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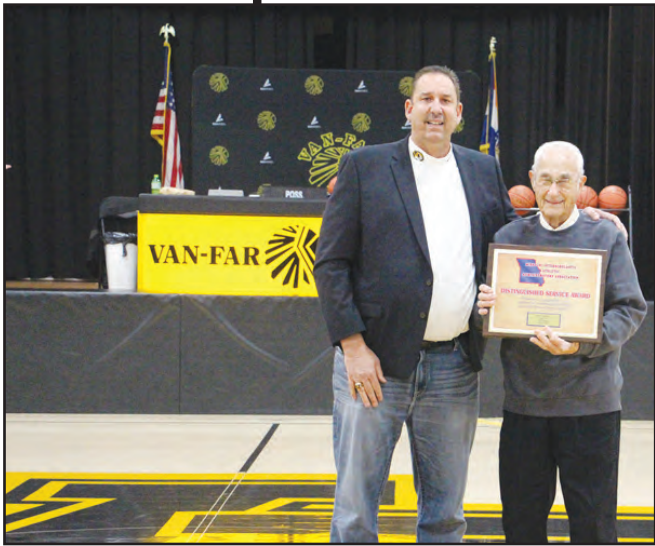
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Lions Club Donates To Hope Center

The Bowling Green Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Hope Center. Pictured, from left: Clayton Storch, Lions Club president; and Jack Jones, Lions member, presenting the check to Barb Henderson and Debbie Curry of the Hope Center.

Stallcup Receives DSA Award



Brian Meny, left, is pictured presenting Ronald Stallcup of Vandalia with the DSA award on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Long-time Van-Far educator Ronald Stallcup of Vandalia was given the DSA (Distinguished Service Award) award that has only been given to three individuals.

Those recipients include Dr. Pete Akern, Bob Gooch, and Buck Green. The award is given on behalf of the MIAAA which includes the northeast

Missouri area athletic directors.

Stallcup began his career at Long Valley, a one-room school in Texas County. He introduced basketball to the school and had to combine the boys and girls to have enough to play.

He then moved to Coffee, and started the first basketball

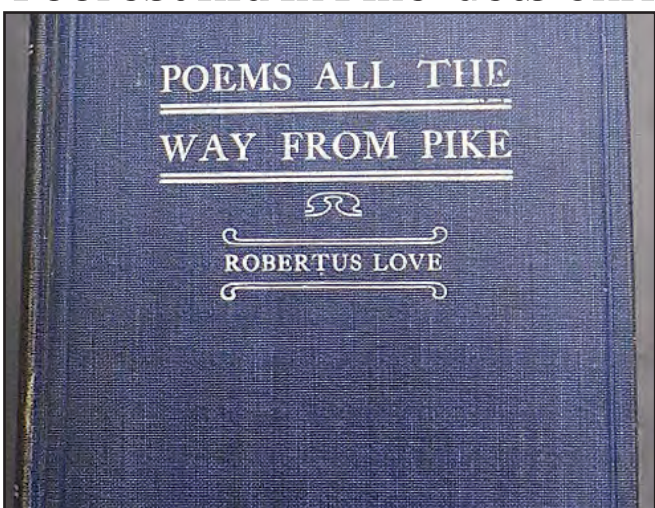
team there. He had to literally build the court and goal to start the program. From 1959-62 he helped build the gym that was used for basketball. The gym was built with no goals or painted lines. Coach Stallcup hand-painted the lines and had the VFW donate the goals. Coach hung the goals with the help of community members.

In 1963 until 1965 Coach Stallcup was hired to help build a state champion team. He was the junior high coach. Players on that team were Randall Erving - Texas Tech; Paul Hauk - Drury; Henry Hauk - John Brown University and the great John Brown - University of Missouri. John hyst had is number retired at Mizzou.

Brown broke his leg during the school year and Coach Stallcup had to carry and pick him up for school. During the three years as the middle school coach Stallcup lost only one game. The team went on to win the state title in 1969.

The Stallcup family then See **STALLCUP** on page 7

'Poorest Kid In Pike' Gets Christmas Bonanza



A signed copy of "Poems All The Way From Pike" is held in the library at the Champ Clark home in Bowling Green.

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Robertus Love had a magical way of telling a story, and few were as enchanting as "A Pike County Christmas Tree."

The tale uses country vernacular and spellings to tell how compassionate friends of the "poorest kid in Pike" received a windfall from a Scrooge-like cad who had a change of heart.

Love narrates as he and Minky Peters and Joe and Ike Bowers set things in motion. As they had for more than a decade, the four chopped a cedar and put it up at church. "There was popcorn balls and candy bags for Jim and Jess and Nell

And Mother Goose's poetry for kids that couldn't spell,

And skates and tops and jumpin'-jacks, and dolls and hoods and caps.

With here and there a Testament for solemn little chaps."

The congregation joined in decorating. Joe Bowers dressed as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and distributed presents hidden in the tree to kids.

The girl that always caught the attention of Love and his buddies was Jennie Kerr. She was the granddaughter of old man Simpson, who owned a store and a bank.

The mother had eloped with Jennie's father years earlier. He eventually left them, and Simpson vowed never to support his daughter. Love found the whole thing frustrating because Simpson had "money to incinerate."

Back at the church, the gift distribution quickly turned the sanctuary into "a holy mess," with candy smeared on hymn books and pew cushions. But amid all the cheer it seemed Love and his pals had forgotten about Jennie because there was nothing left on the tree.

"So, I winked at Minky Peters, and he winked at Santy Claus,

And Santy winked at Isaac, who enlisted in the cause.

We-alls went behind the scenery and held a short confab.

The result of which my aim on this occasion is to blab."

While Joe Bowers stayed behind to provide the congrega-

tion with "some most amusin' antics and some edifyin' slang" about "chimney-tops and reindeers and Kris Kringle and his packs," the "rest of us for Christmas goods to Simpson's store made tracks."

Simpson "hung his ornery head" when told of the mission, and handed the three a letter.

"We-alls was somewhat doobious, but we tuck the letter in

And sneaked it on the Christmas tree, while Bowers drowned the din

And read the name of Jennie Kerr, who toddled down the aisle

As gay as any young'un there, though somewhat out of style."

Jennie took the letter to her mother, who, upon reading it, fainted "as if she'd swallowed dope." Minky gave the stink eye to Love, who gave it right back.

Love noted that the Christmas chums were about to go back and teach Simpson a lesson when Bowers "called us back" and "likewise called us several names - in language that I lack."

"Was it an insult to the kid? Not on your liver-pads!

He'd sent that little gal his check for twenty thousand scads!"

That kind of money would be worth more than \$550,000 today. Love, who spent part of his youth in Pike County, wrote other books, including one about famous Missouri outlaw Jesse James.

Love later became editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He died at 63 on May 7, 1930.

"Poems All the Way From Pike," which also contains "The Boy Who Has No Santa Claus," can be read at www.archive.org.

Dixon Presents Program To Chamber Members

Those attending the Wednesday, Dec 13 Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Member Meeting enjoyed a presentation by Penny Dixon, Pike County Service Coordinator for NECAC. She spoke about the many services NECAC provides for community members. Activities include housing assistance, energy assistance, Angel Tree program, Salvation Army bell ringing, and so much more. The meeting also included the annual election of officers and directors. Those elected to two-year-terms on the executive board were: Karen Arico, president; Lori Fuerst, vice president; Elizabeth Kingsley, treasurer; and Ruth Heffner, secretary. Directors elected were Cole Branstetter, Christine Rutherford, Kyle Scherder, and Tamara Scherder. Directors Jeff VanHorn and Ryan Bibb continue with another year in their terms of office.

The board members elected at this meeting will be installed at the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet, Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Pike County Fairgrounds. Also at that banquet, those selected for the Best of Bowling Green and Citizen of the Year awards will be announced. Voting for these awards will be done online. Categories of the Best of BG awards are: Best Customer Service, Best Retail Shop, Best Place to

Area Schools Show Support For Teen Killed In Hunting Accident

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

A hunting accident at Ted Shanks Conservation Area on Sunday, Dec. 10 quickly turned into every parent's worst nightmare. The tragedy claimed the life of 18-year-old Trent Busch—a senior at Winfield High School.

In a joint investigation with the Missouri Department of Conservation, Pike County Sheriff, Stephen Korte said Busch was duck hunting at Ted Shanks where he died from a gunshot wound.

Preliminary findings are that this was an accident with no malicious intent.

Despite the tragic loss, Busch's family has expressed that Trent died doing something that he loved.

"It helps our hearts to know that he was surrounded by friends, doing what he truly loved, duck hunting, and couldn't have been in a more beautiful place," his mother, Tanika Busch wrote on social media. "We feel the love and support from our village, yet again, and we thank everyone for this from the core of our beings."

The Winfield Community and area schools quickly responded to show their support for Trent by wearing Blue or Black and Red.

"Today at Clopton our we wore Red and Black to honor and support the Winfield community," Clopton staff wrote. "We send our sincerest thoughts and prayers to Winfield during this difficult time."

Bowling Green High School and Silex students wore blue to honor Trent.

"Silex students and staff wore blue today, in support of the Winfield School District who lost a student this week," Silex School District shared via social media. "Our hearts are with the Winfield community during this difficult time on Friday."

Along with going to Winfield High School, Trent also attended Pike Lincoln Technical Center for welding training.

Officials said that while the shooting appeared to be a tragic accident, an investigation is continuing.

Visitations were held on Friday, Dec. 15 at Winfield Primary School and church services were held on Dec. 16 at Immaculate Conception in Old Monroe.

Eat, Best New Business (3 years or less), Best Non-Profit Organization, Best Essential Services Provider, Best Small Business, Friend of the Chamber, and Chamber Member of the Year. The Chamber Board Member of the Year is selected by the board and will also be announced that night. More information and the details of the awards are available on the Chamber Facebook page and website or through Sarrah at the Chamber office.

The banquet will feature dinner by Karen's Catering, music by Michael Moore, and See **CHAMBER** on page 7

Laddonia Chase Ends In Self-Inflicted Gunshot

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

A car chase starting in Laddonia resulted in the death of a Mexico man last week.

According to a release from Audrain County Sheriff's Office, on Dec. 15, 2023, at about 10:45 p.m., deputies were dispatched to Casey's in Laddonia for a report of juvenile problems.

The report said a female juvenile was with a non-family member adult male identified as Dominic K. Bosworth, 22, of Mexico.

The parent/guardian wanted the juvenile contacted and returned home.

"As the deputy arrived at Casey's, the vehicle known to be operated by the adult drove away at a high rate of speed with the juvenile inside," the statement from Audrain County Sheriff, Matt Oller continued. "The adult male had been identified by the reporting party, and the deputy knew the male had three active felony warrants for arrest for failure to appear on the original charges of burglary, stealing of Firearms and driving revoked (felony)."

According to the statement, the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver continued to flee, and a pursuit was started. The deputy pursued the vehicle onto several gravel

roads and at one point, the suspect stopped, and the juvenile exited the vehicle, and the truck fled again, and the deputy remained in pursuit.

The pursuit and subsequent stop gave a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol time to position ahead of the pursuit and deploy tire deflation devices.

"As the suspect passed the Trooper, he fired several shots at the Trooper," Sheriff Oller explained. "The Trooper was not struck, but his patrol vehicle was struck by gunfire. The pursuit continued into Mexico along several streets, and at the intersection of Boulevard and Breckenridge."

Bosworth's vehicle was disabled as a result of being struck by multiple patrol vehicles to end the pursuit in a non-populated area.

"Officers approached the vehicle and discovered the driver had sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head," Sheriff Oller wrote.

Bosworth was transported to University Hospital in Columbia where he was pronounced dead during the early morning hours of Saturday, Dec. 16. Two 9mm pistols were located in the vehicle.

The investigation surrounding the shooting incident(s) has been turned over to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Division of Drug and Crime Control.

Pike County Fair Board Announces Two-Day Derby

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Pike County Fair board announced last week that one of their most popular draws - the demolition derby will be a two-day team show.

One of the Pike County Fair's biggest crowd drawing events will now take place on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27 in the upcoming year.

Friday night's portion will feature a two-man team with a max of 16 teams in 8 heats. Stock class rules will apply.

On Saturday night, fans will be treated to the team show consultation, the Hobo compact class, the Hobo full size youth/rookie class, street stock class, and team show

feature. Along with new dates, this year also has some unfortunate changes in the rules regarding riders due to insurance reasons.

"There will be no riders allowed in any class," the fair posted via social media. According to the post, the new rule is non-negotiable with no exceptions allowed.

More information and details concerning entry fees and payouts will be released prior to the 2024 fair.

Those with questions about rules can call Chad Markley at 785-479-0996 or visit the fair's website: pike-countyfair.org



100th Birthday

Carl B. Moore Jr., of Vandalia was honored Saturday, Dec. 9 for his 100th birthday. He is pictured with his cake. Carl was chosen as the grand marshal at the third annual Christmas parade that evening in Vandalia.

COMMUNITY NEWS



YMCA Donation To Angel Tree

Proceeds from the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Post Thanksgiving Too Much Turkey 5K on Nov. 25 totaled \$600. All proceeds were donated to the Vandalia Angel Tree Christmas Gift project to benefit local families. On behalf of the Vandalia Fire Department, Scott Otis is presented with the check from Debbie Hopke, branch director.



Boys State

Ashton Dyke is presented with his check for Boys State by John Weiser, treasurer of Vandalia Rotary Club. The American Legion Boys State will coincide with Girls State next June at Lindenwood University. Boys State is an eight-day leadership program where students learn the operation and fundamentals of government and is Missouri's premiere youth leadership development organization.



Jessica Mickels

Hannibal Regional Medical Group Welcomes Mickels

Hannibal Regional Medical Group is excited to welcome Jessica Mickels, AGACNP to their Weight Management Solutions team.

Jessica earned her Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Degree (AGACNP) through Herzing University and has worked in a variety of health-care roles for over 10 years.

Jessica began her career with Hannibal Regional in 2014 as a registered nurse and recently completed her education and training to be an AGACNP.

Jessica shares, "I love that I can be a part of a surgical patient's entire journey. As a nurse practitioner first-assistant in surgery, I have the unique opportunity to see my patients before surgery, assist the surgeon during the procedure, and watch how these surgical interventions can have a positive impact on a patient's future health. Specifically in bariatric surgery, it is very rewarding to see these patients before surgery, hear what their goals are for themselves and their families, and watch as they become the healthiest versions of their selves by using the tools that our Weight Management Solutions program offers."

Hannibal Regional Weight Management Solutions provides medical and surgical treatments for weight loss to individuals who meet specific criteria and struggle with obesity.

Jessica is focused on getting to know her patients, learning their goals for their health and using a holistic approach to educate and guide them and their families on their health journey. Jessica is part of the Weight Management Solutions team at Hannibal Regional, to learn more visit hannibalregional.org/weightloss.



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From The Mayor's Desk...

Slow down and take time to enjoy and appreciate all that we as Americans have. Don't let the Christmas season pass you by without counting your blessings and valuing your family, friends, your job, and even your co-workers and bosses. Or, that you're retired and can look back on the good times and even the struggles that made you stronger. Share the twinkle in your eyes and the child-like excitement of what this season means. Do you know the symbolism behind the wreath and especially the Christmas wreath? The circle is a symbol of immortality and living for eternity. Throughout history wreaths have been associated with life, rejuvenation, born again, renewal, and restoration. The Christmas wreath symbolizes the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and renewal of life, love, and forgiveness to all that believe in Him. As Mayor, I am wishing you a renewed vision and zeal for life as we experience this Christmas season! As we close out 2023, I pray for a rejuvenation, joy, and hope-filled 2024 for Bowling Green and you, as a citizen. Let renewal, excitement and new beginnings be a part of your life in our wonderful town!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

players, cheer and dance squads, coaches, and fans as we engage in socialization and interaction with our fellow citizens. This is one place where "community bonding and relationships" are developed.

According to National League of Cities, the number one priority of city mayors across the U.S. is INFRASTRUCTURE. Next is PUBLIC SAFETY and the third is ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I believe Bowling Green's Alderpersons have done an excellent job in Infrastructure. Recession has reduced city tax revenues from income and sales taxes across the U.S. as unemployment rises and consumer spending falls. Thanks to you, Bowling Green for SHOPPING LOCAL. "Inflation increases the cost of public services and diminishes the purchasing power of residents," says NLC, 12/13/2023. "Throw in the failure of banks and financial systems plus slow delivery and costly building supplies, cities are experiencing and adopting more conservative budgets and depending more on State and Federal opportunities." In my opinion, this is not smart because the greater government involvement, the more control they have over our city spending plus decision-making and the more autocratic or self-governing we give up. More on Public Safety and Economic Development next week

Congratulations to the Bowling Green Cheerleading Squad for their success at the Missouri State Cheerleading competition. They placed 10th in the State, and it was their very first competition at this level! Way to go Cheerleaders, Coaches, parents, and fans! You make BGHS and your City proud! Basketball season is officially underway at BGHS and Middle School so come out and support our teams and see the

Welcome to GROWING KIDS' ACADEMY, a new State certified daycare facility which opened this past Monday. It is located at 1109 Business Hwy 61 South adjacent to the deer stands. Glenn Niffen, former Silex superintendent is the CEO. They are still taking applications for children and daycare workers.

MDC Changes Turkey Regulations For Spring

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces changes to turkey hunting regulations for the spring season and has proposed regulation changes for the fall seasons. The Missouri Conservation Commission approved the changes for the spring season at its Dec. 8 open meeting in Jefferson City and also gave initial approval on proposed regulation changes to fall turkey hunting.

Spring shooting hours for private land only will be extended from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Shooting hours on public land will remain a half-hour before sunrise-1 p.m. These changes will be effective for the spring 2024 turkey season.

Proposed changes to fall turkey hunting would require both fall firearms turkey hunters and fall archery turkey hunters to purchase a fall turkey-hunting permit. Turkeys would no longer be included in the archery-deer permit. The bag limit would be reduced from four to two birds. These proposed changes will be open for public comment from Feb. 2-March 2, 2024, under Public Commenting Opportunities at mdc.mo.gov/contact-en

gage/public-commenting-opportunities.

According to MDC, the primary motivation for the regulation changes is to increase opportunities during the spring season for youth hunters and hunters who work during the day and to reduce the fall harvest while maintaining as much opportunity for hunters as possible.

MDC noted that 93% of land in Missouri is privately owned and 88% of Missouri's annual spring turkey harvest is done on private land. MDC added that maintaining shooting hours ending at 1 p.m. on conservation areas and other public lands would continue to support multiple afternoon activities by a variety of users on these areas.

"Hunter participation and recruitment has been on the decline in Missouri for several years," said MDC Turkey Biologist Nick Oakley. "When surveyed on why hunters aren't participating, the most common answer is that school or work interferes with getting out into the field. By extending shooting hours, a barrier to participation will be removed for those unable to hunt during the morning."

Oakley added that the 1 p.m. closure during the spring

season was originally seen decades ago as a way to help Missouri's turkey population rebound from a few thousand birds to the several hundred thousand wild turkeys we have today.

"Almost every other state in the Midwest and Southeast moved away from an early afternoon closing time after their turkey populations were restored," Oakley said. "Those states have seen increases in hunter participation, sustainable increases in harvest, and stable hunter satisfaction after moving to an all-day season."

The current fall turkey season allows hunters to harvest up to four birds of either sex without a beard requirement. The proposed changes will reduce the number to two birds of either sex.

"While hen harvest is contentious in Missouri, our hen-harvest-rate is low enough that it is not having a negative impact on turkey numbers on a statewide scale," Oakley explained. "That said, at the property level, hen harvest may have some impact on future production."

Learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.



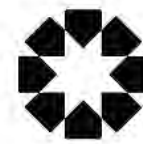
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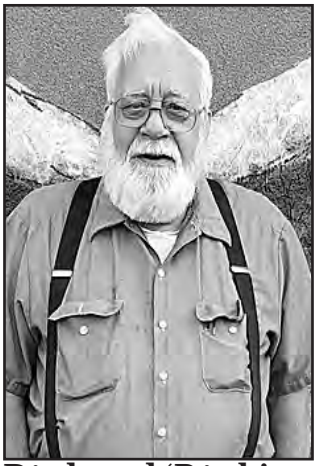
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OBITUARIES



Richard 'Dick' William Baker

Richard "Dick" William Baker of Eolia died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at the age of 79.

Dick was born in Lansing, Mich., to Elmer and Dorothy Bohr Baker and grew up in Grand Ledge, Mich., with his seven siblings. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and then served in the U.S. Army, doing a tour of duty in Germany. Dick traveled in Germany and other European countries following his military enlistment. Throughout his life, he often told stories about these travels, particularly his adventures in Ireland.

Once back in the United States, Dick studied electricity and became a licensed electrician, working for General Motors – first in Michigan at plants in Lansing and Saginaw and then in Missouri at the Wentzville Assembly Center, where he retired.

Dick was a friend to all and would immediately strike up conversations with anyone (sorry to anyone who may have been behind him in line at the grocery store or post office and was in a hurry). He also was a lifelong learner with an insatiable curiosity about everything. He was never afraid to ask questions, which could annoy his children (and other tourists) on guided tours to museums, historical sites, and other places. He was tickled (and his kids relieved) when he discovered the Smithsonian Channel.

Dick lived up to the Baker's name and was a master at baking bread. His breads were so delicious that they never lasted long. He also made legendary soups and was best known for his French onion soup, bean soup, and pea soup – whole pea, not split pea (if you know, you know).

Dick's artistry skills weren't limited to the kitchen; he also was a true woodworking craftsman, creating unique gifts for family and friends. His motto: Measure twice, cut once, and have the right tool for the job, which was always a convenient excuse to buy a new tool.

While he liked putting around in the kitchen and the workshop at home, he also was one for frequent drives to take in the rural Missouri countryside or to explore the many areas in and around St. Louis. Sometimes, he'd go alone; other times, he'd take along family or friends. What's impressive is that he started his signature drives here, there, and everywhere before the invention of GPS. The jury is still out on whether he knew where he was going or was lost and kept driving until he found a road, street, or highway he recognized.

In addition to his local travels, Dick enjoyed family-related trips to Westphalia, Mich., for the annual cemetery walk to explain the area's history and the part his family played in it. He also loved trekking to North Carolina to see his Miller cousins and attend their Thanksgiving get-togethers.

Dick had a beard his entire adult life, and as he aged, he grew to look like Santa Claus with pure white hair. During the holiday season, he would often don a Santa hat when he was out and about because he loved seeing kids' eyes light up when they saw him. He also had Santa's heart. He was generous to others, particularly kids – giving them his time, talents, and treasures. He was an honorary grandpa to several kids beyond his own grandsons. Most people knew him as Papa Baker.

Playing dominoes was one of his favorite pastimes later in life, with his grandsons or his special friend Pat Kawlowski. When he could, he'd take his grandsons for domino matches at bakeries, where they would enjoy special treats, several games, and endless talking. The lively

back-and-forth bantering would often attract the attention and smiles of other customers. Until the end of his life, Dick and Pat had a standing dominoes date on Fridays.

For the last 23 years of his life, Dick lived in rural Eolia on a small acreage. He met several incredible neighbors who became family, including Roger and Janie Brown, Bruce and Ann Denslow, and Paul and Caryn Brunner.

All three couples looked after their elderly neighbor and spent time with him, creating memorable moments that Dick treasured. He loved his friendly competition with Ann over who could attract the most hummingbirds to their feeders. Dick was also blessed that Janie was the nurse for his doctor and went above and beyond for Dick time and time again, including being at the hospital and providing emotional and spiritual support to him and his children when he took his last breath and passed from this world to eternity. Janie was Dick's angel on earth.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Baker and Dorothy Bohr Baker, and his siblings, Donald Baker, Sue Baker, Thomas Baker, Barbara Armstrong, and Harry Baker.

Dick is survived by a son, Sean Baker and daughter, Jennifer Cronin and husband, Matthew; grandsons, Kenneth Cronin and James Cronin; brothers, Daniel Baker and Steven Baker; and several nieces and nephews.

As his last gift to this world, Dick donated his body to medical science so future medical professionals can use his body in their medical education and training.

His children will hold a Celebration of Life in March.

Sherry Lee Cecil

Sherry Lee Cecil, 77, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

She was born on July 8, 1946 in Granite City, Ill.

Private services to be held.



Trent W.H. Busch

Busch

Trent William Henry Busch, 18, was born Oct. 29, 2005 to Jamey and Tanika Busch of Winfield.

He died at Ted Shanks Conservation Area doing what he loved. Trent was a senior at Winfield High School, planning to graduate in May. During his time at Winfield and Immaculate Conception it was clear that Trent attended school for the social aspect, not for the academic rigor.

Trent spent his entire life as an athlete, he was a talented goalie for Winfield and Immaculate Conception schools. He also played on the baseball and football teams during his time at Winfield. Trent attended Pike-Lincoln Technical Center in Eolia in the afternoons for welding training. Trent loved his job at Brooks Brothers Trailers where he was a welder. His hand, yes one hand, was not only adept at crafting metal, but also building connections with those around him. Trent was looking forward to graduating and attending AWA Welding Academy to pursue welding as a trade that he enjoyed tremendously and was quite talented at.

Trent had an infectious love for life, family, friends and fun and approached every day with boundless energy that most of us couldn't keep up with. His spirit was defined by his faith, zest for adventure and resilience in what he has overcome.

Trent had an unwavering love for the outdoors, he spent every moment possible bow fishing, waterfowl hunting and riding his ATV with family and friends.

Trent was preceded in death by his dear cousin, Aubrey Dunn; and great-grandparents, Johnnie and

Helen Busch.

Survivors include his parents, Jamey and Tanika Busch; a brother, Jake Busch of Winfield; his grandparents, Rick and Joni Dunn of Troy and Arlene and David Sixkiller of Moscow Mills; aunts, Jessica Dunn and Mandy Sixkiller; an uncle, Ethan Dunn and wife, LeeAnne; cousins, Kiersten Gillman and husband, Brandon, Hunter Dunn, Conner, Cole, Camille, Morgan and Macey Dunn, and Caleb Sixkiller; other relatives and many, many friends.

Visitation was from 4-9 p.m., Friday at Winfield Primary School Gymnasium in Winfield.

Funeral Mass for Trent was held at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Old Monroe. Fr. Richard Rath and Deacon Neal Westhoff officiated. Inurnment to follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to NubAbility Outdoors/Athletics, an organization that supported Trent after the loss of his hand and helped him to find his enthusiasm again for hunting and welding.

Memorials for the family may be made, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 3838 East Highway 47, P.O. Box 253, Winfield, MO 63389.

Online condolences may be made at www.carterricksfuneralhome.com.



Matthew Stewart

Matthew Stewart, 24, of Vandalia was tragically shot and killed on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, in Vandalia.

He was born Oct. 5, 1999, in Hannibal to Linda Stewart and Jerry Foiles.

Matthew graduated from Van-Far High School in 2017 and continued his education through online learning, becoming proficient in computer operating systems and audio electronics.

Matthew was born with vision problems and Asperger's Syndrome that created major challenges for him. In 2019 Matthew had eye surgery to stabilize his right eye and improve his eyesight. It created a new lease on life for Matthew as he began to pursue work opportunities.

Matthew was determined to become a productive member of society and move off government assistance. Many times, Matthew was told that he did not have the qualifications to keep a job, but he never gave up, he simply applied somewhere else. One of his favorite "gigs," as he called them, was helping setup and run sound for band concerts. He often volunteered to run sound at Beacon of Hope Church in Vandalia.

Matthew was a very caring and generous young man who always dreamed big. He loved the finer things in life, even if he could not afford them. He could tell you about the most wonderful jewelry, the best cars, and oh how he loved exotic teas. It brought him great joy to share one of his newest tea purchases with a friend. Matthew liked giving gifts throughout the year, not just at Christmas.

Matthew is survived by mother, Linda Stewart; aunts, Brenda Stewart, Donna Kimery, Tiffany Coffey, Tabitha Sisti, and Kim Fischer, and uncles, Bobby Kimery, Christopher Nulsen, Jamie Foiles, and Tony Sisti.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Foiles; a sister, Brianna Stewart; an aunt, Nichole Nulsen; and grandparents Della and Fred Fischer and Rosemary and Bob Nulsen.

A Celebration of Life will take place for Matthew at the Beacon of Hope Church in Vandalia. The date and time have not yet been finalized due to the police investigation into his shooting.

Following Matthew's Celebration of Life service, a reception will be held in the church's fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend the service and reception.



Betty Jane Bybee

Funeral services for Betty Jane Bybee, 87, of Bowling Green will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., at St. Clement Church with Fr. Dan Merz officiating. Burial will be in St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m., Thursday at the church.

Burial of cremation rights and funeral services are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Mrs. Bybee died at 5:50 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 2, 1936 at home near St. Clement to Wilfred and Regina Koester Sachs. She married Eddie Bybee on Nov. 30, 1957 at St. Clement Church.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Eddie Bybee, of the home; a son, Ronnie Bybee and wife, Rhonda of Bowling Green; one daughter, Nancy Case and husband, Travis of Vandalia; grandchildren, Ashley Coombs and husband, Chris of Cheney, Wash., Schuyler Case of Columbia; Ryan Bybee and wife, Abigail of Moscow Mills; Scott Bybee of Bowling Green, Reagan Case of Columbia, and Sarah Bybee of Columbia; great-grandchildren, Avery, Madeline and Katelyn Coombs of Cheney, Wash., and Bentley Green of Moscow Mills; one brother, Robert Sachs and wife, Dorothy of Bowling Green; two sisters, Mary Grundmeier of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Pat Sachs of Bowling Green; along with nieces, nephews, great-nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Peggy Sachs; and a brother, Bill Sachs.

Betty was a stay-at-home mom until 1972 when she began working at St. Clement School as kitchen manager for 20 years. While at the school she became known for her homemade rolls. She started work at the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green as a cook II and promoted to cook III. She retired from NECC at the age of 75 after 14 years of employment.

Following retirement Eddie and Betty did lots of traveling including various casinos. Betty also loved to go to resale shops and garage sales - where she always found something she "needed."

Memorials may be made to Masses in her name to St. Clement Church, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.



Gertrude Salmon

Gertrude Salmon. She was united in marriage to Andrew E. Johnson on Feb. 9, 1954, in Vandalia. Her husband preceded her in death in 2009; and her oldest son, Larez E. Johnson.

Survivors include her five children: Gregory Johnson and wife, Teresa, Springfield, Ill., LaWaun Wiseman and husband, Emmett, Plant City, Fla., Fernando Johnson and wife, Sonya, St. Louis, TaDarrol Johnson, St. Louis, and Taron Johnson and wife, Gaile, Grain Valley. She has one sister, Inez McPike, Vandalia; and one sister-in-law, Cathrine Salmon, Vandalia.

Grandchildren include, Crispin Johnson; LaKeena Little; Terrell Johnson; Tawntane Townzel and husband, Terrell; Natalie Siasi; Nicole Johnson; TaDarrol Andrew Johnson; Brys Johnson; Conrad Johnson; and Marshon Johnson.

And many great-grandchild-

dren and great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Gertrude Salmon; six brothers: Benjamin Salmon, Robert Salmon, Dolly Leo Salmon, Matthew Doc Salmon, Clement Adam Salmon; Jesse Edward W. Salmon; and three sisters, Virgie Overton; Bezolia Salmon and Mamie O.C. Salmon; and one deceased grandchild, Stacia Glasgow.

Lillian attended the Garfield High School in Mexico. She was a devoted member of the Second Christian Church in Vandalia, where she was the president and teacher of the Christian Women's Fellowship; they frequent the nursing home providing a church service. She loved to sing in the choir and would frequently sing a solo; in her youth she played the piano for the Sunday School; and she would oversee Christmas and Easter presentations. She along with her siblings were known throughout the community by their fellowship with all congregations. She gave her time, and money to the renovation of the Ol' Lincoln School.

She loved her husband and their six children; she gave each an 'unique name because her children were unique!'

Lillian began to help her husband to finance their children's education by entering the workforce by working at Bobbie Brooks as a seamstress; she loved to sew and made clothes for herself and her daughter.

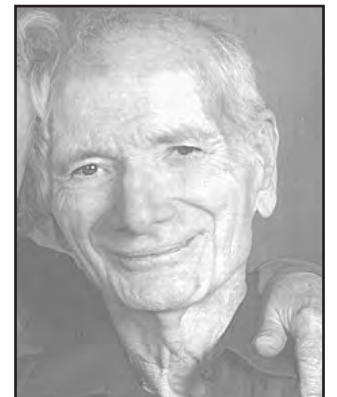
Lillian loved to cook with her specialties including chocolate pie, homemade custard, waffles, dinner rolls and the cheesiest mac'n cheese ever! And everyone, no age discrepancy, loved her infamous popcorn balls at Halloween trick-or-treat. All the grands remember the enormous sugar cookies!

Decorating was her passion, her kitchen had "roosters" everywhere; the living room was beautifully staged with matching furniture, drapes and rugs. Christmas was the highlight time of the year-she decorated the outside, including the sidewalk and the porch; and inside the Christmas tree was filled with colorful ornaments and the room was filled with presents, under the tree and on the furniture-the room was animated with chirps, and ringing of bells. Lillian would stay up all through the night to wrap presents-her favorite thing to do-giving. She always had a trinket or a gift to give to show her appreciation and genuine love for everybody.

Lillian loved to fish and to hunt, not for the sport but to eat; she would fix an enormous picnic every year as the entire family, grands and all, would venture to Six Flags!

And it would be amiss if it was not mentioned—Lillian was always "cold"; never too many blankets to keep her warm.

This classy, fashion-model of a lady, Lillian E. Johnson, dressed from head to toe, will forever be loved and remembered.....



Virgil Herman Tepen

Virgil Herman Tepen, 83, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 in Bossier, La.

He and his wife, Rosemary four and one-half years, but had recently moved back to Bossier City since they both needed nursing home care and wanted to be near her son.

A memorial Mass at St. Clement Church will be said on Tuesday (today) at 6 p.m., by Fr. Ussher.

His body has been donated to science and will have graveside services at a later date.

He was born July 10, 1940 in Bowling Green, the son of Emil and Clara Tepen. On Sept. 1, 1978 he married Rosemary Gil.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Tepen; his children, Sean Hintz and wife, Denise of Shreveport, La., Jim Hintz and wife, Dawn of Houston, Texas, Marisa Guills and husband, Doug of Metairie, La., Angela Tepen of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Sharie Blanton of Miami, Fla.; nine grandchildren; siblings, Mary Carol Niemeyer and husband, Fred of Curryville, Fred Tepen and wife, Debby, Bob Tepen and wife, Marcia, Jim Tepen and wife, Linda, all of Bowling Green; and numerous cousins in the area.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eddie Tepen; his parents, Emil and Clara Tepen; brothers, Lawrence, Richard, David, and George Tepen.

He attended St. Clement Elementary School and graduated from LaSalette Seminary High School in Jefferson City. He then attended LaSalette College in Altamont, N.Y., and Ipswich, Ma. He continued his studies in Rome and was ordained a priest in Rome on Dec. 18, 1965.

He taught in Jefferson City from 1966-69, then served in Belleville, Ill., from 1969-71 and in Washington, D.C., from 1971-73. He was then assigned to St. Bonaventure Parish in New Orleans, La., from 1973-77.

Virgil worked as an industrial painter. He was an avid gardener almost year around in the evenings.

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Pictured is one of the decorated windows in the Louisiana Community Betterment's decorating contest.

Photo by Viki Cadwallader

Louisiana Decorating Contest

A drive around the community of Louisiana will tell you the Christmas spirit is alive! The Louisiana Community Betterment judges have selected this year's winners in the business and residential decorating contest.

In the business category, the winners are: first place, the Dempsey building, 314 Georgia St., second place former Family Drug building, 301 Georgia St. and third place is Gambino's Eatery, 221 Georgia St.

In the residential category, the winners are: first place, 1901 Georgia St., second place, 115 26th St., and third

place is 1200 N. Carolina. Letters have been sent to all the winners and check presentations will take place at a later date.

Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. wishes to thank Carmen York and Viki Cadwallader for working with LCBA and the businesses and building owners to get our business district decorated and so festive!

They also appreciate each home owner who takes the effort to decorate their homes to light up the City of Louisiana for the holiday season. Congratulations to all the winners.



Clarksville Garden Club Celebration

Clarksville Garden Club was proud to welcome our Mid-Central District Director, Tammi Stelling, who travelled the distance from Dardene Praire to celebrate the Clarksville Garden Club's Christmas luncheon. It was a wonderful time of laughter and conversations, as they played the white elephant gifting game. Middleton & Fern, a restored blacksmith building established in 1857 was a charming meeting hall steeped in Clarksville history. Thanks to all who attended and those who held us in your thoughts. A very special shout out to John Anderson, the owner of this establishment, for allowing them to gather there for the Christmas luncheon.



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Christmas Decorations

The children had fun at the Farber Library on Monday, Dec. 11 making a Christmas decoration to take home. Each week on Monday during the school year the Farber library offers a program for children ages six-11 years of age at 2 p.m. There is also a program for children under five years of age at 4 p.m., on Mondays during the school year. Contact the Farber Library if interested in joining them.



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Five Tips To Overcome Grief, Loneliness Over The Holidays

In My Grief Is Not Like Yours: Learning to Live After Unimaginable Loss. A Daughter's Journey (Forefront Books; May 2023; ISBN: 978-1637631560; Hardcover; Click Here for Book Trailer), Theo Boyd writes with honesty and raw emotion about the day that started the contagion of devastating events that would leave her "without hope, without purpose, without direction." After the terrible shock and pain of losing her Momma, losing her father and losing her marriage, Boyd began writing.

thoughts, questions, feelings, and fears," she shares. "I needed to read something that hit me as hard as I had been hit."

My Grief Is Not Like Yours interweaves the story of Boyd's struggle with complicated grief — the type of heavy, lingering grief that comes after an unexpected, unspeakable loss — with a tribute to her extraordinary parents, both native Texans, and their devotion to each other.

In an interview, Boyd can add some heartfelt advice from a person who lived

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Sherry Windland sits behind her desk at NECAC in Bowling Green. She is retiring Jan. 3 after more than three decades with the agency.

Windland To Retire From NECAC

Sherry Windland loves nature so much that she once thought of a career as a forest ranger.

While she still loves the outdoors, Windland has enjoyed spending more than three decades behind a desk. The 62-year-old Frankford grandmother is retiring as assistant finance director at the North East Community Action Corporation on Jan. 3.

Windland began at NECAC as a finance specialist on Oct. 29, 1992. In a world where switching jobs often has become the norm, Windland is proud of staying at one place.

"You've got to enjoy what you're doing and you've got to care about what you're doing," she said. "In a round-about way, I'm helping people, and that's what the job is all about."

"It has been a pleasure working with Sherry for all these years, and I wish her a long and happy retirement," said NECAC Finance Director Vicky Pritchett. "She will be missed."

Windland joined the workforce immediately upon graduation from Bowling Green High School in 1980 and

studied office systems technology at Pike-Lincoln Technical Center in Eolia. While some find accounting boring, Windland likes the challenge.

"A lot of it is the work," she said. "It's always different. It's always changing. I've met a lot of different people."

Job stress is one thing Windland won't miss. With much of its funding from government agencies, NECAC finance staff must deal with multiple auditors and funding sources.

"You've got to be 100 percent accurate all the time," said Windland, who urges young people to be dedicated to what they're doing. "If it's not right, I'm going to dig until it's right and make sure it's corrected."

Windland has six children and eight grandchildren, with a ninth grandchild due soon after her retirement. She promises that babysitting "will not be a permanent position" because she has plans to upgrade her home and travel. And then there's that passion for nature.

"This summer, you'll either find me outdoors or in the pool," she said.

Avoid A Fire In Your Home Over The Holidays

The holidays are a wonderful time to get everyone together.

Unfortunately, they can also mean a greater risk of a fire in someone's home. This holiday season, the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis encourages everyone to follow simple steps to prevent home fires from holiday decorations.

"December is the peak time for home fires involving candles and holiday decorations," Beth Elders, Executive Director, Red Cross of Greater St. Louis. "Help protect your family by using battery-operated candles and practicing your two-minute escape plan with everyone in your household."

HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY TIPS Follow these safety tips and visit redcross.org/fire for more information. You can also download the free Red Cross Emergency app by searching "American Red Cross" in app stores.

If you must use candles, keep them away from anything that could burn, and place them out of reach of pets and children. Never leave burning candles unattended.

Check all holiday light cords to ensure they aren't frayed or broken. Don't string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord.

Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home

or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid electrocution or fire hazard.

If buying an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.

If getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and keep it watered. To test if the tree is fresh, bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.

Don't light the fireplace if hanging stockings or other decorations on the mantel.

Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. Test them once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year. If you cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or are physically unable to install one, the Red Cross may be able to help. Contact your local Red Cross for help.

HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN SAVE LIVES Since October 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, working with community partners, has saved nearly 2,000 lives by educating families about fire safety, helping them create escape plans and installing free smoke alarms in high-risk areas across the country. To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit redcross.org/homefires.

Pratt Earns Bachelor's Degree

Central Methodist University celebrated its Winter 2023 commencement on Saturday, Dec. 9 in Puckett Fieldhouse on the Fayette campus.

Board of trustees member James Marchbank gave the commencement address as a packed house of family, friends, faculty, staff, and other guests celebrated the graduates.

Students were recognized for earning degrees at the master's, bachelor's, and associate's levels.

Hannah May Pratt, of Silex was among those on the program for the event. Pratt graduated with the following degree: (Interdisciplinary

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Vandalia Modern Maturity Notice

Due to insurance and utilities increasing in cost, the Vandalia Modern Maturity Senior Center is forced to raise rental fees to \$125 per day with an additional \$50 refundable deposit.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who attended my 100th birthday celebration.

Thanks for the reading of my life history. I appreciate the gifts, cards, calls and all acts of kindness during the party.

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MDC Reports Deer Harvest During Late Antlerless Portion

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows deer hunters harvested 18,904 deer during the late antlerless portion of firearms deer season, Dec. 2-10. Top harvest counties were Callaway with 565 deer harvested, Pike with 513, and Lincoln with 385.

Last year's antlerless portion harvest total was 16,241.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at https://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/.

For harvest summaries from past years, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries>

The archery deer and turkey season runs through Jan. 15, 2024. The alternative methods portion runs Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024.

Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at

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GRIEF

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through extraordinary grief, and can offer the following five survival tips to manage grief during the holidays:

- 1.) Keep their memory alive by sharing stories, making their favorite holiday dishes or simply taking the time to let someone know that you will not forget their loss.
- 2.) Get professional advice (not the unsolicited advice of those around you). Find a professional person to talk to who specializes in your specific type of grief or situation. (Chapters 3 & 4)
- 3.) Give yourself grace to manage the holiday season. If you do not think you can entertain like you always have, don't. Believe it or not, people will understand. Give your-

self the time you need to rest, reflect and repair. (The intention I had in writing this book. Chapter 12)

- 4.) Just journal it! I find that writing helps me heal. In my book, I have an exercise called 100 Things. Write down 100 things (or fewer) about the person you are missing or the situation with which you are struggling.
- 5.) Just sit with someone. You do not have to say a word. We underestimate the power of our presence. (Chapter 13)

By talking openly about the emotional and mental aftershocks of loss, survivor's guilt, fear of death, and suicide in My Grief Is Not Like Yours, Theo Boyd offers her readers comfort in knowing that in grief they are not alone, and, like her, they will find joy again.

CHAMBER

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flowers by Bouquet Florist. There will also be a silent auction and a photo booth. Additionally, the winner of the Chamber's annual "Fill the Freezer Raffle" will be drawn during the banquet. The prize for the raffle is a \$500 gift card to Woods Smoked Meats and a freezer. Tickets for the raffle cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Raffle tickets are avail-

able online, from any board member, or through the Chamber office. Tickets for the Annual Awards Banquet are now available for purchase online or through the Chamber office. Cost is \$40 per person; tables will seat 8 people. The next regular Member Meeting will be February 14 at noon at the Bowling Green Visitor Center. For more information on any Chamber matters, contact Sarrah, Executive Director, at the Chamber office, 573-324-3733.



Pictured is Penny Dixon at her presentation to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

STALLCUP

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moved to Pilot Grove and were there from 1966-68 where he was head basketball

coach. Coach Stallcup and family moved to Vandalia in 1969. Ronald's wife, Dixie, told him Van-Far would be her "last" move so he finished out his career at Van-Far in 2000.



Pictured are Dixie and Ronald Stallcup with the Distinguished Service Award presented to him on Thursday, Dec. 14. Dixie jokingly said, "that's half my award too."



Pictured are members of the Stallcup family, from left: Scott Stallcup, Bodey Fennewald, Remi Fennewald, Jeri Fennewald, Dixie Stallcup, Coach Ronald Stallcup, Tanner Fennewald, Emily Fennewald, and Paul Fennewald.



Coach Stallcup is pictured sitting on the coaches bench during the varsity boy's basketball game on Thursday, Dec. 13.

MDC's N.E. Region Welcomes Sieve To Pike County

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulated 16 new conservation agents upon their graduation from MDC's 2023 Conservation Agent Training Academy in October. Since then, these new conservation agents have been gaining experience in the field training program. Agent Jacob Sieve was assigned to Pike County upon graduation, and he has spent the last several months becoming familiar with the area. Agent Sieve will be joining Agent Otterstein to cover Pike County.

Agent Sieve grew up in Imperial and he has always had his heart set on becoming a conservation agent. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he graduated with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. Upon obtaining his degree, Sieve immediately applied for the 2023 Conservation Agent Training Academy. "I've been hunting and fishing in Pike County for a few years now," says Sieve. "I can't wait to work here for years to come!" Agent Sieve can be contacted via phone at (573) 470-0129 or via email at jacob.sieve@mdc.mo.gov. These new agents join 200 existing MDC agents in serving and protecting Missouri's fish, forest, and wildlife. To find a list of conservation agents by county, go to <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/4ok>

Community Calendar...

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

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Sheppard Is Scholarship Recipient

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Will was on the Honor Roll for four years, an academic All-State football player and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. Will also was a member of the Louisiana FFA, FBLA, track, basketball and baseball teams. Will is a member and regular attendee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Will plans to complete his higher education at University of Missouri-Columbia, majoring in Ag-Business. He

is actively involved in his family's agribusiness operation in Pike County.

The Frier-Prife Scholarship was established in the late 1960s in the Will of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Prife of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Her mother was the longtime organist for the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana.

The Frier-Prife Scholarship is to be awarded to one student each school year to advance his/her education:

1. Who is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Louisiana, Missouri;
2. Who has shown himself/herself to be an outstanding student of good character;
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