus the longevity of many of our businesses and services. It is also sad that we have lost so many good businesses and people as well. We also are blessed with many new businesses and services that have invested in Bowling Green and Pike County! "Longevity" requires a clear sense of commitment to a city, its people, and its culture! Our long-time businesses and services are in for the "long haul." This requires vision, determination, and stick-to-it-iveness. (Is that a real word?). Our long-time businesses have built relationships with the people of Bowling Green: in other businesses, services, our schools, and the town. They have supported local community "causes" and needs with a clear mission of serving others! Generations of families have invested their time, talents, and money into building our "Non-profits," (Lions Club, Rotary, VFW, Every Child Every Day, Hope Center, NECAC, PCADD-Ruth Jensen, Bowling Green Momma Cats, Options for Women, our Farm Bureau, churches, and the list could go on and on). Our "long time" businesses have had to be resilient, innovative, and care for their employees whether there was feast or famine! I salute and applaud our "long haul" farmers, ranchers, and businesses who have made Bowling Green especially but Pike County as well their home.

58 Bills were passed in this last legislative

session in Missouri and signed by Governor Parson. Our own Chad Perkins was very active in seven of these bills that were passed. One such bill was the naming of the John W. Basye Memorial Highway from Airport Road to Business Highway 61 at McDonalds. It does not replace the Business Highway 61 name. Chad worked on many various other bills as well. Thanks, Chad for representing our area with its request and needs. We are proud of and grateful for all your hard work and efforts!

As the weather has permitted a beautiful Spring, (the last couple of years saw us jump from Winter right into Summer), now provides an excellent opportunity to be out in our neighborhoods and interact with our neighbors! It's a marvelous time to "Show You Care" to older shut-in adults especially. Bowling Green is a very caring city and there is no better way to show this than getting involved with each other and especially in our own neighborhoods. Senior adult widows specifically may need our helping hands.

Congrats to Bowling Green R! School District for another outstanding year academically and extra-curricular wise as you impacted the lives of our children, students, parents, and community! Congratulations, again to our 2023 graduated Seniors and all your awards and scholarships. May God bless you abundantly in all your endeavors and decision making for your future! Many thanks and KUDOS to all the staff, teachers, administrators, paras, bus drivers, and volunteers who touched the lives of our students!

## MU Extension Works To Fight Startling Statistics On Mental Health In Missouri

Mental Health Awareness Month, observed in May, is a good time to look at the startling statistics on suicide and mental health challenges in rural Missouri, says Karen Funkenbusch, University of Missouri health and safety specialist.

Three statistics reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are especially troubling, she says.

Between 2003 and 2017, the suicide rate for rural Missourians rose 78 percent. And rural men between the ages of 35 and 44 have triple the statewide suicide mortality rate in Missouri. Additionally, all of Missouri's 99 rural counties are designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas. That is the largest shortage of behavioral health care providers in the U.S., Funkenbusch says.

Those statistics come from "Growing Stress on the Farm," a 2020 study of expanding economic and mental health disparities in rural Missouri. The Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Missouri Department of Mental Health, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Hospital Association and MU Extension worked on the report.

Those growing disparities have pushed mental health advocates in MU Extension to seek ways to help the state's farm and ranch families find access to services and break down pervasive stigmas regarding mental health.

MU Extension coordinates with the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center

and the Missouri Department of Agriculture to provide resources through USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture grants.

MFA Foundation is another MU partner that commits to support rural communities in need of mental health services. "The MFA Foundation's substantial four-year commitment will allow the expansion of teletherapy sessions and increased educational awareness in more rural communities," says Funkenbusch. "This generous gift will assist in the creation of more resources and the development of a statewide mental health awareness campaign targeting one of Missouri's most vulnerable populations."

This often means taking the services to farmers, rather than farmers traveling for treatment, she says. Time and distance are common obstacles that rural families encounter in finding counseling services. Technology helps to overcome these obstacles with services such as telehealth counseling sessions and Zoom meetings.

These "long-distance relationships" also help rural families fight off the pervasive stigma of mental illness. In a small town, people may often recognize your farm pickup parked outside of a counseling office, she says. Or they might worry about running into their counselor at community, school or church events. That may keep some from seeking help.

Telehealth services help to relieve farmers and their families of these stigmas. Farmers,

ranchers and immediate family members are eligible to receive free, confidential teletherapy. To request free teletherapy counseling, go to [www.muext.us/PSC-FarmRanch](http://www.muext.us/PSC-FarmRanch), email [adpsc@missouri.edu](mailto:adpsc@missouri.edu) or call 573-882-4677.

Another MU Extension service is Show-Me Strong Farm Families, also funded by USDA NIFA, at [www.muext.us/SMSFF](http://www.muext.us/SMSFF).

MU Extension offers many other mental health programs to help rural Missourians. These include Mental Health First Aid, Q.P.R. Gatekeeper, Taking Care of You, Weathering the Storm in Agriculture: How to Cultivate a Productive Mindset, Communicating with Farmers Under Stress and Tai Chi. Additionally, programs such as Heroes to Hives reach out to military veterans.

Missourians can also access the Iowa Concern Hotline to discuss stress and legal and financial concerns. The hotline is answered 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Dial 711 or email [iowaconcern@iastate.edu](mailto:iowaconcern@iastate.edu).

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## State Tech Announces Dean's List

State Technical College of Missouri would like to announce students who achieved the dean's list during the 2023 spring semester.

To be placed on the dean's list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Bowling Green - Paiyton Burnett, Kaysey Clark, Nolan

Wilmes.  
Martinsburg - Emma Hombs.  
Silex - Ethan Kientzy, Johnathan Sullivan.  
Vandalia - Tia Gaston, Quinter Jacyna, Easton McAfee, Braden Trower, Jacob Woodward.  
Wellsville - Anna Teson.  
Williamsburg - Joshua Selby.



Mary Green

## Green Joins NECAC

Mary Green of Pleasant Hill, Ill., has joined the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) as an emergency services coordinator.

Green is a 1989 graduate of Pittsfield High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture business economics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Green will help oversee emergency and crisis programs NECAC administers for disadvantaged clients. She will make sure the programs meet funding-source guidelines and that records are properly maintained.

## Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: [peopletribune@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peopletribune@sbcglobal.net)

**On June 2:** Dance at KB Event Center, Mexico, carry-in, 7-10 p.m.

**On June 4:** New Harmony Cemetery Association meeting at 11:15 a.m., at the church. Carry-in meal at noon. Memorial service led by VFW Post 5553 Bowling Green at 1 p.m.

**On June 7:** Vandalia Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m., at the Lange Building, 109 E. Park, Vandalia. Home safety and community concerns. For more information call or text 573-721-7511.

**On June 14:** Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce member meeting at noon. Tonya Teasley, owner of Prairie's Edge Garden Center, will be the speaker this month. All (even non-members) are invited to join them for the meeting, which includes a complimentary light lunch. Meeting held at the Bowling Green Visitor Center. For further information, check our Facebook page or contact Sarrah, 573-324-3733.

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# OBITUARIES



## Francis Eugene Walsh

Francis Eugene Walsh, 75, of Bowling Green died Sunday, May 21, 2023 at his home.

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

Francis was born Jan. 7, 1948 in Jerseyville, Ill., to Edward and Margaret Ulrich Walsh. He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Woolsey on Oct. 16, 1974 in Jerseyville, Ill., at the Kingdom Hall. Betty survives.

Also surviving are daughters, Jennifer Walsh of Wau-paca, Wis., Bethany Ellis and husband, Kris of Bowling Green, and Rebecca Walsh and husband, Andreas of Germany; step-children, Bart Bettorf and wife, Tanya of Wentzville, and Brian Bettorf and wife, Kari of Grafton, Ill.; grandchildren, Alyssa Bair and husband, Joey of Bowling Green, Trenton Ellis and wife, Ember of Branson, and Dominick and Leah Gorke of Germany; great-grandchildren, Luke Bair, Adley Bair, and Josef Bair; sisters, Ruth Brunts of Kentucky and Marie Walsh of Oakridge, Tenn.; special nephew, Shawn Brunts; special friend, Crystal French; and numerous extended family members.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Rose Walsh, and a stepson, Bill Bettorf.

Francis was raised in Jerseyville, Illinois and graduated from Jersey Community High School in 1966. Following high school, Francis went to work for Olin Brass Industries, where he was sent to electrician school. Francis retired from Olin Brass after 30 years. Following retirement, Francis moved to Bowling Green in 2008.

Francis loved tractors and enjoyed showing off his Massey-Ferguson tractor that he acquired from his father at local events. Francis also enjoyed attending tractor pulls.

He had a fondness for cats. Francis loved to go mushroom hunting, and waited patiently every year until it was mushroom season. He was a devoted member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in Bowling Green.

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



## Justin 'Homer' Riffle

Funeral services for Justin Leon "Homer" Riffle of Elsberry were at 1 p.m., Thursday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Sammy Lorton, pastor of Whiteside Holiness Church in Whiteside officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of funeral services at 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Homer, 43, died Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Montgomery City.

Born June 22, 1979 in Louisiana, he was the son of Kenneth Leon "Kenny" and Patricia Maxine "Patti" Riechard Riffle.

Homer worked for Alliance Public Works with the City of Elsberry.

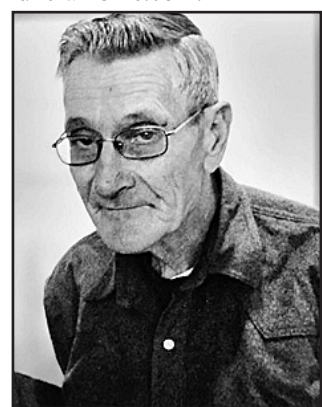
Survivors include his children, Danielle Reeves of Elsberry, Axel Riffle of Queen City, and Kenneth Ryan "Hill-billy" Riffle of Montgomery City; and his parents, Kenny Riffle and wife, Tina of Elsberry and Patti Ingram of Vandalia. Homer also leaves one

brother, Michael Thomas Riechard of Hannibal; two step-sisters, Amanda Livesay and husband, Michael, of Elsberry and Brandy Lynn Party of St. Charles; several other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Allie Frank Riffle who died in 2009.

Memorials may be made to the family of Justin Riffle for final expenses, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



## Walter Gerald 'Jerry' Boots

Walter Gerald "Jerry" Boots, 81, of Louisiana died Saturday, May 6, 2023, at his home.

Cremation rites are being provided by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. A celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 24 at 3 p.m., at the Eastern Missouri Cowboy Church, 16367 Bus. Hwy. 61, Bowling Green.

Jerry was born Dec. 1, 1941, in Rockport, Ill., to Walter and Lora Motley Boots. He married Cherlyn Daniels on Aug. 6, 1963, at the Baptist Church in Freeburg, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Cherlyn Boots, Three Sons, Walter A. Boots and wife, Tammie, Randy W. Boots and wife, Sandy, and Richard W. Boots; three daughters, Cheri Lyn Boots-Sutton, Melissa E. Stoops, and Elizabeth E. Summers and husband, Bryon; 16 grandchildren Mahayla, Shania and Walter John Boots; Jeremiah and wife, Shannon, Kayla, Kevin and wife, Kalley, and Cherlyn Sutton; Jamie and Ethan Stoops and wife, Ashlynn; Brittney Reuther and husband, Ben, Cody, Justin and wife, Ginger, and Anna Summers; Samantha Boots; Ryan and Tyler Boots; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lora Boots, and a sister, Kathie E. Garcia.

Jerry lived in the Louisiana area for 77 years. He attended the Hickory Grove grade school and later graduated from Louisiana High School. He was a lifetime farmer, laborer, construction worker

and heavy equipment operator.

He and his dad wired most of the houses in their surrounding neighborhood. Jerry worked at the St. Charles Sand Plant for 19 years until he retired. He was a member of the Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 for 38 years.

Jerry was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a kind tender hearted man, who always put others first and he worked hard all his life. He enjoyed going fishing, attending family gatherings and loved his motorcycle that he had always hoped to restore.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Pike County Hospice in Bowling Green.



## Donna J. Dickson

Donna Dickson, 71, of Bowling Green died peacefully on Sunday, April 29, 2023 at Maple Grove Lodge Nursing Home in Louisiana surrounded by her husband, Charlie Dickson; son-in-law, Derreck Barrett; sister, Linda Null; sister, Joyce Green; nieces, Trish Box and Candice at her bedside. She went with her loved ones at her side. Also at her side was a brother-in-law, Jim Null.

Donna was born Sept. 4, 1951 to Ervin and Patricia A. Heaston Myers.

She loved helping people when she could. She worked at Stark Bros. Nurseries in Louisiana. Then she started work in housekeeping at Smith-Barr Manor in Louisiana. She went from there to working housekeeping at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana for almost 15 years. She retired in 2015 from Maple Grove Lodge.

She left behind her husband, Charlie Dickson of Bowling Green; a son, Tom Hurd of Fulton; one daughter, Charlene Barrett; three grandchildren, Drake Barrett, Alana Barrett, and Blake Barrett; a son-in-law, Derreck Barrett of Troy; two sisters, Linda Hull of Farber, Joyce Green of Indiana; several nieces and nephews; and brother-in-law, Jim Null of Farber.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Patricia Myers; two sisters, Debbie Chaney, Sherly Myers, a

brother, Steve Myers; grandmother, Helan Heaston; and a mother-in-law, Helen Dixon. She was also preceded in death by a nephew and one niece.

She and her husband were married on July 2, 1977 in Bowling Green. She was close to her loved ones and would go without to make sure her husband, children, and grandchildren had what they needed. Donna had a heart of gold.

Per her wishes there was no funeral or visitation.



## Maymie Wheeler

Maymie Julie Yates Wheeler, 99, of Paynesville died Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Elsberry Missouri Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be held at noon Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. C. Jessel Strong will officiate. Burial will be at the

Greenwood Cemetery near Clarksville.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born March 19, 1924 in Clarksville. She was the second daughter of Les and Emma Lou Iles Yates. She was married to Edward Lewis Wheeler Sr., in June of 1946. To this union was born two daughters and two sons, Carol Ann, Sharon Lee, Edward Lewis Wheeler Jr, and Gary Dwayne Wheeler.

Maymie joined the Bethel AME Church in Paynesville at a very early age and was a very devoted Christian. She served in the Missionary Society, and was Steward and Stewardess. She was also a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She touched many countless lives and was filled with the Holy Ghost and Baptized in Jesus' name.

See OBITUARIES on page 5



### Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Physical Therapists

The Bowling Green R-1 School District is seeking bids for Physical Therapists for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 1-3 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.

5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all PT students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve PT.

7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of PT program.
3. Hourly rates for Physical Therapy PTAs Physical Therapy and IEPs/504s Planning/Documentation Time Travel Time within the District
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing PT services for the Bowling Green R-I School District.

Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

### Bowling Green R-I School District Requests for proposals for Vision and Mobility and Orientation Specialist

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Vision and Orientation and Mobility Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.

4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all blind and/or visually impaired students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve blind or visually impaired students.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of PT program.
3. Hourly rates for Instruction

4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

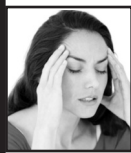
Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing Vision and Mobility and Orientation services for the Bowling Green R-1 School District.

Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

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**WORKSHOP CLEAN-OUT** - 20 N. 12th St., B.G. Multi-family sale Thursday & Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

**YARD SALE** - 19197 Hwy. F. Friday & Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-?. Men & women's plus size clothes, size 10 shoes, camping, antiques, home, household, lawn items. Something for everyone. Clean.

**YARD SALE** - Friday & Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Masonic Lodge on Court St., across from MASH in B.G. Girl's, women's & men's clothes, kid's books, hooster seats & lots of other things. Come & See. Vicki & Angie Peterman.

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### OBITUARIES

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She attended Farris Grade School and went on to attend Lincoln High School in Louisiana.

She was a proud member of the Clarksville American Legion Auxiliary Post 349 until it no longer existed and was also a member of the Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 Auxiliary, doing what she could until her health failed.

She worked at the Kamp Togs Garment Factory in Clarksville until it closed. After that, she became a housekeeper in the community for several families that all loved her.

Maymie was called home to join her husband, Edward, parents, Les and Emma Lou Yates, three brothers, Frank, William, and George, two sisters, Daisy and Doris, and two daughters, Carol Ann and Sharon.

She is survived by two sons, Edward Lewis Wheeler Jr and wife, Melissa, Gary Dwayne Wheeler and wife, Betsy, nine grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many many friends.

Honorary pallbearers will

be Ronnie Redd, Johnny Warren, Mike Yates, K.D. Warren, Scott Yates, and Stacey Yates. Pallbearers will be Ledrick Wilson, Alex Diggs, Aaron Carr, Ronald Griffith, Richard Bryant,

Chris Zumwalt, and Richard Evans.

Memorials may be made to the Bethel AME Church in Paynesville.

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### Bowling Green R-I School District

#### Requests for proposals for Occupational Therapists

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4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.

5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all OT students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve OT.

7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of OT program.
3. Hourly rates for Occupational Therapy COTAs Occupational Therapy and IEPs/504s Planning/Documentation Time Travel Time within the District
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing OT services for the Bowling Green R-I School District.

**Sealed Bids are due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Graver Signs With Columbia College

BGHS 2023 graduate Megan Graver signed recently with Columbia College to play softball. Pictured, front row, left: Brittanie Graver, Megan, and Rodney Graver. Second row: Craig Smith, BGHS softball head coach; Debbie Jameson, Columbia College assistant softball coach; Wendy Spratt, Columbia College head softball coach; and Matthew Jayne, BGHS assistant coach.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler



## Smith Signs With North Central Missouri College

VFHS 2023 graduate Cody Smith signed recently with North Central Missouri College to participate in golf. Pictured, from left: Nate Isenberg, Van-Far golf coach; Craig Smith, Cody, Brenna Mills, and Nate Swann, North Central Missouri College head golf coach.



## Bryant Signs With Monmouth College

BGHS 2023 graduate Gunnar Bryant signed recently with Monmouth College to participate in football and track. Pictured, front row, left: Wendy Bryant, Bleyne Bryant, Gunnar, and Travis Bryant. Second row: BGHS Head Football Coach Joe Chinn.

Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson



## Starks Signs With Iowa Western

BGHS 2023 graduate Marcus Starks signed recently with Iowa Western to participate in track and field. Pictured, from left: Marcus Starks and Katie Starks.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

## New Harmony Cemetery Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the New Harmony Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 11:15 a.m., following morning worship services.

There will be a carry-in meal immediately following at noon with meat being provided.

The VFW Post from Bowling Green will participate in a memorial service to be held on the cemetery grounds following the meal to remember and honor the 45 veterans buried there, including 15 Civil War veterans.

Donations for the ongoing upkeep expenses of the cemetery may be mailed to Marion Branstetter, 6819 Pike 9, Frankford, MO 63441.

# INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUE NOTICE

The Pike County Assessor's office is set to start mailing out notices to property owners in the coming weeks for anyone whose property has increased in assessed value since last year.

The primary reason for value increases in 2023 is due to an increase in land values for the majority of residential and commercial properties.

Land values in Pike County have not seen an increase in over 20 years. Other possible reasons for value increases are new construction, correction of error or omission in assessment records, new parcels and/or reassessment of a property. Reassessments are determined as of Jan. 1 of odd-numbered years.

Real estate market values change over time, even if no improvements are made to the property. Value increases and decreases are done by state law and are not the fault of individual assessors or staff, "We don't set the market, we only interpret what it's indicating".

The assessor's office determines value only: the taxing entities determine the tax rates. If you feel that your taxes are too high, then you should involve yourself in the budget process of the taxing entities and make your voice heard at their budget meetings.

**Thank You,  
Tracy Foster  
Pike County Assessor**

**Bowling Green R-I School District**  
**Requests for proposals for Early Childhood Special Education Services**

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Early Childhood Special Education Services for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services needs include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district.

The requested services are for the Early Childhood Special Education Program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, could include homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals for all students.
6. Provide transportation.
7. Provide equipment as available and agreed upon by the district.
8. Contact/Consult with families about the student.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of therapies.
3. Hourly rates for Instruction  
Writing and modifying IEPs  
Planning/Documentation Time  
Transportation  
Therapy  
IEP Meetings
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
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**Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

**Bowling Green R-I School District**  
**Requests for proposals for Speech/Language Pathologists**

The Bowling Green R-I School District is seeking bids for Speech and Language Pathologists for the 2023-2024 school year, with options to extend for 3 more years.

Anticipated services need include on campus presence 3-5 days per week. This position will cover the entire district with travel time to one school a distance of 14 miles.

The requested services are for the K-12 program. Services include:

1. Participation in diagnostic staffing/evaluations and IEP meetings.
2. Preparation of required reports/documentation of services.
3. Assistance/consultation of assisted technology and equipment needs.
4. Provide direct service/therapy to all qualifying students, including homebound students.
5. Write and update IEP goals/504 for all speech/language students.
6. Participate in 504 meetings that involve speech and/or language.
7. Complete paperwork and documentation for Medicaid and Direct Service billing.

Bids specifications should include:

1. Certification of therapists and assistants.
2. Agency supervision of staff and coordination of SLP program.
3. Hourly rates for:  
SLP  
SLP-As  
Speech or Language Therapy and IEPs/504s  
Planning/Documentation Time  
Travel Time within the District
4. MAXIMUM projected rate increases over the next 3 years.
5. Agency's ability to provide appropriate staff with caseload increases throughout the year and when assigned staff is unable to fulfill assignments due to illness, maternity leave, continuing education, etc.

Note: The agency awarded the bid will have to comply with appropriate fingerprinting and background checks.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Janese Bibb, Director of Special Services, 700 West Adams, Bowling Green MO 63334

Questions should be directed to Janese Bibb at 573-324-3962. The Bowling Green School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Thank you for your interest in providing SLP services for the Bowling Green R-I School District.

**Sealed Bids are due no later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 1974 Time Capsule Found

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 20. Those attending were Joy Davis, Paul Ray, Teresa Wenzel, Pete Nasir, Ann Kohl and Vicki Wright. Vicki called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. The financial report was given.

New items at the museum include a quilt from Janie Hayden and photos from the bank. Of most importance was the discovery of the 1974 Centennial Time Capsule that had been stored in the bank vault at that time with the admonishment not to open until 2024. Plans will be made to open the Time Capsule at the August 2024 Ice Cream Social.

Discussion and decisions were made concerning the fundraising items for the sesquicentennial.

The check from the Baptist Church for the Howell Building has

been deposited in the Historical Society General Fund.

Pam Biggs Faerber will be bringing the two wedding gowns she has donated. They were her paternal grandmother's and great grandmother's and are in display cases.

The museum will open on Sunday, May 28 from noon to 4 p.m. and will be open every Sunday until the last one in October. Take some time after church or in the afternoon to enjoy the displays in the museum collection. Play the Bingo Blackout and/or the Scavenger Hunt for prizes.

The next regular meeting of the Vandalia Area Historical Society will be Saturday, June 17. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. There will be more Sesquicentennial Celebration discussion. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

## Officers Installed For VFW Auxiliary 2173

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, May 11 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center. President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The April meeting minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given and filed for review. The Department of Missouri Newsletter for May/June was read.

Officers for 2023-2024 were installed. They are President Victoria Shaw, Senior Vice President Val Galloway, Junior Vice President Wanda Winders, Secretary Joy Davis, Treasurer Judy Hull, Chaplain Lionel Shaw, Conductress Ann Wasson, Assistant Conductress Ruth Miller, Trustee #1 Barbara Holman, Trustee #2 Wanda Winders, Trustee #3 Lionel Shaw, Historian June Willis and Patriotic Instructor June Willis. Val Galloway, past president installed the officers.

The Memorial Day service at the Vandalia Cemetery on May 29 will have the Vandalia First Presbyterian Church for the service in case of inclement weather. During the business meeting

a donation was made to the District 17 Auxiliary President for Convention expenses, a debit card was authorized for the auxiliary treasurer, and a 3' x 5' parade flag with fringe was ordered. Victoria & Lionel Shaw were elected delegates to the Department Convention in Springfield, and the National Convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

Buddy Poppy Roadblock at 54 & Main will be Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m.-noon. Members will be collecting for Buddy Poppies at various locations. The donation cans will be put out at local businesses.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The nine members attending were Joy Davis, Vivian Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Vivian McFadden, Ruth Miller, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, and Ann Wasson.

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

## Clarksville VFW, Auxiliary Installs New Officers

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary held their regular meetings on Monday, May 1 at 6 p.m.

They started off the evening with honoring the persons in the area for their community service. Persons receiving the Person were: Scott Hipes from Clarksville Fire Department, Stanley Swartz, Louisiana Press Journal, Kimberly Chandler, The People's Tribune, and Lynn Reuther for her dedication for the Eolia War Memorial. Those not present were Jennifer McCormick - Cherry's Bar/Grill for dedication of the food truck for the community, Representative Chad Perkins, Mayor JoAnne Smiley, Joanne Smiley, Chamber of Commerce president, Pike County Sheriff's Department, Paulette Powelson - Pike County Hospital, and Jeanie Eisenhower - Clarksville Library. These certificates will be presented at a later date.

Regular meeting was then held: Auxiliary took in two new members - Cara Craig and Stanley Swartz.

Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein gave a report on District 17 meeting and also reported on the Easter Egg Hunt, both thought it was a success.

Installation of officers for incoming year was then held for incoming year: President - Mary Tarpein, Sr. Vice President - Helen Riffle, Jr. Vice - Amy Cooke, Secretary - Virginia Starks, Treasurer - Joanne Hammuck, First Year Trustee - Ora Belle Conway, Second Year Trustee - Aliene Henry, third Year Trustee - Yvette Webb, Chaplain - Dianne Gardner, Conductress - Carol Traynor-Guard - Charles Riffle, Patriotic Instructor - Mike Cooke, Flag Bearer - Michael Everett, Banner Bearer - Jeremy Tipp, Color Bearer 1. - Kelly Everett, 2. John Cooke (Youth) 3. Yvette Webb and 4 - Gage Tipp (Youth).

Afterwards upcoming events were discussed: barbecue at Save A Lot in Bowling Green - Friday May 26, Dedication of Memorial in Eolia on Saturday, May 27, Pre-Memorial Day Services at Greenwood Cemetery on Sunday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Attending the American Legion Services in Louisiana on Monday, May 28 and vatering the Clopton Alumni Golf Tournament at Sun Valley Golf Course in Elsberry of Saturday, June 3, they will be very busy for awhile but they enjoy help-

ing and doing all of these things Commander and President gave a Report concerning the Department Convention to be held in Springfield June 8-10, President Mary announced the Department School of Instructions for the Auxiliary to be held in Arnold on Saturday, June 24 the Auxiliary sisters are to let Joanne know if they will be attending so that she can send in the registration

Meeting then closed with closing prayer given by Aliene Henry. Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5 at 6 p.m.

## Agape House Hosts Guests From Western U.S.

In their board meeting Tuesday, May 16 Agape House of Vandalia board members learned that guests had traveled from across Missouri as well as Nebraska and California.

It is the mission of the house to provide accessible and affordable overnight accommodations to family and friends of offenders in the correctional centers in Bowling Green and Vandalia.

House manager, Karen Craig, reported the manager's apartment heating and cooling system continues to be malfunctioning; this will be addressed by a local contractor soon. A new microwave is needed and is to be purchased locally.

Board treasurer, Kay Robnett, reported submission of grant applications to two agencies.

Board members Terry Rudolph and Eldora Lowry are working together to secure and arrange wall art in an attractive manner. This will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

The building exterior will be power washed this spring and yard work continues.

Board members in attendance were Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, Robnett and Rudolph.

Monetary gifts received in April include the following: United Way of Audrain County; Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Laddonia Christian Church; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; and Spencer Creek Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia.

Monetary gifts were given in memory of Julie Ann Taley of Laddonia by the following: William and Mary Azdell, Central Bank of Audrain County. James and Judy Dye, Farmers and Laborers Insurance of Mexico, Pat Farnen, Federal Education Associations of Washington, D.C., and California, Tim and Dolly Jesse, Steven and Debra Kreyling, Littleby Baptist Church, James and Mila Lowry, Mexico Heating Company (Robby and Dudley Miller), Christopher and Vivian Miller, Gordon and Laura Sauvage, Steven and Michelle Schnelle, Kenneth and Becky Shaw, Jennifer Silver, Louis and Mary Jane Smyther, Bill and Sherry Sonwalt, Utterback Crop Insurance and Jane Webster.

## Missouri Connections Academy Celebrates Class Of 2023

Missouri Connections Academy recently presented more than 90 students their high school diplomas as members of the statewide public online school's 2023 graduating class. The students were recently honored during the school's commencement ceremony at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia.

"It was wonderful to have this opportunity to celebrate our graduates and their academic milestone with an in-person commencement ceremony together with families and friends," said Missouri Connections Academy school leader Lynsie Hunt. "The faculty and staff at Missouri Connections Academy are proud of the determination these students have demonstrated to find a learning environment that enabled them to succeed academically. We are confident the Class of 2023 is poised to do great things."

While more than one-third of the graduates indicated they plan to continue their education and attend a two or four-year college or university such as Saint Louis University, Saint Louis Community College, Kansas City Community College, St. Charles Community College and Moberly Area Community College, others plan to join the military, pursue vocational training, or enter the workforce to start their careers.

The following students from Pike County are among Missouri Connections Academy's Class of 2023:

Lauren Burleson, Bowling Green

Lillian Orf, Bowling Green  
Kaylee Miller, Louisiana  
Camdyn Penrok, Frankford  
Payton Windland, Frankford

During the commencement ceremony, the Class of 2023 heard from fellow graduate Camdyn Penrok, of Frankford, who shared a little about her experience attending Missouri Connections Academy and how it provided her the flexibility to work towards her goal to be a health care provider. Her message to her cohorts was to maintain the determination that brought them to Missouri Connections Academy and never lose focus on their goals.

"I had a great experience as a student at Missouri Connections Academy which enabled me to focus on my goals," Camdyn said. "With the flexibility of the online courses, I was able to work as a full-time certified nursing assistant which helped me to obtain the experience I will need to attend physician's assistant school in the future."

Missouri Connections Academy is an established online school that provides students with the continuous support of highly skilled teachers and curriculum that focuses on both academics and social-emotional learning, while helping them gain the skills and confidence they need to thrive in a changing world. MOCA teachers are specially trained to bring their skills and personality to the virtual classroom and emphasize the importance of fostering meaningful connections with students and their families. Learning plans are flexible and can be uniquely tailored based on a student's specific needs.

Enrollment at Missouri Connections Academy for the 2023-2024


academic year is currently open and the school hosting online information sessions for families interested in learning more about virtual education. For more information about Missouri Connections Academy or to begin the enrollment process, please visit [www.MissouriConnectionsAcademy.com](http://www.MissouriConnectionsAcademy.com) or call (800) 382-6010.

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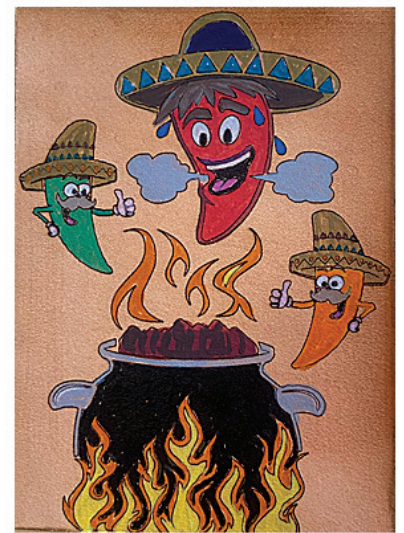
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## Bowen Auction

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 11:00 am

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Owner: The late Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bowen

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