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Clopton Invitational Is This Week

The 2023 Clopton Hawk Invitational Basketball Tournament begins just after the New Year's holiday. This year, the boys and girls brackets will both start on Tuesday,

The girls' games will kick off the tournament earlier in the day starting at 1 p.m.

In the high school gym, top-seeded Clopton will play (8) Mark Twain at 1 p.m. followed by (4) Winfield taking on (5) Silex at 2:30 p.m. The Lady Hawks have been having a solid season so far with 6-2 record as of this writing. They look to start off the tournament strong against the 1-7 Mark Twain.

The 4-5 Lady Owls are looking to improve with a repeat performance of their 76-52 win over 5-2 Winfield prior to the holiday break.

In the middle school gym, (2) Elsberry will face (7) Wright City. The Lady Indians are 4-4 as of this writing and looking to build momentum at the Peoples Bank and Trust Shootout just prior to the Clopton tourney. They'll face an evenly matched 4-4 Wright City at 1 p.m.

with (6) Louisiana. The Lady Bulldogs are 3-6 for the season after facing some tough teams early in the season and taking a loss against North Point at the PB&T Shootout. They look to bounce back against the 2-6 Lady Pan-

The boys' games immediately follow the ladies on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

In the high school gym, top-seeded home team Clopton goes up against (8) Mark Twain at 4 p.m. The Hawks are looking like a solid contender to reclaim the championship title this year. They're going into the tournament with a three-game winning streak and a 6-2 record as of this writing.

Following that game, (4) Louisiana takes on (5) Wright City. The 2-7 Bulldogs will be looking to break a sixgame losing streak against the 5-4 Wright City with the game scheduled to start at

(2) Monroe City will square off against (7) Silex at 4 p.m. Silex goes into the tourna-

(3) Monroe City squaring off tough first round against the 6-3 Panthers.

That game is followed by (3) Winfield battling (6) Elsberry. Elsberry claimed last year's championship hard-ware and will be looking to turn around 3-8 season starting with a win at the PB&T shootout over New Haven. The Indians will face the 4-5 Winfield Warriors starting at 5:30 p.m.

The girls semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 in the high school and middle school gyms respectively with games scheduled for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The consolation game will take place on Friday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m., the third-place game following at 6:30 p.m., and the championship at 8 p.m.

The boys semifinals will be on Thursday, Jan. 4 in the high school and middle school gyms with games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Their championship games will be played on Saturday, Jan. 6. The consolation game starts In the middle school gym, at 1 p.m., the third-place) Monroe City will square game will take place at 2:30 p.m. and the championship will be played at 4 p.m.

Gov. Parson Appoints Rothermich As Associate Circuit Judge

Last week, Governor Mike Parson announced he has appointed Abbie Rothermich as Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit.

Rothermich, of Kansas City, is an assistant attorney general in the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

She holds bachelors of arts in classics and English from Truman State University-Kirksville and a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of the Honorable Jessica Agnelly Krawczyk as Circuit

Rothermich was valedictorian of the class of 2003 at Van-Far High School and is the daughter of Kerry and Connie Hesse of Farber.



Among The Last

Pike County Man Outlives Most Civil War Vets

By Brent Engel **Contributing Writer**

whiskey, chewing tobacco and good conversation. A Pike County native who

left the Confederate army due to illness ended up living longer than any of his Missouri comrades – and just about everyone else who fought in the Civil War.

John Thomas Graves was born at what is now Eolia on New Year's Day 1842. The last of the state's rebels, he died of heart failure at age 108 on May 9, 1950.

The Graves family was one of many in the Prairieville neighborhood with Southern sympathies. His Virginia-born father, James, was a miner, farmer and tobacco plantation over-

Graves joined a Confederate room of another veteran's company commanded by Harvard-educated John Bullock Clark Jr., the son of a U.S. Congressman. He and other soldiers joined Gen. Sterling Price for a huge battle at Lexington in September 1861

For Graves, the Confedere victory was short-lived. e was discharged for unturn thor Richard A. Serrano. ate victory was short-lived. He loved the ladies, He was discharged for unspecified medical reasons in January 1862.

> would work as a farmer, store owner and construction contractor in addition to owning mines in the West. He and his wife, Addie Ann Ray Graves, had two sons. Five years after Addie died

> in 1924, Graves applied for residency at the Confederate Soldiers Home of Missouri, which opened through donations in 1891 at Higginsville.

> The application was denied because Graves' income was too high, but he finally was accepted in 1933.

Women who visited were told to be on the lookout because Graves would plant a kiss on their cheeks if he got a chance. Staff once caught a At the outset of war, 102-year-old Graves in the widow.

> Though toothless late in life, he remained nimble and energetic until almost the end.

Birthdays were festive affairs. He took a bit of cake and ice cream, but did not let it

spoil his daily round of eight

Upon his death, Graves was buried in the home's Over the years, Graves cemetery with more than 800 other soldiers and family members. The house was torn down, but the grounds were established in 1952 as the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

Pleasant Crump of Alabama is the last verifiable Confederate veteran. He died at 104 on Dec. 31, 1951. Albert Woolson of Minnesota, who passed at 106 on Aug. 2, 1956, is the last Union Army

Graves had followed America's progress intently during World War II. He was particularly interested in the atomic bomb, which he called "the devil's instrument."

Having participated in the nation's most deadly war, the veteran had some advice.

"The best thing that all nations can do today is to let well enough alone to keep peace," he said shortly before his last birthday.



Basye Portrait Donation

Don Hamilton and Bowling Green Mayor Jim Arico are pictured presenting a John Basye portrait to superintendent Matt Fredrickson for the new school library addition during the November board of edu-



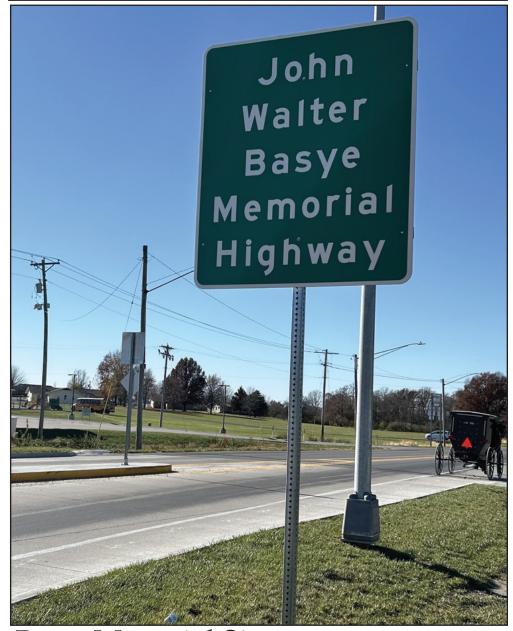
A Ringing Success

The Pike County Christmas bell-ringing campaign sponsored by the Salvation Army, NECAC, Bowling Green Walmart and Louisiana County Market raised almost \$12,000 between Nov. 24 and Dec. 24. Pictured is NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon ringing at Walmart. Local organizations and individuals provided additional ringing. Eighty-five percent of the money – a little over \$10,000 – will stay in Pike County to help the disadvantaged.



Record-Breaker

NECAC Public Relations Officer Brent Engel broke his personal record of ringing for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Engel put in 28 hours during the month-long campaign, up from 25 hours a few years ago. Milder weather helped, although Engel did ring on days when it was cold and rainy. He and other volunteers helped bring in almost \$12,000 in donations.



Basye Memorial Signs

For the past month a John Basye memorial highway sign is now up near the court street/161 round-about and one is also up near the city limits sign by the airport. Don Hamilton commented that they were not the two legged horizontal signs that the Bicentennial paid for and were promised by the state, that Chad Perkins showed at the Bicentennial opening, but at least we have something to remember John Basye. Thanks again to the Bicentennial committee and Representative Chad Perkins for pushing through with the project. It took nearly two years working with the state highway department to compete the entire project .

COMMUNITY NEWS



Debbie Marshall

January Library **Book Review**

DROWNING: THE RESCUE OF FLIGHT 1421 BY T. J. NEWMAN REVIEWED BY DEBBIE MARSHALL, CIRCULATION Assistant, Vandalia BRANCH LIBRARY

Just minutes after takeoff. Flight 1421 crashes into the Pacific Ocean. While the flight attendants are getting the emergency exits open, passengers panic. In their hurry to reach the exits, they end up shoving a flight attendant out of the plane! One of the engines explodes while they are evacuating causing 12 passengers to close the doors of the plane hoping they can make it airtight so it will float; but it sinks anyway. Now it is up to the rescue team to find a way to save the passengers.

This is the story of the passengers trapped in the plane, and the rescue crew trying to save them. You learn to love and hate some of the characters, cheer and cry. The story was exciting; in some parts, characters do use foul language.



Lindsey Eick THE UPSIDE OF FALLING BY ALEX LIGHT REVIEWED BY LINDSEY EICK, CATALOGER, MEX-ICO-AUDRAIN COUNTY LI-

BRARY DISTRICT Becca Hart has not believed in true love in a very long time. When her former best friend teases her for not having a boyfriend, she impulsively pretends she has been secretly seeing someone. While in the midst of her lie, Brett Wells, captain of the football team and one of the most popular people in school, overhears her and decides to step in as Becca's mystery man. This seems to be the perfect solution for both of them: he gets people off his back for not having a meaningful relationship and she can keep up the deception that she has a boyfriend.

What they both did not count on was how difficult it would be portraying the perfect couple, especially when they barely know each other. But with Becca still dealing with her faith in love years after her parents' divorce and Brett dealing with the current destruction of his parents' own relationship, they may have more in common than they both realize. As this "fake relationship" begins to pave way to a real relationship, Becca and Brett must question if they want to pursue true love and leave the lies and deception behind or make a clean break of one another.

This book is perfect for teens that love a feel-good romance with a happy ending. This book is perfect for grades 9-12 and for fans of Jenny Han.

WE **WELCOME** YOUR LOCAL

Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Holds December Meeting

Post 2173 met on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The November meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Correspondence included a letter from the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., requesting donations towards their Centennial projects fund and thank you letters from Missouri Veterans' Home, Mexico, Assistance League for donations to bingo games and to the Adopt-a-Veteran program for Robert Clithero, Kenneth Mc-Donald, Harley Bagley and Bill Ehrlich.

Treasurer Judy Hull reported that veterans at the local Baptist Home were receiving Christmas gifts as well as the Missouri Veterans' Home local residents. The veterans at the Baptist Home are Ralph Dillard, Ron Hickerson, and Bob Stockland. Joy Davis presented cut flower arrangements in seasonal holders for Auxiliary members Vivian Davis and Donna DeTienne at Baptist Home, Leona Goodman at

The Auxiliary to VFW Teal Lake Assisted Living in Mexico, and Katherine Stewart at her home.

During the business meeting Joy Davis moved that a \$25 donation be sent to the VFW National Home for their Centennial Fund. Lionel Shaw seconded the motion that passed. A revision to the Standing Rule #7 was moved by Joy Davis and seconded by Judy Hull. The revised Standing Rule passed unanimously. Rule #7 now reads, "In September the treasurer will send to the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico and to local care facilities \$60 per year per veteran for the Adopt-a-Veteran Program."

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adiourned at 7:30 p.m.

The five members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Lionel Shaw and Victoria Shaw.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to

highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northeast Missouri region for the next few weeks.

All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at http://traveler.modot.org/map/.

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Public Auction

Saturday, Jan. 6 - 10 a.m.

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Lot 2 - 716 W. Love St., Mexico, MO 65265. Located directly behind Lot 1. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Living Room and Dining Room with a detached garage and 1 outbuilding. Lot 3 - consists of both lots 1 & 2.

Guns: H&R 922 Revolver, Ruger Single 6 .22, 1960 New Army 44cal, H&R 22 Revolver, Darringer

Household: Pig Cookie Jars, Banks, & Pitchers (Smiley & Shawnee), 2 China Cabinets FULL of Fenton Glass plus more, Steuben Glass, Coke Trays, A&W Mugs, Star X Coca-Cola bottle opener still in box, Roseville, Glass paperweights, Oak China Cabinet, Curio Cabinets and more!

Coins: Morgan dollars, 1882 CC Morgan UC, 1922 \$20 Gold Piece, 1905 S \$20 Liberty Gold Coin, Patriots v Sea Hawks 2015 Gold Coin, A Lot of Silver Rounds, Silver Bars, Silver Coins, Kennedy Halves, Franklin Halves, Eisenhower Dollars, Mercury Dimes and much more! Proof sets and Mint Sets. List will be on website. Washington Silver Qtrs. Collectors Set, North Am Legends Bucks and Bulls Silver coin collections.

Mexico, MO Memorabilia: AP Green collectibles, 1948 MU Championship Bracelet, Lots of Coca-Cola bottles, Milk Bottles, RC bottles, AP Green mini bricks, Kaiser Refractories mini bricks, and much more not listed.

Auctioneer's Note: Arthur & Janice collected an array of items and Arthur was a very avid collector of Mexico, MO memorabilia, coins & currency.

Owners: Janice & the late Arthur Allen Bill Allen Auction Service - 573-470-6565

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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.

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From The Mayor's Desk...

As we usher in a new year filled with promise and possibilities, on behalf of the City of Bowling Green and its Mayor, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for being an integral part of our City in 2023. You fostered working together, a drive for positive change, and advocating for the betterment of Bowling Green.

JIM ARICO, IVIATOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN Together, we have accom-



plished beautification, better roads, more special events and activities, updating, and

replacing water and sewer lines, and upgrading and expanding our Municipal Airport as part of many new and expanded businesses. Together, we have experienced growth and progress in "Show Me the Potential of Bowling

The number three most surveyed challenge for U. S. City Mayors is ECONOMIC DEVEL-OPMENT. I've written in the last two weeks that the National League of Cities surveyed mayors across America in all sizes of cities, towns, and villages where the number one and two major spending points were INFRASTRUCTURE-#1 and SAFETY -#2. Economic Development especially for smaller towns "is a vital component of urban planning and policy making." (NLC). Higher wages for retaining workers, recruiting, benefits and other amenities, plus a smaller work force, have hindered small rural towns in seeking new producers and manufacturers. Yet, many producers and manufacturers are moving out of bigger cities where taxes are higher, greater crime and destruction rates,

while looking to an area that has a greater work ethic in small town America, looking for progressive areas where transportation, recreation, housing, and traditional American values are being upheld, and opportunities for all ethnic groups are welcomed. (This part describes Bowling Green, correct!). Job production, thanks to Bowling Green businesses, contractors, investors, farmers, ranchers, and entrepreneurs have invested back into our community.

Thank You! Amazingly, National League of Cities states, "parks and recreation facilities and their programs are a wise strategy for fostering economic growth and competitiveness in a city." "People will move into your city if they offer health and wellness plus parks and recreation opportunities." This is a challenge for us, Bowling Green, to invest and build a recreational facility(s) that reach the needs of children, youth, families, young adults, senior citizens, individuals of all ages.

National, State, and local governments are often compelled to innovate/build/expand out of necessity. Limited budgets, staffing, hiring specialist-like grant writers-simply are not in the scope or risk-taking for small towns. So, who motivates our cities to think creatively and propel our small towns beyond mediocracy? It's our mayors, city administrators, city councils, and local citizens! It takes a village! It only takes one person to have an idea and the initiative to share it with others that will support and push for adoption. It only takes a neighborhood group to ignite a city for betterment.

Have a very joyous New Year!

State Awards More Than \$7.9 Million In ARPA Funding To Expand Cell Service The Department of Eco- towers built statewide.

nomic Development (DED) announced today that it has awarded a total of more than \$7.9 million through the second round of the Cell Towers Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to 14 projects to construct new towers that provide quality cellular service and greater 911 connectivity to high-cost areas. The program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is focused on investing in the expansion of cellular service statewide.

"This second round of funding awarded through the Cell Towers Grant Program will further promote economic growth and public safety statewide," said Governor Mike Parson "As we continue to improve Missouri's critical infrastructure, including cellular service, we appreciate the efforts of the Office of Broadband Development. As a result of this program, thousands of locations lacking adequate coverage will now receive quality, reliable cellular connectivity.'

Projects receiving funds through the Cell Towers Grant Program's second round are expected to serve more than 18,000 high-need locations that previously lacked quality cellular service. The program, administered by DED's Office of Broadband Development, was launched in May 2023 and awarded competitive grants to applicants who also contributed private funding in addition to grant funds. Each project awarded through this round will result in the construction of one cellular tower, for a total of 14 new

"Cellular connectivity is a must-have in today's economy, and we're grateful to help deliver this necessity to areas needing it most," said Michelle Hataway, Acting Director of the Department of Development. Economic

"Thanks to partnerships with providers statewide, this grant program is helping Missourians prosper by ensuring that more businesses, communities, and families can get con-

DED opened the second round of funding through the Cell Towers Grant Program on October 20, 2023. The entirety of the \$20 million appropriated by Governor Parson and the General Assembly has now been awarded to eligible providers and tower owners for the construction of new towers.

"We're thrilled to have awarded all of the \$20 million available through the Cell Towers Grant Program," said BJ Tanksley, Director of the Office of Broadband Development. "While there remains plenty of work to be done, today's announcement is a major step forward in enhancing cellular coverage to the hardest-to-serve areas of our state. Our team is as committed as ever to ensuring we build on progress made and meet our goal of connecting all Missourians.

Details on recipients of the Cell Towers Grant Program -Round 2 are available here.

To learn more about DED's ARPA-funded grant programs,

ded.mo.gov/arpa.
About the Office of Broad-

band Development

Development (OBD) is focused on addressing broadavailability non-infrastructure barriers to full participation in the digital economy in Missouri by working with providers, communities, and stakeholders to expand and accelerate broadband deployment across the state. OBD's Connecting All Missourians initiative includes an extensive public engagement process to inform plans for programs funded by the Digital Equity Act (DEA)

ment, and Jobs Act (IIJA). To learn more about the Office of Broadband Development or its programs and initiatives, visit DED's web-

and the Broadband Equity,

Access, and Deployment

(BEAD) program, both part

of the Infrastructure, Invest-

About the Missouri Department of Economic Devel-

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) works to create an environment that encourages economic growth by supporting Missouri's businesses and diverse industries, strengthening our communities, developing a talented and skilled workforce, and maintaining a high quality of life. As one team built around the customer and driven by data, DED aspires to be the best economic development department in the Midwest. Through its various initiatives, DED is helping create opportunities for Missourians to prosper.

For the latest updates on DED's current or future programs and initiatives, visit DED's website.

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Community Calendar...

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324-6111 or e-mail to: peoplestribune@sbcglobal.net

On Jan. 11: Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce 52nd annual awards banquet will be held at the Pike County Fairgrounds. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. All are invited to join us for our annual celebration, including the recognition of many through the Citizen of the Year and Best of Bowling Green awards, a silent auction, installation of board members, and more. Drawing of the "Fill the Freezer" raffle winner that night, too. Music by Michael Moore. Dinner by Karen's Catering. Tickets for the banquet available online or through Sarrah at the Chamber office, 573-324-3733. Raffle tickets available from any board member, online, or through the office. Please note there is no regular January member meeting.

Learn Where To See Bald Eagles In Missouri

wild is always a head-turning occurrence. Bald eagles can be seen across Missouri in winter, but some locations have better eagle-viewing prospects than others.

People wanting to learn more about where to see bald eagles in Missouri at this time of year should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Where Can I – See Bald Eagles." This free virtual program will be Jan. 10 from noon-12:30 p.m. The program is being put on by the staff of MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center in Joplin. It is part of the Shoal Creek staff's "Where Can I?" series of programs, which will be held the second Wednesday of each month. The Jan. 10 program is open to all ages. People can register at: https://mdc-event-

Seeing a bald eagle in the web.s3licensing.com/Event/E

ventDetails/196578 At this program, MDC Administrative Assistant Tim Smith will have information about bald eagles and will also discuss where you can see them in Missouri during winter.

MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center is located at 201 W. Riviera Drive. People can stay informed about upcoming virtual and in-person programs at the Shoal Creek Center by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. They can sign up for Shoal Creek Center text alerts by calling 417-629-3434.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.



Bringing History To Life Mia Hobson of Bowling Green works with Gordon Sanders of

KJFM-WBBA Radio on the January "History Lives" segments, which will air throughout the month. Topics include the birth of Zebulon Montgomery Pike, the founding of Pike County, III., the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Pike County loyalty oath case, the book "Poems All the Way From Pike" and a codger who thought Curryville would be better as a potato patch than a town. The segments are sponsored by the radio station and the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

Gard Of Thanks

We would like to thank family and friends for the outpouring of love we have received during our time of sorrow.

Special thanks to the St. Clement Ladies Sodality for the delicious meal they served and to everyone who provided food we are deeply grateful.

Thanks to Fr. Dan Merz for the beautiful funeral service and to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home for their services. Also thanks to everyone for the flowers, food, Masses, cards, calls and prayers.

The Family Cf **Betty Bybee Ed Bybee**

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Robert Marion 'Bob' Schaffer

Funeral service for Robert Marion "Bob" Schaffer, 84, of Center were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Center Baptist Church with pastor Kaleb Mosley officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the Center Cemetery.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bienhoff Funeral Home.

Mr. Schaffer died Fridav. Dec. 22, 2023 at Salt River Community Care in Shelbina.

Robert was born Jan. 25, 1939 in Center, the son of Marion Edward and Grace Francis Griffin Schaffer. He married Wanda Jean Maxey on Nov. 17, 1973 in Monroe City. She preceded him in death on April 4, 2017.

Survivors include one son, Ronald Davis and wife, Lori of Shelbina; a daughter, Karen Simmons of Shelbina; one sister, Donna Caldwell; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by one son, Rick Davis; two daughters, Sylvia Treasure and Sharron Miles; two sons-in-law, Jack Treasure and Jerry Simmons; two siblings, Earl Schaffer and Marilynn Harrison; and one great-granddaughter, Amber

Mr. Schaffer was a lifetime area resident and Christian by faith. He was a farmer and took great pride in farming his land. He enjoyed collecting Indian artifacts but most of all he enjoyed his time spent with family and doing all he could to spoil them.

Pallbearers were Josh Simmons, Joshua Davis, Jerry Miles Jr., Jason Miles, Joey Miles, and Jon Miles. Honorary pallbearers were Troy Treasure, Tod Hays, Cara Foster, Kim Davis, Tina Bissell, Helen Treasure, Taesiah Miles, and Treasure Miles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center Cemetery, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 427 Perry, MO 63462.

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

Margaret H. Hartle

Margaret H. Hartle, 54, of Curryville died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 at BJC Hospital in She was born March 14,

1969 in Whitefish, Mont., to Loyd and Linda L. Plummer Anderson. Margaret was married to Kenneth Mark Hartle. Private service to be held at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to sign our online guest registry at: www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

Richard Bevans

Richard Bevans, 53, of Bowling Green died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at SLU Hospital in St. Louis.

Services are private. Friends and family are invited to visit McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home & Crematory on-line guest register to sign the register book.

Matthew Stewart

The Celebration of Life service for Matthew Stewart, who was recently shot and killed in Vandalia, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 4

The service will be held at the Beacon of Hope Church, 201 N Jefferson, Vandalia.

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James 'Kenny' Wombles

James "Kenny" Wombles, 97, of Louisiana and formerly of Pleasant Hill, Ill., died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Kenny was born at home Sept. 10, 1926 in the river bottoms near Rockport, Ill. He was the first born and only son born to James Henry and Maleta Fay Reeder Wombles. He married Doris L. Franklin on July 31, 1950 in Pocahontas, Ark. Doris preceded him in death on March 15, 2007.

Kenny was a retired home builder and also worked on commercial buildings, bridges and dams. He was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman. Kenny entered the Army and later the newly formed Air Force. He served on a Navy ship off of Korea's shores during WWII and particularly enjoyed being stationed in Alaska...

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela Kay Wombles Murr and husband, Charles of Pickwick Dam, Tenn.; a son, Timothy Kenneth Wombles of Orlando, Fla., and is currently working in Saudi Arabia. Kenny and Doris have nine grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren; a sister, Myrna Susan Wombles Sidwell and husband, James resides in Louisiana. Kenny has numerous nieces, nephews and cousins throughout four generations, he felt his family members were his friends. He was beloved by many. He felt everyone should be blessed to have a cousin for their friend, A.J. "Allie Jim" Womble s Penny wife, Clarksville.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Doris and a sister, Audrey Jane Wombles Holcomb and husband, Robert.

It was Kenny's wish to be cremated and inurned along side of Doris. A celebration of life service is being planned for Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crescent Heights Cemetery Association or to the Pleasant Hill American Legion Post 1048 and mailed to Lummis Funeral Home, P.O. Box 247, Pleasant Hill, IL., 62366.

Service times will be published at a later date.

Lummis Funeral Home in Pleasant Hill, Ill., is handling the arrangements.



Lybarger Keithley

Pauline Lybarger Keithley, 94, of Bowling Green entered into her next life on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, in Bowl-

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday at Myers Funeral Home in Middletown. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery, Middle-

Visitation will be from 12-2 pm., to service time at the funeral home.

Pauline was born Oct. 18, 1929, in Ashley. She was the daughter of James Albert and Gertrude Hickman Lovelace. On June 8, 1947, in Bowling Green, she married Henry Ford Lybarger. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1993. She then married Paul S. Keithley on July 1, 1995, in Louisiana. He preceded her in death on July 24, 2000.

In her younger days Pauline worked at the garment factories in Vandalia and Wellsville. She had worked at Gamma Road Nursing Home and was once named employee of the month. She later was a homemaker and she loved to shop anywhere and everywhere. She was a collector of everything. She was a member of the Cowboy and Farmer-Church

Farmerettes Club of Farmer. Pauline was a very active person, she always had 'places to go and people to see". She loved to travel, and had been on several mission trips, in and out of the country with her sister, Susie and

spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by one son, Paul Alan Lybarger, of Bowling Green; one daughter-inlaw, Dina Lybarger of Russellville; five grandchildren, Kyle Lybarger and wife, Dawn of Bowling Green, Tara Horton and husband, DJ of Bowling Green, Cody Lybarger and wife, Lacey of Mexico, Joshua Oligschlaeger of Middletown, and Destiny Cook and husband, Jeremy, of Centertown; six great-grandchildren, Daylyn, Austin, Kale, Ryan, Jackson, and Carter; one great-great-grandchild, Paisley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; one son, David Lybarger; three sisters, Claudine Lybarger, who was her twin, Virginia Berger, and Velma Sue Leverett; and three brothers-in-

Memorials may be given to the Middletown Cemetery Association. They may be sent c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 E. Bates Street, Wellsville, MO 63384.

Condolences may be given at myersfuneralhome.biz.

Patricia 'Pat' Marie Hobson

Patricia "Pat" Marie Hobson, 59, of Troy died Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at Evelyn's House in St. Louis.

Per her request, services were private.

She was born June 27, 1964, in Carollton, Ill., the child of Daniel and Marie Wick Vititoe. After attending the local schools, she began working for several different government offices. Pat was a people person and never met a stranger. She was a hard worker and always gave 100 percent. Pat enjoyed time spent with family, especially her precious grandchildren. She will be remembered lovingly by all those who knew

Pat is survived by a son, Codi Hobson of Bowling Green; her previous daughterin-law, whom she remained very close to, Julie Mack of Bowling Green; and her six grandchildren, beloved Johnathin, Mia, Codi Jr., Emmalia, Theodore, and Maxwell; a brother, Steve Vititoe and wife, Elizabeth of Punta Gorda, Fla., and a sister, Pam Landon and husband, Jim of Mentone, Ind.; as well as many other relatives and

Friends and family are invited to visit our website at mccoyblossomfh.com to sign the on-line guest register.

Sherry Lee Cecil

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

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

Private services to be held. Memorials may be made to McCov-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 701 N. Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Fannie McCormick Fannie McCormick, 84, of

Louisiana died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

She was born Sept. 21, 1939 in Hardin, Ill., to her parents, Arthur and Lauramae

She is survived by a daughter, Lettishia Burchfield; one son, Dennis McCormick; four sisters; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Mccormick, a son, Robert Mccormick, one granddaughter, and 10 sib-

She was loved and will be missed.

Ronald Allen

Ronald Allen Oberman, 55, of New Hartford died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 at his home.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling

Ronald was born June 29, 1968 in Louisiana to Howard Vance and Ina Pauline Sullivan Oberman. He was united in marriage to Susan Marie niece, Debbie. She enjoyed Bird in April 1994 in Troy.

Also surviving are a son, William Oberman and wife, Stephanie; two grandsons, Jaxson and Jayson Oberman; a brother, Gary Oberman and wife, Mary; sisters, Patricia Stubbs and husband, Skip, and Sheryl McNiff and husband, Jim; and several nieces and nephews.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents.

Ronald grew up and lived most of his life in the New Hartford and Curryville area. After spending 20 years doing carpentry work, Ronald found his true calling in cattle farm-

He also enjoyed deer hunting, mushroom hunting, and a good glass of whiskey. His favorite pastime was picking on his grandkids.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.



Eugene 'Gene' Bernard Capstick

Eugene "Gene" Bernard Capstick was born on Nov. 7, 1942, in the city of St. Louis, the son of Elmer Baptiste and Bernadine Marie Abbeg Cap-

He passed from this life on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at his residence in Bowling Green-Cyrene at the age of 81.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green, with Bro. Joe Miller and Bro. Stan Henderson officiating. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-8 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m., until time of service at the funeral home.

Gene served in the United States Navy; two years active and four years inactive, on the USS Enterprise, which was the first nuclear aircraft carrier. He was a member of the Bowling Green Chapter of the Gene worked for General

She was preceded in death Motors for 35 years at the Corvette and truck plants in St. Louis, and the assembly center in Wentzville. After retirement he worked 17 years at Super 8 Motel in Bowling Green.

Gene married LaRae S. Claxton on May 27, 1967. They made their home in St. Charles for 15 years before moving to Pike County in 1980.

He is survived by his wife, LaRae; one daughter, Christine Genette Rutherford and husband, Joseph; and sons, Mark Eugene Capstick and wife, Amy Elizabeth, and Brian Raymond Capstick and wife, Sarah Marie.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Courtney LaRae Rutherford, MaKenzie Ann Rutherford, Ashley Nicole Capstick, Kelsey Lynn Capstick, Olivia Danielle Capstick, Matthew Mark Capstick, Austin Brian Capstick, Hunter Aiden Capstick, Madelyn Sky Capstick, and Lance Glascock, who is currently serving in South Korea; great-grandchildren, Kooper Wayne Cornelius, Kylie Louise Cornelius, Easton James Ostermann, Kynlee Joe Myers, and Keagan James Myers; a brother, John Michael Capstick of Illinois He was preceded in death

by his parents, Elmer Baptiste and Bernadine Marie Abbeg Capstick, and a brother, Elmer B. "Al" Capstick, Jr.

Pallbearers were Brian Capstick, Mark Capstick, Joe Heenan, Joe Rutherford, Wayne McNail, Scott Bair, and Matthew Capstick. Honorary pallbearers were Lance Glascock, Austin Capstick, Hunter Capstick, Kooper Cornelius, Marshall Suddarth, Terry Grote, John Capstick, and Tony Busalachi.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or the Community Loving Care Hospice.

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Ashlee Frances Beshears

Ashlee Frances Beshears, 44, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 in Bowling Green.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 from 1-5 p.m., at the Outer Road Event Center in Frankford.

She was born Sept. 14, 1979 in Hannibal to Janice and Wayne Beshears.

If you knew Ashlee, you knew she loved her family and friends fiercely. She was always the one to send out birthday and Christmas cards. She was a caring, thoughtful person with the sweetest soul.

Ashlee is survived by her beautiful daughter, Keagann Beshears and husband, Jayden of Wellsville; her mother, Janice Beshears of Wellsville; and her father, Wayne Beshears of Frankford. Also, Wayne a brother, Albert Beshears and wife, Jennifer, Reid Beshears, and Ouinlen Minor of Hallsville; and a sister Kristen Hampton and husband, Wade and Averee Hampton of Mexico; significant other, Mark Bair and children of Bowling Green; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Francis and Helen Beshears, Jim and Helen Pratt, and Albert McMillen; and her aunt, Judy Winner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Keagann Beshears Educational Fund



Opal Mary Elde

Opal Mary Elder, 97, of Florissant died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 at the Life Care Center of Bridgeton.

Funeral services for Opal were Saturday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Saturday from 10-11 a.m., at the funeral

Opal was born July 24, 1926 in Ashley to Herman and Sally Parsons Bell. She was united in marriage to Glen Elder in Ashley. He preceded her in death.

Opal grew up in Ashley and attended Ashley Elementary School. She attended high school at Louisiana High School. Following graduation, Opal went to work. She had worked as a seamstress at Bridal Originals and Bobbie Brooks, and also worked at

the shoe factory in Hannibal. Opal enjoyed sewing, cooking, and shopping. She had volunteered in the kitchen at the High Rise. Opal at-

tended White Rose Baptist Church, and was very active in the church. Opal is survived by a

daughter, Carolyn Bland of Florissant; along with many grandchildren, great-grand-children, and great-greatgrandchildren, as well as a sister, Shirley Willis of Bowling Green; and many nieces, nephews, and extended fam-

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sons, Marvin Elder and Carl Bell Sr.

Memorials may be made to White Rose Baptist Church. Online condolences may

be made at www.bibbveach.



Genevieve Turpin

Genevieve Turpin Parker died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 at the tender age of 95 years, 11 months.

She was born Jan. 15, 1928 in Cyrene to Kinza and Mable Berry Turpin, the third born of eight children. They lived in a three-room house without indoor plumbing or electricity until she was 16 and her dad bought a much bigger house.

Genevieve was very eager to leave farm life behind and upon graduating high school, she moved to St. Louis where she shared an apartment with another Pike County girl. She worked in a bank, beginning her lifetime career as a bookkeeper.

She met her future husband at the Arena skating rink near Forest Park. After a whirlwind courtship, she married her airman, Buron Parker, on Jan. 15, 1948 at Antioch Church in Cyrene. They moved to Newburgh, N.Y., where Buron was then stationed. Following his discharge, they moved back to Missouri.

Two daughters were born to them, Jeanette Faye on April 15, 1949 and Linda Louise on June 16, 1953

They lived in St. Louis until their retirement in 1990 when they moved to Foley, Ala., Buron's boyhood home town. They were very active in their community and church. They enjoyed gardening, playing cards, visiting with family and friends. Genevieve was an accomplished seamstress, served as the church treasurer and volunteered many hours helping with various church projects and groups. She was always quick to help someone in need.

She is pre-deceased in death by her beloved husband, Buron L. Parker, her parents, brothers, R.B. Turpin, Glen Turpin, Carl Turpin, Robert Turpin, and a sister, Doris Jean Turpin.

She is survived by a brother, Jimmie Turpin and wife, Helen and sister Louise See OBITUARIES on page 5

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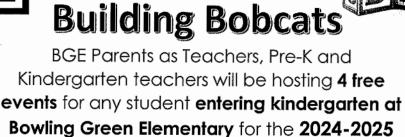
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