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Bevy Of Biscuits

Rise & Shine Bulk Pre-Orders Extended



Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon receives a donation from Al Himmelsbach during last year's Hardee's Rise & Shine.

A popular Pike County fund-raiser just got even bet-

Hardee's in Bowling Green is offering extended bulk preorders of \$1 sausage or egg biscuits as part of the Feb. 9 "Rise & Shine" promotion in partnership with Heat Up St. Louis and NECAC.

Customers who order 25 or more biscuits at a time before noon each day through Feb. 8 can pick them up the following morning. Orders must be and low-income people pay

made online at www.heatupstlouis.org and designate the Bowling Green restaurant as the pickup point.

The 24th annual Rise & Shine one-day, in-restaurant event is from 6-10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 9, in Bowling Green and at Hardee's restaurants in the St. Louis area.

All proceeds from sales at Bowling Green will stay in Pike County to help incomequalifying elderly, disabled

utility costs. Heat Up St. Louis organizes the event, which covers 34 Missouri and Illinois counties.

"The Hardee's Rise & Shine event is crucial to assist our low-income neighbors with their winter heating bills," said NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon. "We are especially glad to see that bulk pre-orders have been extended. We encourage people and businesses to participate as they can."

Last year's Rise & Shine event raised a record \$900,000 in the region. In addition to Pike, NECAC receives funding for Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles coun-

NECAC also contracts with federal and state funding sources to provide assistance for paying utility bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

Applications are available at www.necac.org or by calling the NECAC Pike County Service Center at 573-324-

blossoms,"

lovely



The 2024 Clarksville Eagle Days celebration is Jan. 27 and 28. Pictured is Roger Holloway, executive director of World Bird Sanctuary, with McGwire, a male bald eagle, during last year's

larksville Eagle Days Is Jan. 27-28

By Brent Engel Contributing Writer

One of the world's richest

men said it well.

"If you want to soar like an eagle in life, you can't be flocking with the turkeys," admonished businessman Warren Buffett.

Hundreds of people will rise above life's woes and skyward during Clarksville Eagle Days Jan. 27 and 28.

Activities take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days in Riverfront Park, the downtown area and The Apple Shed along Highway 79 at the south edge of town. The annual event is sponsored by Raintree Arts Council.

Viewing scopes will be available in the park and free tours of nearby Lock and Dam 24 will be offered every 20 minutes. World Bird Sanctuary will present free live eagle programs on the hour at The Apple Shed both days.

There will also be food, vendors, exhibits, children's activities, business attractions and other festivities. The United Methodist Church is hosting a free soup luncheon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Satur-

On Friday, the Army Corps of Engineers will sponsor a raptor program and conduct tours of the dam for area students.

Audubon Society will offer community events longer information.

Due to ongoing floodwall construction, visitors to the park will have to use the north access at First and Lewis streets near the dam instead of the south entrance near the boat club.

In addition to the nesting birds, crowds are drawn by small-town hospitality not found at some other eagleviewing events. Clarksville has fewer than 400 residents, but there's an authentic friendliness that keeps the flocks – the human kind –

coming back. "Clarksville is an easy drive from anywhere," said organizer Linda Blakey. "We are located on the Mississippi River and we have Lock and Dam 24 at our doorstep."

rience the beauty of eagles in their natural habitat, as well as during the incredible live eagle shows," said Raintree President Mindy Webert. "We are excited to sponsor this event again and hope everyone will join us on Jan. 27 and 28.3

A grandmother, Blakey advises to prepare for the me an overzealous patriot, but weather. "Definitely wear I am telling you, if you have your warmest clothes, and never seen an eagle fly, you

don't forget hats and gloves." Blakey and her husband,

than either can remember.

"We have invested in the town and believe it is worth keeping," she said. "The idea of volunteering is just my nature – trying to do the right thing for people and the

Extra hands are always welcome, though. Blakey says too many people don't realize that "unless we work together, we will not survive." It's a circumstance facing many small communities.

Blakey is blunt, but optimistic. Of course, many have found that it's hard to refuse a request from her.

"Everyone wants something, and volunteering is a special way to get things to happen," she said. "There isn't any money in it, just the "Clarksville Eagle Days is satisfaction of helping. There a wonderful opportunity for are several organizations in people from all over to expethis town that can use help. Make a phone call and do i

> While Buffett may be right, perhaps author Lorry Myers offers better guidance. Last year, she penned a piece for Missouri Life magazine about eagles along the Mississippi River. It still holds true.

"Call me sentimental, call are missing a piece of who you are, and a peace you Bill, have volunteered at never knew you needed."

Contributing Writer She already was known

required a more proper intro-

County native Genevieve

Clark made her January 1914

societal debut in Washington,

adornments typical of such

affairs. But as she would

often do over the next six

decades, the spirited daughter

of the third most powerful

man in the land would flex

Clark and his wife, also

named Genevieve, didn't

of Representatives would

soon be dealing with more

federal anti-trust protections

for consumers. Mrs. Clark

was preparing for a conven-

tion of the Women's National

Democratic League, which

attention. Europe was on the

brink of a war that would

eventually draw in the United

States. The first commercial

passenger airline flight took

Other matters were getting

she had helped organize.

have anything else to do.

It wasn't as if Champ

The Speaker of the House

her irrepressible will.

The fete featured many

Nineteen-year-old Pike

place in Florida, covering the Clark added hundreds of 18-mile route in 23 minutes.

And the World Baseball across America, but custom Tour featuring games in 44

cities across the globe was

under way, with the St. Louis

Cardinals providing catcher

Ivey Wingo and slugger

Leopold Christopher Hoern-

schemeyer - who auspi-

ciously went by the name Lee

Despite all that was going

on, the Clarks gladly opened

their home at 2401 Massa-

chusetts Avenue NW to en-

thusiastic guests. The event

old-time glory of the func-

tion, besides letting this gen-

eration see what the two

words meant a score or two of

years ago," The Washington

Evening Star glowingly

able pink chiffon gown and

her mother was decked out in

a white satin dress. Champ

presumably wore a suit, but since he wasn't the center of

attention for a change, the newspapers didn't bother

"The house was profusely

decorated with pink roses,

with a description.

Genevieve wore a fashion-

wrote.

The Clarks "revived all the

was the talk of the town.

Magee – to the roster.

Evening Star noted. Women such as Millicent Hearst, wife of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, helped greet visitors. prominent Genevieve's guests included Madeleine Edison, daughter of inventor Thomas Edison; Laura Graves, whose father, John, had run for vice president; and Helen Cox, daughter of Ohio Gov. James Cox. A steadfast disposition

helped Genevieve attract friends who had an equally strong mindset. Among them were Dorothy Harvey, daughter of New York entrepreneur George Harvey, and Marie Peary, whose father, Robert, was credited as being the first man to reach the North Pole.

The assembly of young debutantes "made a most pretty picture," the Washington Herald observed.

The newspapers knew Genevieve well. She had dramatically campaigned for her father at the 1912 Democratic National Convention, where Champ came within an eyelash of being nominated for president. In 1913, the media darling became a reporter herself. The temperance and women's voting rights advocate traveled extensively and got involved in many political efforts, even though she wouldn't legally be able to cast a ballot for a few more

Genevieve put her foot down on more than one occasion, and the societal debut was one of them. She insisted that before stepping out with Washington's aristocrats, she would do something for those in need. So, Genevieve spent the morning helping with a linen drive at a local mission.

Eleven months later, the Clarks would announce Genevieve's engagement to New Orleans newspaper publisher James Thomson, whom she had met at the 1912 convention. The nuptials took place at the Clark home in Bowling Green on June 30,

Genevieve ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1924. She died at 86 on Feb. 16, 1981, and is buried in Virand the flowers sent Miss ginia.

Bowling Green Chamber Holds 52nd Annual Awards Banquet

Contributing Writer

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce celebrated the city's businesses and organizations at its 52nd Annual Awards Banquet Thursday, Jan. 11.

Held at the Pike County Fairgrounds, the annual event featured live music, a dinner, and the "Best of Bowling Green" awards.

Throughout December, the chamber encouraged the community to nominate and vote for their favorite places in several categories ranging from best retail store to best

dance enjoyed live music from before a dinner catered by Karen's Catering and Freezer Meals.

Chamber President, Karen Arico, welcomed guests and emceed the event with humor and charm before announcing the evening's award winners along with Executive Director, Sarrah Gigous.

Jim Arico was recognized as the 2023 Citizen of the Year for his work with the City of Bowling Green. Kyle Scherder was named 2023 Chamber Board Member of

went to Two Scoops & Backdoor Brick Oven, which was named the best place to eat in the community. The restaurant, known for its authentic friendly staff, ice cream, and pizza, faced tough competition from several of the community's favorite restaurants.

The night's celebration was more than a highlight of some of the best Bowling Green has to offer. It recognized the hard work and dedication of the businesses, organizations, and people that make the city a great place to live, work, and play.

99th Annual Bowling Green Invitational Jan. 22-27, 2024

nounces New Superintendent Bowling Green School District An

By Brice Chandler **Editor**

Last week, Bowling Green R-I School District released a statement to the community announcing the appointment of Nick Larson as their new Superintendent, effective July

According to the announcement, Nick Larson has been an invaluable leader dur-

R-VI, where he has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the education and wellbeing of students. His vision, passion, and commitment have left a lasting mark on the

Before coming to Community as superintendent, Larson to welcome Nick Larson to

ing his tenure at Community Principal at Montgomery County and the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal at Centralia prior to that.

Holly Delgman, board president at Bowling Green R-I, expressed excitement about Larson joining their team, stating, "We are thrilled served as the High School the Bowling Green School

District. His proven leadership and commitment to student success make him an look forward to working together to continue providing exceptional education to our students."

In response to the announcement, Larson expressed gratitude for his time at Community R-VI, saying,

"I am grateful for the incredi- culture of excellence in eduble experiences and relationships built during my tenure ideal fit for our district. We at Community R-VI. While I will miss this community dearly, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead at Bowling Green R-I. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Bowling Green community to continue fostering a tive July 1, 2024.

cation." "I would also like to thank my family, specifically my wife, for supporting me on this endeavor.'

On Monday, Dec. 8, 2023, Dr. Matt Frederickson announced of his accepting the superintendent position for Troy (Lincoln Co. R-3) effec-

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lincoln County Conservation Agent Offers Guidance For Goose Hunting

Duck hunting in the North Zone may be closed, but waterfowl hunters still have a reason to take to the marshes and wetlands with their shotguns. Hunting geese provides yet another challenge for waterfowl hunters that extends into the spring.

"Goose hunting ensures hunters can continue enjoying time afield," said Lincoln County Conservation Agent, Christine Hibler. "With the unseasonably warm weather this year, geese will be migrating later than normal, hopefully providing ample opportunity to late season goose hunters," she said.

Missouri's goose season runs until Feb. 6. Following that, the 2024 Federal Light Goose Conservation Order will open on Feb. 7 and run until April 30. This offers hunters almost three additional months of waterfowl hunting opportunity. Species open to hunting in Missouri include Canada, greater white-fronted geese, and snow and Ross's geese.

"Those wishing to hunt geese during the remainder of the season should be aware of and follow all current regulations," Agent Hibler reminded hunters.

To prepare for a potential

power outage, make sure you

have backup power sources

and an emergency plan in the

event of a prolonged black-

A massive storm has al-

ready caused disruptions

across the Midwest and is ex-

pected to hit other parts of the

U.S. with severe thunder-

storms, winds, heavy rain and

potentially record-breaking

cold throughout the weekend.

Western states such as Ore-

gon, Idaho and Nevada can

expect heavy snow on Friday

and Saturday, with possible snow headed South into the

Mid-Atlantic early next week,

according to the National

Weather Service Weather Pre-

one can knock out electrical

grids and cause homes to lose

access to heat, appliances, the

internet and even water. They

can even be deadly if they last

for several days — people can die from hypothermia in

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itage make siire voii have

backup power sources and an

emergency plan in the event

of a prolonged blackout. And

be aware of potential dangers

like carbon monoxide poison-

ing when using a generator,

you can take to protect your-

self and your family from the

disruption of a power outage.

lation to essential services

Know where you are in re-

Here are practical actions

freezing conditions.

say experts.

Big winter storms like this

diction Center.

out, say experts.

need to possess a current Missouri small game hunting permit, a migratory bird permit, and a federal waterfowl stamp. Hunters should remember that federal waterfowl stamps must be signed to be valid for hunting. If purchasing an electronic federal stamp, hunters will also need to note the expiration date of that electronic stamp. Once the stamp has expired, they will be required to carry the signed physical stamp which they should have received in the mail.

Hunters will also need to heed the current limits for geese. "The daily limit for Canada geese is three with a possession limit of nine, for greater white fronted geese the daily limit is two with a possession limit of six, for light geese prior to the conservation order the daily limit is 20 with a possession limit of 60," Agent Hibler explained.

As with duck hunting, hunters should note that lead shot is prohibited, and nontoxic shot must be used. If a hunter successfully harvests a goose, the bird must have a fully feathered wing or head attached until the hunter ar-

How To Handle A Winter Power Outage

know where you can go to

warm up. Find out how close

you are to essential services

like hospitals and rapid tran-

sit. They will often have "pri-

ority access" to power in the

case of a major outage, says

Ana Marie Jones, who works

in emergency management,

public safety and community

resilience for InterPro, a man-

agement consulting company.

Alyssa Provencio, a professor

at the University of Central

Oklahoma, recommends leav-

ing your house and finding a

warm place to stay, "like a

friend's house" who hasn't

lost power or "an emergency

Create a plan for your

If you rely on medical de-

vices that run on electricity,

like a life-saving ventilator or

a CPAP machine, or take

medication that requires re-

frigeration, you'll need a plan

to keep those devices running

and your medication cold dur-

ing an outage, says Proven-

Make sure you have a

backup battery to run your

medical devices. And keep

your medications cold by

leaving them in the refrigera-

tor, opening it only when

Stock up on water and non-

To ensure you'll have food

that's safe to eat, keep nonper-

ishables like canned beans

and power bars in your home.

needed.

perishable foods

shelter nearby."

medical essentials

With prolonged outages,

If your power goes out,

Hibler said hunters will rives at their domicile. For a more detailed look at water-fowl regulations consult the 2023-2024 Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest

"This booklet is available either online for viewing and download at http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4SZ,

http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4SZ, or anywhere permits are sold," said Agent Hibler.

The St. Louis region is home to numerous areas that offer public goose hunting opportunities, Agent Hibler said. She recommends BK Leach and Prairie Slough Conservation Areas in Lincoln County. For St. Charles County Hibler suggested Marais Temps Clair or Weldon Spring Conservation Areas. Each area is open to walk in goose hunting. Before heading to an area to hunt, hunters should consult the area brochure for special regulations.

"MDC encourages waterfowl hunters to take advantage of these plentiful hunting opportunities," said Agent Hibler

"Just take some time to become familiar with the limits and regulations. And above all, practice safety first," she

When it comes to water, store

at least one gallon of water

per person per day for several

According to Ready.gov,

the refrigerator will keep

food cold for about four

hours. A full freezer will keep

the temperature for about 48

hours." And if your fridge or

freezer temperature reaches

40 degrees or higher, throw

tempting to take advantage of

the colder weather and store

food outside, the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture recom-

mends keeping items in the

refrigerator during power out-

ages "in any season." Storing

food outdoors may expose it

to animals and unsanitary

Obituaries

Kitty Ann

McCurdy

Jan. 13, 2024.

Curryville.

and

Kitty Ann McCurdy, 65, of

A Celebration of Life serv-

Middletown died Saturday,

ice to be held on Saturday,

Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., at the New

Harmony Christian Church,

Memorial donations may

be made to the family c/o

McCoy-Blossom Funeral

Homes & Crematory, 701 N.

Business Highway 61, Bowl-

ing Green, MO, 63334.

Although it might be

days.

out the food.

conditions,

weather may vary.



Kristy Taylor Hannibal Regional Offering Health

Support Group

Hannibal Regional is pleased to offer a Health Accountability Support Group

countability Support Group.

This free support group is open to anyone and offers a foundation to help implement and maintain healthy

Topic areas that will be discussed in the support group will include fitness, nutrition, mental health and so much more.

lifestyle choices.

This Health Accountability support group is geared to anyone who is interested in making long-term changes to their lifestyle. Many people share that the maintenance phase of healthy habits is the hardest for them. This group offers the environment of people with similar interests to gather and support each other's health journey. With personal commitment and under the accountability of healthcare professionals, this group is designed to support various parts of healthy living. Taking time out of your week to support your own health isn't selfish – it's selfcare.", shares Kristy Taylor,

registered dietitian.

The Health Accountability
Support group meets every
Thursday from 4:30-5:30
p.m., in the Sunroom, located just inside Hannibal
Regional Hospital. Please
note, the support group will
meet in the Courtyard Café
Conference Room on the following dates: 2/1, 2/15, 3/28,
5/30, 6/20, 7/25, 9/26, 10/17
and 12/5.

For more information, please call (573) 629-3382.

Jensen Earns Dean's List

The following students have been named to the fall 2023 dean's list at Southeast Missouri State University.

Breanne Kroencke and Jessica Kroencke from Bowling Green; and Bailey Lawless from Silex.

We Welcome Your Local News

New Link For Join MDC To Talk Turkey During Webcast

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites turkey hunters, landowners and managers, and others interested in Missouri's wild turkeys and turkey hunting to its "MDC Wild Webcast on Talkin' Turkey" on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at noon.

MDC Turkey Biologist Nick Oakley and MDC Turkey Habitat Initiative Coordinator Meagan Duffee-Yates will share information on recent changes to turkey hunting regulations for the spring season and proposed regulation changes for the fall seasons. Oakley and Duffee-Yates will also discuss turkey production and harvest trends, MDC's annual brood survey and research findings, habitat loss, and impacts of weather and predators on turkey numbers. They will take questions from webcast attendees as time permits.

Starting this year, spring shooting hours for private land only will be extended from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Shooting hours

The Missouri Department Conservation (MDC) inhalf-hour before sunrise to 1

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 through March 2.

Register in advance and then join the webcast live on Feb. 7 from noon to 1 p.m. REGISTER AT https://mdc.webex.com/mdc/j.php?MTID=m85090423505f 6cd4b752e5b00ed6e5c2

Learn more about Missouri wild turkeys from the MDC online Field Guide at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/wild-turkey

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

Eairheart Named To SNHU President's List

Danielle Eairheart of Elsberry has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) fall 2023 President's List.

The fall terms run from September-December.

SNHU Fall Dean's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 fean's list. The fall terms run from September-December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Area students named to the list include: Logan Taylor of Bowling Green; Brandon Brott of Vandalia and Autumn Brott of Vandalia.

SEMO Announces Fall Dean's List

The following students have been named to the fall 2023 dean's list at Southeast Missouri State University.

Breanne Kroencke and Jessica Kroencke from Bowling Green; and Bailey Lawless from Silex.

Columbia College Fall Dean's List

Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the fall 2023 semester (Aug.-Dec. 2023).

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 credit hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Students from the area

who received this honor include: Bowling Green - Claire Graver, day campus - Columbia; Victoria Meier, online.

Elsberry - Kylie Kinsler, day campus - Columbia.

Louisiana - Elaina Butler, day campus - Columbia; Emily Nunan, Day Campus -Columbia.

Silex - Jaclyn Adams, day campus - Columbia.

Vandalia - Mara Jensen, day campus - Columbia.

Wellsville - Makaila Stuart, evening - Columbia.

Kroencke Named To President's List

Breanne Kroencke of Bowling Green has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University President's List for academic achievement during the fall 2023 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 4.0 grade point average and completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit in a semester.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 9 am KC Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon St., Montgomery City, MO

Lunch will be served.

This auction features the

Collection of John Sitton of Louisiana, MO.

John was a long-time State Farm Insurance Agent and owned the Save-A-Lot Grocery Store in Pittsfield, Illinois. John is 86 years young and has made the decision to sell his **huge collection of coins, guns, ammo, and other items.** There will be over 200 Morgan and Peace Dollars, lots of Silver Half-Dollars; over 500 ozs. of Bullion Silver; 50 Rolls of Unc. Presidential Dollars; many Proof Sets and other Coin Sets-Gold.

There will be an **Outstanding Collection** of Winchester Pump .22 cal. Rifles, Also 8 Remington Nylon 66; a Winchester Model 70 243 Featherlite. John bought a lot of long guns, new and only shot them enough to sight them in. All guns are in mint condition. There will be Browning, Winchester, Remington, Savage, Marlin, Henry and Ruger in long guns. Also a huge collection of Colt, Python, Ruger, S & W, Kimber and many other hand guns John bought new and most are still NIB. Lots of knives and ammo.

Also selling a collection of Aladdin Lamps and Butter Churns-a collection of Crocks, approx 40 pcs. Plus our normal run of other items.

Make plans to attend this huge Collection Auction. Due to security reasons the gun and coin collection will not be on site until morning of auction. We will be open for Preview at 6:30 a.m. We already have 2 other huge collections consigned for our Spring, April 27, 2024 Auction, along with several tractors, trailers, and golf carts already consigned.

If you have items to sell let us know as we are filling up fast. Thank you for your business in 2023 and we are excited for 2024. Hauling Services available if needed. Watch papers for full listing.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

If I were to put out a questionnaire, "You know you're from Bowling Green if...," what would be some of your responses? When I go to Bowling Green School District activities, I see students, parents, grandparents, and fans wearing all types of Bobcat apparel. It makes me even more proud to be associated with the School's various activities and to see our young people and fans involved and supporting our future generations. Bowling Green is an amazing place to live, grow, work, and play. We are a hat wearing community and I'm proud of all the businesses that promote locally with hats, T-shirts, and sweatshirts! Wouldn't it be nice if at our Visitors Center, Champ Clark Honey Shuck House, our Genealogy Society Museum, or even some local stores would sell paraphernalia picturing our War Memorials, Blue Star Marker, the John W. Bayse Monument, our Historic Court House, and our special events like Heritage Day, Christmas in the Green, and special park events. (like the Kaleo Dade Softball Scholarship Tournament and Walk for Life). I am directing this to sell to visitors, tourists, and locals, most specifically to promote our city. What are your thoughts?

I wrote last week that the things we accomplished together in 2023 must continue and even more so in 2024. Goal setting is a great concept but is just words if there is no movement or action that empowers them, putting commitment into action. Wonderful projects can only be achieved by a generous community.

How did Vandalia achieve their Eastern Missouri YMCA and swimming pool? It was by a group of individuals that came together in one accord to accomplish a vision and a goal and generous citizens that donated their time, talents, and treasures, (finances. land) to accomplish their

How did Louisiana obtain their Twin Pike YMCA, Pike County Hospital, and golf course, and a Senior Adult Center? They had individuals who came together, formed a goalsetting commission made up of local citizens who generously gave of their time, abilities, and money to attract these great people-serving opportunities. I look at our ball fields, parks, and a swimming pool, (over 33 years ago) and I can see where Bowling Green has come together to build for the present and the future.

I have written and invited steak Italian houses, restaurants, cinemas/theaters, bowling alleys, Aldi's, and many other franchises but they all require private investments. We have had exercise and sports organizations contact me desiring to build in Bowling Green, but in every case, it takes finances and investments.

Our city alderpersons are trying to care for the infrastructure of our town. but we need finances and citizens to develop "people serving" structures and opportunities. So many parents have asked about a youth center. Many senior adults have inquired about a senior citizens' center. Golfers have asked me about a driving range and/or golf course. We can accomplish so much together. We can make Bowling Green greater at meeting the needs and desires of all ages when we come together with generosity.

2023 Was Likely Earth's Warmest Year On Record, Missouri's Third

2023 will go down on record as Earth's warmest such period on record, a substantial leap - 0.70 F (0.39 C) - abovethe previous record from 2015, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The report uses historical climate data going back to 1850.

NOAA says there is a 99 percent chance that 2023 will be the warmest year in 174 years of records.

The average annual temperature in the lower 48 states was 54.43 F, making it the fifth-warmest year on record dating back to 1895, based on data from NOAA's National Center for Environmental Information.

In a record-breaking year with many climate extremes across the globe, Missouri also experienced unusually warm and dry conditions in 2023, says Zack Leasor, University of Missouri Extension state climatologist.

Missouri's average temperature in December was 9.1 F above average. "This continues a streak of 14 consecutive months with above-normal average monthly temperatures in Missouri," Leasor says. "Eleven counties in northern Missouri experi-

September-November enced their warmest December on record. The smallest county in the state, Worth County, in northwest Missouri, was warmest, with temperatures 11.5 F above average," he says.

The statewide average temperature for 2023 was 57.4 F, making 2023 the third-warmest year on record for Missouri going back to 1895 and 2.9 F above the 1901-2000 average, he says.

The same data shows that Missouri's annually averaged daily high temperatures were higher on average (+3.2 F)than daily low temperatures (+2.6 F). Howell and Oregon counties in southern Missouri set the record for their warmest year on record, breaking records from 2012 and 2016, respectively, Leasor says.

Missouri finished the year with 35.89 inches of precipitation, which is 4.61 inches below the state's annual average. 2023 ranked as the 24th driest year on record. Excluding some of the wetter months of the year, the eight-month period of April to November was the seventh driest stretch on record, with the 2023 drought defining the state's growing season.

The only years with drier

growing seasons include some of the most notable drought years in state history: 1901, 1953, 1980, 2012, 1976 and 1930. Thirteen counties ended 2023 with precipitation deficits exceeding 10 inches

for the year. For more information on Missouri's climate, go to http://climate.missouri.edu.

Images

Graph: Missouri 2023 monthly temperature departures from average.

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Map: Accumulated precipitation (inches): departure from 1991-2020 normals, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023.

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Community Calendar...

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On Jan. 25: There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agencyat 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

On Jan. 23: Blood drive at Middletown Baptist Church, 302 Johnson Street from 1-6 p.m. Please visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter Middletown, MO to schedule an appointment.

Deadline Is Monday At 11 a.m., For Ads



Della Yoder

Yoder Makes Dean's List

Della Yoder of Curryville was named to the dean's list at John Wood Community College.

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REP. PERKIN S LOOKS FORWARD To A Productive Session

"I am excited and optimistic about the start of the 2024 legislative session," said Rep. Perkins. "I believe we have an opportunity for meaningful progress on several key issues. We are already hard at work and have seen progress on two of my priorities. HB 1774, a workforce development bill that focuses on apprenticeships in the funeral home industry, was referred to committee and had a hearing this week. Rep. Pekins added, "I expect this bipartisan legislation to move quickly this session. Another priority of mine, HB 1769, known as the "Fire Fighters Procedural Bill of Rights" has also been referred to committee and I'm looking forward to presenting that bill next week." Rep. Perkins is also anticipating many of his other priorities to be referred soon and looks forward to continuing this early momentum.

Clarksville VFW, **Auxiliary Plan For Eagle Day Weekend**

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary finalized plans for the Eagle Day weekend on Jan. 27 and 28.

They will be serving everything at the Elephant Building, dine in and to go orders will be available. Meals of pork steaks, Hamburgers, pork burgers and large hot dogs, choice of two (baked beans, potato salad, slaw), dessert and drink, Sandwiches will also be available.

If weather is permissible they will also be collecting Buddy Poppy donations at the stop sign, for their relief fund for the veterans if not they will have a container set up in the building.

MISSOURI AN OPEN ENROLLMENT STATE GETS ROLLING

The House is once again moving forward with open enrollment legislation that passed the finish line in the previous legislative session before failing to navigate through the Missouri

The Missouri House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education heard testimony on HB 1989, a bill that seeks to allow K-12 public schools to options, additional aid, or any choose whether to let students from neighboring school districts enroll in their district. The Public available funding. "We have a lot School Open Enrollment Act, as it has been named, aims to enhance educational quality, increase parental involvement, provide access to programs and classes, and align curriculum options with personal beliefs.

Under this proposal, any student beginning kindergarten or already enrolled in a public school may attend a public school in a nonresident district that has opted to participate in the program. The program requires districts to declare participation by December 1st for the following school year, with no obligation to increase resources for transfer applicants.

"This bill allows the 899,000 students in the state of Missouri in the public school system the opportunity to have choice within the very system that their parents pay taxes to," the bill sponsor told the committee.

Special education provisions are outlined, and districts may establish standards for transfers. Students must meet admission requirements to transfer, and will be subject to restrictions on varsity sports participation for the first year. The program initiates in the 2025-26 school year, and districts may limit outgoing transfers based on enrollment percentages. The bill also establishes the Parent Public School Choice Fund with an \$80 million appropriation to support transportation and special needs education for

qualifying students.

PREVENTING VETERAN SUICIDE The Missouri House Veterans Committee heard testimony on a proposed bill that would task the Missouri Veterans Commission with expanding its work to prevent veteran suicide.

Under HB 1495, the commission would be required to team up with the Missouri Department of Mental Health to provide recommendations and implement measures, programs, treatment necessary assistance to prevent more veterans committing suicide than the general public," the bill sponsor said while presenting his bill to the committee. "Every Missourian can make a difference. It does not really matter what the number is. Just one is

MOBUCK\$ BILL PRIMED TO MOVE FORWARD

The Missouri House Committee on Financial Institutions is reviewing legislation advocating for increased funding for the highly valuable MOBUCK\$ program, designed to assist local lenders in reducing interest rates for eligible buyers in the state. Through MOBUCK\$, lenders can lower interest rates by 2-3 percent, with over 140 lenders in the state participating, enabling qualified bor-

rowers to enjoy these savings. House Bill 1803 proposes increasing the program's annual budget from the current \$800 million to \$1.2 billion, responding to the overwhelming popularity of the program. The program, which reopened on January 2 after a pause in May of the previous year, garnered significant attention. State Treasurer Vivek Malek reported receiving 142 applications totaling more than \$119 million within six hours of reopening. The bill sponsor highlighted that borrowers, initially facing a 10 percent interest rate, could see their loan rates reduced to as much as 6.5 or 7 percent by utilizing this program.

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Roger A. Ochs

Roger A. Ochs, 78, of Troy, and formerly of Bowling Green died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024.

Visitation was from 1 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

A memorial service was at 1 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home Troy location. Mike Bath officiated.

 $He\ was\ born\ July\ 28,\ 1945$ in St. Louis to Leland and Ethel Zumalt Ochs. Roger was the second youngest of the children and had four siblings, Richard, Raymond, Rose Marie and Ron. The family lived in Pond and later moved to Edgewood in Pike County. Later they moved to Wentzville and this is where Roger graduated from high school. On Nov. 3, 1965, he was called to serve in the U.S.

However, before he went into service, he met his sweetheart. Barbara Smith at high school. Roger and Barbara were joined in holy matrimony on Aug. 6, 1966 at Immanual Lutheran Church in Wentzville. The couple was blessed with a daughter, Julie, who was their pride and joy. The family lived in Foristell, O'Fallon and later bought a farm in Bowling Green. His work took the family to Texas and finally back to their home in Bowling Green. For many years, Roger worked in sales for home improvements before his retirement.

About eight years ago, the couple purchased a home in Troy so Roger could go conhunting with his friends. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Roger will be greatly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Surviving are his wife of over 57 years, Barbara Ochs of Troy; a daughter, Julie Turner of Troy; two grandsons, Nicholas Byrne and Ryan Turner and three great- the online guest book @ grandchidren Ann-Marie Grayson and Jake. Roger is further survived by his two brothers, Ron Ochs of Bowling Green and Raymond Ochs of Bowling Green.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two siblings, Richard Ochs and Rose Marie Park.

Memorials may be made to Honor Flight or Coffee Talk, c/o the funeral home. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest registry at www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Sally Norton

Sally Norton of Silex died Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones.

Visitation was Sunday from 1-5 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Funeral Mass was Monday at 10 a.m., St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Millwood. Interment was at St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery in Millwood. Officiating was Fr. Chuck Tichacek.

She was 88. Sally was born May 10, 1935, in St. Louis to Mercedes and Waddell Harrington. She was later adopted and raised by her parents, Margaret and August Norton in Lincoln County.

She married her loving husband, Dan Norton, on Sept. 26, 1953. They lived and worked on the farm until 1963 when they moved their growing family to Wentzville, where they would make many memories and many friends.

Sally and Dan owned Norton Plumbing. She also

worked as a postal carrier and for Demien Construction.

They moved back to Silex in 1984 to tend to the farm once more. She was an amazing and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was loved by many and will be missed by all as she touched the hearts of everyone she encountered. She will continue to live on in

Sally cherished all of her time spent with her husband and family. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, doing puzzles, and watching the Cardinals play. She also enjoyed camping and traveling where she and Dan made many more memories and friends. Sally spent her last couple of years at the Boulevard in Wentzville enjoying old friends and making new.

Sally is survived by five sons and their spouses, Dennis and Susie of Chesterfield, Sam of Silex, Doug and Lisa of Foristell, Chris and Denise of Kansas City, and Jerry and Susie of Silex. Sally always "kept a drawer" for Glenna, Lester and all her nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Nate Locke, Natalie, Sean and Shane Norton; Gretchen Black, Logan Gilbert, Adriana, Tony and Andy Hernandez; Sarah Lipsey, Travis and Tyler Norton; Natasha Vockrodt, Torre and Drew Norton; Lindsay Lawrence, Matt, Nick, Jill and Kate Norton. Tara Simmons and Cody Murphy.

She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Kayla and Damien Gardner, Sophia Mutert, Gracie, Miller, Dulin and Bobby Jo Locke; Drake Norton; Dalton and Dakota Norton; Chase and Jordan Black, Alma Smith Hernandez; Carter, Hannah, and Logan Lawrence; Lou Vockrodt, Calvin, Theo and Leon Norton; and baby Lipsey; and great-great-granddaughters, Sylvia and Ava Bredenkoetter.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Daniel Sylvester Norton; her oldest son, Dannie Norton and a sister, Patti Socher.

Pallbearers were Jerry Norton, Lester Ganninger, Shane Norton, Tyler Norton, Matt Norton, Natasha Vockrodt, Damien Gardner, and Miller

Memorials to St. Alphonsus Catholic School c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy, MO

Family and friends may sign



Anna "Ann" L. Mount, 86, of Hannibal died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at Barry Healthcare and Senior Living in Barry,

There will be no services.

Arrangements for cremation are under the direction of the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

Ann was born May 3, 1937, in Louisiana to Irvin "Bud" Wagner and Violet Johnson Wagner. She was married to Robert W. Mount Sr. on April 5, 1957, in

Louisiana. He survives. Other survivors include her four children, Kimberly Lewellen of Vandalia, Robert W. Mount Jr., and wife, Susan of Troy, Mike Mount and wife, Patricia of Bowling Green, and Tyson Mount of Hannibal; four grandchildren, Lauren Carter and husband, Steve, Vanessa Frickel and husband, Eddie, Lucas Mount and wife, Stephanie, and Lee Mount and wife, Cagney; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents.

Professionally, Ann owned and operated Master Air Inc. with her husband, Robert.

Ann always enjoyed visiting with her friends, watching westerns on TV, following Kansas Chiefs football, and spending time with her cat, Toby. Ann will be dearly missed by all who knew and

OBITUARIES Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Missouri Veterans Home or

Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be shared and video tribute may be seen at www.JamesODonnellFuneralHome.com.

Helen Geery Helen Irene Morton Geery, 96, of Louisiana died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at the Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

Cremation rites were accorded per her request with Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Helen was born May 15, 1927 in Louisiana to Charles and Edna Gillings Morton. She married Everett A. Geery on Sept. 2, 1951 in Pittsfield,

Helen worked at Stark Brothers Nursery for 25 years and then at the Mercantile Bank for 23 years until retiring in 1992. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Louisiana and enjoyed helping and visiting her many special friends.

A fan of Billy Crash Craddock, she made many trips to his concerts. She loved going to Branson with Jerry and Gail Smith, and visiting her dear friend, Rachel Mitchell each summer.

She is survived by a sister, Nancy Wickell of Quincy, Ill., four grandchildren, Jerry Floyd and wife, Randi of Portland, Ore., Larry Floyd and wife, Sally of Portland, Ore., Geery Floyd of Warrenton, and Mike Geery and wife, Nancy of Louisiana; a foster son, John Wood and wife, Charlotte of Louisiana; cousins, Clyde Penrod of Louisiana, and Kate Todd of Louisiana; many nieces and nephews, and special friends, Charlotte and Harold Wilson of Louisiana, Hayden and Phyllis Adkison of Louisiana, Giner McKinnon, Jean Carr, Shirley Penrod, and Sheila Radford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and his children, a son, Everett W. Geery and wife, Carolyn, and a daughter, Hazel Genie Zurleinden, and her close sister and brother, Charlene Martin Poppy and Raymond

In lieu of flowers, she requested memorial donations to be made to Louisiana Pike Pioneers Center.

Dorothy **Williams**

Dorothy Williams, 96, of Bowling Green died Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

Services were private per her request.

She was born Aug. 29, 1927, in Creve Coeur. The beloved daughter of Harry and Sadie Chandler Myler. Dorothy was raised with several siblings and had a wonderful childhood. She later graduated high school and got married to Wendell Williams.

Dorothy worked for many years as a factory worker at a electronics plant. She will be remembered lovingly by all those who knew her.

She is survived by a cousin, Debby Curry of Bowling Green.

Friends and family may visit the website at mccoyblossomfh.com to sign the online guest register.



David Russell

Hunter

David Russell Hunter was born March 8, 1936 in Louisiana and lived in the community all of his life until his death on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024 after an extended ill-

Funeral services will be at 12 p.m., Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana. Julie Leverenz will officiate. Burial with military honors will be at Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana.

a.m., until time of services Saturday at the church.

He was a retired science teacher in the Louisiana R-II School District having obtained a master's degree early in his career. He was a true Renaissance man with many interests and experiences locally as well as globally. He was proud of his agrarian roots and managed his family farm for nearly seven decades, the same property granted to his direct ancestor, Captain Robert Jordan, for his service in the Revolutionary

He was a veteran of the Marine Corps Reserve. He participated in the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program which predated the Peace Corps and spent a year in India and Pakistan helping to bring modern farming techniques to rural areas in those countries.

This experience sparked a love for travel and over the years he visited over 40 countries on six continents. At the age of 57 he summited Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter and a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America.

After obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, he spent the next 50 years volunteering his time to the organization at the local, district, council, regional, and national levels and was awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver for his efforts. He counted his memories in scouting as some of his most precious. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana and had served as an elder for several

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell Boyd and Russie Mae Fry Hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Kay Hunter; a son, David Robert Hunter; a daughter-in-law, Branstetter Hunter; one granddaughter, Lauren Hunter Haskins; a grandson-in-law, Bryon Jacob Haskins; one brother-in-law, Fred Bridwell; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Bridwell; and a niece, Malia Bridwell.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the charity of your



Catherine 'Sue'

Halev

Catherine "Sue" Haley, 70, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024 at her home in Bowling Green.

Sue was born April 29, 1953 in St. Charles and adopted by J.D. and Frances Fitzgerald Haley. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Sue will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with Rebecca Glenn officiating. Burial will be in Bowling Green Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9-10 a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Ms. Haley was educated in the Bowling Green public schools and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1971. She attended college at William Woods University where she graduated in 1975 with a degree in education and a minor in history.

She taught school for 20 years in the Bowling Green school system, both at Curryville and Bowling Green Elementary Schools. She also coached volleyball at the high school for 18 years.

After her teaching career she owned and operated an antique and collectible shop called The Garden Gate in Bowling Green.

She had served on the board of the Twin Pike YMCA during its formation and was a member of the Chapter DA of the PEO Sisterhood.

She enjoyed collecting antiques and traveling, and had traveled throughout the United States and to several European countries.

Online condolences may be Visitation will be from 11 left at www.bibbveach.com.



Jane Rigg

Dorothea "Dot" Jane Rigg (nee Trimble), 92, of Vandalia, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, peacefully at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

A visitation celebrating Dot's life will be held from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Bro. Kenny Haddock will officiate. Private family burial will be held at a later date in Fairmont Cemetery in Middletown,

Dot was born Feb.16, 1931 to Prentis Kramer and Margaret Elizabeth Noonan Trimble; the ninth of 11 children. Dot graduated from Ritenour High School in 1949 and was married to the late James Ed-

Dot worked for Deluxe Checks in St. Louis for 23 years before retiring and moving to Vandalia where she continued to work until she was in her late 80's at Tri-County Nursing Home.

Relaxing on her screenedin patio with a good book was how you could find Dot anytime the weather was nice. Trips to the casino, watching true crime TV shows and Dr. Phil, canning, and listening to Elvis were some of her favorite past times.

Dot's greatest joy was spending time with her family. She cherished every moment spent with them, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dearest mother of Jim Rigg and wife, Kim of Center, Greg Rigg of St. John, and Sherry Conrey of Overland; sister to Donnie Trimble of Wichita, Kan., and June Yocum of Vandalia; Grandmother to Becca James and husband, Jesse of Wentzville, Jennifer West and husband, Jeff of Troy, David Conrey and wife, Jamie of Winfield, and Jimmy Christensen and wife, Becky of Cuba; greatgrandmother to Alyssa, Jordan, Nathan, Élizabeth, Emily, Cami, Haylee, Issac, Sean, Bradley, Isabella, and Andrew; and sunt to several

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Donation To Veterans Home

President Mary Tarpein, Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610, Presents Items to the Mexico Veteran Home, these items are Donation given to the Home by the Post, Auxiliary and Youth Group, She also Presented Christmas Cards for Each of the Veteran there, she had also Presented Christmas Cards to Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green, Lynn Heritage and Maple Grove in Louisiana, Ailiene Henry and Joanne Hammuck presented the Ones to the Elsberry Health Center and to one of their Auxiliary Sisters Gracie Wyatt along with a Gift for Her. Staying Busy is what we do.

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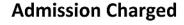


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