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Pictured is the mother of two young boys who were lost in Pike County, as they were returned to her.

## PCMH EMS Team Part Of Successful Child Rescue Search

In a show of community support, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team from Pike County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) collaborated with various fire departments and a K9 unit to find two young boys, aged 4 and 5, who were reported missing after playing in the woods on July 21.

Amid the intensive search was Chris Smith, a paramedic and EMS Supervisor at PCMH. Smith was able to locate one of the children, ensuring the child's safe return to his mother.

Remarkably, the boys were unaware of the intensive search operation ongoing for their safety. "They thought it was great that so many people showed up to join them on their 'walk,'" shared the grateful mother of the rescued children. Moreover, she added that the boys were thrilled with dinosaur toys they received from the PCMH ambulance team.

This heartening reunion underscores the exceptional capabilities and dedication of the EMS team at PCMH and re-

flects the commendable partnership between diverse emergency response units. Such commitment to serving and safeguarding the community in moments of crisis is what distinguishes Pike County.

A spokesperson for PCMH recently posted, "We take immense pride in our team's ability to respond promptly to emergencies and lend a helping hand to those in need. Our community's safety and well-being are at the heart of everything we do, and this rescue is a true reflection of that commitment."

PCMH further conveyed its sincere appreciation to everyone who played a role in the search and rescue operation.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the search and rescue mission for their tireless efforts and selflessness. It is times like these that remind us of the strength and compassion that unite our community, making Pike County a place where we stand together, no matter the circumstances."

## Audrain County Sheriff's Department Assists In Manhunt

A suspect on the run from Montgomery County deputies on Aug. 10 was arrested in Audrain County after an extensive manhunt.

Phillip M. Martinez, 47, was apprehended outside of Jonesburg with the assistance of the Audrain County Sheriff, Matt Oller, Audrain deputies, Callaway County Sheriff's Office, K9s, and others.

He is currently in the Montgomery County Jail on a no bond warrant for tampering with a motor vehicle first, unlawful possession of a firearm, felony resisting arrest, and possession of burglary tools.

According to a release from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, on Aug. 10, at approximately 6:40 p.m., deputies responded

to a residence off of Highway 161, near Buell, to attempt contact with a suspect in reference to a stolen vehicle case out of Montgomery County. Upon arrival the suspect, Martinez who also goes by the alias of Matthew McEuen, fled on foot, got into a vehicle that was recently reported stolen from Wright City, and led deputies on a high-speed chase.

## Look Out!

### Pike County Major Leaguer Beamed In 1910



A baseball card featuring Paul Meloan was included in the 1911 Sporting Life series. It is card 204 in a set of 327. One in mint condition today goes for as much as \$1,300.

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

Any discussion of Paul Meloan inevitably turns to what might have been.

The Pike County native was in Major League Baseball for only two seasons, and it likely was a beaming in August 1910 that led to the quick exit.

"Baseball history shows that almost all the players who have been struck on the noodle by a thrown ball are really never the same afterward," wrote journalist Tommy Clark. "It causes them to lose their nerve, which affects their

fielding and batting."

Meloan was born in Paynesville on Aug. 23, 1888. Nicknamed "Molly" after the Dublin fish seller in the popular Irish song, he played professionally from 1908 to 1919.

The 5'10" 175-pound right fielder broke in with the Jacksonville, Ill., Lunatics of the Central Association, playing in 125 games and batting .284. The next year, it was off to the Rock Island Islanders of the Three-Eye League, a fond name for a group of teams that played in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana.

Meloan was "a stocky appearing fellow," The Rock Island Argus said. Opponents soon learned to "fear the mighty bat" and had a "wholesome respect" for his throwing arm.

The Keokuk Daily Gate City said the player "not only hits often, but pounds the leather hard, home runs being often daily occurrences with him."

The prowess drew attention from Chicago White Sox owner Charles Comiskey, who bought out Meloan's contract for \$4,000 — about \$105,000 today. Though no longer the case in baseball, that was huge money in an era before collective bargaining and signing bonuses.

Meloan debuted with the next-to-last-place South Siders on Aug. 2, 1910, going hitless in three at bats and drawing a walk in the brand new White Sox Park, which would later

be renamed Comiskey. The Sox lost 3-2 to Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, who would go on to beat the Chicago Cubs in the World Series that year.

The next day, the sure-handed fielder dropped a fly ball in the ninth, allowing Philly to score the winning run. The Argus theorized Meloan was on his way to "decorate the bench at an early date."

Sox manager Hugh Duffy instead stuck with his protégé and the decision paid off. Meloan quickly adapted to Major League pitching and had the media buzzing about his abilities.

"Paul Meloan looks to be the find of the season in the hitting line, as he is going right along with his swatting work," reported Sporting Life magazine.

"For his first 13 games in the major league, Meloan has batted better than .350, and he may give Ty Cobb something of a chase if he can keep up that pace."

The Argus called him the "demon slugger" of the White Sox.

On Aug. 15, 1910, the newspaper reported Meloan collected five hits in two games against the New York Highlanders — who would be renamed the Yankees in 1913 — and "his swatting was productive of victory for the pale hose."

The next day, things took a horrible turn.

Next time: Bouncing back.

## GI Bill Part Of Bennett Clark Legacy

*Editor's note: Following is the final part of a story series.*

**BY BRENT ENGEL**  
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Bennett Clark was the perfect catalyst for the GI Bill, the landmark World War II legislation which profoundly changed America.

He inherited much from a feisty father, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democrat presidential candidate Champ Clark.

The influence even extended to the senator dropping his first name, Joel, and rebranding himself Bennett Champ Clark. In his autobiography, the congressman explained his boy had inserted Champ "as soon as he became old enough to observe things."

One of Bennett's sons would later recall that, like a Missouri mule, his father was "utterly without tact" and "as stubborn as anyone who ever lived." Yet, beyond the brashness, he was a man who doggedly "stuck by his principles come hell or high water."

Clark first was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1932 without ever holding public office — an extremely rare feat.

While there were suggestions that he had ridden his famous father's coattails, the World War I veteran and co-founder of the American Legion quickly proved astute on his own.

Discussion of the federal government providing better care for veterans got little traction in the 1920s and 1930s. It took World War II to put the issue on the front burner.

The battle ramped up in October 1943. Legion Commander Harry Colmery

drafted the basic outline. The first legislation reached Congress in January 1944.

Though the Legion undertook a national campaign of

sage...is showing an alarming tendency to bog down in the throes of legislative inertia."

There was no better example of the proposal's bi-parti-



Missouri U.S. Sen. Bennett Champ Clark stands at left as President Franklin Roosevelt signs the GI Bill on June 22, 1944. (Defense Department photo)

support, there was opposition to some provisions. Even a few veterans' organizations and top military brass objected.

A letter to Clark from commanders of three groups questioned whether the proposal was "a sound and equitable solution to" veterans' needs and if some features were too "broad in scope and potential cost." Newspapers offered editorials on the impasse.

"This is an emergency message for every American who has a beloved man in the armed forces of the nation," the Detroit Times wrote in February 1944. "The campaign for immediate pas-

san nature than the two men at the center of the fight. Colmery was a member of the Republican National Committee. The senator was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat.

Clark was the Senate sponsor of the bill and went to great lengths to push it, saying the nation "should find some way of guaranteeing" a better quality of life for those who served. In a classic exchange, he called one opponent's doubts "some of the most stupid, short-sighted objections which could be raised."

Clark was a financial conservative who sometimes clashed with President

Franklin Roosevelt's lavish spending programs. As a result, he had earned respect from Republicans.

Thus, he was able to broker a bilateral deal that tempered concerns about the GI Bill. On March 13, 1944, he introduced an updated version he had authored. Eighty-one colleagues co-sponsored.

"Never in the history of the Senate had so many Senators given their names to a piece of pending legislation," wrote R.B. Pitkin, editor of "The American Legion Magazine."

Remaining hurdles finally were removed and Roosevelt signed the legislation on June 22, 1944 — a little more than two weeks after the D-Day invasion of Europe.

"I think we've got a good bill," Clark told reporters.

It proved an incredibly modest appraisal. More than 20 million Americans have benefited from the GI Bill's educational, medical, housing and other assistance. Many analysts have called it one of the best investments the federal government ever made.

The cost was high — and continues — but the return has been beyond measure. It is an example of a "living law" that has been adapted as needs changed over the years.

Though Clark's lobbying has largely been forgotten, his efforts proved invaluable.

The GI Bill "created much of modern American society," wrote author Michael Bennett.

## Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program Coming To Van-Far Elementary

Van-Far Elementary is partnering with Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring to provide a reading literacy mentor program to K-3rd grade students. Older adult volunteers will work one-on-one with a student in kindergarten through third grade once a week throughout the school year. Students who are chosen to participate in the program may need help improving reading and communication skills or may need extra social-emotional support. Volunteers are trained by Oasis Tutoring in a six-step approach to literacy that emphasizes improved reading, speaking, listening, and writing.

Oasis Tutoring's reading mentor program is special because it focuses on relationship building between older adults, aged 50 and up, and our youth. One Oasis volunteer had this to say about the

program, "When I retired, I was looking for something to do involving reading and literacy. Becoming an Oasis tutor was a chance to do some good and give back to my community. The children want to learn, but just need a little help or special attention to do so. There is nothing quite like the smiles you see when you arrive for a lesson."

The Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring program is the largest older adult tutoring program in the United States and has reached more than 485,000 children over the last 30 years. Pre pandemic, Oasis Tutoring volunteers helped 21,000 children in 630 schools in 75 school districts across the country. Not only is this beneficial for our students, but also for the adult volunteers, in that it promotes healthy aging through lifelong learning, active lifestyles, and service to com-

munity.

Van-Far Elementary is looking for volunteers to help with this program. Volunteers need to be available once a week throughout the school year; October 3rd, 2023, through April 26th, 2024. The day and time each week will depend on volunteer and student availability. A volunteer training is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the elementary school. Lunch is provided. All volunteers will need to go through the elementary school's background screening. Volunteering does require some leg work on your part, but the payoff is something you cannot put a price on.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact: Mandy Plybon, 573-416-3193 (call or text) [aplybon@oasisnet.org](mailto:aplybon@oasisnet.org) <https://tutoring.oasisnet.org/>



Pictured, from left: Superintendent, Dr. Todd Smith; SRO Danie Plier; and Pike County Sheriff Stephen Korte.

## Clopton Adds School Resource Officer

On Thursday, Aug. 10 Clopton Superintendent Dr. Todd Smith and Pike County Sheriff Stephen Korte signed an agreement between the two agencies to post a School Resource Officer (SRO) on the Clopton campus. The SRO will be on campus all day everyday in which school is in session.

"Clopton has a great cohesive Board," Smith said. "One of their priorities was getting the safety of the campus up to speed. During our interview, the Board asked me to make this a priority for the District. We have made some changes to our budget to accommodate

the addition an SRO, and we are confident we can maintain the relationship indefinitely."

According to Smith, the SRO role is an important part of the district's safety improvements

"The addition of an SRO is the crown jewel of our student safety goals," he continued. "Over the past year we have added an electronic exterior lock system, installed shatter proof film over all of the exterior windows, as well as an updated camera and phone system. We will be adding a security vestibule entrance this Fall thanks to a support-ive community passing Prop Kids last April. The other ef-

forts were partially funded through a safety grant we applied for and received. The rest came from District operating and capital funds."

Smith attributes the need for increased security measures Clopton's remote locations.

"I think all of the Clopton families will feel more secure every day. Clopton is in a unique geographic position being so isolated. Having law enforcement present on a daily basis, and the addition of the aforementioned safety measures will make the Clopton campus safe and secure." "I'm proud to lead and be a part of the Clopton District working with such a supportive Board and out-standing staff"

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Pike Genealogical Society Offering Student Assistance

**By Audrey Jones**  
 Hey Pike County Missouri History/Social Studies Teachers - get your students started off the year with a visual of their relatives in history. Did an ancestor fight in the civil war? How about the American Revolution? Did they own property in Pike County? As you are preparing your curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year, think about what the Pike County Genealogical Society Library and Jail Museum can offer to your classroom of students.

We are rich in Pike County history as well as family lineages, history from some additional Missouri Counties and overall Missouri history. We also have some additional information regarding other states. We can assist your students with Civil War information and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) information. During the school year, we can provide tours of our library and our 1884 Jail to your classroom.

So, before the summer is over, think about stopping in and checking out the resources that we can provide to your students. Our hours of operation are: March-November, on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or by appointment, contact Audrey Jones at 573-324-5810 or via email at digginupbones2014@gmail.com.

We are located at 5 East Church Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334, just a block off the square.



Lindsey Eick



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**AUGUST 2023 LIBRARY STAFF YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW THE AGATHAS BY KATHLEEN GLASGOW & LIZ LAWSO NREVIEWED BY LINDSEY EICK, ADULT MATERIALS CATALOGER, MEXICO-AUDRAIN COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**

The Agathas is a story told between two Castle Cove High School students, Alice Ogilive and Iris Adams. Last summer, Alice's boyfriend, Steve, dumped her, and then she disappeared for five days. She refuses to talk about where she went and what happened, so that is the biggest mystery in Castle Cove, until it was not. Now, Steve's current girlfriend and Alice's ex-best friend, Brooke Donovan has vanished on Halloween night, and it doesn't look like she is coming back.

Recently obsessed with mystery author Agatha Christie, Alice decides to team up with her tutor, Iris Adams, to launch an investigation into what really happened to Brooke Donovan and find the culprit. Iris has her own reasons for wanting to disappear, though unlike Alice, she doesn't have the money or the means to do so. This could be changed by the hefty reward Brooke's grandmother is offering to anyone who can share information about Brooke's whereabouts. The police are convinced Steve is the culprit, but Alice is not so sure, and with Iris on her side, she may be able to prove her theory. In order to get the reward and prove Steve's innocence, they need to figure out who really killed Brooke Donovan.

This book is perfect for those who like suspenseful, intricately plotted mysteries, and it is first in the series. If you end up liking this one, the next title, The Night in Question is newly available at your local library, recommended after first reading The Agathas. Series read-alikes include The Amateurs by Sara Shepard and Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson.

**AUGUST 2023 LIBRARY STAFF BOOK REVIEW LEGENDS AND LATTES BY TRAVIS BALDREE REVIEWED BY KASSI WELBORN, CIRCULATION ASSISTANT, MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Viv is an Orc, a type of creature you would never expect to quit adventuring-but that's exactly what she does. She has gotten just so tired of constantly being on the move so she plans to settle down. She moves to the town of Thune, where she buys an old stable and converts it to the town's (and possibly the whole country's) very first coffee shop. Viv attracts all kinds of individuals, from a mob boss who loves sweets to a succubus who just wants to break away from the stereotypes of her species. All of these help her in her dream to leave adventuring and violence behind, and possibly even find love. A great story for anyone who loves fantasy but also wants a relaxing read that keeps their attention, while also leaving you wanting more.

Bonus: There is a story included at the end of how Viv discovered coffee and began her journey towards peace, both inner and outer.

### Area Students Named To Wash U Dean's List

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

The following area students were named to the list:

Clarksville - Shawn Yates is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Louisiana - Michael Powers graduated in May from the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Vandalia - Kiera Hayden is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.

## Eastern MO YMCA Fall Events

An exciting, new youth program is now available through the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA. The FREE program, Building Leaders - Kids as Teachers, is designed to encourage our youth to take the lead in teaching a program for their peers.

The sky is the limit regarding programs that could feature crafts, painting, athletics, vocal, cooking, and more at no charge to participants. A sack lunch or snack will be provided for each participant during each session. The first program is scheduled for Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m., in the Y Café. Registration is open now through Sept. 13.

Youth Outdoor Soccer, Flag Football, Cheerleading, Wiffle T-Ball, and Tiny Time Basketball registrations are open at the Y. Outdoor Soccer is available for three-year-olds to eighth-grade boys and girls; Flag Football is available for K-6th graders, Cheerleading is available for K-4th graders, Wiffle T-Ball is available for 3-5-year-old children, and Tiny Time Basketball is available for three-year-olds to Pre-K children. All programs are available to everyone; the cost varies depending on membership or non-member status. Coaches, instructors, refs, and umpires will be needed.

The annual Fall 5K registration is open from Aug. 18-Sept. 8. The event will take place at 7 a.m., at the Y on Sept. 23. Tumbling classes will resume in mid to late September for ages 3/4-year-olds, 5/6-year-olds, and 7/8-year-olds.

Adult Pickleball Sunday is set for Sunday, Sept. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. The games and tournament schedule will be determined by the number of players. A minimum of eight participants is needed. The cost for registration is \$15 per person.

The fall annual support campaign event is set for Nov. 4, in the YMCA gymnasium. Harvest Lucky will feature 20 bingo games, then early bird games, 50/50, Silent Auction, other games, and an evening meal and snacks. Doors will open at 5 p.m., for dinner, 5:30 p.m., for early bird games, and 7 p.m., for regular bingo games begin.

Beginning Sept. 1, the YMCA will return to their school hours - Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Sunday hours go into effect on Sept. 10.

Please continue to watch our Facebook page - Eastern Missouri Family YMCA and our Instagram page - vandaliaymca in addition to local media and area school announcements for more information.

## Hannibal Regional Healthcare System Awarded Federal Grant To Establish New Rural Residency Program

Recently the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$11 million to 15 awardees to strengthen the health workforce by establishing new residency programs in rural communities.

Hannibal Regional Healthcare System is one of those recipients, receiving a \$750,000 grant. "Training residents in rural areas leads more medical school graduates to stay and practice in rural settings," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "There's a shortage of doctors across the nation, especially in our most underserved communities, and these rural residency development grants will help address this shortage."

Nearly 70 percent of areas designated as primary medical Health Professional Shortage Areas are in rural areas. Physician shortages, poverty, and geographic isolation contribute to lack of access to care and poorer health outcomes for rural Americans. By working with key partners in a 13-

county area, Hannibal Regional aims to create a sustainable Graduate Medical Education Program which will benefit the more than 150,000 residents in those areas.

Counties served by this program will be: Marion, Ralls, Pike, Shelby, Lewis, Monroe, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Knox, Scotland, Schuyler, & Linn.

"Through HRSA's decades of work supporting access to health care in rural communities, we know that rural residency programs help ensure that qualified doctors train and stay in the rural communities that need them," said HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson.

The project funded by the grant begins immediately, with a target date of July 1, 2026 for new internal medicine residents to begin their residency at Hannibal Regional. The program will be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and will effectively train physicians to practice in and meet the clinical needs of rural populations. Hannibal Regional President & CEO Todd

Ahrens shares, "We as an organization are always looking for ways to bring high quality healthcare to more residents of northeast Missouri. As we continue to grow our services and locations, we are also looking for ways to grow and expand the workforce pipeline. This grant will help us attract, train and retain more healthcare providers to our service area; in turn benefiting area residents that turn to us for expert, quality medical care."

HRSA provides equitable health care to the nation's highest-need communities. Their programs support people with low incomes, children, parents, rural communities and others. This includes over 30 million people in underserved communities and more than 1,800 rural counties and municipalities. Partnering with HRSA on this project will help Hannibal Regional meet critical healthcare shortages in northeast Missouri. For more information about the rural residency program at Hannibal Regional, call (573) 629-3577.

## How To Keep People From Texting, Driving

Citing the grim statistics alone should be enough to convince people to stop texting and driving.

More than eight people are killed and 1,161 are injured each day in crashes reported to involve a distracted driver, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Drivers in their 20s make up 25 percent of distracted drivers in fatal crashes.

But a new study from the University of Missouri found "death awareness" played a significant role in promoting the adoption of texting-and-driving prevention behaviors. When individuals were primed with reminders of their mortality and the potential consequences of their actions, they were more likely to indicate that they would refrain from texting while driving and adopt safer behaviors behind the wheel.

Additionally, the findings indicated that reactance — or the resistance to being persuaded or controlled — played a paradoxical role in texting-and-driving prevention. When individuals were primed to experience reactance and exhibited initial resistance to prevention messages, researchers found death awareness effectively reduced those individuals' resistance and positively influenced their behavior.

"When you message people about behaviors that could harm their health, you want to be careful not to induce reactance by using terms that imply they have no choice because that could trigger resistance," said Zachary

Massey, an assistant professor of science communication and strategic communication at the Missouri School of Journalism and co-author on the study. "And if there's resistance, they might reject the message."

Massey said crafting prevention messages to warn people about threats to their well-being is tricky — even if the statistics about the health threat appear dire. Convincing drivers — especially young drivers — to stop texting and driving is no different.

Massey's experimental study examined how young adults respond to different versions of a preventative health message that combines two psychological factors that influence individual behavior — death awareness and reactance.

Reactance is especially profound in teenagers and young adults, who often resist attempts to change their behavior. It can reappear at other stages in life as well.

The experiment employed a comprehensive approach, combining survey data, experimental scenarios and statistical analysis to gain insights into the factors influencing how people respond to texting-and-driving messages. The researchers recruited 208 participants between the ages of 18 and 31 who were randomly assigned to write a short essay either about their death or about experiencing dental pain. Participants then read different versions of texting-and-driving prevention messages adapted from governmental websites.

One version of the message threatened participants' behavioral freedom to choose — "There's really no choice when it comes to preventing texting and driving: You simply have to do it!" — and the other version supported participants freedom to choose — "You have a choice when it comes to texting and driving: Avoid texting and driving whenever you can!" Participants who wrote about their death and then read the message supporting their behavioral choice showed the strongest indication of changing their texting behavior while driving, providing a possible avenue for practitioners that must communicate deadly consequences of health behaviors to people who may be resistant to those messages.

"This is tricky, tricky ground to work on," Massey said. "We have to tell people about something they might not want to hear that could have deadly ramifications if they don't listen to what we're saying. But if we warn people and threaten their behavior to choose, it could backfire. We have to warn people about deadly threats, but we need to figure out how to frame that information so they will listen."

"The effects of death awareness and reactance on texting-and-driving prevention" was published in Risk Analysis. Co-author on the study is Elena Bessarabova, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Oklahoma.

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- attend volunteer training September 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (lunch provided)
- go through a volunteer screening

**Sign-up to volunteer by September 12**

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\*Oasis Tutoring is a program within Oasis Institute, a national non-profit education organization dedicated to providing adults aged 50 and older with innovative programs to pursue vibrant, healthy, productive, and meaningful lives. The Oasis Institute receives funding from an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant to help bring Oasis Tutoring to Audrain & Callaway Counties.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## From The Mayor's Desk...

Bowling Green R-I Schools opens for students on Monday, Aug. 21 and I hope many of you were able to utilize the generosity of the Pike County Health Departments Back to School Back-pack program.

It means so much when students are prepared on the first day with pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, and other school supplies. So many teachers pay out of their own pockets to supply school materials on the first day as well as throughout the year. Part of a student's "reengagement" back into the habit of getting up and going to school is being prepared with supplies and even clothing. Reengagement is the new word since COVID-19 because so many students and families were forcibly "disengaged" by school closures. A disconnection for millions of students and families nationwide disrupted the learning process. Today, almost one-third of American students are chronically absent from school due to lacking the ability to "catch-up" with their other classmates, large gaps in depth of knowledge and study habits, and even mental and emotional withdrawal due to social alienation. The pandemic also exposed and worsened disparities in academic performance and attendance among youth of color.

Believe it or not, this has long-term implications on city leaders when it comes to educational levels necessary for society's future workforce needs. Today, nationwide, there is a need for mentoring and tutoring programs, mental health services, and excellent curriculums as well as teachers and high quality after school learning programs.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

I believe we are very fortunate for the educational process and success of the Bowling Green Schools under the leadership of Dr. Frederickson and our school board who kept our schools opened during the pandemic, offered successful summer and after school opportunities, and continue to meet and exceed state standards. So many schools across our country are having students that are not returning to the classrooms, understaffed teachers, and aids, watered down and woke curriculums and declining academic grades and performance. Missouri is one of many states that has a definite shortage of certified and qualified teachers.

Attending school regularly is essential to students gaining academic and social skills they need to thrive. According to the National League of Cities, 8 to 16 million students nationwide miss at least 10 percent of school which brings about real life consequences for students, families, and society. Test results are showing third graders are unable to read, sixth graders struggle to complete assignments successfully; especially in math, science, English, and history, while high school students are off track for graduation.

Bowling Green is fortunate to be way ahead of the curve. However, nationwide, lack of parent, family, and community support and involvement are leading to unhappy malcontent students of all ages that have become disenchanted and disenfranchised with America's school systems. Don't assume it can't happen to our city and county. Be involved and supportive as well as assuring the accountability of our schools and school board.

## CREC Trust Board Awards \$65,000 In Scholarships

From in-state college institutions to those across the country, 65 local students will be benefiting from scholarships provided through the Operation Round Up program.

This year, students from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's five-county service area are receiving scholarships totaling \$65,000. A total of 169 applications were submitted. This was the first year the scholarship program was moved online, eliminating paper applications and streamlining the application process.

Since 2020, the Cuivre River Electric Community Trust Board has awarded \$304,000 in scholarship money and more than \$1.5 million has been distributed since 1997.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Lincoln County: Leah Cramer, Kaitlin Tapley, Landon Niederer, Jay Hasekamp, Kacey Williams, Alex Harrison, Elaina Miller, Kyle Daniel, Emily Moellman, Gavin Reller, Kelsey Finern, Carter Johnston, Evann Rothermich, Olivia Kinsler, Delaney Siebert, Haley Motley, Isabel Holland, Collin Twellman, Steven Schormann and Abigail Schaffer.

Pike County: Mia Nation, Victoria Mudd, Alex Miller, Anthony Grote, Madelyn Brune and Camden Fisher.

To be eligible for consideration, students must live in the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative service area and maintain a minimum GPA

of 2.5 while attending undergraduate courses at an accredited university or technical school. Applicants are also asked to provide an official transcript and two letters of recommendation, write a narrative to highlight their academic achievements and state their career goals, and demonstrate a financial need. The scholarship may also be used for adult continuing education courses in their career fields.

Scholarships are awarded each June. The next application period

opens in January 2024.

Scholarship funds are donated by Cuivre River Electric members who participate in Operation Round Up by rounding up their electric bill payments each month to the next highest dollar. The funds, administered by the seven-member volunteer Trust Board, are available to help individuals, families and organizations. For more information on Operation Round Up, call 636-695-4837 or email [ttschmidt@cuivre.com](mailto:ttschmidt@cuivre.com).



## Career Development Senior Overall

These junior Angus members won top honors in the senior division of the career development contest at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 7 in Grand Island, Neb. pictured from left are Jonwyn Ayres, Powers, Ore., first; and Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, and Jordan Oliver, Buncombe, Ill., who tied for second.

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## OATS Transit Offers New Connections For NE MO Residents

OATS Transit is pleased to announce our new InterCity Express service operating in Northeast Missouri. The company has added several new destinations to its schedule, which are designed to get rural residents into larger towns for goods and services such as medical appointments, business and more.

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Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance, and are made on a first come, first serve basis. For reservations call 800-654-6287, Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments must be between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Be sure to schedule all the stops you plan to make when you call.

Riders are asked to meet the InterCity Express bus at the established pick-up point. The bus can deviate off the route up to five miles for people who cannot get to the pickup point. Service is open to anyone of any age. To see the full schedule, go to [oatstransit.org/schedules](http://oatstransit.org/schedules) and click on Northeast

Missouri Express Routes, or you can click on the county you live in to see other travel options. There are 12 routes total, with eight of them being completely new this summer. Some existed previously but have added additional days of service to accommodate more ride options.

Fares for the InterCity Express routes are \$10 for round trip, or \$5 for one-way trip, plus \$1 for each en-route stop. Fares need to be paid in advance. You can add funds to your

account at the same time you schedule your trip, or mail a check, money order or cashier's check to the OATS Transit office.

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# OBITUARIES



**Miryah Lea Polston**

Miryah Lea Polston, 41 of Louisiana died Sunday, Aug. 6, at Pike County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana. The Rev. Kelly Hardcastle officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Visitation was from 9 a.m., until time of service Wednesday at the church.

Miryah was born Dec. 2, 1981, at the Hermann Area District Hospital. Miryah was a member of Christ Centered Church and First Baptist Church of Louisiana.

Miryah married her high-school sweetheart, sharing 24 years together and raising three beautiful children. The city clerk of Louisiana, Miryah was admired for her artwork in town, including a mural of the city seal that she hand-painted at city hall. She was known for being a loving soul, always opening her home to those in need and working hard to better her community. She took pride in her historic home in downtown Louisiana, happily spending hours restoring it and landscaping.

She published her first book in 2014 and went on to co-found Polston House Publishing in 2016, where she signed 10 authors and served as chief editor. She was never one to sit idle, choosing to also work as a cleaner for First Baptist Church of Louisiana.

Miryah is survived by her husband, Woodrow Polston; a daughter, Julia Polston; one son, Alec Polston; mother, Felina Pence; father, Donald Rzentkowski; a brother, Moshe "Cal" Schrauth; and a sister, Aleeza Sinclair.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Angela Polston and a sister, Heather Schrauth.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., 117 Barnard Dr., Louisiana, MO 63353.



**Gloria Norton**

Gloria Norton, 83, of Clarksville died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023 at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal.

Graveside services were held at 12 p.m., Thursday at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana. Pastor Bill Hobbs officiated.

Visitation was from 11-11:30 a.m., at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Gloria was born Oct. 5, 1939 in Pleasant Hill, Ill., to Carlos and Lillie Rodhouse.

She is survived by three sons, Mike D. Love and wife, Janet of Hallsville, Steven Rayle of Clarksville, and Billy Norton of Clarksville; two daughters, Penny L. Thomas and husband, Doug of Jefferson City, and Gale E. Bailey and husband, Steve of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren, John Thomas, Cyndi Daly, Jay Love, Michele Love, Andrew Bailey, Adrienne Harper, and Jessica Rayle; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, June Hill of Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by a son, Chris Rayle, an infant daughter, Dawn Marie Rayle, husband, Ed Norton, in addition to her brothers and sisters.

Gloria enjoyed crocheting, reading, cooking, and taking care of her fur babies.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o the funeral home.

On-line condolences may be made at collierfuneral.com.

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**Geneva Jessie Ferguson**

Geneva Jessie Ferguson, 74, of Columbia died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at her home with her loving family at her side.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Waters Funeral Home. Burial was in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Geneva's life was from 10 a.m., until the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Geneva was born Dec. 31, 1948, in High Hill, the daughter of Theodore and Mary Wilson Connor. She was united in marriage to Harold Ferguson on Feb. 19, 2002. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2019.

Survivors include a daughter, LaDawn Holt and husband, Terry Joe, Jr. of Columbia; sons, Gerald Connor and wife, Elizabeth of Kokomo, Ind., and Arthiel D. Hammers; brother, Louis Connor (Wanda) of Vandalia, MO; sisters, Violet Lee and husband, Samuel of Vandalia, Charlene Wilson of Vandalia, and Shirley Pearl of Vandalia; grandchildren, Frashon, LaTara, Jarrod, Chelsea, LaTonia, Jeremy, Asha and Austin; and great-grandchildren, Mya, Jalayis, Emmanuel, Ezekiel, Emmy Lou, Issabel, Aaliyah and Gideon.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Ferguson was preceded in death by her brothers, James, Paul and Vincent; sisters, Joyce, Ruth and Lucy; granddaughter, LaTamara and great-grandson, Chandler.

Geneva worked as a CNA for home health care and later at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico before her retirement.

Dancing, playing cards, and trips to the river boat were all things that Geneva enjoyed. She was a talented cook that made the best fried fish, fried chicken and all the fixing to go with it. Her bread pudding was her award-winning desert. Geneva's biggest love was her family, she cherished every moment spent with them.

Mrs. Ferguson was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Vandalia.

Pallbearers were Gerald Connor, T.J. Connor, LaMark Wilson, Terry Joe Holt Jr., Jarrod Connor and Jeremy Connor

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

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Geneva's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com).



**Bernadette Ann Scherder**

With great sorrow and bitter-sweet gratitude, the Jennings, Johnson, Brewster, and Scherder families announce the untimely passing of our kind, caring, and unimaginably selfless sister, aunt, and friend, Bernadette Ann Scherder "Bern", 68, who died peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, surrounded by family and friends.

Visitation was at St. Clement Catholic Church Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Following was a Mass at 11 a.m., which was officiated by Fr. Ussher and Deacon Mark Dobleman. Bibb-Veach Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Bern was born Jan. 3, 1955, in Louisiana to Edwin and Virginia Scherder Ebers. A lifelong St. Clement community and parish resident, Bern attended St. Clement School through eighth grade, which included having her older sibling Mary Jo as a teacher. In that class she learned her initials, BS, also stood for something else, which made her smile.

She graduated from Bowling Green High School and went on to earn her bachelor's in special education and master's degree in counseling from what is now Truman State University. She was selected by her professors as a lifelong member of the educational fraternity Phi Delta Kappa International.

Lovingly remembered and survived by her siblings, Mary Jo Jennings and husband, Arch, AJ Scherder and wife, Judy, Pat Johnson, Dorothy Brewster and husband, Don, Larry Scherder and wife, Debbie, and Rob Scherder and wife, Cathy as well as 12 nieces and nephews, Anissa Tonjes and husband, Joe, Jennifer Sick and husband, Joe, Steve Brewster and wife, Morgan, Carla Berkoetter and husband, Kevin, Kelly Constable and husband, Teddy, Tracy Woodworth and husband, Travis, Scott Brewster, Brian Scherder and wife, Carey, Angela Thompson and husband, JT, Carrie Kallash and husband, Kenny, Sarah O'Brien and husband, Eddie, and Lindsey Garriinger and husband, Aaron.

Bern was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law, Paul Johnson, and niece, Catherine Sick.

Her passion was being the guidance counselor at Palmyra High School. She took pride in helping each and every student in their path forward in a very personal, memorable, and caring way. She wanted her students to succeed and provided them with the tools and counsel to do so.

In the spring of 1991, she returned home to pursue her love of farming with her brothers (the boys) on the farm and to care for her mother. She helped in the fields, drove the grain trucks, maintained the Scherder Farms feed store, and managed the "Pig Palace".

Bern, in the most loving, fun, honest, welcoming, funny, and direct way, dedicated her life to her family and friends. She was known for unselfishly offering her help in any circumstance to anyone in need.

While she did not have children of her own, she nurtured 12 nieces and nephews. She shared a very special and unique bond full of life skills, patience, jokes, and merry behavior as a partner in crime. One said, "I don't remember spending a moment with Aunt Bern when I felt she wanted to be anywhere else than hanging out with me". This sentiment was also shared with all the lives she touched.

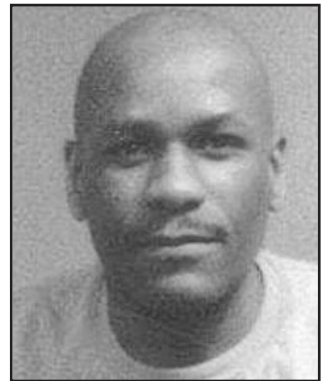
Her hobbies and interests included family, hunting, motorcycles, dancing, drinking "diet dew", blackout cruising, working, and golfing. Playing the drums was one of the hidden talents she had, frequently using the kitchen table to practice on. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to friends and family members, including her mother, Virginia, until she passed away at age 89. She carried on the legacy of her mother's caring, loving, kind, and nurturing spirit.

In the words of her favorite song, "Remember the cross high upon the steeple, one where Jesus died for all the lost people, if you can't find home, know you're not alone... Take me to the cross."

She lived a good life and in the end, it's not the years in a life, it's the life in the years.

Bern, God has you in His arms, we have you in our hearts.

Memorials to St. Clement School.



**Herbert Tucker III**

Herbert Tucker III, 58, of Bowling Green died Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 at his home.

Services for Herbert will be held at a later date.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling the cremation rites.

Herbert was born Sept. 10, 1964 in Louisiana to Herbert Tucker Jr. and Mary C. Farris Tucker. Both preceded Herbert in death.

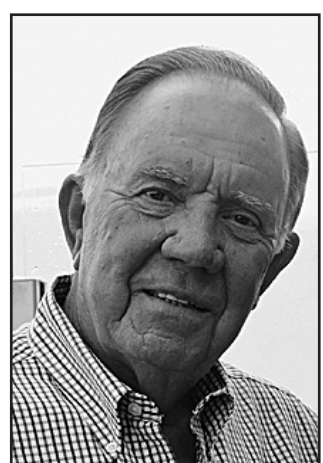
Herbert grew up in Louisiana and graduated from Louisiana High School in 1982. Following graduation, Herbert moved to St. Louis where he worked as a custodian at St. John's Hospital. He later sold furniture.

He liked listening to music. He liked animals and loved his dogs dearly. Herbert enjoyed jogging and being outside. He was known for being a good dancer and loved fashion. Herbert was a sports fan and followed the St. Louis Cardinals.

Herbert is survived by his siblings, Mary R. Mabon of Springfield, Ill., Greg Farris and wife, Keiko of Murphysboro, Ill., Teresa Johnson and husband, Greg of Springfield, Ill., and Glenda Fay Greene of Louisiana; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Mark Farris; and his partner, Gregory Pinkard.

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



**Galen Benjamin Johnson**

Galen Benjamin Johnson, 87, of Louisiana died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, surrounded by his family at Caring Hearts and Hands Home of Columbia.

Galen was born Oct. 13, 1935, in McPherson, Kan., to Clifford and Florence Calvin Johnson. In 1941, Galen's family moved to Haven, Kan., where he graduated from Haven High School in 1953.

On June 9, 1956, Galen was

united in marriage to Freida Kindley Johnson, the love of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving active duty from June 1958-June 1960. During that time, he and Freida were stationed in Heidelberg, Germany and had the opportunity to travel Europe.

Galen's experiences in the military personified his love of country, a dedication to serve others, and a passion for travel - recurring themes throughout his long life. He also became a dedicated family man on Aug. 20, 1961, when Galen and Freida welcomed their daughter, Lori to the world.

The family remained in Haven until 1979, when Galen's work with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline took him to the company's plant in Pleasant Hill, Ill. They settled into nearby Louisiana where Galen and Freida remained for 44 years, growing deep roots within the community. In 1992, Galen retired from a decorated career at PEPL. However, retirement did not mean settling down—sitting at home was simply not in his nature.

Galen embarked on a second career, working for Collier Funeral Homes, Inc. in Louisiana and Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green. He assisted the funeral homes in a number of ways, helping to make difficult times for those in grief much easier. It was a calling he was meant for and brought him great joy.

Galen had many passions outside of work - cars, so many cars, fixing things, fishing, and hunting. Later in life, Galen developed an insatiable appetite for golf. Some of his most fantastic post-retirement memories

were spent with the senior golfers at Pike County Country Club. He and Freida also loved hitting the open road and seeing everything towns big and small had to offer. They spent many winters in Alabama and Florida, making friends at every stop.

While his love for activities was immense, his most notable passion was people. Galen enjoyed listening to others as much as he did telling tales. He had a natural warmth and easy manner that made anyone in his presence comfortable. No one was a stranger in Galen's presence.

And the people he loved most felt his sunlight most deeply. For 67 years of marriage, he adored Freida and savored every moment they spent together. Galen took immense pride in Lori's personal and professional achievements. And he would tell anyone who would listen about his grandson Kyle, who is embarking on a career as an educator. He inherited a family when Lori and Roger married in 1991 and welcomed grandson David as his own. Galen was fond of children, as evidenced by his love for his three great-grandchildren, Logan, Jackson, and Elise.

Galen is survived by his wife, Freida; a daughter, Lori Sprague and husband, Roger of Columbia; grandchildren, Kyle Johnson Sprague of Columbia, and David Sprague and wife, Jessica of Columbia; great-grandchildren, Logan, Jackson, and Elise. He is also survived by sister, Kay Johnson Huston of Hutchinson, Kan.

Galen is preceded in death by his father and mother, Clifford and Florence Johnson.

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**Koelling Awarded Scholarship**

Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, right, received the NJAA Alumni and Friends \$2,000 Scholarship at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Scholarship Presentation, July 5-7 in Grand Island, Neb. Pictured presenting the award is Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director, left. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth.

Photo by Pearl's Pics

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Dorothy Campbell would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, food, prayers, donations to the VFW and all other acts of kindness during our time of sorrow.

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**Card Of Thanks**  
We would like to thank everyone very much for the cards, flowers, meals, prayers, donations, and kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.  
A big thank you to Community Loving Care Hospice Care, Waters Funeral Home, Spencer Creek Baptist Church for the meal, and the Rev. Bob Hoehn.  
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- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing and make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.

**RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL**

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and always use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs and wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the 'rules of the road.'

**WALKING TO SCHOOL**

- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured from left: James Cockrell, Alivia Mehler, Sam Grateke, Claire Kinion, Braden Havlik, Kylie Nolan, McKenna Claborn, Klaire Thoroughman, Kyliegh Graddy, and Hayley Gruenwald. Not pictured Karlie Ellis and Cecilia Southerland.

## Silex FFA Officers Attend Chapter Office Retreat

**BY JAMES COCKRELL  
SILEX FFA REPORTER**  
The Silex FFA officer team and their advisors, Mrs. Kientzy and Mr. O'Brien, went on their officer retreat in Leasburg.

Officers worked on the year's program of activities and developed as a leadership team in preparation for a successful year leading the Silex FFA Chapter.

The Missouri FFA Association is a youth organization of over 25,500 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, busi-

ness, and technology of agriculture with 355 local chapters. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

## Silex FFA At Northeast District FFA Expo 2023

**BY JAMES COCKRELL  
SILEX FFA REPORTER**  
The Silex FFA was well represented at the Northeast District FFA Expo this year. Members exhibited livestock, vegetables and flowers they have raised. The Silex FFA experienced great success in the cattle, goat, and sheep shows as well as in the exhibit hall.

In the exhibit hall, multiple members received gold ratings on their vegetables and flowers. Silex FFA had two Grand Champions in the exhibit hall: Abigail Mooney with blackberries and McKenna Claborn with field corn.

Members also succeeded in the show ring during the expo. Kylee Dameron won

Supreme Champion Bull, Champion Shorthorn Plus Bull, Champion Shorthorn Steer, and Champion Senior Showmanship. Braden Havlik won Fourth Overall Marker Lamb, Champion Oxford Market Lamb, Reserve Champion Natural Color Market Lamb, and third in class for his Market Wether. Hayley Gruenwald won fifth in class with her Crossbred Market Lamb. Avery Twellman won third in class with her Simmental Bull, and fifth in class with her Breeding Heifer. Joey Noxon won two classes with his Cross-Bred Market Lamb. Thank you to the parents and community members who have supported our exhibitors throughout the summer.



Pictured is Joey Noxon showing one of his Wether Dams.



Pictured is Avery Twellman showing her heifer

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## Silex FFA Sand Volleyball

**BY JAMES COCKRELL  
SILEX FFA REPORTER**  
Silex FFA members' sand volleyball was a great success, thanks to The Sandbox in Moscow Mills for donating two of their courts to our chapter for the evening. The members had tons of fun playing in the sand. The activity was a pronounced way to give everyone a chance to catch up with friends after a successful Lincoln County Fair.

## HYMAX Academy At Camp Rising Sun

**BY JAMES COCKRELL  
SILEX FFA REPORTER**  
One hundred members from across Missouri attended the Annual HYMAX Academy from June 16-18.

HYMAX, Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience, is a prestigious State Leadership Academy sponsored by the Missouri FFA Association and held at Camp Rising Sun, located within the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. This year two Silex FFA members, Sydney Klein and Austyn Van Horn, at-

tended the HYMAX Academy. The 2023 HYMAX Academy provided extensive leadership training focusing on developing self, working on teams, agriculture advocacy, and learning how to enhance their Supervised Agricultural Experience. FFA members attending HYMAX 2023 were taught by agriculture and leadership experts, along with touring non-traditional agriculture businesses.

These 100 high school entering sophomores were se-

lected from numerous applicants to attend this specialized academy based on their FFA leadership involvement, community engagement, and academics.

The HYMAX Academy members were mentored by MO State FFA Officers, college student aged Small Group leaders, Agricultural Educators and MO FFA State Staff. Students learn how to advocate for agriculture, overcome obstacles and develop their communication and personal skills.



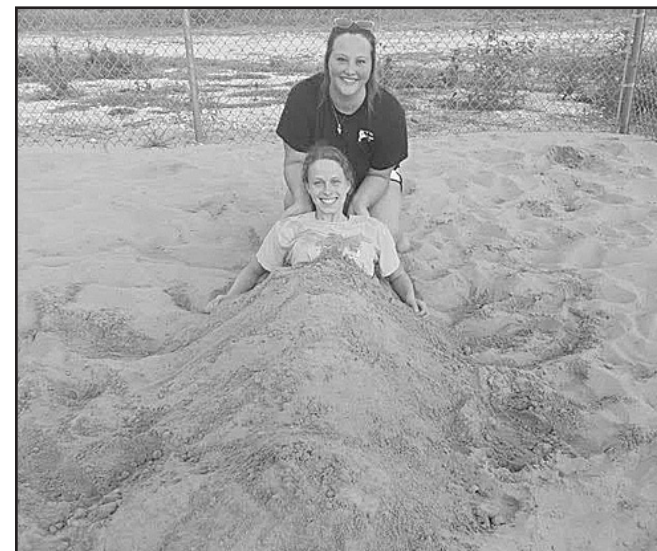
Pictured is the entire group who attend HYMAX Academy at Camp Rising Sun.



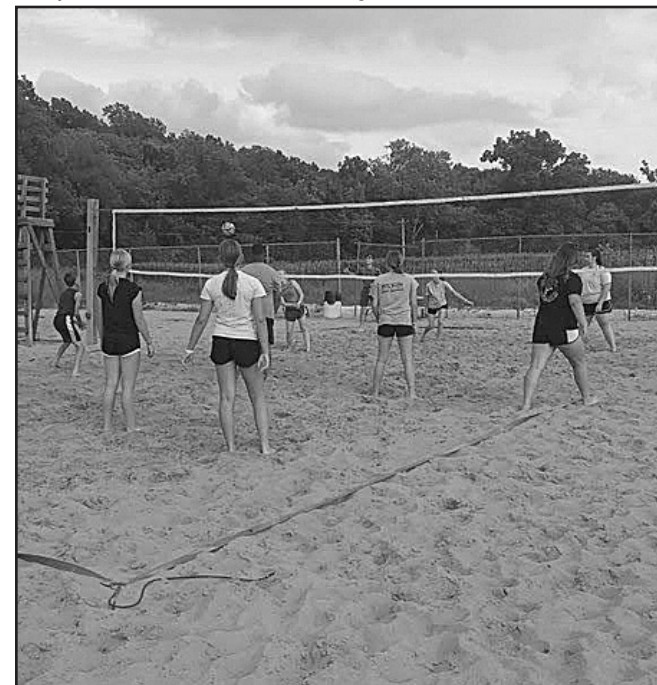
Sydney takes a photo with her assigned small group bottom row fourth from the left.



Austyn takes a photo with her assigned small group top row 2nd from the right.



Kylie Nolan buries Klaire Thoroughman in the sand.



Pictured are members of the Silex FFA Chapter playing volleyball.

## 'Friends of the Library' In Louisiana News

The "Friends of the Library" organization in Louisiana has finished another fun time introducing youngsters to books and reading stories, playing games, working puzzles and participating with others—along with refreshments and their own book to take home.

These Story Hours were held each Wednesday in July from 2-3 p.m. in the lower level of the Louisiana Public Library. The readers for the four Story Hours this summer were FOL President Julie Stephens, Louisiana City Administrator Bryan Spencer, Louisiana Police Chief Josh Baker, and a new FOL Board Member Kathy Taylor. Taylor has been with the YMCA in Louisiana for several years.

These sessions are set up each year and led by President Stephens and FOL Secretary Dr. Sue Deines. The

first session on July 5 began with only twelve children, but then varied in numbers up to 24. Parents and grandparents joined in with getting refreshments served and any other help needed. Also assisting each week was FOL Treasurer Sandy Orf. Head Librarian Holly Mabry made sure a selection of appropriately aged books were available from which each child could choose one to take home and keep.

The children also received activity packets, including a stuffed animal, in their take-home packets each week. Patrons of the library can check the Facebook page for information on new releases, audio books, and other programs available to the public, as well as days and hours the Library is open and the computers are available.

## OBITUARIES

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Galen is preceded in death by his father and mother, Clifford and Florence Johnson.

Friends will be received during a visitation from 12:30-2 P.M., with the service immediately following at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana.

Private graveside service will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Columbia on Aug. 18.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of sympathy be made to Caring Hearts and Hands, 1307 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203 or can be made online at caringheartandhands.org

Arrangements are under the direction of Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., Louisiana.



## Clergy Coalition Donates To NECAC

The Northeast Missouri Clergy Coalition donated \$500 to NECAC to provide supplies for Pike County school districts. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, Charlie Wright, NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon and the Rev. M. Faye Vaughn. NECAC has received other contributions of money and supplies, which will be divided equally among Bowling Green, Louisiana, Clopton, Frankford, BONCL, St. Clement and Pike County Christian School. Donations may be sent or dropped off at the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays. The zip code is 63334. Questions may be directed to Dixon at 573-324-2207.

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AUCTION - THE CHARLES FLEMING ESTATE**  
We did not have enough time to get a full listing for this week's paper - Watch next week for full listing.  
Charles was an avid hunter and competitive shooter - there will be 70 long guns from this estate including several with custom stocks that he built. He belonged to several gun clubs and has quite a collection.  
Also approx. 4 8-foot tables of all types of ammo and reloading items.  
Other items from this estate include 3 riding lawnmowers, D.R. brush mower, D.R. wheel trimmers, 60 gal. upright air compressor, Lincoln AC 225 welder.  
All this was bought new by Charles and is one owner. Also selling lots of small hand tools and other items.  
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Thanks, Enos**  
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**Bowling Green School District**  
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**Tax Rate Hearing Notice**  
A hearing will be held Aug 29 6:20 PM at the Central Office Board Room, 700 W Adams in Bowling Green, MO at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Bowling Green R-1 School District  
The tax rates are set to produce revenues required from the property tax as shown in the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed value. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100. This is the lowest school tax rate in Pike County.  
**Assessed Valuation (by categories)**

	Estimated Current Tax Year 2023	Prior Tax Year 2022
Real Estate	\$121,805,955	\$91,276,408
Personal Property	\$43,662,168	\$43,919,213
	\$165,468,123	\$135,195,621

The following tax rates are proposed:

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Proposed Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$5,176,505	\$3.1284
Teachers	\$0	\$0.0000
Capital	\$496,404	\$0.3000
Debt Service	\$827,341	\$0.5000
	\$6,500,250	\$3.9284

New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements: \$315,823  
New Revenue from Reassessment: \$14,991  
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment: 0.3520%

\*Actual amounts may be affected by state assessed property income and changes in valuations after Board of Equalization.  
\*These calculations are based on a collection rate of 100%.  
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