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Diane Bibb, Director of the Chris Coons Women's Care Unit; Dr. Julie Viehmann, OB/GYN at Hannibal Regional Medical Group; Dr. Wendy Harrington, President and CEO Hannibal Regional Foundation; Ryan Gilmore, Arrow Gilmore, and Ashlie Gilmore.

HRH Welcomes First Baby Of 2024

Hannibal Regional Hospital is delighted to announce the arrival of the first baby born at the hospital in the new year.

Proud parents Ryan and Ashlie Gilmore welcomed their sweet baby boy, named Arrow, into the world at 1:18 pm on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. Arrow weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

This is Ashlie and Ryan's second son born at Hannibal Regional with Dr. Julie Viehmann, an obstetrician at Hannibal Regional Medical Group. They both expressed their happiness and gratitude for the exceptional care provided by Hannibal Regional Hospital's dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and staff dur-

ing this special moment.

"We are immensely grateful for the outstanding care we received at Hannibal Regional Hospital. Everyone was so nice and the care was seamless, it made for a very peaceful and calm birthing experience," said Ashlie and Ryan. Ashlie was able to use the new low-intervention birthing room and laboring pool. "I was immediately impressed with how large the room was. The pool helped progress my labor and dulled my contractions to the point that they were very manageable," Ashlie describes.

The arrival of the first baby of the year is always a heartwarming event at Hannibal Regional. Diane Bibb, Director of the Women's Care Unit

at Hannibal Regional Hospital shared her excitement, stating, "We extend our warmest congratulations to the family on their adorable new addition. It's an honor to be part of such a precious moment in their lives and to provide exceptional care for the newest member of their family."

The hospital staff expressed their best wishes and presented the family with a celebratory gift basket to commemorate this special occasion.

For more information about delivery options at Hannibal Regional Hospital please call 573-629-3500 to schedule an appointment with an obstetrician.

Henderson Debated Edict Aimed At Barring Trump From Ballot

By Brent Engel
Contributing Writer

A Pike County legislator took an active role in the 1866 debate over a constitutional provision that's being cited today in accusations against former President Donald Trump.

Missouri U.S. Sen. John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana was heavily involved in 14th Amendment deliberations. Most of his arguments centered on giving voting rights to black people freed from slavery after the Civil War.

But he also addressed the ambiguous section that bans people who've taken a constitutional oath from holding civil office if they "have engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against the government or "given aid or comfort" to its enemies. Congress can remove the penalties with a two-thirds vote in each chamber.

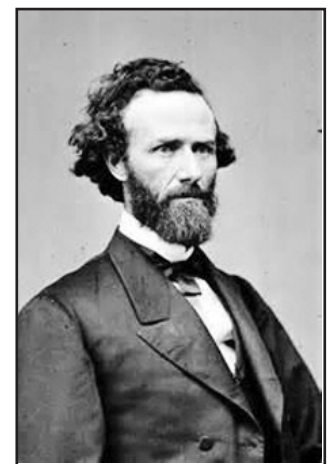
Trump has not been charged with insurrection, let alone convicted of it, but does face 91 federal and state allegations in four indictments.

The case relevant to the 14th Amendment stems from his alleged role in violence at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He's accused of conspiracy and obstruction.

The controversial move is unprecedented. Section 3 of the 14th Amendment has never been used to keep someone from becoming president. It's original intent was to prevent former Confederates from holding public office. However, many have argued it violates another part of the constitution that bans laws which retroactively set some sort of punishment.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis invoked the section in his 1868 defense against treason charges, but

President Andrew Johnson pardoned former rebels before the case was resolved. Davis, who died in 1889, was given amnesty posthumously by President Jimmy Carter in 1978,



John Brooks Henderson

Congress in 1872 and 1898 removed some penalties for violating the section, but courts as recently as 2022 have issued opposite rulings on questions of application for provisions that remain.

Socialist Victor Berger of Wisconsin was removed from Congress in 1919 after being convicted of espionage, but the Supreme Court overturned the verdict in 1921 and he served for six years.

Henderson, the catalyst behind the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery, could not have envisioned using the constitution to keep a presidential candidate off the ballot. However, his words about voting rights indicate he probably would have rejected the idea.

In a speech to Senate colleagues, the Republican said that "even the worst rebel leaders" should not be denied the freedom to choose candidates, and that attempts to do so should be "wholly abandoned."

"We must be merciful," he

said. "I am willing to make the highest virtue of that necessity."

The words came with a caveat. Henderson had no problem ousting what he called "traitors" – but only if duly convicted of crimes against the nation.

"If it were proposed to take from them life, liberty or property, I would be unwilling to do so except according to the law of the land," he said. "But when it is only proposed to fix a qualification for office and deny them future distinctions, which would rather make their treason honorable than odious, I do not hesitate to act."

In addition, the irony of former Confederate states rejoining the Union and asking for restoration of the right to vote while trying to deny it to blacks was not lost on Henderson. In today's context, his words could be interpreted as an effort to quell disenfranchisement.

"They clamor for suffrage, and I for one am willing to grant it to them if they will now be generous enough to extend it to all who carried the musket to defend the government while they carried the musket to destroy it," he said.

Henderson could be accused of straddling the fence, but his overriding message became clear in another part of the speech. As he always had, the senator put abiding faith in the will of the American people rather than the manipulations of Congress or courts.

"Where all men are interested in the government, none but peaceful revolutions are needed," Henderson said. "Reforms are worked at the ballot box. Government then, and only then, becomes a divine institution."



Edna Dolbear is pictured presenting a donation check to John Sitton, board member of the Louisiana Perpetual Flag Fund.

Louisiana Perpetual Flag Fund Receives Donation From Dolbear

In September, Edna Dolbear wondered how she could help the Louisiana Perpetual Flag Fund (LPPF) with money to keep the large 20'x30' U.S. flag flying at the Louisiana Riverfront.

Living on Water Street, She find it an important part of her daily ritual of watching and photographing the moon and sun rises, river traffic, eagles, and other wildlife from her balcony.

Selecting 12 of her favorite pictures, with many featuring the flag, Edna compiled a quality 8"x10" 2024 calendar and offered them for sale to the community, with the promise of donating almost half of the price of each calendar to the LPPF. Starting sales on Facebook, then at Colorfest and the Christmas Craft Fair, she has been able to sell 115 of the 125 she paid to have printed.

A check for \$1,500 donation was recently presented as fulfillment of that commitment. Edna states "I was so appreciative of the Louisiana community and how they jumped on board with me on this project. Folks were buying them for themselves and as gifts for family members who have moved from the area but love the beautiful riverfront we have. My calendars were being sent to

Alaska, Hawaii, California, Kansas, Alabama ... and that's just the ones I know about!"

Dolbear says, while she still has nine or 10 in stock, she went on and donated on all 125 at \$12 per calendar to make the \$1,500 donation. "This way if I sell some later, or use some as gifts of my own, I have fulfilled my promise, and the money is there for the LPPF to use as needed."

In addition to the \$12 per calendar that Edna donated, John Sitton bought several of his own for gifts and then offered to donate an additional \$5 per calendar on the last 52 calendars sold, meaning he too gave the LPPF an additional \$260, all because of the community's support of this calendar project.

Edna says she would be remiss if she didn't take this opportunity to remind you how to help support the U.S. flags flown throughout town. Send checks payable to: Louisiana Perpetual Flag Fund, P.O. Box 343, Louisiana MO 63353. Donations can also be dropped off locally at the State Farm Office, 201 Georgia Street. Gregg Blaylock serves on the LPPF board.

"Thank you, Louisiana, for your patriotism and support of Old Glory!"

Clopton Invitational Ends With Excitement

By Brice Chandler
Editor

It was two days of edge-of-the-seat excitement for the 2023 Annual Clopton Hawk Invitational Tournament on Friday, Jan. 5, and Saturday, Jan. 6.

The ladies kicked off the action on Friday night with the (6) Louisiana Lady Bulldogs taking on (4) Winfield for the consolation game. Louisiana had an opening night loss against Elsberry, which sent them into the consolation bracket where they beat Wright City 60-32 in the semifinals. In the consolation game, Louisiana found themselves trailing by 13 points at halftime, but came back for a 66-58 win.

The (5) Silex Lady Owls took on (2) Elsberry for the third-place game and treated the crowd to another exciting match that went into overtime. It was a close one on the scoreboard, with Silex holding 23-22 lead going into the third quarter. The Lady Owls held a narrow lead throughout the second half until the last minutes of the game when Elsberry tied it up and took the lead with two free throws and less than 40 seconds on the clock. With 15 seconds remaining, Silex's Morgan Kuntz drew a foul on a layup attempt and then sank her two free throws to tie the game and send it into overtime. Elsberry scored early in OT and held off the Lady Owls for the 50-48 win.

In the championship match, the (1) Clopton Lady Hawks controlled the first half of the game, outscoring (3) Monroe City 11-8 in the opening quarter and 20-15 by the end of the first half. But the Monroe City ladies amped up the pressure, slowing down the Lady Hawks and only letting them score 7 points while adding 17-points on their side of the board. The Lady Panthers took the lead for the first time in the final minute of the third. Monroe City quickly added six points to their lead. The Lady Hawks battled to regain their momentum and close the gap

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Veterans Honor Roll Project

Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. and American Legion Post 370 are pleased to announce that they have joined together to raise funds to construct the Louisiana Community Veterans Honor Roll Memorial Board. "This project is long overdue for our community," stated Diana Huckstep, Chairperson of LCBA. "We are so pleased to be working alongside the American Legion Post 370 members to make this a reality. Paying tribute to our military members, past and present, is such an honor. We have so much tourism though our community and those seeking historic family information. What an amazing way to say, "Thank You" to our Veterans," stated Huckstep.

To get this project off the ground, Yard Signs will be available for purchase for you or your family member, that is, or has served, in the United States Armed Forces. Yard signs can be purchased for yourself or your family member (any year.) These yard signs can be proudly displayed in your yard on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or any time you want to pay tribute to your

loved one. The yard signs will feature a picture of the Veteran, their name, branch, rank, and years served. "I ordered an extra one for my mom," said American Legion Post 370 Commander, Mike Trower. Every dollar from the proceeds of the sale of the yard signs will



be used to pay for the construction of the Veterans Honor Roll Memorial Board.

In addition to the Yard Signs, Veterans Honor Roll Board PLAQUES, will be sold separately and be placed on an outside Honor Roll Board. Although the Yard Signs are available to anyone wishing to purchase one, these Plaques are only for those who are, or have been, a resident of the 63353-area zip code. These plaques will be permanently placed on the outside Honor Roll Board at the American Legion Post

370, 520 Kelly Lane in Louisiana. These plaques are 12" x 6", made from stainless steel, and will display the Veteran's name, branch, rank, years served, and will be permanently affixed to the Honor Roll Board for generations to come, honoring all those who have served.

If you do not have a military member in your family but would like to help this project become a reality, you may make a donation to the project. Please make your check payable to LCBA. All donations to this project are tax deductible and will be recognized.

Forms to purchase the Yard Signs and the Plaques are available through the American Legion Post 370 or by contacting any member of Louisiana Community Betterment, Assoc. For more info, please call Bill Huckstep, 573-754-0367, Diana Huckstep, 314-640-4420 or Marcie Bureson, 573-567-6774.

Mail all completed forms, with requested information or donations to: LCBA, PO Box 72, Louisiana, MO 63353.



2023 Christmas Parade Winners

The Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. held a check and certificate presentation for all the winners of the 2023 Christmas Parade, Business Window Decorating and Residential Decorating Contest. Each entry had at least one representative present at the presentation. Checks and certificates were presented for first, second, and 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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From The Mayor's Desk...

We must build on our successes of 2023 and look to 2024 to continued progress and development. As I reflect on the past year, I'm filled with immense civic pride and gratitude for what we achieved together. Significant strides were made in welcoming new businesses, increased housing for single families, duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes for home ownership and rentals.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Some of our oldest water and sewer lines have been replaced, (still need work in this infrastructure), and more paved streets. A new hangar at the Municipal Airport with potential further development is at no cost to Bowling Green taxpayers. In fact, this new hangar will provide another revenue source for the City. Sparks Maintenance, Brad and his sons have gone nation-wide with their businesses, our City's stable businesses and expansion, stability in our financial and historic districts, positive growth in our Non-profits, while continued updating and improving our police and fire department are more encouragements. Our movement for improving is the heartbeat of Bowling Green to provide for our citizens in the best ways possible.

Before the glow and celebration of Christmas and welcoming in the New Year dawns, let's carry the ideas of unity, goodwill, generosity, and joy into 2024. Let's live life more fully by adding these ingredients into our lives. There's more to life than getting up, going to work, coming home, and trying to make ends meet. Let's be empowered to enjoy life for a happier you! Research shows that fun and laughter relieve stress by boosting endorphins-feel good hormones.

Congratulations to NECAC and the "Bell Ringers" for not only reaching but ex-

ceeding the goal they had for Pike County's underprivileged and underserved.

University of Alabama football coach, Nick Saban states, "Our victories are milestones on a longer journey. We celebrate our successes, but we do not dwell on them." The same is true for Bowling Green. Our schools, businesses, services, farmers and ranchers, City Hall, and you, as citizens MUST look ahead with determination and focus. Development and progress can be challenging but crucial. We need to continue business expansion to meet more of your shopping needs, continue community development, expand our workforce with housing, recreational amenities, and training, increase tourism, and meet the needs and desires of you, citizens. Across America, small towns that do not pursue development and improvement are stagnating and dying.

The Arts are a part of a healthy life-mentally, emotionally, socially, and artistically-and contribute to greater social cohesiveness, better health, and all aspects of community well-being. Art forms are music, (of all types), orchestras, bands, choirs playing in parks, schools, care facilities, and community centers. Drawing, watercolors, and paints have a calming and restorative effect on the viewers and participants. Art Education programs support the social and emotional needs of students and communities to bridge differences. Art forms, physical movement like dance and other cultural activities address and contribute to public health, healing, and well-being of a community. There's tremendous power in how various art forms and cultural exposure brings a community together and it THRIVES!

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling

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

On Jan. 9: Blood drive, 3-6:30 p.m., at the Clopton High School multipurpose room.



MDC Reports Deer Harvest During Late Antlerless Portion

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

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

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

For harvest summaries

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

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

Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at <https://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/fall-deer-turkey-hunting-regulations-information>.

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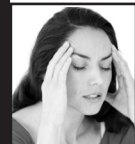
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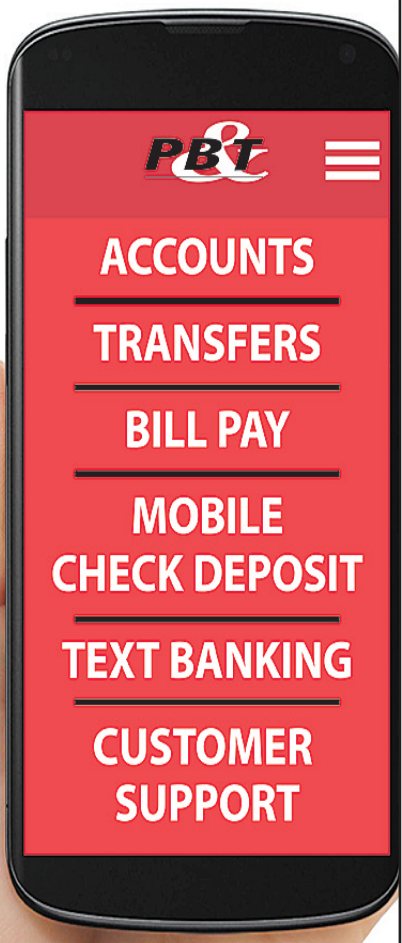


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OBITUARIES



Michael 'Mike' Eugene Comer

Michael "Mike" Eugene Comer, 65, of Troy died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at his residence in Troy.

Family and friends were received from 12-3 p.m., Saturday at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy. A celebration of life was held at 3 p.m., Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy.

He was born June 6, 1958, in Louisiana, the son of Donald and Mary DeGraffenreid Comer. Mike was united in marriage to Jo Burgess and to this union three sons and one daughter were born.

Mike graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1976. He retired from the Lincoln County R-III School District with 27 years of dedication. In his earlier years he enjoyed fishing. He truly looked forward to retirement and was known as a regular at Chubby's Restaurant in Moscow Mills. Mike liked visiting his second family at the school district and mowing his yard. He took several trips to see his brother, Butch and would visit the Amish. His straight forward personality is going to be missed.

Mike is survived by his wife of 39 years, Jo Comer of Troy; three sons and one daughter, Jared Comer and wife, Dana of Troy, Jessica Comer of Troy, Jeffrey Comer of Florida, and Jacob Comer of Troy; one brother and two sisters; two grandchildren, Colt and Madison; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Mary Comer; one brother; and one sister.

Expression of sympathy may be made to Bright Futures Lincoln County or Buddy Bags, c/o Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

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



Vicki Layne Skirvin

On Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 and fortified with the sacraments of Holy Mother Church, Vicki Edwards Feldman Skirvin passed from her earthly life at her home in Bowling Green.

Visitation and a funeral Mass was held in her home parish of St. Clement on Friday. Interment was at St. Clement Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Visitation was from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with the funeral Mass following at 10:30.

She joined the Edwards family on Sept. 19, 1946. Her proud parents were John Bill and Nancy Gillum Edwards. Vicki was married to Robert "Butch" Feldman and later married Kenny Skirvin.

Vicki attended Bowling Green Schools and graduated with the class of 1965.

Vicki is survived by four daughters, Jennifer Hagar of Bowling Green, Diana Toprani and husband, Raj of Seattle, Wash., Beth Learand husband, Kerry of Portland, Ore., and Bridget Turner and husband, Eric of Bowling Green.

Also, surviving are her grandchildren, Wil, Rachel, and Emily Hagar; Gus and Phoebe Lear; and Payton

Turner.

Also surviving Vicki are her sisters, Joyce Edwards and Susie Edmond and husband, Rick as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; son-in-law, Harold Hagar; sister, Patty Tophinke; and niece, Christy Edmond.

Vicki had many talents, allowing her to work as a florist, dental tech, CNA, bartending instructor, meat cutter at Kroger, and a cook at NECC in Bowling Green. She enjoyed plants, sewing and crocheting, and collecting antiques. Her great enjoyment though, was spending time with her grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chris Tophinke, Wil Hagar, Mike Lewis, Tyler Lewis, Matt Myers, and Brian Gierer.

Donations can be made to the Hope Center or St. Clement Church.



Rev. Laban Owino Otiende

The Rev. Laban Owino Otiende, 68, of Vandalia died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday at New Life Tabernacle in Vandalia. Pastor Gene Hamilton officiated. Burial will be at a later date on the family farm in Kisumu, Kenya.

Visitation celebrating Laban's life was held from 12 p.m., until the time of the service Friday at the New Life Tabernacle.

Laban was born July 25, 1955, in Kenya, Africa, the son of Benjamin and Nedi Musimbi Owini. He was united in marriage to Florence Makungu on Jan. 2, 1982, in Kenya, Africa.

Survivors include his wife, Florence of the home; two sons, Brian Adoli Otiende and Roger Makungu Otiende; brothers, Charles, Ayub and Nathan; and sister, Josephine.

Laban was preceded in death by his parents.

The Rev. Otiende was an ordained minister of the Apostolic Pentecostal faith.

Laban enjoyed preaching, reading his Bible and spreading the word of the Lord. He also enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family and church family.

Pallbearers were Terry Waters, Lance Wheeler, Benito Ambrocio, Antonio Ambrocio, and Javier Cruz. Honorary pallbearers were Elder Alister (Kenya), Elder Douglas (Kenya), Elder C. Mulema (Kenya), Henry Intizi, and George Otieno

Memorial contributions may be made to Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Laban's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Ashlee Frances Beshears

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

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

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

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

Ashlee is survived by her beautiful daughter, Keagann "Jayden" Beshears of Wellsville; her mother, Janice

Beshears of Wellsville; and her father, Wayne Beshears of Frankford. Also, a brother, Albert Beshears and wife, Jennifer, Reid Beshears, and Quinlen Minor of Hallsville; and a sister, Kristen Hampton and husband, Wade and Avere Hampton of Mexico; significant other, Mark Bair and children of Bowling Green; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends.

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

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



Reginald Gene Landers

Funeral services for Reginald Gene Landers, 80, of Vandalia were at noon, Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia, with Pastor Nathan Geesey officiating.

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

Mr. Landers died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Reginald was born July 15, 1943, in Vandalia, the son of Reginald Madison Frances and Lois Jean Righter Landers. He married Kathryn Blair on July 5, 1973, in Vandalia. She survives.

Other survivors include: one son, Quentin Landers and Lisa Clowers of Vandalia; one daughter, Carolyn McCreery and husband, Toby of Vandalia; a brother, Keith Landers; five grandchildren, Chady Moser, Johanna McCreery, Rose, Pete, and Anna Landers; two great-grandchildren, Gwendlyn and Joseph Grady; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Reginald was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Allen, Rickie, and Roger Landers.

Mr. Landers was a lifetime area resident. He was a member of the Tri-County Saddle Club and the Greenlawn Saddle Club. Reginald drove a MFA Feed Truck for 22 years.

He enjoyed spending his time working with horses, doing leather work, and watching old black and white western movies. Most of all, Reginald enjoyed spending his time with his children and grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon of Hope Church, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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



JoAnn Scherder

Mary "JoAnn" Scherder, 84, of Bowling Green died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at DePaul Hospital surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday at 11 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church with the Rev. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial was at the St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., Saturday at the church. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green was in charge of arrangements.

JoAnn was born Jan. 5, 1939 in St. Clement, at home, the daughter of Victor and Vera Orf Feldmann. She mar-

ried James "Jim" Scherder on Nov. 4, 1961 at St. Clement Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Greg Scherder and wife, Sheila of Troy, Richard Scherder and Shelley of Edmond, Okla.; four daughters, Karen Hood and husband, Eric of Troy, Linda Jaeger and husband, Asa of Clarksville, Eileen Kadlec and Ron of Wentzville and Lisa Anderson and husband, Brandon of Troy; grandchildren, Ethan, Hannah, and Maggie Scherder, Andrea Walker, Landon Hood and wife, Kyra and Sydney Hood, Lauren Ellison and husband, Alex and Brad Jaeger and wife, Emily, Courtney and Kacey Kadlec, Lane Hamlett, Jake Anderson and wife, Yordie, Bradyn and Alayna Anderson; great-grandchildren, Max and Parker Ellison and Jack Jaeger. Also three brothers, Tom Feldmann and wife, Marsha, Eddie Feldmann and wife, Vicki, John Feldmann and wife, Amy; and three sisters, Dorothy Sachs and husband, Bob, Vicki Grote, and Connie Rodgers and husband, Darrell.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a brother, Danny Feldmann and one brother-in-law, Vince Grote.

JoAnn grew up in St. Clement with her parents, eight siblings and the family business, Feldmann Brothers Store. She attended college in Quincy, Ill., and worked in St. Louis prior to getting married. She was an amazing homemaker who cooked countless meals for her family. Her chocolate chip cookies and Saturday fried chicken meals were famous for decades.

JoAnn was an active member of the St. Clement Church and volunteered at the Hope Center for many years of her life. Later in life, she enjoyed family lunches at Meme's, her "social" trips to Walmart, and Saturday night Mass. Most of all, she enjoyed watching her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids play sports and do activities.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Landon Hood, Alex Ellison, Brad Jaeger, Ethan Scherder, Lane Hamlett, and Bradyn Anderson.

Memorials may be made to St. Clement Catholic Church or the Hope Center.

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



Jerome Myers

Jerome Myers died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home is in charge of cremation rites.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

He was born Feb. 15, 1948 to Cecil and Anna Faye Jennings Myers in Pike County. Jerome was previously married to Thelma "Sue" Crenshaw. To that union a son was born, Travis Jerome Myers.

Jerome grew up in the Vine Hill area of Bowling Green. He was known to most people as "Hump". There are many stories of him playing baseball with the Shinn kids growing up.

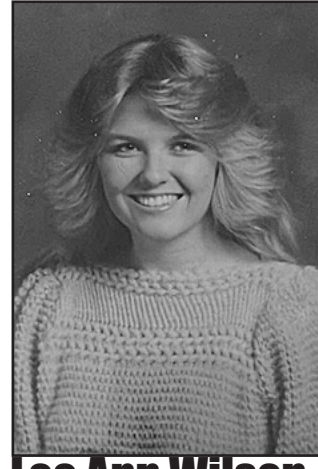
He was also famous for catching a deer barefoot and barehanded in the woods. Jerome loved the outdoors, he was a true country boy through and through. He also loved taking rides with his friend, Martin Fisher. Jerome worked his whole life for Stark Bros. Nurseries until his retirement.

Jerome was a Christian with an unbreakable faith in the Lord.

He is survived by his son, Travis; grandchildren, Alex Tophinke; and fiancé, Chris Davis, Matt Myers, and Haley Myers; grandchildren, Alanah and William Tophinke; a sister, Martha; many nieces and nephews; and his very special cat, Bootie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Elisabeth Curry, Francis Bush, Genesis Myers, and Vera Moles.

Donations may be made to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home to help with final expenses.



Lee Ann Wilson

Lee Ann Wilson, 57, of Louisiana, formerly of Hannibal died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

Cremation rites are provided by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. No services are scheduled at this time.

Lee Ann was born Feb. 8, 1966 in Hannibal to Erma Charlene Fantz Majors.

She is survived by two daughters, Kelley Bales and Kacey Bales; nine grandchildren, Kilee Wilson, Kameil Haynes-Lowary, Cortney Haynes-Lowary, Adon Byquist, Cameron Byquist, Tylan Byquist, Kam Byquist, Aziir Bales, and Jayden Bales; three brothers, Kyle Wilson, Kirk Wilson, and Kim Wilson; and a sister, Keri Carroll-Wilson.

Lee Ann was always a hard worker and mother. She loved her grandkids more than anything. She loved to make others laugh and enjoyed the simple things in life. She loved making jewelry and collecting small things. She was one of the strongest people ever met. She loved arts and crafts and creating things. She was an inspiration to others and loved caring for others.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Cheryl Denise Raspberry-Webb

Cheryl Denise Raspberry-Webb, 66, of Elsberry departed this life on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 at St. Luke's Hospital-Chesterfield due to complications of lung cancer and suffering a massive heart attack. Cheryl fought hard to her last breath. She was awake, cognizant, and shared her precious final moments in this life with beloved and dearest family members that gathered there to be with her.

After her official valiant fight with stage three lung cancer, undergoing a regiment of high intensity radiation treatments, along with grueling chemotherapy and im-

munotherapy treatments starting in June 2021, Cheryl experienced a brief reprieve, but her battle resumed in September 2023 when she was re-diagnosed with stage four lung cancer and pneumonia. Cheryl never quit, she never lost hope. She kept her faith, remained defiant and possessed an unwavering spiritual strength and belief in the Lord's blessings. She found comfort in the outpouring of love and prayers from family and her dear friends. She believed every minute, every hour, God would come to her rescue; he would give her strength to weather the storm; stop the pain, and end hours of radiation, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy treatments.

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Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, flowers, memorials all other acts of kindness.

The Family Of Opal Elder

Card Of Thanks

The family of Wayne Gamm would like to thank family and friends for visits, cards, food, and donations to Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

Thanks to Pike County Home Health and Hospice for their loving care.

Thanks to the Second Baptist Church ladies for the delicious meal.

Thanks to the Rev. Joe Siefkas and the Rev. Jerry Gamm for the beautiful funeral service.

Thanks to Ryan Bibb and Angi Korte of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes for the care and attention to detail you provided to us.

Georgia Gamm

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COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARIES

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ance that everything is going to be okay. She would say, do not give up, God answers prayers, and he works miracles.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can

comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

Cheryl was born March 20, 1957, in St. Louis, the daughter of Will H. and Izola W. Warrior-Raspberry.

In 1961, Will H. Raspberry relocated his family from St. Louis to Annada to the family farm, The Circle R Ranch, where Cheryl at an early age, gained a strong work ethic; a deep passion for family, cooking, and appreciation for the outdoors.

Cheryl attended Clopton High School, graduating in 1975, garnering numerous accolades and honors as a valued member of the Clopton Hawks Cheerleading Squad. She was an over-achiever, known and admired for her commitment, hard-work and optimistic outlook. Her high-flying flawless athletic jumps and stunts were featured events... jaw-dropping sights to behold. She fostered and environment of inclusion, and her willingness to coach others, demonstrated her complete love for her teammates.

In 1977, after years of dating, Cheryl D. Raspberry, married the love of her life, Larry D. Webb, in an elegant ceremony at Bethel AME Church in Paynesville, sharing 47 years of love and happiness, and fulfilling their vows to love and cherish each other until parted by death.

Cheryl received Christ as her personal Lord and Savior, and attended Bethel AME Church, and recently started attending Restoration AG Church on Zoom.

After commissioned as a Regular Army Officer, United States (US) Army, then 2Lt. Larry D. Webb and his new bride, Cheryl D. Raspberry-Webb relocated to Fort Bragg, N.C., where Cheryl continued her formal studies and eventually entered the Department of Defense (DOD) as a DOD Civilian, postal officer. Cheryl and Larry welcomed their son, Larry Dennis Webb, Jr., on March 11, 1980. His birth ushered-in a profound sense of joy and new family beginnings while stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

During 20 years in military service, Cheryl, Larry, and Larry, Jr. "Doc", were assigned to many exciting duty stations across the Federal

Republic of Germany, and enjoyed traveling across Germany and other European countries experiencing many new customs and cultures.

Cheryl loved befriending new people, and held fond memories of her family's travels and visits to countries like Holland - for annual Tulip Festivals; Amsterdam - for rides on the glass-

bottom boats; Rhineland Pfalz - helping special friends working their vineyards picking grapes and wine making; Belgium - shopping at Crystal Factories; Italy - spending days touring sites, eating great food, and fitting for custom leather attire; France - visiting champagne factories; and many other awesome outings and trips with close German and European friends and families to go skiing; to attend Village Festivals and Munich's Annual Oktoberfest; to go horseback riding, and race down the Autobahns.

Upon return stateside, and after-duty assignments in Anniston, Ala., Huntsville, Ala.; Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Fort Belvoir, Vir., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and St. Louis. Cheryl continued her stellar performance as a DOD Civilian and received a well-deserved promotion as a Classified Document Supervisor, High Security, Special Information Facility, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Cheryl retired from United States Postal Service, St. Louis after 30 years of distinguished federal service. Once retired, Cheryl had more time to embrace her life passions for the outdoors, hunting and fishing... the camaraderie - the bonds she built with husband, Larry, son, Larry, Jr. "Doc" and close friends are life lasting.

She was a serious hunter, and expert shot, and she could be heard saying after her pin-point shot placement on a big whitetail buck... "Big Boy Down". She was very competitive, and would often rush back-in from the field, to show-off yet another "Big Boy Down". Yes, her hunting cry... Big Boy Down, "One Shot" will be sorely missed, and deer hunting will not be the same, for her family.

She was an avid fisherman, and could be found on the lake, pond, or river banks fishing well into the night, a fishing tactic shared with her by her father in-law, Lawrence C. Webb, because according to Cheryl, that's when the... "Big Catfish Bite".

Cheryl was a closet daredevil, she enjoyed riding motorcycles. She initially was okay riding back-seater on husband Larry's Harley Davidson, but ultimately, she needed her own space, her own wheels, and moved to a sling shot. She was the quar-

termaster for her motorcycle pack. She took lead in coordinating trips; calling riders; selecting dates and times, designating meeting locations, and even playing traffic cop by watching bike speeds, positioning, and spacing, as they traveled down the road.

Cheryl was a perfectionist, she was unafraid of challenges, and she was passionate about being the best that she could be, and was not afraid to go it alone, if needed.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Larry D. Webb, LTC US Army, Retired, of Elsberry; and son, Larry D. Webb, Jr. "Doc" of St. Charles.

She leaves four brothers; William Raspberry and wife, Carol of St. Louis, Roland Raspberry and wife, Patricia of Bowling Green, Carroll Raspberry and Christy Dotson of Elsberry, and Frank Raspberry and wife, Cindy of Eolia; three sisters, Joyce Richard of St. Louis, Beverly Raspberry of St. Louis, and Lovenia Raspberry of St. Louis; two sisters-in-law, Louise Turner and husband, Alan of Elsberry, and Yvette C. Webb of Elsberry; and a host of nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Will H. Raspberry, Sergeant, United States Army, 9th Horse Cavalry, Buffalo Soldiers, and Izola W. Warrior-Raspberry, descendant Seminole Negro Indians; three sisters, Willa Hildred Francis of San Diego, Calif., Ester Milan of Chicago, Ill., and Janice Royston of St. Louis; and her parents-in-law, Lawrence C. Webb, United States Army (Disabled Veteran) and Rose M. Scott-Webb, both of Paynesville.

Cheryl was a gift from God; a beautiful, loving and caring person. Just go talk with her family, her friends, and her neighbors... no doubt they will tell you that she was the greatest. She was known by many names, Boo, Mom, Babe, Sis, Cherylie-Cheryl, Doonie, Gawk, and Auntie. She will be missed; her warmth, kindness, and respect for others is so rare in this world lived in today. We love you...

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Dr. Priscilla Dowden-White and Pastor Duke Duvall officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville. Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

out to cheer on the night's main event as between the (1) Clopton Hawks battled (3) Winfield.

After a minute of play, Clopton's Cain Eivins put the Hawks on the board first with two from the free throw line. Winfield was quick to answer with a three-pointer before continuing to battle for another two minutes.

The Hawks found themselves in unfamiliar territory trailing 12-4 with less than two minutes to go in the first quarter. But quick turnovers, a steal from Jordan Jennewein, and nine shots from the free throw line helped the Hawk's rapidly take the first

quarter 13-12. Despite battling, Winfield regained the lead and outscored Clopton 14-11 in the second and 17-10 in the second for a 43-34 lead going into the last quarter.

The final quarter turned into a free throw contest, with the Hawks taking eight trips to the charity line sinking 14 out of 16 free throws. Winfield had 26 free throw attempts in the quarter with the Warrior's Brady Creech making 19 of 20 free throws in the fourth quarter alone.

The Winfield Warriors pulled off an upset win over the Hawks with a final score of 70-60.



Pictured is sixth grade winner Brylee Coleman with his parents Holly and Dustin Coleman being presented with his award and medal by Regent Jane Quade.



Pictured is DAR Regent Jane Quade presenting the award and medal to Quinn Millinder. Also pictured are her parents, Alana Millinder and Dave and Kelsey Millinder.



Pictured is Queenie being presented her certificate and medal by Regent Jane Quade. Alongside her are her parents, Davy Dezhou Jiang and Tracy Aifang Mu

DAR Youth Citizenship Awards Given

Qualifications for DAR Youth Citizenship Award are: Honor, Service, Courage, Leadership and Patriotism

The Bowling Green Chapter awarded the DAR Youth Citizenship Award to the following sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The students received a DAR medal and certificate. The school personnel selected the winners. The Bowling Green DAR Chapter is very proud

of the award recipients.

Sixth grade winner is Brylee Coleman. Parents are Holly and Dustin Coleman.

Seventh grade winner is Quinn Millinder. Her parents are Alana Millinder and Dave and Kelsey Millinder and granddaughter of Millie Millinder.

Eighth grade winner is Queenie Jiang. Her parents are Davey - Dezhou Jiang and Tracy - Aifang Mu.

Agape House To Have Landscaping Done

Agape House of Vandalia board members met Tuesday, Jan. 2 and immediately set about removing Christmas decorations.

Guests through December had appreciated the holiday atmosphere and the snacks set out for their enjoyment.

Board members approved a bid from Barnett Landscaping for a project at the front of the guesthouse. Protective groundcover and tree trimming is to be completed when the weather is suitable.

Eldora Lowry reported she and Laura Cash would complete their program of updating guestrooms soon.

Minor repairs to the furnace and restroom were completed recently.

Jane Duffner reported the house had been awarded a grant by Altrusa International, Mexico Chapter.

Members in attendance were Jane Duffner, Rich Duffner, E. Lowry, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, Terry Rudolph and Mary Thomas.

Monetary gifts received in November and December include the following: United Way of Audrain County; Edgewood Baptist Church and Cyrene Baptist Church of Bowling Green; St. Mark Lutheran Church of Cape Girardeau; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church and John, Margaret and Joseph Gray of Clarksville; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Curryville Baptist Church, New Harmony Christian Women's Fellowship and Curryville Presbyterian Church of Curryville; Farber Baptist Church; Presbyterian Church of Green Ridge; Knights of Columbus #2244 of Higginsville; Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid of West Ely, Lutheran Ladies Aid of La-Grange; Knights of Columbus Auxiliary #10381 of Laurie; Altrusa International of Mexico; Middletown Christian Church; Strafford United Methodist Women; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia; and Hopewell Baptist Church and Grace Lutheran Ladies Society of Wellsville.

Non-monetary gifts included two quilts, pillows and pillowcase by the quilters of St. Joseph Parish of Martinsburg and snack foods, cleaning and laundry supplies by Hopewell Baptist Church of Thompson.

A gift of service was made by Jim Miller of Vandalia.

CLOPTON

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down to two points. Fouls hurt Clopton in the final quarter and gave the Lady Panthers a three-point lead that they held on to for the 46-42 win.

The Saturday, Jan. 6 championship matches proved just as exciting.

Earlier in the day, the (6) Elsberry claimed the consolation hardware with a 60-43 win over (8) Mark Twain, and (2) Monroe City beat (5) Wright City 41-37 for third place.

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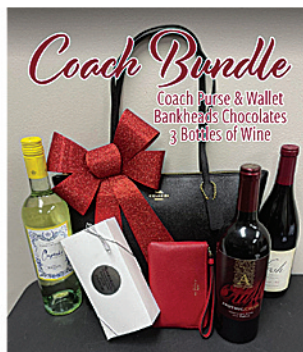
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