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# **Another Bowling Green Tourney Is In The Books**

#### **By Brice Chandler** Editor

The 99th Annual Bowling Green Tournament is in the books with a week of excitement and heartache, despite challenging weather early in the week. School cancelations and icy roads on Monday led to an opening round of a whopping eight games on Tuesday.

The two biggest matches of the tournament came down to the Clopton ladies facing Winfield on Friday, Jan 26 for the girls championship, and the Van-Far Indians taking on the Clopton Hawks for the top hardware in the boys bracket on Saturday, Jan 27.

The Clopton Lady Hawks earned their way to the cham-pionship after a 74-39 win over Van-Far in the opening round and then defeating Louisiana 60-28 in the semifinals. They kept the fire stoked for the championship round against the Lady Warriors

They held on to a narrow two-point lead after the first quarter and only increased it slightly in the second quarter. That all changed in the third quarter.

The Lady Hawks domi-nated the third quarter, outscoring Winfield 20 to 5. Some good defensive stops helped Clopton's Tinleigh Spoonster set fire to the net by sinking 3 three-pointers, along with one from Charleigh Spoonster. Ashlynn Noah added six points to the scoreboard in the third quarter and Braya Smith sinking a layup.

The Clopton ladies combined defense and offensive game continued to keep the Lady Warriors from rallying. The Lady Hawks claimed the championship hardware 59-37.

Prior to that

was all Louisiana's Regan Reading each netted a three-Bowser that quarter with a pair of three pointers and making a drive for the net to pick up two at the buzzer.

Louisiana maintained their lead through the second quarter, but Elsberry was starting to find their groove with Grace White picking up six points Mya Pflasterer putting ip two.

It was the third quarter that spelled the Lady Bulldog's doom. Elsberry out scored the Louisiana ladies 16 to 5, taking the lead 26-18.

The Lady Bulldogs fought back in the last quarter, scoring 11-points and coming to within one point of taking the lead when Emily Powell scored on a layup.

Grace White resulted in a bucket for two, which sealed the victory for the Lady Indians.

game, Silex fell to North Callaway in close match before the Lady Thunderbirds scored some unanswered points near the end. The Lady Owls took a tough 66-59 loss.

In what was probably the biggest match of Saturday night's games, the Van-Far Indians battled Clopton in a fast-paced championship game.

The Hawks struck first directly after the opening tip off with Cash Eivins sinking one from just inside the threepoint arch. That was immediately answered by Van-Far's Carter Jennings with a threepointer. A back-and-forth battle ensued, with the Indians edging out Clopton 15-12 in the first quarter.

out of the game. They second quarter and take the Callaway 49-40 lead with Jordan Jennewein

pointer along with Caison Huff picking up two from the charity line to keep Van-Far in the game.

The Indians turned up the heat in the third quarter netting 16 points against Clopton's 7. Going into the last quarter, Clopton trailed by four points.

Fouls hurt the Hawks in fourth quarter as the Indians scored  $\dot{6}$  out of 10 free-throw shots. They went on to score 23-points in the last quarter, while Clopton only put up 11points.

Kain Eivins was the Hawks top scorer with 16points with his brother just shy of that with 12.

Van-Far's Nikos Conn-A long pass to Elsberry's away was the top scorer of the game with 19-points. Pacey Reading was just behind that with 16-points.

The hometown favorite For the girls consolation Bobcats faced Winfield for third. Bowling Green kept it close during the first quarter, but the Warriors kept pressure on the Bobcats shooters and forced them to the outside. Zach Gibson and Jace Eskew took advantage of that. Both were a dangerous pair sinking three-pointers-Gibson hitting 3 and Eskew 4—along with Ryan Hall who put in one in the third quarter. Despite initially keeping pace, Winfield continued to extend their lead and eventually won the game, 60-46.

Eskew racked up 18points, Gibson put up 11, Ryan Hall netted 7, Hank Welch scored 3, Aiden Grote added another 2, and Oliver Niemeyer with one.

Earlier in the day, the Els-The Hawks were far from berry Indians claimed the consolation hardware after outscored Van-Far 16-8 in the defeating five seeded North

The People's Tribune game, and Adam Lindsay shooting a wishes to congratulate all area Louisiana took on Elsberry pair of three-pointers. The athletes and staff for another for third place trophy. The Eivins brothers put ten points great Bowling Green Tourna-Lady Bulldogs came out on the scoreboard between ment. Visit our Facebook page to see more pictures of all the action

# **January NECAC Earns Top** History Nuggets

By Brent Engle Contributing Writer

Mules at the White House The Pike News wondered in January 1907 if Congressman Champ Clark would follow through on his boast to ride down Pennsylvania Av-enue past the White House behind two Missouri mules. The paper said a Pike mule 'is more vivacious and takes a deeper interest in his coun-try's welfare" than animals from other places. Champ decided against it.

**Curryville or Potato** Town?

In January 1877, a dinner uest at a home near Curvville offered his thoughts about the community. The older gentleman regaled the gathering with his opinion that it would be a good idea to burn Curryville to the ground and plant potatoes in the ashes. "Tis evident that he hadn't a very exalted opinion of Curryville," the Mexico Ledger noted.

No cup of kindness here In January 1846, the De-nocrat Banner of Bowling Green just couldn't understand why the new year was such a cause for celebration. Next to a funeral, this, to us, is the most mournful of all occasions.

## **Bowling Green Little League Seeks Public Input On Possible New Facility**

By Brice Chandler Editor

This weekend, the Bowlng Green Little League showcased the concept design for a potential new sports facility via social media. The impressive design with four baseball diamonds quickly caught the community's attention and excitement

viously saw and thought would be a good starting

point. "Ideally, we'll sit down with someone who can design a layout and present a final copy of what we will be doing," the representative side of town. But hopefully told the Tribune. "This has still near town, so that our peen discussed for a couple of years now on how we could improve our program. We feel like this is a great way to do it and also to bring in bigger opportunities for our area.' According to the organization, safety is one of the primary reasons they're exploring the possibility. 'A big thing to come from this is having safer fields for our youth to play on. Our current fields need a lot of work to get them to where we think they need to be." But they also feel a bigger, more modernized facility would allow for greater opportunities to expand the league and the community as the city continues to grow. "This would bring in better opportunities for our youth program," the organization's representative explained. There is so much out there that can come from this not just our local league, but also for our town.' As for location, the group

design is something they pre- is still working on that aspect. "The city has reached out

as being interested in possibly working with us. We're going to address that in an upcom-ing meeting with them. If that isn't something that will work for them, then we'll look outcommunity will still benefit from everything will be able to offer." Despite the growing buzz around the concept design of a new facility, it's still in the early stages of development. "What we are asking from the public is just for support," the Bowling Green Little League continued. "It's going to take us all, not just our board, to make this something. If anyone businesses or anyone who feels the need or wants to help us, we will take it! We know this isn't going to be cheap or easy, but from the support we have already gotten, we feel like it will be successful. If anyone has any questions or ideas, please feel free to reach out to us. We appreciate everyone's support and feedback as we jump into this!" We will continue to update as this story develops. For more information, please contact the Bowling Green Little League on Facebook.

## **Federal Rating** NECAC has received a top for more than 17 years," said rating for administering a fed-

erally-funded rent-assistance program.

The agency earned a 100 percent score from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its performance in administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program in Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby and Warren counties. NECAC also administers the program in St. Charles County, where a score will be determined later this year.

NECAC was one of 24 housing agencies in Missouri tested on the HUD annual Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) monitoring and evaluation system. The agency has contracted with HUD for more than 40 years to administer the program.

"This is HUD's way of testing and monitoring which housing agencies and authorities are doing a good job of administering the programs in an efficient, effective manner Housing at 573-324-2055.

NECAC Housing Voucher Director Dianna Clair. "We're very pleased. This reflects highly on the work quality of the work we do. Our staff is making sure that tenants are receiving decent, affordable and safe housing, and that landlords are receiving topquality customer service.' NECAC was the motivat-

ing force that brought the Section 8 program to Northeast Missouri in the mid-1970s. The agency administers more than 2,400 HUD Rental Assistance vouchers in its service area.

The SEMAP assessment tested NECAC in 15 areas of its administration of Section 8, including timely annual inspections of the private houses, apartments and mobile homes used in the program; lease-up rates; payment standards; and determination of the tenants' adjusted income.

For more information on the program, please call the local NECAC County Service Center or NECAC Central

Watch The Feb. 20 Issue Of **The People's Tribune As Area FFA Chapters** Celebrate **National FFA Week!** 

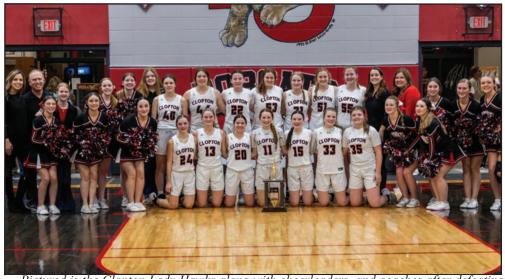


strong in the first quarter, them (Cash 4 and Kain 6). outscoring Elsberry 8-2. It

Nikos Connaway and Pacey



Pictured is the Van-Far Indians along with cheerleaders and coaches after defeating Clopton for the championship title during the 99th Annual Bowling Green Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 27



Pictured is the Clopton Lady Hawks along with cheerleaders, and coaches after defeating Winfield for the championship title during the 99th Annual Bowling Green Tournament on Friday, Jan. 26. The Clopton cheerleaders brought home the Vivian S. Williams Cheerleading Award for the 99th Annual Bowling Green Invitational Tournament.

Find More Photo Highlights From The Tournament **On The People's Tribune Facebook Page** 

"[We] held our annual

vearly meeting today," The Little Bowling Green League's post read. "Registration information will be coming home with your child Feb. 5.

That alone has many excited for the upcoming season, but it was the image shared along with the follow-ing that really captured people's attention.

"In addition to that, conversations were had about building a facility to better our program and bring more opportunities for our area and safer fields. We want to see what community support we could get for this as it will be a big step and process to have done.

According to a representative with the Bowling Green Little League, the organization has been bouncing around the idea of building a new facility for the last couple of years. And the concept



#### Harrison Signs With William Woods

Louisiana senior, Ethen Harrison signed his intent to continue his athletic and educational career with William Woods University on Jan. 18. Pictured, front row, l-r: Ethen's mother, Molly Helms; Ethen Harrison; and Ethen's father. Second row Wyatt Harrison, Tommy Fallert, Matt Smith, Julian Mendez, and Greg Pitzer.

## Community News

## **Apply Online During February For MDC Spring Managed Turkey Hunts**

Missouri turkey hunters can apply online during February for 2024 spring turkey managed hunts through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey/turkeyspring-managed-hunts.

Managed hunt details and application procedures are outlined on the webpage. Drawing results will be posted starting March 15.

The spring turkey hunting youth portion will be April 6 season running April 15 rise to 1 p.m. through May 5.

Detailed information on spring turkey hunting will be available in the MDC 2024 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold beginning in March. A regulation change for the spring season includes an extension of spring shooting hours for private land only from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Shooting hours on public land will reand 7 with the regular spring main a half-hour before sun-

To learn more about turkey hunting in Missouri, visit MDC's website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkev.

Buy Missouri hunting permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through the MDC free mobile app -- MO Hunting -- available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.



## ce Of Democracy

John Cooke, son of Michael and Amy Cooke is the District 17 VF $\overline{W}$  winner of the Voice Of Democracy Essay Contest. John will be competing in the state competition in Columbia on Saturday, Feb.10. John is sponsored by Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 & Auxiliary and Youth Group. Pictured with John is District 17 VFW Commander Marvin Flynn and District 17 Auxiliary President Georgia Welte. Presenting John with his District 17 certificate and monetary donation third place winners. LCBA appreciates everyone who participated in this past year's festivities and looks forward to all the participation of the celebrations in 2024.



## Biggs Wins Patriot Pen Contest Mac Biggs is the son of Corey and Amy Jo Biggs. Mac is a student at St. Clement

School. Mac is the first place winner of The District 17 VFW, Patriot Pen Essay Contest and ninth in the state competition. Mac was sponsored by the Champ Clark VFW Post and Auxiliary 5553 VFW Commander Marvin Flynn and District 17 Auxiliary president Georgia Walte.



#### **Salt River Master Gardener Club**

The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting is sched-uled for Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at HLGU Burt Administration Building, Room 129 in Hannibal.

NIck Wesslak, Field Specialist in Agronomy, will give a presentation about Poison and Pesticide Safety. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the MU Extension -Marion County Office at 573-769-2177.

## **African Violets Help Chase Away Winter Blues** Just in time to brighten the the novelty of this popular lets need little other care be-

dull, dreary days of winter, the National Garden Bureau has named African violet as its houseplant of the year for 2024.

The choice is an excellent one, savs University of Missouri Extension state horticulspecialist David ture Trinklein. African violets thrive in most interior settings, provide nearly continuare color and ous inexpensive.

African violet ranks among the best-selling potted plants in Europe and is a favorite windowsill sitter for Americans as well, Trinklein said. Few plants offer as much vibrant color and bloom as the simple-to-care for African violet. "They seemingly are never without flowers," he said.

The plant is native to Africa, as its name implies. Its scientific name is Saintpaulia ionantha, in honor of Baron Walter von Saint Paul, German governor of an African province in what is now Tanzania.

In 1892 he found the plant growing in shady areas of the Usambara Mountains. Von Saint Paul sent seeds of the plant to his native Germany, where it enjoyed some success as a houseplant. It slowly spread to other European countries and came to the United States in 1926, when a California firm imported its seeds from German and British greenhouses that specialized in the plant.

Since that time it has been developed into more cultivars than any other flowering houseplant. The African Violet Society of America lists names and descriptions of nearly 10,000 registered cultivars. African violet varieties are almost as varied as snowflakes, Trinklein said. There are many colors of blossoms, some multicolored. and petals may be striped, spotted or curly-edged. Violets vary by petal count, blossom count and blossom shape, but they all share a common beauty good for the common cabin fever, he said. Variegated leaves with markings of white, pink or other contrasting colors are readily available and add to

plant.

There are few other plants that will flower as well in low-light conditions as African violets. They require at least 800 but no more than 1,200 foot-candles, available in most bright north or east windows. African violets should not sit in direct sunlight, but midwinter sunlight generally is not harmful. Violets also grow well under fluorescent lights placed 12-15 inches above the canopy of the plant for up to 18 hours per day.

Native to tropical climates, the violets prefer temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Night temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees are preferred, while day temperatures should be 10 degrees warmer.

Trinklein recommends that growers use soil-less growing media, such as a blend of peat moss, vermiculite and perlite, although some violet fanciers prefer using soil rich in humus. If using soil, sterilize it to reduce the risk of disease infestation. Soil-less mixes are considered biologically inert and do not need to be sterilized.

Keep plants uniformly moist, but growers should remember that excess water kills the plant, Trinklein said.

He recommends wick watering using a candlewick or nvlon twine extending from the growing medium via a hole in the bottom of the pot to a water/nutrient reservoir below the pot. Plastic margarine tubs can be used for the latter.

sides occasional fertilizing with a water-soluble fertilizer. Special African violet fertilizers or houseplant fertilizers high in phosphorus are good choices. A diluted fertilizer solution at each watering keeps growth constant and eliminates any chances of over-fertilization, a common error of new growers. "Just because it's not

growing doesn't mean it needs more fertilizer," Trinklein said. Pale green leaf color may indicate too much sunlight or low fertility. He cautions against using water that has gone through a water softener.

To avoid mealy bug contamination, quarantine new plants for several weeks before introducing them to your collection. "You don't even know they are there until it's too late," Trinklein said. If mealy bugs appear, swabbing them with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol is an effective control unless populations are excessive. The white bugs have a waterproof coating resistant to most insecticides. He recommends throwing the plant away and buying another if there is a large mealy bug infestation.

African violets seldom need pots larger than 4 inches in diameter. The danger of overwatering and development of root and crown rots

increases if pots are too big. Old plants sometimes develop long, woody stems. Leaves of these plants may be cut off, allowing about an inch of the petiole to remain. Treat the cut petiole with rooting hormone and place it in a moist rooting medium. Vermiculite is an excellent choice for rooting, Trinklein said. Once in the rooting medium, a plastic cup should be inverted over the leaf to aid rooting. The cutting should take three weeks to root and up to 12 weeks to get a good start. Cuttings form new, more compact plants and are generally more vigorous and bloom more abundantly. With a little knowledge and a lot of love, violets will reward their owners with a burst of hope that spring is on its way. Trinklein said.

Leaf spotting can be a problem when water 10 degrees above or below the leaf temperature contacts the leaves. If overhead watering is practiced, use room-temperature water, and keep it off of leaves.

Most homes have low humidity during winter, and this can be a problem for violets, Trinklein said. To increase the humidity around plants, place them on shallow trays of gravel containing water. Make sure, however, that the bottom of the pot does not sit in water. Home humidifiers also work well.

If located properly and watered regularly, African vio-

## s a W

On Saturday, Jan. 13, several Bowling Green Elementary students competed in the 33rd Annual Block Kids Building Competition in St. Louis. Fourth grader Julius Wommack placed third in the third-sixth grade division and won "People's Choice" overall K-sixth grade. Pictured is Julius with his project and his two LEGO sets he

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POTATO SKINS 8 small russet potatoes (about 2 1/2 lbs.) divided 2 tbsp. butter Kosher salt to taste 1 1/2 c. grated cheddar cheese 8 slices thick-cut peppered bacon, cooked & chopped 1/2 c. sour cream 2 green onions, sliced Preheat the oven to 400°F Scrub the potatoes clean and allow them to dry. Using a paper towel (or just your hands), rub the skin of the po-tatoes with 2 tablespoons canola oil so that they're nice and moist. Place the potatoes on a baking sheet and bake until skin is crisp and potatoes are tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove the pan and allow to cool https://allenauctioneers.hibid.com/ until you can handle the potatoes, about 10 minutes. Cut potatoes in half length-wise. Scoop out the insides, leaving a little bit of potato in the skins. In a saucepan or miland, business liquidation, or Estate Sale. crowave-proof bowl, melt the butter with the remaining 2 tablespoons canola oil. Brush the mixture on both the outside and the inside of the potatoes. Sprinkle the inside lightly with salt. Place potato halves faceour services! down and return to the oven for 5 to 8 minutes. Using tongs, turn the potatoes over and continue to bake until the edges of the potatoes start to turn golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle 4% convenience charge the insides of the potato skins with cheddar, then sprinkle on the chopped bacon. Return to the oven long enough for the cheese to melt, about 3 to 4 minutes. Serve Immediately.

## NOTICE

The Pike County Republican Central Committee invites you to reach out to them if you are planning to file for any Pike County elected office as a Republican candidate. Filing opens Feb. 27, 2024. Contact: Gale Frolos 573-406-4156.

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## Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to those that have donated to the "Welcome to Bowling Green" signs. This has been an on-going project for a while, but we are getting there inch by inch. Yard by yard is mighty hard! Bowling Green's Yondoo Video and Internet, Sutton Enterprises, Ayers Oil, and Lucky Star Buffet are leading the way and even Miller Asphalt of Hannibal has do-

nated to help make Bowling Green more visible and inviting. If you as a business or an individual would like to contribute, no amount is too small. Checks should be made out to City of Bowling Green and designated Welcome Signs. Thank you in advance for any tax-deductible contribution.

Basketball Invitational was once again an exciting tournament for both boys' and girls' teams from around the area. This is the oldest basketball invitational tournament in the State of Missouri. It is an excellent tradition and an example of our fine school system and the Bowling Green community which has supported this and our physical, social, and life-learning experiences for our youth and citizens over the past 99 years. We now need to carry this type of outlet into our community for citizens of all ages, races, backgrounds, ethnicity, and socio-economic strata.

Social media has been busy concerning the lack of a swimming pool in Bowling Green and has brought up a subject that at least three generations of citizens grew up with and experienced the joys of summer swimming. Regrettably, our swimming pool outlived its life span. Community swimming pools are not a profit-making venture. Unless a swimming pool offers alcohol after regular hours, it is a money losing endeavor. Sales tax dollars do not cover the cost of building let alone the maintenance and running of a community pool.

The <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent sales tax passed many years ago in Bowling Green also must cover the maintenance of all

> three parks, the ball fields, lighting, grass cutting, restrooms, cameras, and parking lot maintenance. There would never be enough sales tax dollars to build a new pool. Have faith though Bowling Green! Where there's a will there's a way. There are grants and foundations available if you can

JIM ARICO, MAYOR

The Bowling Green 99th CITY OF BOWLING GREEN find them and qualify for them. Bowling Green is a very giving community as well.

Mark Bair's interview in the BG Times opened another topic where growth and revenue sources can be found. Our Bowling Green Municipal Airport is another hidden gem in our wonderful city that can attract new businesses, tourists, and activities like Wings and Wheels. We have added to the Wings and Wheels over the last three years with activities for families plus planes and car, truck and motorcycle shows for enthusiasts. The Atkinson family has provided remote airplane entertainment plus local food vendors complementing the day's activities.

A new hangar with new airplanes will expand the number of airplanes and they may even have short rides available. Stay tuned, Mark and the Airport Board "might" even invite a carnival to 2024 Wings & Wheels!

### State Representative Chad Perkins Report

tiative petition reform bills that are currently being heard. Among them are HJR 72 and HJR 76. In past sessions, the House has passed IP reform bills only to have them fail in past, and I continue to do so now. There needs to be conwhen changes to the constitution are made. The HJRs being offered in the House do just that." Perkins concluded, 'I will continue to be a vocal supporter of these HJRs and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass this popular and important legislation." Bills that Could Soon Head to the Floor:

Veterans' Suicide HB 1495 aims to address the issue of veteran suicide. The bill would require Missouri Veterans Commission and the Missouri Department the Senate due to that body's of Mental Health to work todysfunction. Regarding IP re- gether to develop recommen-form, Perkins said, "I have dations and implement supported IP reform in the measures, programs, treatment options, and aid to prevent veteran suicide, subject sensus among all Missourians 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.

## **Clopton Alumn Association Memorial Scholarship Fund Donations**

The Clopton Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship Fund received the following memorials, fonations and honor gifts from Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2023.

In memory of T.D. Roland Akers given by George and Cindy Ricks.

In memory of deceased member of the class of 1955 given by John Norman Sitton.

In memory of Kaysie Pearl given by Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Hunter Stribling given by Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Nathan Teague given by Misty Mc-Cain. In memory of Dean Smith

given by Patricia Donelson Quattrocchi.

In memory of David Crane given by John and Mary Jo Črosby.

In memory Herman Donelson given by Patricia Donelson Quattrocchi.

In memory of Sue Sitton given by John Norman Sitton. In memory of Rvan Shaw given by Blake and Jennifer

Shaw. In memory of Sidney Mitchell given by Jill Yarbro, Curt and Kathy Mitchell.

In memory of Christine Emerson given by Glenn Schoonover.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sterne. In memory of Leroy Welch

given by Brian Welch.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor: An opine on John Cotton Memorial Shelter:

I am a lifelong resident of Louisiana. I don't have a pet, and have not had a pet since my children grew up. I don't personally have a great desire



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On Feb. 14: Bowlng Green Chamber of Commerce member meeting at noon at the Bowling Green Visitor Center. This month will include a free light lunch and a special time of community needs assessment. We will review the results of the survey taken during the annual banquet and open the floor for discussion of what members would like to have the chamber do to serve them and the community. All are invited to join them. For further information, visit the Facebook page or contact Sarrah, 324-3733.

In memory of Joe Lee Lewis given by Dale and Gail Herring.

In memory of Glenn Schoonover given by Christine Emerson.

In memory of deceased members of the class of 1969 given by Mary Dell Black.

In memory of Leo Underwood and the deceased members of the Class of 1962.

In memory of Alton, Louise, Danny Jenkins and the deceased members of the class of 1975 given by Geoff and Susan Sterne.

In memory of John Daniel Cornish given by Winchell and Carolyn Weeks.

In memory of Howard and Joyce Hardesty given by Robert and Karen Omohundro, Marian and Edward Kuntz.

In memory of Rosie Adams given by Robert and Karen Omohundro, Curt and Catherine Mitchell

In memory of Mike Scoggin given by Dale and Gail Miller.

In memory of Mary Cannon given by Dale and Gail Miller, Randy Snell, Mike, Bette and Mitchelle Garrison. Laura and David Portwood, Roy and Kathleen Courtney, Shirley Underwood, David Buchholz, Bill and Linda Blakey, Steve and Lori Illy, Robert and LaVerne Wright, Alan, Shiela, Price, Parker Edmiston, A&W Communications, Inc.

to have a pet. That said, IT IS JUST

PLAIN WRONG to treat domestic animals in such a manner

The people of Louisiana that I have known all of my existence in this wonderful, loving community would consider the treatment of pets in this manner to be unacceptable. Period! (An aside: The neighborhood in which I live has a number of dogs that choose to express their opinions at all hours of the night). That is life in the big city!

The unfortunate animals which have ended up in our shelter, through no fault of their own, should not be additionally penalized by this unacceptable action.

Dorothy J. Brown-Murray

In memory of Gene Brown given by Michelle and Brad Noah.

In memory of Tim Brown given by Michelle and Brad Noah.

In memory Patty Running Lickritz given by Jeanie Emery Eisenhower.

In memory of Sarah Graham Dove, given by Jeanie Emery Eisenhower.

In memory of Margie Howland given by Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Shari Vaughn given by Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Charles Kevin Graham given by Randy Graham.

In memory of John Bange given by Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Scott Hardesty given by Marian and Edward Kuntz.

In memory of Ed Norton given by Robert L. "Bob" Norton, Valerie and Tony Martin.

In memory of Jim Grimes given by Drew and Stephanie. In memory of Sue Sitton

given by John Norman Sitton. In memory of Marian Smith Wyble given by Robert

Curt" and Catherine Mitchell. In memory of Cheryl

Jameson given by Jack Jones.

In memory of Hubert Welch given by Curt and Catherine Mitchell

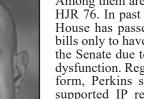
#### Westminster College **Fall Dean's List**

Westminster College is broud to announce those students named to the Fall 2023 dean's list for exemplary academic performance.

The list of 262 students includes 57 freshmen, 49 sophomores, 72 juniors, and 84 seniors.

The dean's list recognizes Westminster students who have shown high academic performance during the past semester. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.60 semester grade point average with at least 12 hours completed that semester.

President and Chief Transformation Officer Donald P. Lofe, Jr., explained these students represent a long-standing tradition of academic excellence at West-





**Rep. Chad Perkins** 

#### **Rep.** Perkins is Excited to Announce His New Chairmanship

Speaker of the House Dean Plocher announced earlier this week that Representative Perkins would chair a newly created committee that would focus on innovation and technology. Upon learning of this appointment, Perkins said, "I am excited and humbled to receive this appointment. Information technology is a rapidly growing industry that promises to be an economic engine here in Missouri for years to come.'

Perkins continued, "My goal is to create sensible regulations that protect the privacy of citizens, while allowing this sphere to thrive in Missouri. I look forward to working with all parties to make that vision a reality.'

#### **IP Reform Continues to** be a House Priority The House has several ini-

#### **Open Enrollment**

HB 1989, which deals with dealing with the issue of school choice and open enrollment, could be one of the first bills to reach the floor in the coming weeks. This bill would allow K-12 public schools to choose whether to let students from neighboring 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.

#### **Healthcare Reform**

The Committee on Healthcare Reform gave approval to three bills this week looking to ease restrictions and increase protections and access to healthcare in Missouri.

HB 1632 seeks to address the continuously rising costs of insulin and epi-pens and relieve some of the cost burden on Missourians.

HB 1976 would change the rules and stop health carries from requiring prior authorization before getting certain healthcare services.

HB 2190 would mandate Missouri health benefit plans reimburse healthcare to providers or dispensing entities for a one-year supply of self-administered hormonal contraceptives from Jan. 1, 2025.

# **Updated Grant Application Link** For Project Prom, Graduation

for Roadway Safety is offering grant funding to local schools that hold student lock-in events for Project Prom or High School graduation. Eligibility requirements include a presentation or activity educating students on highway safety issues. Qualifying schools will receive \$200 each to assist with event expenses such as location rental, food or entertainment.

"These supervised events are a way for students to safely enjoy their special

The Northeast Coalition event with friends," stated tion by visiting Project Prom-Northeast District Traffic Engineer Jonathan Bruner. "Impaired or distracted driving can have devastating consequences, changing lives in a matter of seconds. We want these students to have positive and lasting memories of these important occasions, not tragedies." The Northeast Coalition

will be accepting grant applications now through Feb. 15, 2024. Interested schools and/or their sponsors can submit the online grant applica-

Graduation Grant | Missouri Department of Transportation (modot.org). Funding is available for up to 20 local schools.

For additional information, contact Northeast Coalition Facilitator Gerri Jeffries at (573) 248-2502 or Northeast Coalition Representative Tina Lee at (573) 248-2517, or visit the Northeast Coalition's website at: www.savemolives.com/mcrs/Northeast-Region.



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# Obituaries



#### Ioseph 'Joe Wayne Wommack

Joseph "Joe" Wayne Wommack, 60, died peacefully Fri-day, Jan. 19, 2024 at St. Joseph West Hospital with his wife and two children by his side.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Millwood with Bro. Joe Miller, Bro. Judah Marx, and Fr. Charles Tichacek officiat-

Visitation was from 9-1 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Services were under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory.

He was born May 7, 1963 in Silex to Henry "Hank" and Mary Grothaus Wommack.

Joe graduated eighth grade at St. Alphonsus School, Millwood and graduated from Silex High School, where he became affectionately known as "Wacker" by his friends.

Joe married his high school sweetheart, Sherie Angel at St. Alphonsus Church, Millwood, on Aug. 4, 1984. To this union were born, Kala Marie, and 14 1/2 years later, Nathan Joseph.

Joe has lived and worked on the family farm all his life, with crop farming being his passion, but found the need to work off the farm and began working for his brother, David's, electric business. In 1996, he began working for Stanek Construction, which led to Earll Construction where he began his travels as a union carpenter for 10 years, mainly remodeling restaurants.

When the economy declined in 2008, Joe found a job with Geeding Construction working as a union laborer for another 10 years.

Joe loved spending time with his family and friends, barbequing, frying fish or wild game and potatoes, playing cards and games, fourwheeling, boating, pulling the kids on tubes or skis and



#### Imogene Griggsby

Imogene Griggsby, 78, of Bowling Green died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Miss.

Funeral services were Friday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Pastor Charlene Wheeler-Williams, D.D. officiating. Burial was in Vandalia Cemetery.

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

Imogene was born July 16, 1945 in Louisiana to Carver Ishemel and Marcella Dean Washington Hutt. She was united in marriage to Oliver Griggsby, and together they had one daughter. Oliver preceded her in death.

Imogene grew up in Louisiana and attended Louisiana schools. She later graduated from Van-Far High School in 1966. Following graduation. Imogene went to work at Louisiana Plastics while living in Vandalia. She was employed with LA Plastics for 15 years.

After her husband died, Imogene moved back to Bowling Green in the late 1980s. She spent the next five years working at Harbison-Walker Refractories in Vandalia, and later worked at NECC and Ruth Jensen Village, both in Bowling Green. She lived in Bowling Green until her health declined, at which point she moved to Mississippi so her daughter could assist her.

Imogene enjoyed fishing, attending motorcycle shows, and playing baseball. Her favorite way to pass the time was spending time with her family.

Imogene is survived by daughter, Christina Frazier of Brandon, Mississippi; stepsons, Dennis Griggsby of Vandalia, Tommy Griggsby and wife, Natalie of Bowling Green, Leland Griggsby of Farber, and Adrion Griggsby of St. Peters; grandchildren, Edward Logan and Brentney Logan, both of Brandon, Miss.; a host of step-grandchildren; brother, Dennis Hutt of Waterloo, Iowa; and sisters, Carol Hutt of Bowling Green, Lillian Bradford of Columbia, Lisa Bell of Columbia, and Elzena White of Kansas City; along with many nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379 or 701 N. Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334. Family and friends may

sign the online guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh.com



#### **Charles 'Charlie'** L. Brown

"Charlie" Charles L Brown, 77, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 12 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Greg Darnell officiated. Burial was atJordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Charlie was born March 30, 1946 in Louisiana to Charles B. and Georgia Burbridge Brown. He was married to Ethel Roseanna Traynor on Nov. 22, 1991 in Bowling Green.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Roseanna Brown; daughters, Sheila McGraw of Jacksonville, Ill., Shelly Pulliam and husband, Ben of Moscow Mills, Angel Carlson and husband, David of Vandalia, and Angie Brown of Quincy, Ill.; a son, Tim Brown of Quincy, Ill.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Tadlock and husband, Charles; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles B. and Georgia B. Brown; and a sister, MaryJo McKinnon.

Charlie was a graduate of Louisiana High School with the class of 1964. In high school he had served as President of FFA. He worked at Hercules Inc. in Louisiana. He enjoyed hunting, listening to music, dance, and his favorite thing to do was watch wrestling on TV.

Pallbearers were Nick Mc-Graw, Ben Pulliam, Bob He liked traveling and wood-Wickman, David Carlson, working. He and Donna spent

sons, Carson Wischmeyer and Hayden Nelson. Rodney also leaves three brothers, Danny Reed and wife, Judy, Paul Reed and wife, Gina, and Glen Reed, all of Elsberry; two sisters, Debbie Gilmore and husband, Tom of Smyrna, Tenn., and Deanna Hager and husband, Scott of Eolia; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the family of Rodney Reed, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



#### **Dale Martin** Gosnell Dale Martin Gosnell, 76, of

Bowling Green died Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at his home. Funeral services for Dale were Thursday at 12 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with Donald Counts officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Ash-

Visitation was from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Dale was born Oct. 22, 1947 to Pearl Brian and Ester Gertrude Martin Gosnell in St. Louis. He was united in marriage to Donna Jean Grote on Nov. 12, 1966 at St. Clement Church. Donna preceded him in death on Sept. 15, 2007.

Dale grew up in Curryville and moved to Bowling Green when his father died . He attended Bowling Green High School. Dale was employed at NARCO Brick Plant in Farber when he was drafted into the Army. He served in Vietnam from Dec. 13, 1966-Dec. 12, 1972. After his discharge, Dale went back to work at the brick plant where he staved until the plant shut down and he retired.

Dale enjoyed spending time with his wife and family.

of Elsberry First Christian by six great-grandchildren; Church and Jason Mirikitani, Chaplain for Gentiva Hospice, officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery in Elsberry.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of services Saturday.

Serving as pallbearers were David Fakes, Mike Bohrer, Bob Manning, Sid Baker, Eddie Green, and Brad Green.

Rick, 70, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 at his home. Born June 22, 1953 in St. Charles, he was the son of Henry Edison and Virginia Lee Gasperen Wood. Rick was a 1971 graduate of St. Charles High School. Rick was united in marriage on Sept. 22, 1970 in St. Charles to Janet Lynn Swyers. This union was blessed with three children, Ricky, Juliet, and Joshua.

Rick and Janet were married for 25 years before her death on Jan. 1, 1996. Rick was later married on June 25, 1998 in Elsberry to Jody Ellen Smith Ligon. Rick and Jody were married for nearly 12 years before her death on March 4, 2010.

Rick served as a fireman for the Elsberry Volunteer Fire Department for eight years. He enjoyed music, especially playing the guitar in At It Again. Rick was united in marriage on Sept. 12, 2015 in Tompkinsville, Ky., to Patricia Ann Proffitt. They were married for six years before her death on Oct. 22, 2021. Rick owned and operated Rick's Auto Repair in Elsberry, retiring in 2015.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Virginia Wood; a sister, Brenda Green; twin-brother, Randy Wood; one step-daughter, Jessica Goist; a son, Ricky Wood, who died Dec. 25, 1971; and his wives, Janet Wood, Jody Ligon Wood, and Patricia Proffitt-Wood.

Survivors include his daughter, Juliet Hailey and husband, Kevin of Elsberry; a son, Joshua Wood of Springfield; stepdaughters, Lori Javaux and husband, Jeremy of Elsberry, Leah Goist of Elsberry, and Rachel Williams of Alabama; stepsons, Mike Ligon and wife, Shellie of Bowling Green, Patrick Goist of Springfield, and Eric Goist of Springfield; and two grandsons, Gavin and Gabriel. Rick also leaves a sister, Lisa Wood of Elsberry; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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nieces and nephews; and many other loved family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ethel Gore; his wife; a sister, Phyllis McNamara, and husband, Russell; and many uncles and aunts.

Lee spent time in the United States Army serving his country during the Korean War and overseas in Germany. He was very patriotic and believed in the principles of loyalty, duty and honor.

Lee's life had spanned a notable portion of world history and our country, he led such an extraordinary life. He was born right before the official start of the great depression, as the third generation of a farming family. It is amazing to think that he lived through farming innovations from horses to GPS guided machinery.

Notable point in his history was when Gore Brother's purchasing the first four-wheel drive articulated versatile tractor in the U.S. Lee won many farming awards including the local Business and Professional Men's Club Master Farmer award with Paul and later by himself, along with being named 2015 Heritage Prairie Farmer.

He was also well known for raising hogs until exiting the Gore Brothers hog business in 1982 to focus fully on row crop farming until age 65, when he "retired" from fulltime farming. However, farmers never really retire, Lee was well known for being actively engaged as a leader and conscientious advisor to the next generation while also lending a hand to his neighbors with other farming activities. He was a well-respected mentor to many, over his years, including family and hired hands who learned discipline, a strong work ethic, and moral code in a loving family way.

He was loved by so many because he respected the value of everyone he encountered. Lee was a connector and never knew a stranger. He could talk to anyone he met, finding something in common with them.

After moving to Mexico, he continued to build a network of friends to swap stories and happenings with by spending morning at the local Hardee's and afternoons at the senior center.

He loved his church com-Memorials may be made to munities, both Spencer Creek, and Rush Hill, and was a man of great faith and love of God.

Lee loved being a grandfa-

watching tractor pulls, especially watching Nathan pull the JD 4010 or IH 1066.

But, Joe especially enjoyed hunting just about anything, including mushrooms and arrowheads, and fishing every way possible. Joe put a lot of pride in his sunflower patch every year, so that his kids, buddies, and he could enjoy a good dove hunt. The past few years, Joe enjoyed his early morning drives making the square with one of his dogs by his side, watching the sunrise, and looking to see deer and turkey, sometimes stopping along the way to shoot the breeze with any neighbor he might see. Joe was a very giving man and was always willing to help in any way.

Joe is survived by, Sherie, his wife of 39 years; his pride and joys, daughter, Kala Buck and husband, Kevin; son, Nathan Wommack and fiancé, Clare Eggering; mother, Mary Wommack; a brother, David Wommack and wife, Maureen; and sisters, Karen Bolte and husband, Mike and Nancy Niemeyer and husband, Monte. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Betty Angel; and sister-in-law, Kim Hudson and husband, Mike; and many nieces, nephews, and several cousins he thought of as brothers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hank; his grandparents; and his father-in-law, Walt Angel.

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Imogene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and siblings, Clarence Hutt and Brenda Walz.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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



#### John Joseph Fleming

John Joseph Fleming, 87, of Silex died Monday, Jan., 22, 2024 at his home.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall in Silex.

Memorial service will also be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m., Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall, Silex. Fr. Chuck Tichacek to officiate. Private burial will be held at a later date.

Luncheon to immediately follow.

Memorials may be made to: St. Alphonsus Cemetery donor's choice, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral

Charles Tadlock, and Ryan Richards.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice, c/o the funeral home



#### **Rodney Dale** Reed

Funeral services for Rodney Dale Reed, 67, of Elsberry were at 12 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19 at Elsberry Assembly

of God Church in Elsberry. Visitation was from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Elsberry Assembly of God Church.

Rodney died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at SSM St. Joseph Hospital in Lake St. Louis.

Rodney was born April 9, 1956 in Troy, MO, he was the son of George Robert and Patricia Ruth Admire Reed. Rodney was united in marriage on March 5, 1994 in Elsberry to Angelena Violet Pillers.

He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator. Rodney was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers Local #513 in St. Louis, MO. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and logging with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Patricia Reed; and one sister, Linda Brandmeyer.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Angelena Reed of Elsberry; two daughter, Patricia Jones and husband, Jeremy of Louisiana, and Devon Nelsen and husband, Steve of Troy; and two grand-

their free time driving Amish from place to place. Dale loved to spend time with his

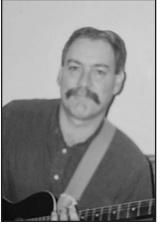
dogs. Dale is survived by a son, Gene Gosnell and wife, Melinda of Ashley; grandchildren, Cole Jensen and wife, Nikki of Louisiana and Shae Gosnell and Nick Michael of Ashley; great-grandchildren, Channing, Axel, Aleah, Jedd, and Vivian; a sister, Christine Curran of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; one brother, Phillip Gosnell of Bowling Green; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and extended family.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers, Brian Gosnell and Melvin Gosnell; and a sister, Dove Hager.

Pallbearers were Greg Haddock, Cole Jensen, David Marshall, Nick Michael, Steven Marshall, and Simon Orf. Honorary pallbearer was Donald Marshall.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or Ashley Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to www.bibbveach. com.



#### **Richard Lynn** 'Rick' Wood

Funeral services for Richard Lynn "Rick" Wood of Elsberry were be at 1 p.m., Saturday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Kris Hagemeier, pastor

Elsberry, MO 63343.



#### lee Eizea Gore

Lee Elzea Gore, 94, of Mexico, originally of Vandalia died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, just shy of his 95th birthday.

A visitation celebrating Lee's life was Saturday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia was from 10 a.m., until noon.

Funeral services began at noon. Pastors Bob Hoehn and Bob Stanford officiated with burial at Vandalia Cemetery following the service.

Lee was born Feb. 8, 1929 in Ralls County, the son of Ethel Elzea and Roy Gore. He was united in marriage to Rita Louise Gore Dec. 31, 1951, New Year's Eve, at the Christian Church of Center. She preceded him in death, Feb 11, 2003.

He was then united in marriage to Doris Walker on Oct. 21, 2006. She survives. Her daughter, Julie Kemplin, preceded them in death.

Lee is also survived by stepson, Tim Walker of Scott City, and their families.

Survivors also include a brother, Paul Gore and wife, Elayne of Vandalia; a sister, Elsie Jo Phillips and husband, Larryof Sandwich, Ill; three children, Melaney L. Moss of St. Charles, Lisa E. Gore of Columbia, and Eric W. Gore and wife, Tania of Springfield; six grandchildren, Ellen, Philip, Taylor, Rachel, Collin, and Ava; also survived

ther and great-grandfather and cherished family time at the house on holidays. Lee will be missed, and yet he is reunited with so many friends, neighbors and family.

Lee Gore came into the world unknown and is leaving unforgettable.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Spencer Creek Baptist Church or the Rush Hill Community Church, c/o Waters Funeral Home



#### **Mary Potter**

Mary I. Potter, 77, of Vandalia died Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

Private family graveside service were Friday at Van-dalia Cemetery. The Rev. Nathan Geesey officiated.

The family was served by Waters Funeral Home.

Mary was born June 17, 1946, in Bowling Green, the daughter of Sherman and Mildred McPike Willis. She was united in marriage to Eddie Potter on May 16, 1986.

Survivors include her husband, Eddie Potter of the home; a daughter, Sherri Shaw and husband, Leon of Vandalia; sons, Troy Branstetter of Hawaii and Jeff Branstetter and wife, Michelle of Moberly; a sister, Patricia Green; grandchildren, Brandon and wife, Charity, Cassie, Alexander and Spencer; and great-grandchild, Crillen.

In addition to her parents, See OBITUARIES on page 6

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Mrs. Potter was preceded in death by a son, Ricky and grandson, Lance.

Mary worked at Avery's Floor Mats in Laddonia as a machine operator and in the shipping department before her retirement.

Mary was a very talented musician. She was playing the piano at a young age and was even playing for her high school when she was in the sixth grade. Mary kept this talent up over the years and was the pianist at her church, Beacon of Hope Church in Vandalia. Away from work and church, Mary enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, playing cards, family game nights and fishing with Eddie, when he would bait her hook. Mrs. Potter was also very talented in the kitchen, she was known for her homemade rolls, apple pies along with many other things. She never let Eddie's cookie jar go dry. Mary's biggest love was her family, she cherished every moment spent with them.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beacon of Hope Church, in care of Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Mary's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



#### Frederick Thompson

Frederick Thompson, 44, of Fulton died Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Perry.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Fulton at 3 p.m.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m., Saturday at the church and on Friday from 5-8 p.m., at Second Christian Church in Fulton.

Frederick "Lil Freddie" Terrell Thompson, 44, of Fulton departed this life on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

on others. Wherever there was a need, he would always be willing to lend a helping hand, many times not even excepting anything for his help. Lil Freddie spent his life not only loving his family, but serving others. When he was not sleeping or on the road, he loved to hunt and fish just like Big Freddie.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Terri Manuel and husband, Fred of Higginsville; a sister, Dionne Thompson and husband, William of Warrensburg; a brother, Derek Thompson and wife, Emily of Wentzville; three daughters, Jayda Thompson of Fulton, Journey Owens of Omaha, Neb., and Evelyn Thompson of Fulton; two nieces, Taylor Williams of Los Angeles, Calif., and Adrianna Nunnelly of Warrensburg; three nephews, Jakayden, Braxon and Zoewynn Thompson of Wentzville; aunts, Joyce Ann Thompson, Janice Freelon and husband, Rex, Mary Kay Galbreath, Kelly Dawson, Nikki Dawson, Patricia Johnson, Marilyn Alexander and Faye Alexander. Uncles, George Thompson, Mark Dawson, Kevin Dawson, Bert Dawson, John Alexander and wife, Yeanet, Leon Alexander, Andrew Alexander, LaBaron Alexander; grandma, Jermaine Dawson; along with many cousins and friends.

Lil Freddie was preceded in death by his father, Frederick "Big Freddie" Thompson, Jr., paternal grandfather, Frederick William Thompson, grandmother, Bernice Thompson and husband, Lee, maternal grandfathers, Jimmy Wallace, Sonny Boy Dawson and maternal grandmothers Hazel Wallace and Roseanna Alexander; aunts, Connie Wright and husband, Kenneth, Freddie Mae Jackson and husband, Larry; uncles, Charles Terrell Thompson and Michael Alexander.



Jerry Dean

Michelle; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Ronnie Stallcup and wife, Dixie of Vandalia; sisters-inlaw, Judy Wade and husband, Dean of Licking, and Eileen Fronterhouse of Branson; brother-in-law, DeWayne Fronterhouse of Springdale, Ark.; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Karen Gallucci and Rita Alverado; brothers-in-law, Joe Gallucci, Tony Alverado, Ted and Adred Fronterhouse.

Jerry spent his earliest years in Washington state before his family moved back home to Upton. He was baptized at a young age and attended church at both Peace Chapel and Hickory Ridge throughout his life. Jerry attended local rural schools, Barnum, Pleasant Ridge, and Coffee, before attending Houston High School where he graduated in 1958.

Jerry's dad, John, asked him to stay and help on the farm for one year and then he would help pay for Jerry to go to college, and so he did. Jerry then went to work in Kansas City at a meat packing company to further fund his college education to become a teacher.

He taught one year at Murr School and for 11 years he taught and coached at Success Elementary. His love for sports and kids made a unique way of combining teaching, coaching, discipline, and having fun with his students. Many of his students to this day have fond memories, love, and respect for Jerry because of this.

On Aug. 13, 1964, Jerry married Trudy Marion Fronterhouse. They made their home in Upton next to his parents. To this union, three children were born, Mike, Mark, and Michelle. Jerry and Trudy purchased some land nearby and when Jerry quit teaching, they started a dairy farm and milked cows for the next 12 years.

After retiring from milking, Jerry took on the job of road maintenance for Upton Township in addition to running a herd of beef cows, a few horses, and three donkeys on their farm.

Jerry worked hard and he played harder. Taking a break meant getting the water hose after Levi and Corey, a nap on the floor watching Andy Griffith, or an all-out dog pile wrestling match. Jerry was all in for the fun, singing his own

would start with a twinkle in his eyes and end with a big belly laugh. While there will be lots of tears here today there will also be smiles, laughter, and so many stories told to remember him by. Jerry will be so missed and always loved.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hickory Ridge Cemetery.



James "Jim" Fielden Pitzer, 85, of Louisiana died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 in Louisiana. Cremation rites are under the direction of Collier Fu-

neral Home in Louisiana. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 from 2-4 p.m., at the Louisiana Elks Lodge.

Jim was born Nov. 15, 1938 in Louisiana to Walter Fielden and Helen Mae Mackey Pitzer. On July 5, 1956, he was united in marriage to Donna Jean Smith Pitzer. To this union was born Lindy Wood and husband, Danny, Jimmy Pitzer and wife, Brenda, and Becky Chitwood and Stan Kriete.

Jim is also survived by many grandkids, Brian Wood and wife, Kerry, Dana Collard and husband, Joe, Danny Wood and wife, Terri, Andrea Orf and husband, Adam, Skyler Pitzer, Kacie Simon and husband, Michael, Caleb Grover and Jessica Powell, and Samantha Grover and Jermaine Chatman; greatgrandkids and one greatand great-granddaughter; sisters, Glenda Pitzer and Eleanor "Oey" Spears.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen Pitzer; two brothers, Tommy Pitzer and Robert Pitzer; and a sister, Joan Carroll.

Jim wore many hats in his 85 years. He was a union carpenter, bus driver, MODOT driver, auctioneer, and farmer.

## **A Journey Of Resilience: Michael's Cattle With Cancer**

Michael Capps of Shelbyville is a devoted family man whose world revolves around his wife Jennifer and two children Chris and Chloe. In March of 2023, Michael began having pain in his stomach that slowly became disruptive to his daily life. After months of persistent pain and digestive issues, Michael visited the Hannibal Regional Emergency Department. CT scans of his abdomen showed no signs of anything wrong.

Michael continued taking ibuprofen daily just to get through but by July the pain became so intrusive he couldn't get through a day of work even with medication. This facilitated a second trip to the Hannibal Regional Emergency Department in which a CT scan of his abdomen discovered several swollen lymph nodes. Recalling that moment, Michael shares, "They told me that they suspected it was cancer, and it hit me hard. But what struck me even more was the empathy they showed in delivering the news. It was as if they shared my pain, making it comforting to know they cared for me in such a personal way." Michael was referred to

Dr. Kevin Palka, an oncologist at Hannibal Regional Cancer Institute. Upon meeting Dr. Palka Michael says that he liked him right away. "He told it to me straight and got right to the point, which I appreciated." A biopsy of the lymph nodes revealed that Michael, unfortunately, had stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer. With tears welling in his eyes Michael says, "My first thoughts were concern for my kids. They are just getting ready to start their adult lives and they still need me." Dr. Palka reassured Michael that while stage 4 lung cancer cannot be cured there were some exceptionally promising options for treatment.

Michael's PD-L1 level on his tumor was 100 percent,



which meant that he could be effectively treated with Keytruda without needing any toxic chemotherapy. Keytruda is an intravenous immunotherapy drug that activates the body's immune system to attack and destroy cancer cells. In late August Michael began his immunotherapy treatments. Within two weeks, a noticeable decrease in pain brought Michael a great sense of optimism and relief. Dr. Palka, observing Michael's progress, commented, "This treatment was a perfect match for Michael. After his second treatment, tests showed a complete response and best of all Michael was feeling 100% better!"

Today Michael visits the Hannibal Regional Cancer Institute once every six weeks for a thirty-minute infusion. Michael reports that he feels little to no negative side effects from his treatments and has noticed his health improve significantly since starting them. Michael says his heart is full of gratitude, I owe my life to Dr. Palka and the staff at the Hannibal Regional Cancer Institute. They've worried about my weight and how I'm doing more like you would expect from a friend. I'm not a fan of doctors and hospitals but they've made me feel so at ease."

This ordeal has transformed Michael's outlook on life. "I don't let little things bother me like I did before. I am just so much more appreciative of every day I have with my family, especially my wife Jennifer. She has been my rock through the whole ordeal. Without her help and love for me, I would have never gotten through this." he shares. Michael's story is a testament to the power of hope, medical advancements, and the profound impact of compassionate

#### care **Bird's The Word**

Hundreds of people from Missouri and Illinois enjoyed the festivities at Clarksville Eagle Days Jan. 27 and 28. Almost 300 school students from Pike and Lincoln counties previewed the event on Jan. 26. Live eagle programs were done at the Apple Shed Saturday and Sunday, and visitors could check out the birds in their natural habitat from Riverfront Park. There were also tours of Lock and Dam 24, children's activities, food and vendors. Kate Mattoon of World Bird Sanctuary is pictured with McGwire, a 25-year-old bald eagle, during one of the programs.

He was born to the late Frederick William Thompson, Jr. and Theresa Ann Manual on Oct. 9, 1979 in Mexico.

He was baptized at a young age and attended Second Baptist in Vandalia pastored by the late the Rev. William Butler. In his adult life he "Popped Up" at Guid-ing Light led by the Rev. Jackson and Second Christian led by the Rev. Harris. He loved to serve and help the churches.

Lil Freddie was a graduate of Van-Far High School in 1998 and worked as owner of JJE Thompson Contracting, LLC. There was nothing that Lil Freddie could not do. He was a mechanic, a carpenter, a plumber, drywaller, whatever was needed Lil Freddie did it.

He loved spending time with his daughters and he loved "Popping Up" on people just to catch up and check

Stallcup

Jerry Dean Stallcup, 83, son of John Vernon Stallcup and Thelma Norene "Sim' Campbell Stallcup, was born on July 15, 1940 in Chehalis. Wash. He died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at his home in Upton.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m., at Evans Funeral Home in Houston on Wednesday. Burial will follow in Hickory Ridge Cemeterv

Visitation for Jerry will take place Wednesday from 12-1 p.m., at the funeral home

He is survived by his wife, Trudy: sons, Michael Dean Stallcup and wife, Tana of Clute Texas, Mark Russell Stallcup and wife, Bonnie of Huggins, and daughter, Michelle Lee Stallcup of Springfield; five grandchildren, Christina, Josh, Britand tany, Corey, Sarah

version of Old Paint... "I'ma ridin' Ole Pain and a leadin' Ole Ball gonna quit working this coming Fall" while riding horses to check cows with Michelle or singing loud in the township truck "The Battle of New Orleans".

His three kids, and more than a few neighbor kids can remember some death-defying rides on a makeshift sled with kids scattered all over the roads and hills. Jerry doubled over laughing as they flew off in all directions. All the while aggravating Trudy to no end as she tried to hold down the fort at home. No matter the title ... husband, dad, grandpa, friend, or neighbor, Jerry was one of a kind.

Wherever Jerry was, home, church, work, hanging out at the sale barn, or Beasley's Feed Store, he always had a story to tell. It He was a life member of the Louisiana Elks Lodge 79 and Buffalo Church. He served on many boards over the years including FSA, Pike County Cattleman's, Jordan Buffalo Cemetery, MO Cattleman's Association, MI Advisory Board, and Khou League.

Jim was known by ma for his love of family, Go farming, turnips, and sw corn. Jim and Donna open their home up to their nied and nephews, with several the nephews spending a su mer on the farm.

In lieu of flowers, the far ily requests memorial dor tions to be made Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery, Becky Chitwood, PO Box Louisiana, MO 63353.

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#### Mooney Signs With Culver

Abagail Mooney, Senior, at Silex High School has signed on with Culver-Stockton College in Canton and will be joining their women's basketball team in the fall of 2024. During her high school basketball career, she has earned 1st Team All District, 1st and 2nd Team All Conference, KJFM All Area 1st and 2nd Team, KJFM Hustle Award and has also been named to the All Tournament Team at Clopton. Coach Robert James says "Abagail is a student athlete who possesses every quality to be successful on and off the playing surface. Her dedication, work ethic and leadership skills have been unmatched. She will be greatly missed at Silex, but she will be a great asset to Culver-Stockton women's basketball program and to their cam-pus." Mooney plans to earn a degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Jason and Crystal Howard of Silex.

## Community News Life Changing Continuous Support Through Hannibal Regional Diabetes Center

was diagnosed with diabetes about 10 years ago. Russell eventually developed problems with his vision and four years ago discovered he was suffering from Diabetic Macular Edema (DME). DME is a complication of diabetes that can eventually lead to permanent vision loss. Russell received treatment for DME and went about his daily life. Russell's A1C level and weight were both up and he realized it was time for a change towards better health and management of

Russell McCoy of Hannibal as diagnosed with diabetes out 10 years ago. Russell entually developed problems th his vision and four years diagnosed with diabetes entually developed problems the diabetes would find himself losing weight, but as soon as he stopped the diet the weight would come right back.

In September of 2020, Russell saw an article on a program offered by the registered dietitians at Hannibal Regional Hospital. After reading the article he decided to schedule a private consultation with one of the dietitians to learn more about the program. The program was designed to give each person a better understanding of nutrition, exercise, food groups, eating habits, and how to apply this knowledge to support a new lifestyle. Russell made the decision to commit to the program. He exceeded his weight loss goal during the program and lost almost 30 pounds in just eight weeks. He felt better, had more energy and his A1C level dropped.

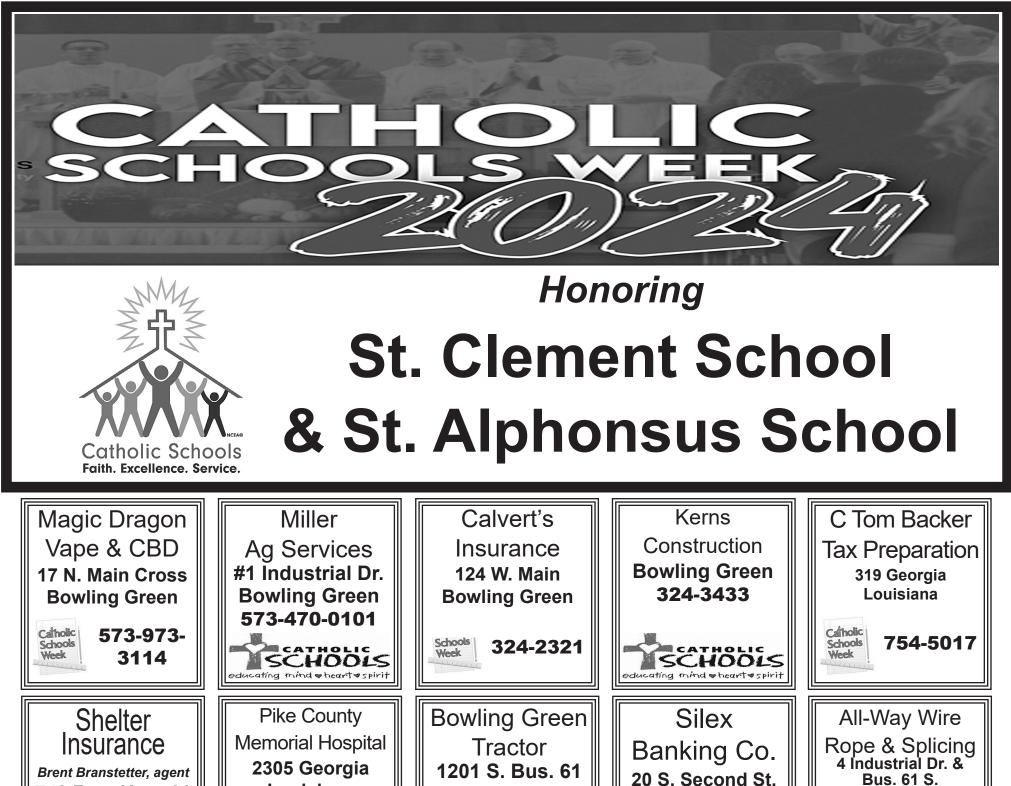
Today Russell continues to live a healthy lifestyle and has lost a total of 50 pounds. He is now able to maintain a healthy weight and A1C level with limited medications. Russell has become an advocate for educating others on the maintenance and prevention of diabetes. He continues to speak at diabetes classes at Hannibal Regional and connect with patients going through similar lifestyle changes as he went through. Russell has also become a spokesperson for an eye pharmaceutical that has helped improved his Diabetic Macular Edema. He is an inspiration and in November of 2023 was awarded the Spirit of Health Award given by the Hannibal Regional Diabetes Center.

"I am so grateful for the sup-

port system that I found at Hannibal Regional. The entire Diabetes Center team has made a huge impact on my life. All the programs and education that I was offered through Hannibal Regional has been amazing. The thing I cannot stress enough is education is key. Ask questions, learn about the disease you are dealing with, learn about complications from the disease and about medications. If I would have understood 10 years ago when I was diagnosed with diabetes that I could have a complication that would

affect my vision, I would have made changes a lot sooner to my lifestyle."

Russell continues to attend the quarterly Diabetes Education Classes and the weekly Health Accountability Support Group offered at Hannibal Regional. If you are interested in making a change in your lifestyle or would like to learn more about the nutrition programs offered at Hannibal Regional, visit hannibalregional. org/nutrition or call 573-629-3382.







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