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## 2023 Bowling Green Alumni Banquet Is Sept. 9

Come Home to Bowling Green and BGHS is once again the theme of the 2023 Bowling Green Alumni Banquet.

The banquet will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m., in the James A. Wilson Gymnasium, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green.

Members of the following BGHS Classes will receive special recognition at this year's banquet. All graduates prior to 1963 will be honored along with members of the following BGHS graduating classes: 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 19938, 1998, 2003, and 2013

All BGHS graduates are invited to attend the annual banquet regardless of graduation year.

Registration for the banquet are due by Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 They are pleased to announce the annual Bowling Green Alumni Banquet guest speaker - from the class of 1982, Harry D. "Dalton" Schumacher.

While at Bowling Green high school, Schumacher played football for the Bobcats under former head coach Jack Couchman, who coached the Bobcats from 1976 to 1979, and Rick Rhodes, who led the program for the 1980 season. Schumacher is the son of the late John and Peggy Schumacher.

Following his time at Bowling Green high school, Schumacher graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia. In 1991, Schumacher began his career with Edward Jones when he opened a financial planning office in South Saint Louis County. He quickly rose through the ranks of Edward Jones advisors and was considered one of the most successful financial advisor in the company.

After building his own business, Schumacher turned his attention to helping other financial advisors in his region improve and expand their businesses. In 2001, he was asked to serve as a regional leader, and over the next six years, he guided and supported branch teams located in central St. Louis County.

In 2006, he was renamed Edward Jones principal and the following year was relocated to the firm's St. Louis headquarters. 2016, he became the head of branch talent acquisition and became responsible for attracting, sourcing, selecting, and onboarding financial advisors and branch office administrators. Over the course of his career with Edward Jones, Schumacher has personally recruited 64 different financial advisors.



Linda and Jerry Lillard measure a parting stop for a window at their home. The couple participated in the USDA Rural Development Self-Help Housing program administered by NECAC. Applications are available by calling NECAC at 573-324-6622.

## Couple Enjoys Self-Help Housing Program

Jerry and Linda Lillard are getting a little help in fixing up their 116-year-old home.

The couple is part of the USDA Rural Development Self-Help Housing Program administered by NECAC. It provides participants with free building materials and one-on-one instruction in renovating their homes.

The Lillards replaced nine windows and three exterior doors, working with NECAC

Self-Help Housing Construction Supervisor Howard Sommer.

"It's been a blessing to us," Lillard said. "It's helped us cut down on our utility bill I hope."

The house was built in 1907 and the couple has lived there since 2011. Lillard, 60, is a Navy veteran who has years of experience in auto mechanics and carpentry, but a disability means he isn't

able to do as much work anymore. Still, he and his wife were hands-on during the project.

"They were a very good couple to work with because they had some experience in construction and needed little training on how to do these replacements," Sommer said. "The material was delivered on Aug. 16, and they started work right away and stayed with it every day even in

some very hot conditions. They finished well ahead of their projected date. My thanks to them."

Self-Help participants are being sought in Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Shelby and Warren counties. Applicants must own their homes and meet income guidelines. In June, NECAC was awarded an additional \$365,700 over two years from USDA Rural Development to fund the program.

NECAC has been involved with Self-Help Housing since 1999. Under the original phase, participants built each other's homes. Forty-eight houses were constructed over about 10 years in Shelby, Monroe, Randolph and Montgomery counties.

In 2017, NECAC was awarded a \$159,000 USDA grant to begin Self-Help renovations at 26 owner-occupied homes in Marion, Monroe, Pike and Ralls counties. Two years later, the agency was awarded a \$365,700 USDA grant to expand the program to 56 homes in Lincoln, Montgomery, Shelby and Warren counties.

For more information, or to make an application appointment, call NECAC at 573-324-6622.

## HERITAGE DAY

### Saturday, Sept. 9

### On The Square In Bowling Green

## The Battle Of Ashley

### Skirmish Brought Civil War To Pike County

BY BRENT ENGL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
*The following is the conclusion part of a story series by contributing writer Brent Engl*

The Battle of Ashley apparently led to fewer than 10 deaths, which for the Civil War was nothing short of miraculous.

A contingent of about 30 Union militia and local residents held off an estimated 125 to 150 Confederates on Aug. 28, 1862. The rebels were after guns stored at an arsenal.

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

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

Given their overwhelming

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

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

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

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

CASUALTY LIST

As with some tales of the battle, there are conflicting stories about casualties.

At least five Confederates were reported to have died. The first was Moses Beck, although accounts vary.

The most plausible came from Louisiana bushwhacker Samuel Minor. He was standing near Beck when the 31-year-old farmer was struck by a bullet while overseeing work to build a portable barricade.

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

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

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

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

The Journal says that as

Confederates left Ashley, they shot 23-year-old Union soldier George Washington Trower. However, another account says secessionist townspeople ambushed Trower and murdered him. A 28-year-old brother, Robert Trower, was wounded during the battle. Two other siblings, Henry and James Trower, performed wartime duties for the Union. George Trower is buried in Smyrna Church Cemetery between New Hartford and Middletown.

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

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

There were likely more hurt on both sides.

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

THE AFTERMATH

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mudd said the retreating Confederates were left to "get through the (Union) lines as best we could" after the "Ashley disaster." Judge Fagg gave credit to the Union militia.

"It was doubtless true that this regiment was largely instrumental in preserving the property and even the lives of the people of this section," he said.

The Journal didn't hold back, either.

"Take it all in all, the affair turned out most disastrously to the rebel rascals who ventured to make a raid on the 'sacred soil' of Old Pike," the paper proclaimed.

One last thing  
One stubborn Ashley man wasn't about to let attackers get the best of him.

The story goes that before taking on Union militiamen, 75 bushwhackers descended upon the Moses Hendrick farm three miles from town. Though born in the South, the 56-year-old Union sympathizer wasn't about to give up his constitutionally-protected five guns without a clash.

"Accordingly, he sent the contents of the first plump into the buttocks of a rebel, giving him so much of his 'rights,'" the Journal hysterically noted.

Hendrick managed to fire two more of the guns before being captured. Remarkably, he wasn't killed instantly. Instead, the Confederates put him atop a horse, tied his hands and led him into the woods with the promise of an execution at noon.

While the guerillas were engaged at Ashley, Hendrick loosened the ropes, got away from a guard and galloped into town, all the while dodging an estimated 30 to 40 bullets.

"Thus it was that a life was saved and a captured," the Pike County history book decreed.



## PB&T Donates To NECAC

Peoples Bank & Trust donated \$250 to NECAC to provide supplies for Pike County school districts. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, PB&T Assistant Vice President Christine Rutherford and NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon. NECAC has received other contributions of money and supplies, which will be divided equally among Pike County school districts. Donations may be sent or dropped off at the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The ZIP code is 63334. Questions may be directed to Dixon at 573-324-2207.

## Standing Firmly

### Louisiana Priest Defies Effort To Regulate Speech

BY BRENT ENGL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
*Editor's note: Following is the second part in a story series by contributing writer Brent Engl.*

Two prominent Pike County lawyers may have kept the case of John Cummings from slipping into obscurity.

The Louisiana priest was arrested for refusing to take the 1865 Missouri loyalty oath. Clergymen were included on the list of job-holders who had to swear they'd not sympathized with the Confederacy during the Civil War. Those who did faced jail, a fine and the loss of voting rights.

Attorneys John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana and Robert Alexander Campbell of Bowling Green were in the courtroom on other cases when Cummings appeared.

Henderson was a 38-year-old U.S. Senator who had the previous year drafted and introduced the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery. Campbell was a 33-year-old Pike County native and political veteran who would later be a state lawmaker and lieutenant governor.

The cleric admitted to violating the law and was ordered to pay \$500, but Henderson and Campbell convinced him to reverse the plea. If they hadn't, the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis was ready to step in.

"We cannot permit the Civil Power to interfere with us in any manner in our duties, or to prescribe the conditions on which we may perform them," wrote Archbishop Peter Kenrick, an oath opponent who had ordained Cummings.

The archdiocese backed an appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court, but Pike County Judge Thomas James Clark Fagg instructed Cummings to pay the fine or be held behind bars. Cummings refused, and forbade anyone else to fork it over.

To remain in practice, Campbell had reluctantly taken the oath three weeks before it became law. The son of a Presbyterian minister, he and St. Louis attorney Charles Chauncey Whittelsey represented Cummings.

Whittelsey, a Yale graduate who was known for what Missouri legal expert William Van Ness Bay called "a sovereign

contempt for professional trickery," had procrastinated even longer to swear allegiance - waiting until two days before the deadline.

Henderson also had taken the oath, but Cummings asked that the senator not be part of the legal team.

The priest had supporters and detractors. Many oath proponents wanted to punish anyone who had sided with the South during the war. Foes feared an unconstitutional precedence that would trample freedom of speech and religion.

Charles Drake, a St. Louis lawyer and vocal abolitionist, had helped enact the oath.

"Loyalty to Constitution and Government is the very foundation of the right of the elective franchise," Drake said. "He who throws off his allegiance to his Government and seeks its overthrow forfeits all rights of citizenship, whether the letter of the law says so or not."

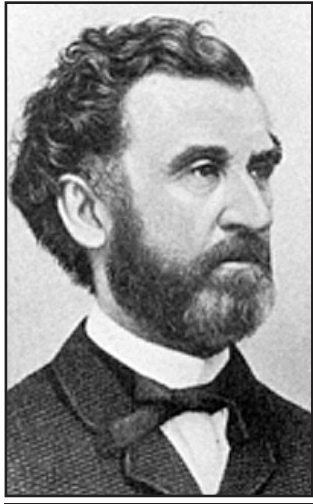
The Louisiana Weekly Journal was incredulous, asking whether religious freedom had suffered "its boldest and most poignant stab."

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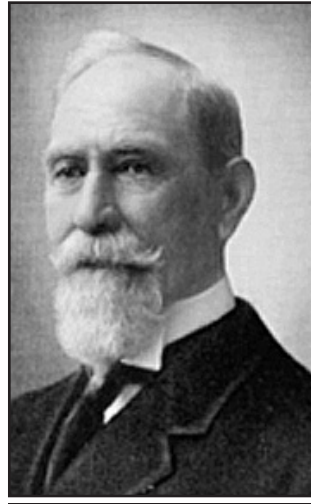
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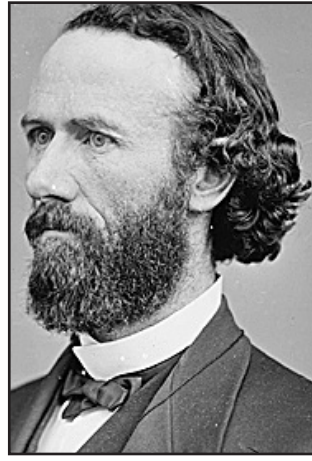
Peter Kenrick



Charles Drake



Robert Alexa



John Brooks

## FIRMLY

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"Never before in the history of this country has there arisen a question of more gravity than this," the paper said. "Fanaticism knows no bounds."

The Journal said Cummings wasn't the only person "at whom this shaft is leveled."

"It takes deeper roots than this," the paper continued. "It insidiously seeks to undermine and overturn those great principles that underlie our Government, and which constitute the

bulwark of civil and religious liberty."

Some questioned whether the Missouri Supreme Court could fairly decide the appeal. After all, newly-installed Justices David Wagner, Walter Lovelace and Nathaniel Holmes were oath-takers.

If an editorial in the Bethany Times was any indication, Cummings would need all the help he could get.

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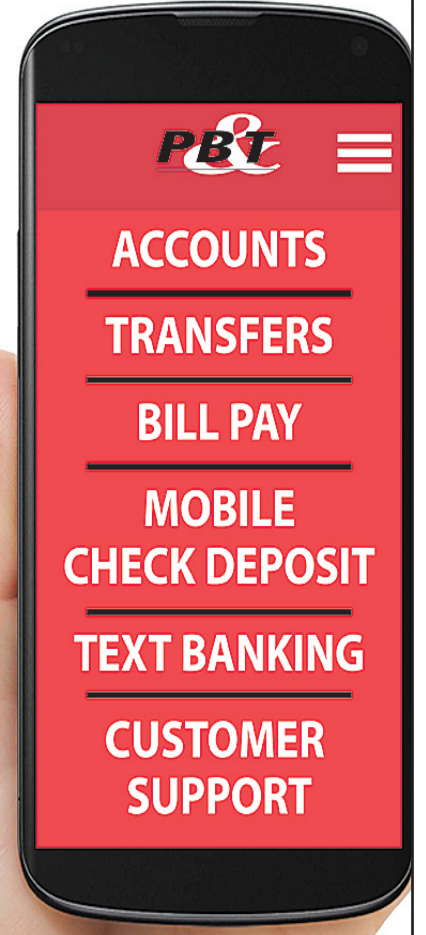
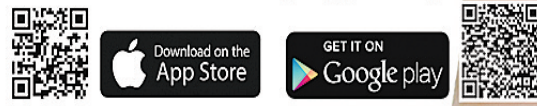
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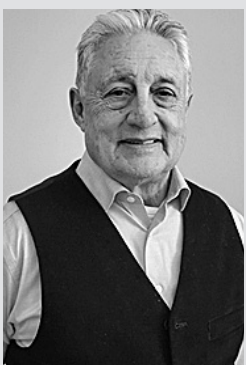
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## From The Mayor's Desk...

A tax relief Bill is coming up for vote in the State the week of Sept. 11. This bill includes a property tax freeze and elimination of State tax on Social Security benefits for those 65 and over. The bill is SS SB 190 and if you think this is advantageous for you, contact your State Representative and Senator!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

If you've read my articles before, you know the importance I place on parks and recreation. During COVID parks and their spaces were the only outlet where adults and children could go for peace, solitude, spend time with families, recreation, and simply get outdoors. Parks across the country were places where people socialized and improved their mental and physical well-being. Parks were a place of rejuvenation and connecting with people where society enforced isolationism. Today, parks and recreational programs are just as vitally important for meaningful opportunities. Trails, playgrounds, ball fields, swimming pools, frisbee, pickle ball and basketball courts just to mention a few, are all opportunities for people of all ages! Get involved in our Bowling Green Park Board so that you can help bring completion of these such availabilities.

For the last several years, "...cities across the country witness approximately 109,000 Americans die from drug over-doses." These numbers are from the federal update: addressing the flow of fentanyl from the southwest border. Border security and enforcement held a hearing to Congress to examine the role of illicit trafficking of fentanyl into the

United States. It was reported that "Chinese illegal organizations and Mexican cartels have created a criminal system that fuels the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the U.S. These organizations distribute and provide both actual fentanyl and oxycodone but also fake drugs." It is at this point that overdoses occur because you can not tell the real drug from the counterfeit. We need

to stop this by calling or writing our state and national senators and representatives to change our southern border policies to stop the flow of these deadly drugs. Get involved in what is going on in our Country because this will and has come into Bowling Green. Thanks to our police department for the outstanding job they are doing on drug busts!

Fantastic performance by the Bowling Green Bobcats Choir that sang at the St. Louis Cardinals game! Thanks for representing our town and school in such a tremendous way! On Sept.5 girls' softball 9-12 plays at home with Elsberry and on the sixth verses Canton. Girls' volleyball plays in a round robin tournament in New Haven at 10 a.m., on Sept. 16. Boys' and girls' cross country competes at Mexico starting at 4:15 p.m., and boys' football's first home game is Sept. 8 with Lutheran High School starting at 7 p.m. Back the Bobcats!

Sept. 9 is Bowling Green's Champ Clark Heritage Festival with lots of vendors, food, kid's corner, fun, and fellowship. Sept. 30 is the Fall Festival at Prairies Edge with over 100 vendors, music, crafts, and social interactions! Show Me the Potential and Possibilities of Bowling Green!

## Clopton Alumni Association Scholarship Donations

The Clopton Alumni Association memorial scholarship fund received the following Memorials.

Donations and honor gifts from May 1-Aug. 31, 2023.

**CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK**  
In memory of Sue Sitton. Smith given by Mary Sitton Carpenter.

In memory of Ed Norton and Francis Young given by Bob Norton.

In memory of William T. Jeans given by Mary S. Carpenter.

In memory of Jennifer Bryant given by Mary S. Carpenter.

In memory of James and Margaret Morris given by Elizabeth Morris Magee.

In memory of David Gray given by Mary S. Carpenter.

In memory of William "Billy" Kuntz, Class of 1970, given by Rose Marie Buchholz.

In memory of the following deceased members of the Class of 1969: Sidney Mitchell, Jimmy Guy Sperry, Lois Ann Hammett Hoffman, Roger Dale Howard, Donna Sue Johnson Holton, Mary Jo Rose Hays, Gregory Lee Schmidt, Sr., Wanda Jean Schmidt Gilmore, Rebecca Sudarth Wing, Marjorie Ella Taylor, Robert Lee Taylor, Johnny Quarrels Thurmon, III, Mary Jane Wilkerson, Steele, Melody Ann Williamson Webber, Willard Thomas Justus, Donald Wayne Sanderson, Debra Lynn Sanderson Woodward, William "Billy" Kuntz, Louise Hopkins, Sandra

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Ronnie and Terry Sperry; David and Myra Beauchamp; Fred and Jeanine Johnson; Maxine (Teague) and William Finnerty specified donation for Operating Fund.

HONOR GIFTS from Sup-

porter as follows:

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**On Sept. 7:** River Rendezvous in Louisiana, 3-7 p.m.

**On Sept. 10:** CBC Family Picnic Clarksville Boat Club, Inc., 1 p.m.

**On Sept. 13:** Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held. The meeting is open to all and will begin at noon. A representative of HomeBank will be speaking at the meeting. Join us for a free light lunch,

an informative speaker, and a great interactive round-table time. Meeting is at the Bowling Green Visitor Center. For further information, visit the Chamber Facebook page or contact Sarrah, 573-324-3733.

**On Sept. 13-14:** Tri-State Development Summit at Oakley-Lindsey Center, Quincy

**On Sept. 14:** from 3-7pm River Rendezvous in Louisiana, 3-7 p.m.

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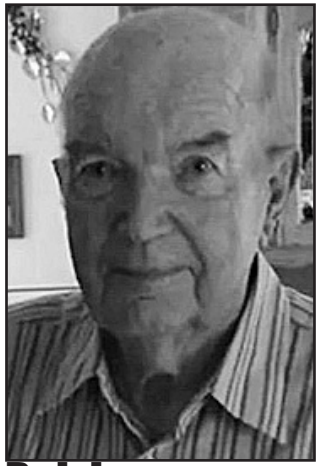
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# OBITUARIES



## Bob Lee Hanson

Services for Bob Lee Hanson, 91, of Vandalia were at 1 p.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia, with Pastor Jamie Franke officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was from noon until the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Hanson died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Baptist Homes at Tri County in Vandalia.

Bob was born June 29, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Lee and Merle Sullivan Hanson. He married Fern Righter on Dec. 25, 1951, in Wellsville. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Elsenraat and husband, Jerry of Hermann and Bobette Landis and husband, Ronnie of Auxvasse; eight grandchildren, Wade Fitzpatrick and wife, Elisa, Travis Fitzpatrick, Marnie Carothers and husband, Shane, Mindy Meyer and husband, Brandon, Justin Landis, Jody Spears, Jared Landis, and Janae Landis, 17 great-grandchildren, Lacy Fitzpatrick, Porter Fitzpatrick, Victoria, Kellie, and Matthew Carothers, Shayna, Madison, Reagan, and Brady Landis, Natalie, Allison, and Evan Landis, Kylee and Kade Spears, Kaylin and Gavin Weldon, and Mia Meyer; along with several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jim Hanson, one daughter, Diana Rae Gentry, two grandchildren, Lyle Fitzpatrick and Gary Gentry, and one great-grandchild, Corbin Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Hanson was a Christian by faith. He dedicated his life to farming and could be found mowing grass or playing jokes on his family and friends. Most of all, Bob loved spending time with his family.

Pallbearers were Justin Landis, Jared Landis, Wade Fitzpatrick, Travis Fitzpatrick, Brandon Meyer, and Shane Carothers. Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be to the donor's choice, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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



## Cynthia L. 'Cindy' Hoskins

Cynthia L. "Cindy" Hoskins, 61, of Louisiana died Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis.

Visitation was from 5-9 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Cindy was born Jan. 5, 1962 in Louisiana to Roy "Cub" and Geraldine Niffen Turnbaugh. She was married to James "Jim" Hoskins on Jan. 22, 1980 in Louisiana. He survives.

She is also survived by two sons, James "Doug" Hoskins Jr., and wife, Jill of Jacksonville, Ill., and Evan Hoskins and Dee McCormick of Louisiana; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Roy Turnbaugh and wife, Kim of Foley; her sister friends, Tammy Poretti and husband, Dave, and Kelly Calgiuri and husband, John; numerous nieces and nephews; and all of her students and colleagues from school.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cub and Geraldine Turnbaugh, a son, Isiah Lee Hoskins on Sept. 9, 2021, and a brother, Chris Turnbaugh on Jan. 14, 2021.

Cindy was a graduate of Louisiana High School with the class of 1980. She attended Hannibal LaGrange University obtaining her master's degree in education. She began her career at the First Step Nursery School in Pittsfield, Ill., and then began teaching in the Louisiana R-II School District until her retirement in 2021.

She loved her job teaching, but also loved being a mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and enjoyed cooking and reading.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice of organ and tissue donation programs in her memory.



## Charlotte Myrtle Colbert

Charlotte Myrtle Colbert was born Monday, Aug. 28, 2023 at 5:58 a.m., at Progress West Hospital in O'Fallon to Dane and Jessica Colbert.

She died an hour and 16 minutes later, at 7:14 a.m., surrounded by family and loved ones. She spent her time alive receiving kisses and hugs from her big sister, Sutton and was protected by her big brother, Rowan. Charlotte Myrtle was named after her great-grandpa Charles and great-grandma Myrtle who welcomed her in heaven.

Visitation was held Saturday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., at First Christian Church of Troy.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 12 p.m., at the church with the Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore officiating. Interment was in Troy City Cemetery Troy.

She is survived by her parents, Dane and Jessica Colbert of Troy; big brother, Rowan Colbert of Troy; grandparents, Dennis and Gracie Brown of Troy, Greg and Ellen Geiger of Troy, and Alan Colbert and Conni Stark of Winfield; great-grandparents, Donald and Debbie Colbert of Troy, Susan Peasel of Troy, Kenneth and Geneva Fetsch of St. Charles, Jack and Judy Holt of Olney, Bernie and Sue Geiger of St. Louis; aunts and uncles, Kyle and Rebecca Peasel of Troy, Kameron and Brooke Williams of St. Peters, and Jordan and Carlie Richards of Troy; cousins, Kollins, Knox, Kysen, Kessler and Kleo Peasel of Troy, Camden Richards of Troy; and many great-aunts and uncles and friends.

Charlotte was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Charles and Myrtle Brown and Ron Peasel.

Memorials may be made to Butterfly Kisses Alliance: Missouri Perinatal Bereavement Support, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO. 63379.

Family and friends are invited to sign our online guest registry at: [www.mccoyblossomfh.com](http://www.mccoyblossomfh.com).

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## Mary Elaine Cannon

Mary Elaine Cannon, 71, of Eolia died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023 at SSM- Hospital in Lake St. Louis.

A Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

A full obituary will be in next week's Tribune.



## Nicki Mitchell

**Library Staff Picks Book Review The Gift by Freida McFadden Reviewed by Nicki Mitchell Library Assistant Vandalia Branch Library**

The Gift follows Stella through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As a newlywed, she struggles with what to give her husband, Justin, for their first Christmas together. As we follow Stella through the emotions and turmoil she experiences with daily challenges, pride, and finding the perfect gift, we see how things are not always as they seem.

Freida McFadden does an excellent job setting the scene for this short and sweet novel. Although The Gift is a short book, it is one that captures your attention and keeps you guessing. Even though I thought I had it figured out, the author flipped the script on the story leaving me wanting more. I am looking forward to reading more of her books.



## Kassi Welborn

**September 2023 Library Staff Young Adult Book Review Cinder by Marissa Meyer Reviewed by Kasi Welborn, Circulation Assistant, Mexico Public Library**

Based in a far-flung future where humans and androids crowd the streets of New Beijing, Cinder is a 16-year-old mechanic who lives with her stepmother. Treated as a second-class citizen because of her cybernetic parts, she soon gets entangled with Prince Kai and has to go on a journey to find out more about herself and her mysterious past.

A wonderful retelling of Cinderella, Marissa Meyer does a fantastic job capturing the reader and getting them fully invested in Cinder's life.

## Gard of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the comfort given our family during our time of great loss. Your prayers, food, flowers, visits, cards, memorial gifts, heartfelt expressions of sympathy and many other acts of kindness mean so much to us.

Special thanks to Father Ussher, Deacon Mark Dobelmann and all who took part in the beautiful funeral service. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the Ladies Sodality who prepared and served the dinner, the Knights of Columbus, pallbearers, Ryan Bibb and the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home staff. We are most grateful for your kindness.

Dr. Ladd and the medical staff at Hannibal Regional Hospital exceeded our expectations in compassion and quality of care.

Words can say so little when you have done so much. We are so very thankful for everyone who

helped us know we are not alone in our grief. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

**The Family of Bernadette Scherder**

# Garden Flowers Bloom All Year When Dried

"The delicate, ephemeral nature of flowers undoubtedly adds to our appreciation of them," said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. "Many literally are here today, gone tomorrow."

But flowers can be enjoyed all year long by drying them, said Trinklein, and now is the perfect time to harvest the excess from our gardens and preserve them for future enjoyment.

Pick flowers and other plant materials destined for drying close to their prime. Many species can be harvested and dried at various stages of development (for example, bud or partially opened) for added interest in dried arrangements.

Always collect more material than you need to allow for damage, Trinklein suggested. "Use only the most perfect forms. Poor shapes dry as poor shapes. Use only plants and flowers free of insect and disease damage. Damage becomes only more obvious after drying. Pick flowers free of dew or rain. Promptly place stems in a container of water to prevent wilting while gathering."

Trinklein recommended several popular methods for drying flowers: air drying, pressing, use of desiccants and microwave drying.

Air drying. Many garden flowers and wild plants can be dried simply by tying them together and hanging them upside down in a warm, dry place for several weeks. Choose flowers suited to this treatment such as "everlastings" and a few others that do not wilt readily. Dry some, such as globe amaranth, in bunches on their natural stems. On others, such as strawflower use wire as stems before drying.

Seed heads of many grasses and other plants also can be hung to dry. A few large flowers, such as peony and hydrangea, are sometimes dried this way. But hang large flowers individually rather than in bunches.

Pressing. Sandwich flowers (and foliage) between layers of a clean, absorbent material that can hold the flowers firmly during drying. Porous materials that allow some air movement are beneficial.

Place flowers between sheets of a non-glossy type of paper such as newspapers or old phone books. Place absorbent facial tissues on pages to speed moisture absorption. Remove tissues and flowers or foliage and replace with fresh, dry tissues and papers at the end of the

first week. After placing flowers and tissues in the folded newspapers or books, stack them several layers deep. Place boards beneath and on top of the stack. Put the stack in a warm, dry place with a heavy weight on top.

You can also use a combination of cardboard, newspaper and desk-sized blotter pads. Cut corrugated cardboard into sheets slightly larger than the sheets of folded newspaper. Position flowers on one side of the opened newspaper. Close the newspaper and place blotter paper on either side.

Stack layers and tie or tape them together. Place them in a warm, well-ventilated place and apply weight to the layers. If pressing large numbers of flowers, write a date on the stacks to track drying time. Buy or build special presses for drying large quantities.

Drying with desiccants. At times, air-dried flowers become misshapen. This happens most often with flowers with a high moisture content or a flat, open shape. Dry these types of flowers by burying them in one of several desiccants that remove water more quickly than air drying while holding the flowers in their natural form.

## Public Notice

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school with the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are

suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Van-Far R-I School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorder, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Van-Far R-I School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Van-Far R-I School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Van-Far R-I School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at the Elementary Office by appointment. Please call (573) 594-2731 and ask for Jennifer Huff, Special Education Director, or Brian Hummel, Federal Programs Coordinator.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

# All School Reunion

Sponsored by: Van-Far Alumni and Friends

Sunday, September 24, 2023  
Van-Far Elementary School

Doors open at noon, with dinner & program at 12:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Moore  
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Van-Far Class of 1993

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Van-Far Class of 1999 & 2031

Reservations are \$20/per guest  
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The association has provided scholarships to 95 graduates totaling \$109,300.00 over the previous thirteen years. In 2023 nine students received \$11,500.00 in scholarships. Your gifts have made this possible. If you wish to contribute further, add that amount to your check.

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Tuesday - Friday from 7:30-4:30 or email [vanfaralumni@gmail.com](mailto:vanfaralumni@gmail.com)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



2023 AOA Class

## YMCA AOA Exercise Class Continues

The YMCA Active Older Adults (AOA) exercise class continues after over 30 years. It meets at 8-9 am on Mondays and Wednesdays at the YMCA facility on Kelly Lane.

When the YMCA was founded in 1933 by Karen Stoeckley and Wende Henley, an AOA class was formed and met in the basement of the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. The class was led by a YMCA instructor.

In 1997 when the Y obtained an office and exercise

space, in the vacant Louisiana Press Journal building on South 3rd Street, the AOA class continued in that building. Once the class was recorded and shown on TV by Channel 7 in Quincy.

Tonya Sheppard started leading the AOA class in 1999 in the down town facility when she was a sophomore in college. Don McCarty led the class when she was absent.

Tonya continued leading the AOA class in 2001 when the initial YMCA building was completed on Kelly

Lane. The class met at 8am on Monday and Wednesdays in the un-air-conditioned gym. During the hot summers a spot by the outside doors was vied for by the participants in order to receive an occasional breeze. The routines consist of sitting, standing, and laying on mats. In those days the class routinely did fifteen repetitions and eventually increased to twenty reps. The class also participated in softball, volleyball, and bowling.

The expansion of the Y was completed in 2008 and the class moved to the second-floor air-conditioned exercise room, where it continues today. The class has grown from originally a class of six or seven to a class occasionally of 15. The class now does 12 reps of the various exercises of sitting, standing, and laying prone on a mat.

Tonya Sheppard continues to lead the AOA exercise class for over 24 years, Don McCarty (83 years old) has remained a member of the class for 24 years and Ed Pennington (87 years old) has been exercising with the class for 22 years.

Although the title of the class is Active Older Adults, it is a great class of all ages. Join them Monday and Wednesday from 8-9 a.m.



Don McCarty, Tonya Sheppard & Ed Pennington

## MDC Invites Landowners To Sept. 12

### Webinar On Using Data To Inform Deer Management

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the National Deer Association (NDA) invite landowners and others interested in managing deer on their properties to join a free, live webinar via Zoom on using data to inform deer management on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m.

MDC and NDA staff will discuss how landowners can use data collected on their properties, as well as research findings, to make sound deer management decisions and improve hunting success.

The free webinar is part of MDC's Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). All are welcome to participate in the Zoom webinar, even if not enrolled in DMAP.

Save this link and click on it Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. to join the free, live webinar on using data to inform deer management: [us06web.zoom.us/j/81780816373#success](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81780816373#success).

MDC and NDA previously presented Zoom webinars on deer survey techniques,

wildlife cooperatives, and deer ageing techniques. Watch the recordings online at [mdc.mo.gov/dmap](https://mdc.mo.gov/dmap).

MDC's free Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) can help landowners manage deer on their properties by allowing them and hunters they designate to buy additional firearms permits to take antlerless deer on the properties above and beyond regular-season harvest limits. DMAP also provides landowners with science-based methods and information to address a spectrum of other local deer-management goals, including Quality Deer Management (QDM) objectives.

"For some landowners, deer cause crop damage and other problems, even with deer removals through regular hunting seasons and damage authorizations," said MDC Deer Biologist Kevyn Wiskirchen, who coordinates DMAP. "And some landowners need additional tools for

achieving their deer-management goals for their properties. The program's main goal is to maintain healthy deer populations while balancing landowner needs."

Wiskirchen added that any private property of at least 500 acres located outside of municipal boundaries, regardless of the owner's legal residence, is eligible for the program. For properties inside the boundaries of a city or town, at least 40 acres are required. Individual parcels of land, regardless of ownership, may be combined to satisfy the acreage requirements as long as no parcel of land is more than a half-mile (by air) from the boundary of another parcel being combined to form an enrolled DMAP property.

To learn more about DMAP, visit MDC online at [mdc.mo.gov/dmap](https://mdc.mo.gov/dmap), or contact your local MDC private land conservationist or conservation agent.

## Buy Native Trees, Shrubs From MDC

Need trees and shrubs for your landscape? Go native with tree and shrub seedlings from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Native trees and shrubs can help improve wildlife habitat and soil and water conservation while also improving the appearance and value of private property.

MDC's George O. White State Forest Nursery offers a variety of low-cost native tree and shrub seedlings for sale for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, wildlife food and cover, and other purposes.

The nursery provides mainly one-year-old, bare-root seedlings with sizes varying by species. Seedlings varieties include: pine, bald cypress, cottonwood, black walnut, hickory, oak, pecan, persimmon, river birch, maple, willow, sycamore, blackberry, buttonbush, hazelnut, redbud, ninebark, elderberry, sumac, wild plum, witch hazel, and others. MDC

recommends ordering early for the best selection.

"The nursery grows millions of seedlings each year, but some species are very popular and sell out quickly," said Forest Nursery Supervisor Mike Fiaoni. "And some seedlings occasionally succumb to harsh weather or hungry wildlife, despite the nursery staff's best efforts."

Fiaoni added that even if a species is listed as "sold out," customers can still place an order for those seedlings because other orders may get cancelled, freeing up inventory. Customers won't be charged for seedlings unless they are available to ship.

Seedlings are available in bundles of 10 or increments of 25 per species. Prices range from 34 cents to \$1 per seedling. Sales tax will be added to orders unless tax exempt. There is a shipping fee and a \$9 handling charge for each order. Receive a 15% discount up to \$20 off seedling orders with a Her-

itage Card, Permit Card, or Conservation ID Number. Orders will be shipped or can be picked up at the nursery, located near Licking, from February through May.

Orders can be placed beginning Sept. 1 through April 15, 2024. Place orders online at [mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-seedlings](https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-seedlings).

Learn more from MDC's 2023-2024 Seedling Order Form. Find it in the September issue of the Missouri Conservationist, at MDC regional offices and nature centers, or by contacting the State Forest Nursery at 573-674-3229 or [StateForestNursery@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:StateForestNursery@mdc.mo.gov).



## James Announced As Silex Principal



Robert James

The Silex R-1 School District is excited to announce Robert James as their new high school and middle school principal for the 2023-

2024 school year. This is his 22nd year in the education field.

James is no stranger to Silex.

His first 11 years of his teaching career were spent coaching at Silex where he accumulated seven Final Four appearances in basketball and softball. The Lady Owls earned two state championships in 2006 and 2012 while he coached softball. James spent eight years at Winfield School District serving as their athletic director, before returning to Silex three years ago to once again coach and serve as athletic director.

"I'm excited about the 2023-2024 school year and look forward to building more relationships with students

throughout the entire building," James said. "We have a great staff and students, and they are some of the best in the state. I plan on building on our tradition of being 'The Best Small School in the State of Missouri.'"

"Being at Silex gives me the opportunity to spend more time with my family and serve the school that I love. I am very grateful for my wife (Kimberly), daughters (Lexee and Kenzee) and my son (Trey). Being in the Silex community and school district is very important to our family and we are blessed to call this home," James added.

James will also continue to coach the JV and Varsity girls' basketball team this season.

## Hands Free Law Has Gone Into Effect

After two years in a row of more than 1,000 fatalities on Missouri's roadways, Gov. Mike Parson signed the Sidsens Bening Hands-Free Law, prohibiting all drivers from using a handheld electronic communication device while driving, effective Monday, Aug. 28.

Distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes in Missouri. Between 2012 and 2021, there were nearly 200,000 distracted driving-related crashes in Missouri, resulting in at least 801 fatalities. Cell phone use is responsible for far more distracted driving crashes than are being reported, according to a recent report from the National Safety Council.

"We've seen a troubling and unacceptable trend of dis-

tracted driving crashes in recent years, and sadly, more times than not, someone other than the distracted driver was killed," said MoDOT State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. "We're thankful the General Assembly and Gov. Parson recognized the need for a hands-free law in Missouri. We're hopeful this law will change the safety culture around phone use while driving and save lives."

When the law takes effect Aug. 28, drivers are prohibited from physically holding or supporting a cell phone with any part of their body; manually typing, writing, sending, or reading text-based messages; recording, posting, sending or broadcasting video, including video calls

and social media posts; and watching a video or movie.

"The Sidsens Bening Hands-Free Law is an important step towards reducing the number and severity of cell phone related distracted driving crashes," said Captain John Hotz, Director of Public Information and Education for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"The passage of the law provides law enforcement officers with an additional tool to help stop motorists from being distracted by their cell phones. The Missouri State Highway Patrol will continue to focus on educating the public about the dangers of distracted driving to prevent traffic crashes from occurring."

## Louisiana FFA Chapter Helps Pack 160,000 Meals For Families In Need

### 2023 Drive To Feed Kids Raises Over 1.2 Million Meals

Members of the Louisiana FFA Chapter joined more than 700 FFA members and agricultural leaders at the Missouri State Fair on Tuesday, August 15, for the Missouri State FFA Food Insecurity Day of Service held in conjunction with the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids. Together, members packed 160,000 meals to feed food insecure Missouri families.

"The Missouri FFA Day of Service is an incredible opportunity for members across the state to give back to our community. It is super exciting to see members exemplifying what 'Living to Serve' truly means when packing meals this year," said Sam Tummons, Missouri State FFA president.

The seventh annual Day of Service brought Missouri FFA members together to pack meals for food insecure neighbors and experience the Missouri State Fair. The food packing and food drive are held in partnership with Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids, presented with ADM and Brownfield Ag News. The meal packing was a component of a year-long effort to stand in the gap for the one in seven Missouri children facing food insecurity.

"As we see the energy and

compassion of Missouri FFA members in action during the FFA Day of Service, we are reminded that the future is bright," said Ashley McCarty, Missouri Farmers Care Foundation executive director. "Hundreds of students from across the state spend one of their last days of summer in service to Missourians facing hunger. The impact of the Drive to Feed Kids is a reminder that, collectively, our individual efforts can make a big impact."

In addition to meals packed by FFA members, almost 700 pounds of fresh produce were donated from exhibits at the Missouri FFA building. Through the Missouri Farmers Care Food Drive \$2 Tuesday at the Fair, FFA member volunteers collected food and monetary donations from fairgoers to provide more than 56,000 meals. Following the Governor's Ham Breakfast, over 3,000 meals were packed by elected leaders, farmers and agribusinesses. The Drive culminated Saturday, August 19, with an announcement of the 1,200,389 meals provided to Feeding Missouri food banks this year through the Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids. The meals were distributed to Missouri's six regional food banks through Feeding Missouri.

"The number of Missouri-

ans, and specifically children, living in food-insecure households is growing due to several factors. We are grateful to have the continued commitment of the farming community. This partnership helps ensure children in Missouri have access to the nutritious food necessary to succeed during the school year," said Heather Hargrove, executive director of Feeding Missouri.

Sponsorship of Missouri FFA Food Insecurity Day and Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids was provided by: ADM, Brownfield Ag News, American Family Insurance, American Family Dreams Foundation, MFA Incorporated, NutraBlend, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, FCS Financial, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri Farm Bureau, Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Martin Rice, Missouri FFA Foundation, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas - founders of Protect the Harvest, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri State Fair, Missouri 4-H, MU Extension, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Feeding Missouri and the contributions of many Missouri farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses.



Louisiana FFA Chapter Members

## Vandalia Area History Society Plans For Prairie Days

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 19. Those attending were Joy Davis, Kevin & Teresa Wenzel, Andrew Bartison, Mindy Nasir and Vicki Wright. Vicki called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as corrected. The financial report was given. The Sesqui-centennial banner has been placed on the south wall of the museum. Repairs have been made to the air conditioning units. A feather flag will

be ordered to place on the sidewalk when the museum is open.

Fund raising projects were discussed. Etched glasses will be ordered for sale or order at Prairie Days this September. Items for sale will include the glasses for \$15 each, garden flags for \$20, ornaments for \$10, challenge coins for \$10, children's size tee shirts for \$10 with adult sizes for \$15 and key chains for \$15. Some of these items are currently available at the museum which is open on Sundays

from noon to 4 p.m. through Oct. 29. The possible Us Post Office Cancellation on Aug. 10, 2024 is still in process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Vandalia Area Historical Society will be Saturday, Sept. 16 The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. There will be more Sesqui-centennial Celebration discussion.