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Third Annual Vandalia Christmas Parade

The third annual Vandalia Christmas parade was held Saturday, Dec. 9 in downtown Van-dalia. Pictured at top was the Culwell family float wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Pictured second are the many towing vehicles from Kuda Auto Repair and pictured, right, is the Vandalia Dairy Queen float that treated those attending to Dairy Queen treats following the parade.

Ruby Leigh Coming To 2024 Prairie Days

SoulRoot, Becky Denton and Cherry Pistols Also To Perform

Vandalia Native Named DOC Deputy Directo By BRICE CHANDLER will continue to advocate

Editor Recently, Governor Mike Parson announced that Trevor Foley will serve as acting director of the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC). Foley's appointment became effective Wednesday, Dec. 6 upon Director Anne Precythe's departure from state government.

Along with Foley's Appointment, Van-Far graduate, Travis Terry and Valarie Moseley will serve as DOC deputy directors.

Terry has been a member of the Department of Corrections team since 2010. He has served as Director of Adult Institutions, Director of Division of Offender Rehabilitation Services, vocational education supervisor at Algoa Correctional Center and education supervisor at Moberly Correctional Center. In 2018, he became assistant division director for the Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services and the administrator of Missouri Vocational Enterprises.

Terry holds a bachelor's degree in business administration management from the University of Missouri.

"We welcome Trevor on our Cabinet team and appreciate him as well as Valarie

Travis Terry

and Travis for stepping into these critical leadership roles," Governor Parson said. "Trevor is well-respected by his team members at DOC and among state leaders here in the Capitol. We are confident that with this team's leadership, the cultural transformation that has occurred within DOC will remain and be built upon as the department continues to be not only a state but national leader."

"I'm grateful to Governor Parson for this opportunity to take on a new role in my service to the state of Missouri," Trevor Foley said. "I hope to follow the example of excellence, innovation, and leadership set by my mentors, Anne Precythe and Matt Sturm. I

will continue to advocate for the interests of corrections staff, the safety of our communities, and the needs of the people we serve."

Throughout his time in the department, Trevor Foley has proven himself as an effective problem solver, a strategic thinker, and a forward-thinking leader," DOC Director Anne Precythe said. "He has been instrumental in shaping our vision for a better Department of Corrections, and I'm confident that he will see it through. The department is in good hands.'

Foley began his career with the Missouri Department of Corrections as a budget analyst in January 2000 and had been promoted to budget analyst III by May 2001. In August 2008, he accepted a position with the Missouri State Senate as an appropriations analyst. He was promoted to Assistant Director of the Senate Appropriations Staff Office in July 2015. Foley left the Senate and returned to the Department of Corrections as the Director of Budget and Finance in August 2018

Foley holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Columbia College.

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out and be duplicated before

the end of February. You will have the opportunity to order

it between now and the final

duplication. We originally priced the single DVD for

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remain priced at \$20. This is

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Museum **Raffle Winners**

torical Museum has announced winners of its recent raffle.

The event began at Louisiana Colorfest, Oct 21 and 22. The drawing was

certificate to Woods Smoked Meats of Bowling Green was Sandy Hart of Louisiana. Lydia Mackey of Bowling Green won a \$50 gasoline card and Brenda Pennock of Detroit, Ill., will receive Mo Mo the Missouri Monster tshirt.

museum projects.

What Is Still Happening With The **Bowling Green Bicentennial?** done. Like the rest of the Bi-

BY DON HAMILTON We promised you that a DVD was being created for purchase from the Bowling Green Bicentennial and it would become available during the fall of 2023 It pleasantly ended up being a much larger video project to put together than what we expected.

Brent Engel, Amy Becker, Don Hamilton and Mayor Jim Arico have been busy putting this all together. We are all volunteers with big jobs of our own and we all only have so much time to devote to the project. We originally estimated that it would be one DVD that had the festival booklets from 1923, 1973 and 2023 along with live video from 2023. We had so much quality video of many of the contests during the week, the live community choir, community band, the parade and the wonderful Army Band concert; that it will now take two DVDs in length to fit all of the booklets and video. We didn't just want to throw anything together, just for the sake of getting it ing Green on July 2, 2024.

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event.



held Dec. 2. Winner of the \$250 gift

Proceeds will be used for

The Vandalia Chamber of Commerce has announced that Ruby Leigh of Foley who has been predicted to win The Voice on Tuesday, Dec. 19, will be performing at Prairie Days in Vandalia on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Contracts have also been

signed for SoulRoot to entertain Friday, Sept. 20 with a time to be announced.

Becky Denton and Cherry Pistols will also perform with Ruby Leigh on Saturday evening, Sept. 21. All of this year's music is from Missouri.

The Van-Far School District has also scheduled 2024 Football Homecoming for Friday, Sept. 20 for a weekend full of activities.

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The schedule of events for the two-day event will be announced as it is planned in the near future.

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BY BRENT ENGEL **CONTRIBUTING WRITER** Future First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln was one day old.

Illinois had been a state for just under two weeks.

And the Missouri Territorial Legislature formally established Pike County.

The date was Dec. 14, 1818. A locale that would quickly make its mark nationally was little more than a timbered frontier with a few farms, fledgling settlements and a waterway that would prove a golden path.

The 1883 book "History of Pike County, Missouri" offers a declarative description.

'Pike County is old and venerable," it says. "It existed before Missouri as a state was born.'

The act which created the county took effect on Feb. 1, 1819. It named settlers AnJames Bryson, James Johnson and Peyton Watson as the



Zebulon Pike

first county commissioners.

The first courthouse was a Louisiana hotel owned by Obadiah Dickerson. The county quickly earned the nickname "State of Pike" due to its size. The boundaries in-



Church Walk Is A Success

The Centenary United Methodist Church handbell choir performs under the direction of Joanna Brock, foreground, during the 30th annual Louisiana Area Historical Museum Mid-Town Church Walk on Dec. 10. Other parishes on the tour were Bethel AME, First Christian, First Baptist, Calvary Episcopal and First Presbyterian. More than 100 people participated or joined in the event, which featured music, biblical readings and prayers.

cluded all or parts of presentday Ralls, Marion, Monroe, Shelby, Lewis, Knox, Clark, Scotland, Audrain, Randolph, Macon and Adair counties.

Pike was "not reduced to its present limits until 1820, when Ralls County was created," the history book says.

The first formal marriage apparently was that of James Templeton and Jennie Mackey on Jan. 26, 1818.

In August, 1819, a tax svstem was set up. It featured such ridiculous charges as 25 cents for every billiard table. However, there were also despicable fees.

Though Missouri did not become a state until 1821, slavery was already established. Pike County instituted a fee of 50 cents for every indentured servant between the ages of 16 and 40.

The first two licensed taverns were in Clarksville, and cost owners Richard Ripley and James Phelan \$10 each about \$200 today.

Moving the county seat from Louisiana to Bowling Green was "warmly debated and hotly contested" but eventually accepted, the history book notes.

The tunes "Sweet Betsy From Pike" and "Joe Bowers" helped expand the county's popularity as American moved West. Professor T. Berry Smith cemented the feeling with his poem "Once a Piker, Always A Piker."

As for the name, it came from New Jersey native Zebulon Pike, who had visited in 1805 as part of the first American expedition up the Mississippi River.



Van-Far ag student Kaden Whitaker takes his turn on the newly purchased skid steer made possible by Ag Vocational Department grant.

Grant Helps Van-Far Ag **Purchase Skid Steer**

Last Thursday, Dec. 7, several of Van-Far's Vocational Ag students were able to get some hands-on training with the department's newest piece of equipment.

The school district was able to purchase a new Case skid steer after the Ag Vocational Department was awarded a Vocational-Technical Educational Enhancement grant through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

According to the school district, the new skid steer will be used for upper Vo-Ag classes.

"Students received a brief lesson about care of the new tool from members of the staff from Ennis Implement," the school district shared via social media. "Those enrolled in Ag Construction were able to apply their skills and operate the machinery immediately. We are excited about what this grant will offer for our students!"

The new piece of machinery will allow students to become more familiar with the equipment as they develop skills necessary for the workforce.

number and we will get you on the list for a copy of the DVD. If you want to buy a gift certificate now for the DVD set for a Christmas gift, call by Dec. 21, and we will get a gift certificate printed.

Merry Christmas to everyone and again thanks for all of the participation during the event. Also don't forget to mark your 2024 calendar for the Army Band's return free thank-you concert for Bowl-

Frederickson Announces Departure From Bowling Green School District

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER Editor

Bowling Green School District Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Frederickson announced last week that he will be leaving the district.

Frederickson accepted an offer from the Lincoln County R-III School Board to serve as their superintendent starting in July.

"I write to inform you about an important yet bittersweet announcement occurring today," he said in a letter to the community. "Yesterday morning, the Lincoln Co. R-III School Board voted unanimously to extend an offer to me to serve as their next Superintendent beginning July 1", and I accepted. I am excited for this next challenge and opportunity while being mindful of the great experiences I have had over 30 years in education, primarily the seven years I have served as your Superintendent. These past seven years have been the most fulfilling of my entire career, marked by significant achievements and milestones."

Frederickson noted several highlights and accomplishments while at Bowling Green including: the tax rate is below the state average, the student to teacher ratio has gone down from previous years and is just one above the state average, Bowling Green's average years of teaching experience

has gone up and is above the state average, the percentage of professionals with advanced degrees is steadily climbing and getting closer to the state average, the percentage of students attending a four-year college after high school is slightly higher than state average, the percentage of students attending a technical school after high school is slightly higher than state average, Bowling Green's graduation rates are above the state average, and more.

'Bowling Green is undeniably an exceptional community, and I feel a profound sense of gratitude for the privilege of serving as superintendent throughout the longest tenure among the last six individuals in this role," Frederickson continued. "Reflecting on this incredible journey, the Board of Education has consistently provided unwavering support to our students and staff, establishing themselves as an unparalleled source of guidance and commitment. The ride has been nothing short of remarkable. As I look ahead to the district's future, I am filled with excitement, and I am dedicated to ensuring a seamlessly orchestrated transition in the months to come. No matter what the future holds, it will always be a great day to be a Bobcat! Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication."

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From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to all who supported and were involved in the Christmas Lighted Parade and Small Town Christmas in the Park! You braved the rain and cool weather as you gathered around the Square, MeMe's area, and the main Park itself. Santa Clause was once again the main attraction for children of all sizes and ages! Well done Parks and Rec Board and BG Chamber!

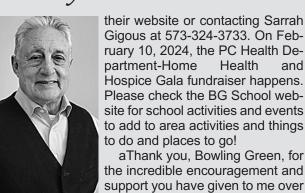
Santa also showed up at

the PC Health Department on Saturday. Tiz the season to be jolly! It's also a wonderful time to give to the less fortunate with Toys for Tots and Angel Tree programs.

Welcome Tractor Supply to Bowling Green. Let's be happy and proud Bowling Green that we have access to another great addition and business to our awesome town!

Christmas is still a couple of weeks off and I still want to encourage you to SHOP BOWLING GREEN! Many of our stores also have the capability for on-line ordering if they don't have it in their stores. I understand we are still a small town, but we have many wonderful stores with great selections. So many local businesses make a potential 30% or more of their profits during this time of year. Being a former business owner, I can attest to this fact! SHOP BOWLING GREEN

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 is the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet. Tickets are available on



the past three plus years! I am not JIM ARICO, MAYOR running for a third term so I would CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

like to suggest that if you have any interest in getting involved in the city's activities and government, now is the time to sign up at City Hall. You will work with some very wise and knowledgeable peo-

ple on the Boards and a very professional and pleasant staff at city hall. Even though I have a masters in secondary school administration and another in Business Administration, I was seldom called upon to use these experiences.

So, a level of higher education is not required. However, there are several requirements like one must be 25 years of age, live in the city limits, have their taxes paid in full, and be a registered voter. I highly encourage you to consider registering as soon as possible if you have any interest whatsoever! There is paid on-the-job training as people around you will educate and support you and your hours are very flexible. If you have an interest in aetting involved in city government and a love for people, please sign up to run for mayor.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to:

peoplestribune@sbcglobal.net

On Dec. 19: Pike County Democratic Club meeting will be held at 6 p.m., at the Bowling Green Community Center, 201 W. Locust. Light refreshments served. Topics: Stronger Together Democratic PAC and 2023 Delegate Selection Plan.

Online Master Gardener Training Begins Jan. 14

Gardening is an activity with many rewards, says David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

A new session of online Missouri Master Gardener core training begins Jan. 14, 2024. Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler teach the 14 online classes. "These classes represent a viable option for people who can't take the weekly classes in person," Trinklein said.

Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of scripted and narrated presentations. Students work at their own pace. A composite score of 70 percent on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course.

Registration deadline for the spring online session is Jan. 12, 2024. For details and registration, go to ma.missouri.edu.



Homes For The Holidays

Diana Huckstep, left, of the Louisiana Community Betterment Association, hands a ticket to Patti Quattrocchi for the organization's fourth annual Holiday Home Tour. More than 110 people attended, with many dropping by the Louisiana Area Historical Museum at 304 George to pick up tickets. There were seven houses on the tour. A craft fair also was held at The Gatherings at Sixth and Georgia.



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and Georgia Street in Louisiana was alight with windows decorated for the upcoming Christmas season, as the Louisiana Community Christmas Parade took place tion will take place.

The weather was perfect ple's Bank and Trust. Honorable mention went to the Louisiana High School Band for their creative costumes.

Entry winners will be contacted and a check presenta-



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on Saturday, Nov. 25.

There were pop-up vendors offering unique items and several of the local specialty shops extended their hours to greet potential customers and parade goers.

Parade attendees were treated to a wonderful lighted parade, with the community Christmas tree being lit up, and visits with Santa following the parade.

Parade winners for this year are: first place, Sudzy Tub; second place, Hair Trendz, and third. place, Peo-

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An Open House will be held to celebrate Mark's retirement between the hours of 1:00pm-3:00pm in the lobby of our main facility on Wednesday, December 20th.



OBITUARIES

Michael Joseph Cater

Micheal Joseph Cafer, 73, of Louisiana died Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling the cremation rites.

Micheal was born Oct. 6, 1950 in Louisiana to James Edward and Elizabeth Mc-Cune Edwards Cafer. He was united in marriage to Ginger Marie Wilkinson on May 5, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are children, Ann Elizabeth Marie Cafer and Austin Meminger of Oxford, Miss., Michael John Kristoffer Cafer and wife, Winona of Louisiana, and Dara Michelle Phelps and husband, Jared of Eolia; sonin-law, Rusty Jennings of Princeton; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Nell Carter and husband, Shane of Troy; and nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Carri Ann Jennings; and siblings, John Ed "Butch" Cafer, Karen McCune Cafer, Nancyclo Hopper, and James Alex Cafer.

Micheal grew up on third street and lived in Louisiana most of his life. He graduated Louisiana High School in 1971. Following graduation, Micheal started working. He was employed at Morgan's Portable Buildings, MFA, and also spent time as a carpenter.

He spent the last of his working years as a janitor and bus driver at Clopton Schools, before retiring in 2012 on his 62nd birthday. Following retirement, Micheal spent time hunting, fishing, traveling, catching up on television, and reading. He also managed Big C's Sporting Goods in Louisiana until 2019.

Micheal spent three years in Livingston, Mont., and lived part-time in Mountain View over the past two years. He was raised Catholic and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church growing up. Currently, he attended Grassy Baptist Church. Creek Micheal enjoyed spending time with his special grandsons, Noah Abdu Omer and Mitchell Ryker Cafer-Meminger.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.

her career. She was employed at Pepose Vision Institute in Chesterfield for five years and loved her job there very much.

She was naturally smart and was knowledgeable in many subjects. She enjoyed the Professional Bull Riders Association events and was a big fan of Taylor Swift. Ashley and her mother spent time together doing ancestry studies and researching family history. She also loved animals and had three dogs and two cats as pets over the years. She was Baptist by faith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Trimble House in Louisiana.



Mary Wommack

Mary D. Wommack, 89, of Louisiana died Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 at the Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

A private family burial will be at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. A graveside service for all the family and others will be held at a later date.

Mary was born Nov. 11, 1934 in Pike County to Eugene Turner and Georgia Anderson.

She is survived by two sons, Lawrence Wommack Jr., of Seaside, Calif., and Wommack Roger of Louisiana; a daughter, Shelia Briscoe of Marina, Calif.; her grandchildren, Christine Sanford, Terrell Wommack, Catrice Wommack, Brian Briscoe, Gary Briscoe, Matthew Briscoe, Shelisha Clemons, Sheaundi White. Taylor White, Martenia Wommack, Justin Wommack, R. Daneal Wommack, Jeffrey Wommack, Jaris Wommack, Shonnell Smith, and Shelene Kiev; numerous great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren; a brother, Eugene Turner of Bloomfield, Mich.; and a sister, Jo Anne Dixon of Davenport, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Margaret Foreman.

Dorothy spent the majority of her days caring for her family and her home, though she did work outside the home from time to time. She was known for baking delicious cakes for special occasions, including weddings. Besides her family, Dorothy enjoyed her morning coffees and phone calls and visits with special friends, Gloria Griffen and Judy Betz.

Left behind to carry on her memory are her husband, Virgil Langley of Bowling Green; children, Vicki Booton of Bunker Hill, Ill., Joseph Langley and wife, Denise of Bowling Green, Cynthia Meeks of Bowling Green, Kathy Murry and husband, Dave of Bowling Green, Aaron Pruitt and wife, Amanda of Bowling Green, "Danny' and Christopher Pruitt and wife, Cindy of Lexington Park, Mary.; 17 grandchildren, Sinah, Jennie and husband, Jeremy, Christie, Michael and wife, Kara, Josh and wife, Kaitlyn, Lester and wife, Lyndse, John and wife, Jessica, Adam, Kayla and husband, Nolan, Jamie and wife, Emilee, Amanda and husband, Matt, Catie, Trevor, Madison, Bailey, Marcus and Eddie; 34 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the family, Morning Star Church, or ALD (adrenoleukodystrophy).

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach. com.



Debbie Goodin

Deborah Kay Goodin, 71, of Bowling Green died Satur-day, Dec. 2, 2023.

Words to honor Deborah's life will be held graveside Saturday at 2 p.m., at the Goodin Cemetery in Martinsburg, Ill. Following the service, a celebration of life and meal will be provided at 4 p.m., at the fairgrounds 1n Bowling Green.



Wayne Eldon

Gamm

Surrounded by family, Wayne Eldon Gamm, 87, was welcomed home into God's loving arms and his everlasting rest on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 at his home in rural Bowling Green.

Funeral services were Friday at 10 a.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church in Vera. with the Rev. Joe Siefkas and the Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial was in Bowling Green City Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Wayne was the son of Frank Eldon and Frances Salome Becker Gamm and was born on July 22, 1936 at his Becker grandparents' home in rural Bowling Green.

He attended Watson School in Vera and graduated from Bowling Green High School at the age of 16 in 1953.

Wayne was united in marriage to Georgia Mae Finley on Oct. 2, 1960 at Providence Presbyterian Church in Vera. To their union were born four children, Marilyn Sue, Jo Ann, Larry Wayne, and Carol Amy.

He was a lifelong member of Providence Presbyterian Church, where he had served as the song leader since he was a teenager until shortly before his death. Over the years, he sang for many weddings and funerals for family, friends and church members.

Wayne was also a deacon, ruling elder, and the Sunday school treasurer for the church. For him, Sundays were for attending church in the morning, and either taking his children with him to visit ill or elderly family and church members in the afternoon or on drives to scenic places.

Wayne also particularly practiced his Christian faith helping a number of neighbors, especially widowed women, in various ways. His care and concern for ill, elderly, and widowed family, church members, and neighbors are values his four children continue to practice in their own ways and lives. Wayne's life's work was as a crop and livestock farmer. As his father's second family and oldest son, Wayne began farming full time supporting his ailing Dad after graduating from high school. Then when at the age of 19 Wayne's father died, he assumed full responsibility for providing for his mother and his 13year-old brother. Before his Dad died, he said to Wayne, "I'm not going to make it. It's up to you, son, to get the work done." From that point forward the responsibility for getting the crops planted and harvested fell on Wayne to do. Later he and his brother worked together and farmed as Gamm Brothers. Wayne continued to farm until he was 85, retiring due to failing health. His farm work was honored by Wayne and his family being chosen to attend the Missouri State Fair as the Pike County Farm Family in 1978 He served as a director on the Pike County Mutual Insurance Board for 50 years, and as the Board President for almost 40 years. Wayne served two terms on the Pike County Extension Council. He also served two terms on the Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Among Wayne's passions were collecting and restoring antique Ford vehicles and CASE farm machinery. He enjoyed driving some of the Ford and CASE vehicles to church and in parades, and entering them in car shows. Wayne served as a director of the J.I. CASE Collectors, Inc. for six years, and for five of those years as the Secretary. He was also a member of the J.I. CASE Heritage Foundation, was a founding member of the Missouri Screamin' Eagle CASE Club, and a past member of the Vintage Ma-

chinery Club.

Over the years, Wayne also mentored several teenage boys by opening his workshop and teaching them how to work on their vehicles while also listening to what was going on in their lives in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment.

He was a member of the Vera Community Center organization, serving as its president for many years. And Wayne was a past member of the Pike County Historical Society.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; three older sisters, Edna Gamm Gillum, Amy Gamm, and Katie Belle Gamm Oliver; by a niece, Ruby Gillum, Eoff-Feith; great-niece, Sherry Eoff Halemeyer; and by a great-granddaughter, Charlie Mae Hegg.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Georgia Gamm; four children: Marilyn Gamm and Craig Howard, Jo Witt, Larry Gamm and wife, Carmen, and Carol Smith and husband, Jim; seven grandchildren, Nikole Ashleigh Witt Gregersen and husband, Jordan, Corteney Leann Witt Hegg and husband, Derick, John Thomas Gamm, Lukas James Smith, Rachael Christina Smith, Trevor Ellis, and Katrina Ellis; eight greatgrandchildren, Peyton Jo Gregersen, Cambree Grace Gregersen, Garrett Douglas Gregersen, Henry Allan Hegg, Cayden Wayne Hegg, Charles Finley Ellis, Lily Mae Grasshoff, and Claire Lee Grasshoff; a brother, Vernon Gamm and wife, Joyce; cousins, nieces and nephews; and church, CASE, insurance board, and community friends.

Pallbearers were Lukas Smith, John Gamm, Wade Gamm, Joe Talkington, Larry Stewart, and Brian Oliver. Honorary pallbearers, Nikole Gregersen, Corteney Hegg, Rachael Smith, Barry Oliver, Jeff Oliver, Charles Becker, Frank Becker, Chris Gamm, Nathan Gamm, Fred Gamm, and Pike County Mutual Insurance Company Board members.

Memorials are suggested to Pike County Home Health and Hospice, or donor's choice.

MDC Sets Hunting Dates For Deer, Turkeys

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently set turkey and deer hunting dates for the 2024-25 seasons. The hunting dates were approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its Dec. 8 open meeting in Jefferson City.

Pike County Genealogical Society Meets For November

By Audrey Jones On Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 the Pike County Genealogical Society held their last meeting of 2023.

We have had a lot of activity this year, with our two yard sales, Bicentennial, Heritage Days, our two genealogy classes that were free, and Audrey's two speaking engagements on witching graves. We are always willing and able to share what we do here with anyone.

Our winter book sales. Our cookbook sales. We appreciate the added interest in the museum and our library. Winter book sale will be going again this winter.

Starting 2024 we will our meetings will return to the first Tuesday of every month. We tried for a year to make changes that would help those who live here to attend. That didn't work as we had hoped. Our first meeting of 2024 will be March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

MO Humanities granted us a large grant to help us with digitizing the library's vast collection. This grant will help us in many other ways also. The Missouri Archivist came and made a list of Pike County records we have and they will be digitizing them.

This spring we hope to have Charlene McCune come and speak on Honeyshuck our neighboring unique tourist attraction.

Our cookbooks are a unique gift for the holidays. It has Pike History and pictures and lots of old time recipes including How to Cook a Husband. Come and check them out at Bouquet Florist at a lower price.

We have added some great histories to our library the Basye Family History, Haughts of America, and Kelsyck, Dobbyns and Sutton families. We have a large collection of family histories maybe yours is here also.

Please visit us on Diggin Up Bones on Facebook. We have a lot of pictures on there and conversations about history in Pike County. Also visit us at www.pikecountymofamilyhistory.com.

We close for the winter but the girls will be at the library on Wed or Thursdays for project days. We still are active doing all projects that add to our resources for the

library and museum. We will

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Buddy Bennett

Buddy Bennett, 43, of Bowling Green died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023.

He was born Jan. 2, 1980 in Lancaster, Calif., to Boyd B. Bennett and Juanita S. Welch.

Private services to be held. Family and friends may sign the online guest book (a)www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Ashley Nicole Starkey

Ashley Nicole Starkey, 33, of Clarksville died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2023. Cremation rites are under the direction of Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

The family will have a Celebration of Life service at a later date.

Ashley was born Sept. 7, 1990 in Louisiana to Nathan and Katherine Scoggin Starkey.

She is survived by her parents, Nathan and Katherine Starkey of Clarksville; uncle, Jerry Starkey; aunt, Anita Starkey of Joliet, Ill.; and two cousins, David Starkey of South Carolina, and Nick Starkey of Joliet, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Charlie and Nettie Scoggin, paternal grandparents, Melvin and Ruth Starkey, and a cousin, Eric "Cliff" Lewis.

Ashley graduated high school in 2007. She went on to computer programming training that prepared her for

Mary had been a volunteer at the Pike County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop. She had worked at numerous jobs and many families in for Louisiana area over the years. She was a member of the New Jerusalem Church in Louisiana and was an active member in the church.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Hospice or donor's choice, c/o the funeral home.

On-line condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Dorothy Langley

Dorothy Langley, 87 of Bowling Green died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lake St. Louis, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Pastor Skip Merkle officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Dorothy was born June 19, 1936 in Alton, Ill., the daughter of John and Sinah Worthy Pruitt. She attended Alton Schools and graduated in 1954. Following graduation, she married the love of her life Virgil Langley on March 6, 1954 and together the celebrated 69 years of marriage.

During their marriage they lived in Alton, Ill., spent two years in Florida, and then returned to the Midwest and eventually moved to Bowling Green in 1973, where they currently reside.

She was born Nov. 16, 1952, In Louisiana to Lester and Peggy Elliot. She was united in marriage to Jim 'Moon" Goodin on June 13, 1987.

Deborah, known by her loved ones as "Debbie" or 'Momma Moon" will be deeply missed by her children, Steven "Nick" Goodin of Bowling Green, Alex Goodin and wife, Emily of Bowling Green, Trent Goodin of Pleasant Hill, Ill., and Kim Cordes and husband, Tony of Bowling Green.

As well as her grandchildren, Tyess Chatman, Jadakiz Goodin, Stephon Goodin, Keegan Goodin, Connor Goodin, Kathryn Goodin, Hayden Goodin, Harrison Goodin, Kaylyn Paige Mckee, William Isaac Mckee, James Mason Goodin, and Haley Mae Goodin.

And great-grandchildren; Journee Amilia Michelle Chatman and Kiind Kay Irene Chatman, Sullivan Goodin, Evan Goodin, and Alaina Goodin.

She is also survived by her siblings, Johnny Elliot, Ricky Elliot, Mike Elliot, Roseanna Grover, Becky Lindsay, and Nancy Baxter.

Deborah was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim "Moon" Goodin, her daughter, Christy Kay Smith, and her grandchildren, Brett James Smith and Luna Rae Goodin.

Deborah will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family. She will be greatly missed by all.

Honorary pallbearers will be James Patrick, Gabriella Elliot, Jesse Murphy, Kyle Elliot, James Mason Goodin, and William Isaac Cordes.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of arrangements.



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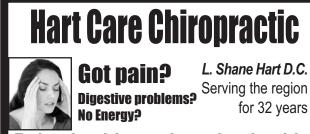
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