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Van-Far Announces Dr. Gibson As New Superintendent

By Brice Chandler **Editor**

Last week on Jan. 18, the Van-Far R-I School District Board of Education announced that Dr. Natalie Gibson has been selected as the new superintendent for the Van-Far R-I School District.

Gibson currently serves as the High School Principal with the Van-Far R-I School District where she has been employed since 2023.

In addition to the Van-Far, Gibson has previous leadership experience in the Ralls County R-II and Community R-VI School Districts. Gibson has an admirable record of working to improve stustaff/community engagement. district, one where people

"The District is looking forward to Dr. Gibson continuing the excellence of the district and to welcome her into this important leadership po-sition," School Board President, Justin Hopke stated in the release. "Dr. Gibson was selected from a strong list of candidates, and she was deemed to be highly qualified and an excellent match for the current and future needs of the system.'

"I am deeply humbled to accept the role as Superintendent of the Van-Far R-I School District," Dr. Gibson said in the press release. "As a lifelong member of this community, my goal is to dent achievement, and strong make our district a destination 6111.

want to raise their families and be proud to support and teachers want to grow and serve. The Van-Far District has so much to be proud of and I want to work to remind our communities of the greatness it has and make traction towards the next generation of greatness that is to come."

Dr. Gibson will start her official duties on July 1, 2024. The search for a new High School Principal will commence shortly.

The Van-Far R1 School District serves 570 students. For more information, please contact John Fortney, Superintendent at (573)594-

99th Annual Bowling Green Invitational Begins Today off against (6) Winfield start-**By Brice Chandler**

Editor

The 99th Annual Bowling Green Invitational Basketball Tournament looks to heat up the hardwood this week.

The girls' bracket was slated to start on Monday, Jan. 22, but icy road conditions forced the school district to reschedule. The girls games will now take place on Tuesday, Jan 23 along with the boys games.

Look for the top-seeded Clopton Lady Hawks to play (8) Van-Far in the high school gym at 4 pm. The home team Lady Cats (7) take on (2) Elsberry in the high school gym at 6:40 pm.

The Clopton Ladies are looking like a strong contender for taking the championship with an 11-4 record as of this writing. Their last loss was to Monroe City at the Clopton tourney. They might find themselves up against a tough 10-6 North Callaway team this year.

The Lady Cats have struggled this year taking a couple of close losses, most recently against Montgomery City and a 39-32 loss to Van-Far. They will be looking to bounce back at their home court, but the Elsberry ladies are also looking like a potential competitor for the championship game with an 10-5 record. The Lady Indians have won their last four games, one of which was an exciting OT win over Silex at the Clopton

(3) North Callaway squares to end the night.

ing at 4 pm. The (4) Silex Lady Owls will face the (5) Lady Bulldogs at 6:40 pm.

The Lady Owls go into the tournament with a 5-7 record after their 50-48 loss to Elsberry. The Lady Bulldogs are 6-8 for the season after pulling off two back-to-back wins for the consolation hardware at Clopton, and a 38-30 loss against Elsberry.

The girls semifinals will continue as scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 24 with games at 5:30 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. The championship rounds will be on Friday Jan. 26 with the consolation starting at 4:30 p.m., the thirdplace game following at 5:50 p.m., and the championship at 7:15 p.m.

The boys opening round action will take place between the girls games begins also on Tuesday, Jan.23.

In the high school gym, top-seeded Van-Far goes up against (8) Silex at 5:20 p.m.

Van-Far goes into the tourney with a 11-3 record and the third-place hardware from the Tony Lenzini tournament. They're a strong contender for taking the championship along with district rival Clop-

The Silex Owls are having a rough season and will be looking to build some confidence in the tournament if they can manage to hold off Van-Far.

The four seeded Bobcats take on (5) North Callaway at In the middle school gym 8 pm in the high school gym

has also had challenging season. They look to find their stride as they move into the tournament with a 4-10 record as of this writing. They'll have a good opportunity to earn an opening win against the (3-12) Thunder-

In the middle school gym, (7) Louisiana will square off against (2) Winfield at 5:20 p.m. Louisiana has been having a tough season as well going into the tournament with a 2-10 record. They will face a tough 7-7 Winfield Warriors who suffered backto-back losses.

The last game of the night in the middle school gym will feature (3) Clopton battling (6) Elsberry at 8 p.m.

The Hawks are another strong contender for the championship hardware with a 12-4 record. They'll have their eye on Winfield for some redemption after taking second to the Warriors at their home tourney. Clopton has since blasted through four teams including a traditionally tough Troy Buchanan school.

The semifinals will be on Thursday, Jan. 25 in the middle and high school gyms respectively with games at 5:30 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.

The championship rounds will be played on Saturday, Jan. 27. The consolation game starts at 1 p.m., the third-place game will take place at 2:30 p.m. and the championship will be played

Kim Luebrecht Hired As Bowling Green Middle School Principal

By Brice Chandler **Editor**

According to a press release from the Bowling Green R-I School District, the Board of Education has announced Kim Luebrecht as the new middle school principal.

According to the announcement, Luebrecht has served the previous two years as the assistant principal at BGMS. Prior to that, she worked in the high school for nine years as a business teacher and the FBLA advisor. Before that, she was the our valuable teachers and tech director for another nine

When asked what her plans were for improving the school going forward, Mrs. Luebrecht said,

"We want to continue the successful trends over the last few years regarding student growth, both academically and socially. We have a positive climate and an amazing staff. These pieces are the bedrock of success that we have seen. I will do all that I can to ensure that we retain

continue to promote a healthy culture. Ultimately, our students are first and foremost in our minds and all of our efforts must be directed at helping them achieve greatness.'

Dr. Koogler and Luebrecht will continue to work closely to ensure a smooth transition.

Luebrecht will serve as assistant middle school principal until June 30. She will officially begin her duties as the building principal on July

Bulldog Quarterback Embarked On Tiki Bowl Adventure



Louisiana Bulldogs quarterback, Ethen Harrison showea off some of his moves in Honolulu, Hawaii while playing in the 2024 Tiki Bowl on Jan. 6. Picture provided by Molly Helms and the Tiki Bowl

By Brice Chandler **Editor**

Louisiana senior and Bulldog's quarterback, Ethen Harrison, had the opportunity of the lifetime at the end of the Christmas break—a chance at playing one more high school level game before setting his sights on his college career. Only this game was far from the cold Missouri temps.

Instead, Ethen along with his brother, Wyatt set off to Hawaii for the 2024 Tiki Bowl on Jan. 6.

The Tiki Bowl is renowned for featuring talented high school football players from across the nation.

"Our recruiting staff seeks out athletes that we feel have the potential to play college football," the organization wrote. "A large percentage of the athletes that are selected for invitations will play football at the collegiate level. We work directly with college coaches and the #1 National Recruiting Service to invite athletes who can compete in the Hawaii Tiki Bowl Senior All-Star game."

Many college coaches attend the event.

While at the 2024 Clopton Basketball tournament, Ethen took a moment to talk with the Tribune about the upcoming trip.

"Yeah, I'm pretty excited to be going and I get to go with my brother," he said. "My mom thought I'd have more fun going with him."

He first learned of his invitation to the Tiki Bowl this past summer but was skepti-

cal about the offer. "I didn't even know about the invitation until I was just scrolling through my emails and saw it," he explained. "I thought it might be fake or it might not, but I'm going to test it out to see if it's real."

The proof is in the results—a week in Hawaii and time on the field with high school athletes from around the country. But it took months of hard work to get there.

Ethen's journey to the Tiki Bowl was a community effort led by his mother, Molly Helms. "We were all really happy and very proud of Ethen for getting selected," Helms said, recalling the moment she learned of Ethen's invitation. The family embarked on a fundraising mission to cover the trip's expenses, with Helms working a second job and the community rallying in support.

Ethen's sister, Bethany, also helped out, spearheading the effort with a GoFundMe page, raffles, and flyers.

"The momma dawgs bianned a bake saie that raised over \$1,000," Helms added, highlighting the local football mothers' group's con-

The young athlete, recently signed to play for William Woods University's inaugural football season, shared his excitement and gratitude. "I feel like it took a lot of work to honestly get to go to this," Harrison said. "I'd just like to thank the community for helping me be able to do this.

"This was just something so special for Ethen," Helms added. "I was overwhelmed at the support we seen. I'm a single mother raising my boys and it's hard to find the extra funds for them to get to experience anything like this, so each step of the process was something I know Ethen will never forget and he will always be grateful for having that opportunity. He had never been out of Missouri or flown on a plane, so lots of first-time experiences for Ethen. We also managed to raise enough funds for his brother Wyatt to go with him as his travel companion."

Reflecting on the experience of getting her sons to Hawaii, Helms shared, "My fondest memory will have to be seeing my son playing in the Tiki Bowl, representing the Louisiana Bulldogs.'

Less than a month after returning from his trip, Ethen signed with William Woods University and will be part of the team's historical first sea-

"The addition of football at William Woods is a groundbreaking investment in our future," commented WWU President Dr. Jeremy Moreland. The university sees its new sports offerings, including men's football and women's flag football, as pivotal to its growth.

Ethen will be joined by familiar faces from the area, including fellow Bulldog, Alec Polston and Van-Far's Blake

Church Resurrects Community Meals

Contributing Writer

The little church that has a far-reaching reputation for nelping during times of struggle or need is doing so again. Clarksville United Methodist will host a free soup luncheon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. t's part of Eagle Days festiv-

Homemade chicken noodle and chili will be served. There will also be bread and desserts with coffee and hot chocolate. Free will contributions are welcome, and will be donated to the churchsponsored Girl Scouts troop. "A hot bowl of soup or

chili on a cold winter day is like a hug from the inside," said organizer Janie Busch. We look forward to welcomng everyone to come in out of the cold, warm up, relax and refresh."

The luncheon will be the COVID pandemic in 2020.

By Brent Engel Prior to that, the tiny congre-community by providing food gation had hosted fund-raising meals for Eagle Days, Applefest and Lent.

Proceeds were used for a variety of church projects, including restoration of the elegant stained glass windows featured on all four sides of the 117-year-old building at the corner of Highway 79 and Howard Street.

The basement kitchen has served as an informal community headquarters during frequent floods of the last 30 years. Volunteers from across America and even overseas could count on a place to get a bite to eat or take a break.

"Our church has a long history of feeding our community," Busch said. "Also, part of Christ's teachings in Acts 2 is to break bread together. The communal meal provides a great opportunity to get to know our neighbors better."

There has been a continuparish's first since the ous ministry, not only to the church family, but also to the

and relief during devastating floods, assistance for others in need, collections for the food pantry and participation with the Interchurch Council of Southern Pike County to provide assistance for others, said Church Member Linda Frank. "The church has provided a safe space and food for youth group meetings and activities and for vacation Bible school for children in the community."

This year's free luncheon is a way the church can thank the community for its support. With fewer than 15 people at Sunday services, the congregation could easily throw in the towel. But Busch is optimistic about the future of church endeavors, and is thankful that the backing has crossed denominational lines.

"To me, it's not important that people know our doctrine or dogma," she said. "They just need to know we love them."



Polston Signs With William Woods

Louisiana senior, Alec Polston signed his intent to continue his athletic and educational career with William Woods University on Jan. 18. Pictured l-r in seated are: Alec Polston and his father, Woodrow Polston. Second row: Tommy Fallert, Matt Smith, Julian Mendez, and Greg Pitzer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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sists of an essay contest open only to high school juniors who live and attend school in CREC's general service area, or who have CREC service to their homes. The 2024 essay theme is "My Favorite Cooperative Principle." Entry forms are available online at cuivre.com/youthtour. The deadline to enter is Friday, March 1, 2024.

Entries remain anonymous during preliminary judging by CREC staff. The 12 top-scoring essays are selected as finalists

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

I was very disappointed that no celebration, recognition, or ceremonies were held in Bowling Green to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If there was one person who stands out for improved race relations over the past decades, it was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I's important to remember those who have given their lives to make a better United States. It's important for us to remember his extraordinary legacy and champion his dream. He was a trailblazer against injustice and inequality. He had a dream for our nation where character trumps color and background and where opportunities to achieve one's own American Dream is possible. Chad Perkins and I discussed having some kind of recognition ceremony in 2025 to acknowledge the contribution of Dr. MLK, Jr.

Many thanks to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and the Bowling Green Times at the Awards Banquet last Thursday evening. It was a great evening with a wonderful turnout and recognition of Bowling Green businesses. Please welcome our new Bowing Green R1 School District superintendent, Nick Larson. As Mayor, I extend a hearty invitation to your family and you to become an integral part of our Bowling Green family and welcome you to the wonderful adventures of our growing and progressing city. We also take great civic pride in the quantum leaps our School has made in the lives of our children and families, educationally, socially, physically, academically, and emotionally in preparing our young people for a global society. See our local and county papers for more details. Well done Bowling Green School Board!

Thanks to Penny Dixon for making phone calls to various places in Bowling Green for Warming Centers. We certainly need these for emergency situations where heating systems have broken down, people are stranded off the highways, financial conditions are exasperated, and the list goes on. I will be contacting various places as well and will be asking for Cooling Centers for the Summer months and where overheating can be life-threatening. If you, your, business, or a facility where you work locally could be utilized, please contact me at City Hall or my cell number is 314-941-2277. Thank you for considering the needs and safety of others! That's what Bowling Green does!

Last week I wrote about the need for generosity if we are going to progress in securing people-related opportunities, it will require private monies. I wrote about recreational and social opportunities and needs for our youth, our young families, our senior adults and the physically challenged. I wrote about the need for generosity if these facilities are going to be realized. I must tell you that dreams require much labor! People are not always willing to pay the price and be in it for the long run. That's why many of our dreams are never achieved due to us not being willing to commit to the work and sacrifices it takes to fulfill our dreams. That's why it really does "take a village" to accomplish big ideas and dreams for a town. What are your thoughts?

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS PRESENTS HB 1769 To PROTECT RIGHTS OF FIREFIGHTERS WHILE ON DUTY

Rep. Perkins presented HB 1769 in the Committee on Public Safety today. On the importance of the bill, Rep. Perkins said, "Firefighters, along with our other first responders, put their lives on the line daily for communities throughout the state. It is time that we in the legislature provide them with commonsense protections while they are performing their official duties." Rep. Perkins continued, "I have heard from firefighters throughout the state on the need for this legislation and agree with them that this is an urgent issue. I am proud to stand with them and provide our firefighters and other first responders with consistent and uniform protections no matter where they operate in this state." Rep. Perkins is hopeful that this bipartisan legislation will move quickly through the General Assembly

this year.
Will Sheppard Joins the Office as an Intern this Session Rep. Perkins is happy to announce that Will will be helping out in the office this session. Will, and his family, are natives of Pike County and have an agricultural background. Will is studying agribusiness at Mizzou. Rep. Perkins believes having someone who is familiar with the district will be a great benefit to the office, and to his constituents.

Missouri House Continues Pushing Forward to Advance

Legislation Quickly Despite the ice and snow that landed across the state, members of the House returned to Jefferson City following the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to get to work on Tuesday with a flurry of activities. Two dozen House committees met in the third week of January, as more than two hundred bills have now been referred to committee. Here's a breakdown on some of Open Enrollment

One of the first bills set to potentially see action on the House floor will be legislation dealing with the issue of school choice and open enrollment. The Missouri House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education this week passed HB 1989, which would allow K-12 public schools to choose whether to let students from neignboring school districts enroll in their district. The Public School Open Enrollment Act, as it is called, aims

to enhance educational quality, increase parental involvement, provide access to programs and classes, and align curriculum options with personal beliefs. 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. The bill passed with a vote of 11-6 and now awaits referral, but could be sent to the House floor for perfection within the next week. Veterans' Suicide

The Missouri House Veterans Committee this week passed HB 1495, which aims to address the issue of veteran suicide. The bill seeks to involve the Missouri Veterans Commission in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Mental Health to develop recommendations and implement measures, programs, treatment options, and aid to prevent veteran suicide, subject to available funding. The discussion was prompted by a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs report, revealing an increase in veteran suicides nationwide. In 2021, 185 military veterans died by suicide in Missouri, with the state's veteran suicide rate surpassing the national average, as highlighted by a 2023 federal report. The bill sponsor emphasized the urgency of addressing the alarming trend of veteran suicides, and in response, the committee voted the bill out with a received "Do Pass by Consent" vote of 8-0.

Updating Election Practices in an Effort to Aid Election Authori-

HB 2140 is a piece of legislation that makes several modifications to streamline and update election-related provisions in an effort to aid local election authorities. Testifying in committee, the bill sponsor said that not every election authority has the same amount of money available, but they all are held to the same procedures statewide.

people "Times change, change, and more efficient ways to do business come about," the

the bills passed out of committee sponsor said. "We need to update the law to keep pace with the way our entities are doing business. We need to come into the century and allow this for our election authorities.'

Some key changes include updating laws and allowing the notification of elections via email. adjusting the timeline for filing a declaration of candidacy for certain offices, and permitting covered voters to vote at the election authority office on election day The bill also emphasizes the confidentiality of lists of absentee voters with permanent disabilities, extends the availability of provisional ballots to all public elections, and expands restrictions on electioneering activities to locations with in-person absentee voting. The legislation also introduces the offense of tampering with an election official, with varying degrees of severity based on the consequences of the prohibited activity.

Children and Families Committee Looks to Enhance Protections and Rights

In a recent session of the House Committee on Children and Families, members heard testimony on three bills seeking to address crucial aspects of child protection, legal rights, and welfare.

HB 1537 broadens the definition of "special victim" to encompass any staff member of the Division of Youth Services within the Department of Social Services who is assaulted while performing official duties or as a result of such duties.

Similar to HB 1034 from the 2023 legislative session, HB 1835 focuses on amending procedures related to child placement. It requires the Children's Division and foster care agencies to consider the religious faith alignment when placing a child, extending the current practice of placing a child with an individual or agency sharing the same religious faith as the child's parents.

HB 1950 seeks to transform the "Foster Care Bill of Rights" into the "Foster Youth Bill of Rights." Under this bill the Children's Division would be required to inform school-age foster children and their foster parents about grievance procedures and pursuing equitable relief. It outlines various rights, including a safe place, family communication, minimal disruptions in placements, belongings, educational stability, attendance in court hearings, privacy, contact with case managers, reporting violations without fear of retaliation, and timely permanency and case

MDC Reports Final Deer Harvest At Record

hunting season ended Jan. 15 with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reporting a preliminary recordsetting total deer harvest for the season of 326,026. This year's new harvest record surpasses the one set in 2006 of 325,457.

Of the deer harvested, 147,705 were antlered bucks, 29,060 were button bucks. and 149,261 were does. Top harvest counties for the overall deer season were Franklin with 7,395, Howell with 6,346, and Texas with 6,181.

Hunters harvested 299,719 deer during the 2022-2023 deer hunting season with 140,735 being antlered bucks, 27,028 being button bucks, and 131,956 being does.

Deer hunting ended with the close of the archery season. Preliminary data from MDC showed that hunters checked 55,396 deer during the 2023-2024 archery deer season. Top counties for the archery deer season were Jefferson with 1,440, Franklin with 1,194, and St. Louis with 1,022. Hunters checked 56,683 deer during the 2022-2023 archery deer season.

According to MDC, increasing deer numbers and regulation changes that added early antlerless a new firearms portion, a new

Missouri's 2023-2024 deer- chronic wasting disease (CWD) firearms portion, and an increase in the number of firearms antlerless deer hunting permits in most counties led to additional hunting opportunities and contributed to a record harvest.

> "With deer numbers increasing in most counties, additional antlerless harvest is needed to slow population growth and help maintain deer numbers at desired levels," said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. "It was great to see hunters take advantage of the additional hunting opportuni-

> According to MDC, this year was the first since 2013 that more does were harvested than antlered bucks.

> "Prior to the severe hemorrhagic disease outbreak in 2012 that reduced deer numbers and resulted in regulation changes to reduce antlerless harvest, doe harvest exceeded antlered buck harvest each year for about a decade," said Isabelle. "Now that the deer population has rebounded and regulations have been liberalized, it's nice to see the muchneeded increase in antlerless harvest given our desire to slow the growth of the increasing deer population to maintain deer numbers at socially acceptable levels."

According to MDC, this year's antlered buck harvest is also the highest on record. Isabelle attributed this increase primarily to the new CWD portion of firearms deer season that was open in CWD Management Zone counties.

"Hunters play a major role in helping to manage CWD and increasing the harvest of both bucks and antlerless deer in the CWD Management Zone will help reduce the spread of the disease," said Isabelle.

Isabelle noted that increasing deer numbers, changes in hunter preferences, and removal of the antler-point restriction (APR) in counties that enter the CWD Management Zone have also contributed to an increasing antlered buck harvest trend over the past decade.

For deer harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/ha rvest table/.

For deer harvest summaries from past years, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries .MDC reported one non-fatal, archery-related deer hunting incident and no firearms-related hunting incidents during the deer season.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling

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

On Feb. 3: NEMCC, Taste of Blackness Services to be held. Announcement would like RSVP also to be replied to Joanne Hammuck, for Food Purpose by Jan. 26. Everyone is welcome to Attend this program, You may Call- 573-847-2266 or Emailjoannehammuck@yahoo.co

On Feb. 2: A Night at the Races/mouse races, doors open 6 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. At Outer Road Event Center, Frankford, 8607 Pike

Missouri State **Dean's List**

Missouri State University recognizes more than 5,100 students who have been named to the fall 2023 dean's

Emma Dowling of Van-

Brooke Gray of Elsberry. Katie Ridings of Elsberry. Esther Boenker of Eolia. Sarah Corn of Silex. George Glenn of Bowling

Fennewald Makes Dean's List Dean's List

Miranda Fennewald of Laddonia was recently named to the dean's list of Lincoln University in Jefferson City for the fall 2023 semester.

The Lincoln University Dean's List comprises fulltime undergraduate students earning a minimum term GPA of 3.00, excluding grades in courses that do not carry credit toward gradua-

Bryant Makes Dean's List

Kristopher Bryant, a accounting major from Curryville, has made the dean's list at Monmouth College for the fall 2023 semester.

He is the son of Christopher T. and Wendy G Bryant of Curryville.

State Tech

State Technical College of Missouri would like to congratulate those students who achieved the dean's list during the 2023 fall semester.

To be placed on the dean's list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Bowling Green - Devin

Elsberry - Evan Wilson. Farber - Ryan Null.

Louisiana - James Hilton. Martinsburg - Tucker Cox and Garrett Schmidt.

Middletown - Matthew Chesser, Jace Stolle, Levi Summers.

Vandalia - Quinter Jacyna, Hunter Maggard, Braden Trower, Drake Woodson, and Jacob Woodward.

Williamsburg - Joshua

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OBITUARIES

Gerold Jennings, Vernon Jen-

nings, Cleoni LaBrash, and

Faith McAfee; and his step-

children, Lori McCurdy, David McCurdy, Grace Van-Hooser, Carolyn White, and

Beverly Turner. Also surviv-

ing are many grandchildren

Hugh wished to be cremated.

His family will be holding a

Celebration of Life once the

ther, grandfather and a great-

grandfather. Hugh loved his

family and loved spending

time with them. Hugh loved

all his grandchildren. He

would joke and say "I can't

even remember all their

names", but then proceed to

tell you all their names and

from when he was younger.

He didn't care if you had

heard the story 10 times, he

be left at www.bibbveach.

Online condolences may

was still going to tell you.

Billy Wayne

Hospital-Columbia.

tory in Bowling Green.

Billy Wayne Johnson, 78,

of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024 at

the University of Missouri

the direction of Bibb-Veach

Funeral Homes and Crema-

Cremation rites are under

Billy was born April 1,

1945 in Edgewood to Garnett

Taylor and Helen Rose Martin

Johnson. He was united in

marriage to Marcia Floy Ben-

nett on June 14, 2013 at

Riverview Park in Louisiana.

Billy grew up in Pay-

nesville and attended the

Eolia School. He graduated

from Clopton High School in

1963. Following high school,

Billy began working with his

father on the family farm. He

was a craftsman with welding

and wrought iron, working at

many places around the area.

especially

Chalmers. He was active at

the Old Threshers in Elsberry

and was a founding member

of the Vintage Machinery Club. Billy also loved camp-

ing at Mark Twain Lake, Ar-

gyle Lake, and Tievoli Hills

Resort. He was also a faithful

member of Edgewood Baptist

mother, Helen Johnson of

Eolia; his wife, Marcia; chil-

dren, Marla Kuntz and hus-

band, Jeff of Corso and Terri

Kelly of Bowling Green; sev-

eral grandchildren and great-

grandchildren; a sister, Linda

Grummel of Bowling Green;

brother, Randy Johnson and

wife, Patty of Eolia; and many

Billy is survived by his

Church.

Billy enjoyed antique trac-

Marcia survives.

Johnson

He loved telling stories

Hugh was a brother, a fa-

There will be no funeral, as

and great-grandchildren.

weather is warmer.

birthdays.

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Barbara A. Bradshaw

Barbara was called home to the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2023 in St. Louis.

A memorial service was held Saturday at The Episcopal Church of the Advent in Sappington at 10:30 a.m.

Barb was 87 and had lived in the community of St. Louis Hills Assisted Living for the past eight years. Barb grew up in the communities of Curryville and Bowling Green.

She was the daughter of the late Mary Bradshaw.

She is survived by her sister. Norma Loesche and a cousin, Gary Bradley and wife, Shirley.

Jane Edwards and Barb, both nurses, shared a home and many interests including church, music and traveling, as well as many pet dogs. Mary Brown developed a close friendship with Barb and enjoyed wonderful times

Following graduation from Bowling Green High School in 1953, Barb chose to enter St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. She graduated with the class of 1956. While working as a nurse, she continued her education at Washington University in St. Louis and in 1960 received a B.S., in nursing.

She worked as a clinical instructor at St. Luke's Hospital and during this time, she returned to Washington University to earn a M.A. in education in 1965.

Barb also enjoyed a tour of Great Britain and Ireland which was sponsored by Washington University. In 1961 Barb became a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Louis. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and formed many dear church friendships. Barb had a passion for nursing and enjoyed a very successful career. In 1971 she became assistant director of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing. In 1974 she was appointed as the director of the School of Nurs-

A serious medical condition ended Barb's career in 1979. With her deep faith and God's help, she began a long rehabilitation process. Her strength and determination, along with many prayers, helped her on her long rehab journey. Along this journey, she continued to stay involved in her church and spend time with her family, friends, and

Eventually, Barb was able to travel again, so she and Jane took many driving trips in the U.S. and Canada. As she became stronger, she traveled to London, Paris, and Russia. Barb had many interests including genealogy, music and reading. She visited many art museums and accumulated many books about art and art history.

Barb had a special love for turtles and had a collection of over 100 of the little creatures made of glass, metal, ceramic and cloth. In 2015, Barb moved to St. Louis Hills Assisted Living facility. She became friends with everyone and enjoyed the many activities held in the community room – especially singing and having a glass of wine. She ventured out with other residents to visit various places around St. Louis, including Forest Park and looking at Christmas light displays. Everyone at St. Louis Hills knew Barb as "Okey-dokey" and it became her nickname.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Jamestown New Horizons Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Florissant, The Humane Society of Missouri or any animal rescue organization, the church or nonprofit organization of your choice

We Welcome Your Local News



McCurdy

Kitty Ann McCurdy, 65, of Middletown died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024.

A Celebration of Life Service to be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, 2 p.m., at New Harmony Christian Church, 5511 Pike 454, Curryville, MO,

She was born Jan. 25, 1958, in Pike County, the daughter of Lacy and Mary Chandler Martin. After attending the local schools, Kitty married the love of her life, Sonny McCurdy on March 1, 1975, at the First Baptist Church in Curryville.

The happy couple was blessed with four children, Sonny Lee, Loretta, Kevin, and Dora Ann and they were the light of her life.

After the passing of her father, Kitty's mother married Pete Williams, and he was a very loving step-father to Kitty. She worked for many vears as a certified nurse's aide and later in housekeeping at the Baptist Homes Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia, and always gave 100

When she wasn't working, Kitty enjoyed time spent with her family, camping, watching television and spending time with her beloved Chihuahua, Sugar. She also enjoyed bowling and just spending time at home. Several years ago, Kitty and Sonny went on a cruise to the Bahamas, and they had the most wonderful time together.

They also enjoyed their time spent in Branson. She will be remembered lovingly

by all those who knew her. Kitty is survived by her husband of almost 49 years, Sonny McCurdy of Middletown; her children, Sonny Lee McCurdy and wife, Jeanne, of Perry, Loretta Gette and husband, Jason of Middletown, and Kevin McCurdy and wife, Samatha of Middletown; grandchildren, Brittany and Charles Schmidt of Perry, Macy McCurdy of Center, Nathan, Michael, Elijah, Abbie Gette of Middletown, and Kalvin and Emma Mc-Curdy of Middletown; greatgrandchildren, Bo, Hazel, and Preston Schmidt of Perry, Piper, Hadley, and Braxton McCurdy of Center; a sister, Mary Elliott; one brother, Elvins Martin; two sisters-inlaw, Barbara Brewer and Ronnie of Vandalia, and Mary Jane McCurdy of Bowling Green; as well as many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lacy and Mary Martin; step-father, Pete Williams; infant daughter, Dora Ann McCurdy; two granddaughters, Maddie Mc-Curdy, and Angel McCurdy; a grandson, Brandon McCurdy; her in-laws, Frances Sr. and Billie Jean McCurdy; siblings, Jerry Martin, Dora Mae Barker, and Henry Martin; sister-in-law, Tish McCurdy; and brother-in-law, Ronnie McCurdy.

Memorial donations may be sent directly to the family or c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 701 N. Business Highway 61, Bowling Green, MO, 63334.

Family and friends are invited to sign our on-line guest register at mccoyblossomfh.



Cindy Garrett Cindy Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024.

For more than a decade she suffered from ALS, which left her bed ridden for many of those years.

She was an amazing, loving, and tough woman, with a biting wit, and a hilarious sense of humor.

She is survived by her husband, Allan Garrett; two daughters, Randi Ryland and Lisa Frey; stepson, Zachary Garrett; grandchildren, Shannon Niffen, Kenny Niffen, Alice Wiss, and Silas Hazelwood; and one great-grandson, Donlee.

Cindy was a tough, strong will woman who defied the odds, surviving much longer than her doctors expected. Even when things were tough, she always kept her faith and was the strength that held our family together. Everyone will miss her, she always found a way to make everyone smile.

She will never be forgotten by her family and the friends who knew her.

Cindy made the decision to donate her body to study ALS and as such no formal reception has been planned.



John Frank Jeans

John Frank Jeans, 84 of Beverly Hills, Fla., peacefully died after a long illness at his home on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, with his family by his side and caregiver over the years.

John was known for his large heart and willingness to help others. He was quick to lend a hand and slow to judge, making friends wherever he went. He graduated from Clopton High School in Clarksville, and loved keeping up with friends. His main love was riding his Harley most of his life, with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Martha Jeans and his brother, William Jeans.

John is survived by his wife Kay; three sons, John Jeans II, Jamie Jeans, and Michael Davis Jeans. He has three grandchildren, Andy, Rhyder and Nikki Webb Jeans.

The interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville in the coming months by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

John was loved and will be missed by all.

Hugh A. Mosiev Jr.

Hugh A. Mosley Jr., 84, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024.

Hugh was born Jan. 3, 1940 in Vandalia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh Mosley Sr. and Velma Miller; wife, Geraldine Jennings Mosley; sisters, Donna Floyd, Delores Kranka, and Janice Gordan: a brother. Daniel Jennings; and also his step-children, Sue Jennings, Charles McCurdy, and Gary

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nieces, nephews, and ex-Hugh is survived by his tended family.

Billy was preceded in death by his father; and siblings, Ronnie Mosley, Shirley Frazier, Melvin Jennings, Calvin Jennings, brother, Mark Johnson.

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'Mike' Culwell

Charles Michael "Mike" Culwell, 63, of Vandalia died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Funeral services wire held at 1 p.m., Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Vandalia. Pastor Brian Lehenbauer and Pastor Bob Hoehn officiated. Burial was in Vandalia Cemetery immediately following.

Visitation celebrating the life of Mike Culwell was from 4-8 p.m., Friday at the First Baptist Church of Vandalia. Masonic Service was held at 7:45 p.m.

Mike was born on May 2, 1960, in Hannibal, the son of Ronald and Dorothy Holmes Culwell. He was united in marriage to Lori Nolan Culwell on Oct. 24, 2009 at Mt. Olivet Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lori of Vandalia; mother, Dorothy Culwell of Mexico; two daughters, Sara Marshall and husband, Paul of Mexico and Lacy Hinch and husband, Payton of Vandalia; two stepsons,, Nolan (Taiylor) Gilley and wife, Taiylor of Lee's Summit, Cody Gilley and wife, Sabrina of Bowling Green; two sisters, Ronnie Pease and husband, Gary of Laddonia, and Karen Reading of Mexico; five grandsons, RJ Marshall, Quint Hinch, Carter Gilley, Cooper Gilley, and Gray Gilley; two granddaughters, Payslee Hinch, and Kati Marshall; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is his mother-in-law, Joyce Nolan and Denny Wright; and sister-in-law, Natalie Gibson and husband, Lucas.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Ronald Culwell; and brother-in-law, Howard Reading. Professionally, Charles

worked as a salesperson for Service & Supply Co-Op for over 25 years. Mike enjoyed assisting the

Honor Flight, trout fishing, and riding his motorcycle whenever he could. He loved

his family and watching his family participating in sporting events.

Mike was a member of the Free Masons and the Sons of Light Riding Association.

Pallbearers were Nolan Gilley, Cody Gilley, Payton Hinch, Paul Marshall, Lucas Gibson, and Gage Gibson. Honorary pallbearers were The Sons of Light, Lyndle Chrisman, Eugene McDonald, Todd Groshong, and Dave Sanders.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight Inc., or the Sons of Light, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Charles (Mike) Memorial Page at www.watersfuneral. com.



Dorothy Ann Allen

Dorothy Ann Allen, 89, of New Hartford died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

Memorial services for Dorothy will be Saturday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with Lay Pastor Shannon Walker officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Dorothy was born Nov. 4, 1934 to Aloysius Sylvester and Gertrude Abel Luebrecht. She was united in marriage to James Richard "Dick" Allen on Feb. 21, 1955 following his return from Korea. He preceded her in death in 2013.

Dorothy grew up in St. Clement and attended St. Clement School, later receiving her GED. Following their marriage, she and Dick moved to the farm in New Hartford where she spent her years raising their children and being a farmer's wife.

She enjoyed reading, favoring non-fiction, Amish, and western books. In her younger years, she enjoyed tending to her gardens. Dorothy loved music, especially country music, and she and Dick enjoyed going dancing in their younger years.

Surviving are sons, James "Jim" Lee Allen and wife, Karen of Bowling Green, and Robert Brook Allen of New Hartford; a sister, Marilyn See OBITUARIES on page 5.

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Obituaries

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Continued from page 4 and husband, Clay of Mexand many nieces, nephews, and extended fam-

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters, Frances McDannold and Ruth Gillum.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health Hospice and Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may made www.bibbveach.com.



Rodney B.

Rodney B. Gamm, 66, of Bowling Green died at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

Funeral services for Rodney were Monday at 10 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with the Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Ceme-

Visitation was from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home.

Rodney was born Jan. 8, 1958. He was the son of Maurice B. and Willene Betts Gamm.

He is survived by four children, Nathan Gamm and wife, Ashley of Bowling Green, Bradley Gamm and wife, Toni of St. Charles, Daniel Gamm and wife, Andrea of Parkville, and Lauren Ince and husband, Thomas of Bowling Green. His children blessed him with his biggest pride and joy, his eight grandchildren, Harrison, Wyatt, Audrey, Reese, Reagan, Collin, Luke, and Molly.

Also surviving are his sister, Penny Kampeter and husband, Ed of Bowling Green; and sister-in-law, Barbie Gamm of Bowling Green; many nieces and nephews; as well as great-nieces and greatnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Gamm; and brother, Steve

Rodney was raised in Bowling Green. He was a 1976 graduate of Bowling Green High School. He cherished living on "The Hill," on Cow Pasture Road, raising children with his brother right next door and, more recently, his sister, moving back into their family home. He was his children's biggest fan and his grandchildren were his world. Some of his favorite things to do were to ride his side by side, go mushroom hunting, and watch old westerns. He also always made sure the grandkids had "big" presents to open, small boxes just weren't quite enough.

He spent his early years working for Gamm Construction with his dad and brother. After his dad's death, he went to work for Mark Long Construction and Elaine Deters Farms. He made a life-long friend with the Schumacher's when he went to work at Feeders Grain. He was known throughout the Amish community as the Bubble Gum Man. His last job was working at MASH in Bowling Green where he once again was blessed to work with a close friend, Cliff Bibb. His work ethic was second to none and his life was a testament that hard work will trump talent every time.

Rodney was also a member of the Providence Presbyterian Concord Church.

Pallbearers were his sons, Nathan Gamm, Bradley Gamm, and Daniel Gamm; and Chris Brown, Cliff Bibb, and Mike Schumacher. Honorary Pallbearers were Ed Kampeter, Travis Kampeter, Tyler Gamm, Scott Gamm, Gamm, Harrison Wyatt Gamm, Collin Gamm, and Luke Gamm.

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