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Louisiana Hires Gschwender As Bulldogs Head Football Coach

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Bulldog fans will see a familiar face calling the plays on the sidelines this season. Last week, the Louisiana R-2 School Board announced that Steve Gschwender has been hired as the Bulldogs new head football coach.

Gschwender is no stranger to the role. He led Louisiana's football program from 2009 through the 2013 seasons.

Of course, Cunningham Field has been like a second home to Gschwender, who grew up on the sidelines watching and eventually playing under his Hall of Fame father, Coach Tony Gschwender, before graduating from Louisiana in 1994.

"I feel privileged to be given the chance to lead the LHS football program again," Steve told the Tribune. "The Bulldogs have a solid core group of athletes who I'm excited to work with."

Prior to returning to the Bulldogs, Gschwender has been the lead offensive coordinator for the Van-Far Indians who went 6-5 this past season.

"I really enjoyed working

with the athletes, coaches and everyone at Van-Far," he continued. "I've been with those kids since they were in junior high and love every one of them. They worked hard every day and care about winning; it reflects the values their parents teach them, and I am grateful for the time I got to spend there and hope to have had a positive influence on them."

Gschwender said he hopes to bring a work ethic and mentality that young athletes in Louisiana will emulate.

"It's remarkably simple to consistently be successful at the high school level," he explained. "All you need to do is show up and care about winning. Simple, but not always easy. We will be successful based on our consistency every year in those two things. Without those two things, winning isn't possible in anything you attempt. Hopefully, I bring the type of work ethic and mentality that kids will latch onto and use as a model for how to go about their work. Show up and care."

The Bulldogs finished 2-8 last season.

Deadline Approaches For NECAC Vouchers

NECAC will accept applications for a federal rent-assistance program in 11 Missouri counties through March 31.

Income-qualifying applicants to the NECAC Housing Choice Voucher program will be placed on a waiting list. Counties covered are Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby and Warren counties.

NECAC contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the program, which provides partial rent payments to approved clients.

The application period began March 1 and people can sign up at www.necac.org/waiting-list-alpha. Elderly and disabled people who need assistance may call 573-324-2055 or a NECAC County Service Center.

The People's Tribune will be closed on Good Friday, March 29

Scherder Brings Home Silver Medals

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Maggie Scherder will be bringing home two silver medals from the Trisome Games held in Turkey.

The young athlete out of Troy who represents the country on the USA Down Syndrome Swimming National Team took second in both the 50 meter backstroke and the 100 meter backstroke.

Scherder has had an impressive athletic career on the global stage, representing US athletes with intellectual impairments in Canada, Italy, Portugal, and the 2023 Virtus Global Games in Vichy in France.

The Trisome Games 2024 is an international sporting event specifically for athletes with Down Syndrome. This prestigious competition took place in Turkey from March

19 through March 26. It offers a platform for these exceptional athletes to showcase their talents on a global stage.

Maggie's impressive accomplishments include 5 gold medals, 7 Silver, and 4 Bronze at the DSISO World/Regionals events; 3 Gold medals at the Virtus Global Games; and now the 2 Silver at the Trisome Games.

She is a 3-time S14 qualifier for the Citi Para Swimming World Series and holds 1 World and 15 Regional DSISO open records along with 28 senior and 10 junior DSISO World/Americas records.

This marks her fourth time representing the nation.

Scherder is currently a student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis's (UMSL) Succeed Program.

Ameren Missouri Receives Approval For Largest-Ever Solar Investment

On Thursday, March 21 Ameren Missouri, a subsidiary of Ameren Corporation (NYSE: AEE), received approval to build or acquire approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of solar energy. The first of the three solar projects is scheduled to go into service in 2025, with two more set to begin serving customers in 2026.

"Thoughtfully integrating these new, low-cost energy sources with our existing generation fleet is one of the ways Ameren Missouri is providing our customers with the reliable, resilient and afford-

able energy they expect," said Mark Birk, chairman and president of Ameren Missouri.

Projects in today's order by the Missouri Public Service Commission, in order of targeted in-service dates, include:

Vandalia Renewable Energy Center, a 50-MW project based in Vandalia, Missouri, to be self-developed by Ameren Missouri with a target in-service date of 2025.

Split Rail Solar, a 300-MW project based in Warren County, Missouri, with a target in-service date of 2026 to be acquired by Ameren Mis-

souri from Invenery.

Bowling Green Renewable Energy Center, a 50-MW project based in Bowling Green, Missouri, to be self-developed by Ameren Missouri with a target in-service date of 2026.

Today's order also sets the terms upon which a fourth solar facility, the 150-MW Cass County, Illinois project, could be approved if it is fully subscribed for under Ameren Missouri's Renewable Solutions Program.

Terms of the agreements for all projects remain confidential.



Beverly Cogar leans over to kiss her husband, emcee Charles Cogar, after singing a romantic song at the 2023 Encore dinner concert. This year's event is April 6. Tickets are \$30 each and available by calling 573-754-0335 by April 1.



Alyssa Talkington Niemeyer sings during last year's Encore. She is one of a dozen artists who will perform at this year's event on April 6.

Encore Talent Can't Wait For Shindig

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For performers, there's something about being in the spotlight that never gets old.

The talent that will take the stage for Raintree Arts Council's "Encore Goes Country" is no exception. A dozen musicians will channel famous country artists and offer a few surprises.

The dinner concert with silent auction and contests is Saturday, April 6, at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Tickets are \$30 each and are available by calling 573-754-0335 by April 1.

Raintree board members Debbie Ingram and Judi Bruce are overseeing the program, and will be part of the fun.

"We are fortunate in Pike and Lincoln counties to have so many talented performers who never cease to bring the arts to life, and Encore is a great showcase where these individuals entertain the audience with their music and singing abilities," Ingram said.

Other performers are

Donna Grote, Kaitlyn Held Felder, Angela Dameron Maier, Alyssa Talkington Niemeyer, Jessica Harding, Tom Wallace, Richard Biggs, Calvin Colbert, Mindy Weber, and Beverly and Charles Cogar.

Artists know that practice makes perfect. Beverly Cogar enjoys the process of turning a tune into a treasure.

"First, I like rehearsing a number that slowly evolves into something worthy of a performance that an audience will enjoy," she said. "Also, working with this group of talented artists has been a blast, and we are lucky to have such good, local talent in this area."

Maier says all of the work is worth the effort when crowds react. "I love to see the enjoyment that other people get from a performance," she said.

Grote says the pleasure is a two-way street. "When I'm performing, I'm getting to do what I love," she said. "And portraying a famous singer is even better."

People who attend are en-

couraged to wear country western clothing. A best-dressed contest for men and women is planned. There'll also be a hollering contest.

Grote says the audience can "watch the cast kick up their heels" and Maier predicts there will be "a little line dancing thrown in for good measure." Niemeyer calls the show a "must-see" event, and says the crowd will be a vital part of it.

"There is interaction throughout the experience between the cast and the audience, and the fourth wall is almost nonexistent," she said. "There are solos, group numbers and contests to be had. Therefore, the live audience is crucial to the performance. As for me, I love being able to see the audience's reactions as we go along."

Ever the performer, Cogar has a definitive explanation.

"What you will see this year at Encore is an entertaining evening with country favorites filled with our own special brand of humor and dance," she said. "We look forward to bringing it to you."



Farber Fire Department Receives Donation

Blattner Energy and EDF Renewables recently donated money for the final payment of the Farber Fire Department's newest truck purchased five years ago. The check for \$2,400 was donated to, from left: Justin Franke, Farber Fire Department; Blattner representative Justin Whalin, left; Farber representative Doug Ryterski; Farber Fire Department Deputy Chief Cody Buie; Farber Keith Flowers, Farber Fire Department; and Stephanie Miller, EDF Community Engagement Manager. It was reported that indirect benefits for the Vandalia-Farber communities is over \$5 million.



MFA Donates To Farber Fire Department

Vandalia MFA recently made a donation to the Farber Fire Department for equipment and supplies. Pictured, from left: Justin Franke, Farber Fire Department; Deputy Chief Cody Buie; Doug Wood, MFA manager; and Keith Flowers, Farber Fire Department.

Community News

State Fair Arena Events Cancelled For 2024 Missouri State Fair

Missouri State Fair Director Jason Moore announced today that all events typically held in the State Fair Arena will be cancelled for 2024. This decision comes as a result of the start on construction of a new indoor facility set to replace the current venue on the fairgrounds.

"It saddens us that we won't be able to host events like rodeo, bull riding, demolition derby, motocross, TT races and the antique, classic and garden tractor pulls," Moore said. "We value the partnership we have developed over the years with the organizers of these events and appreciate their patience and understanding as we move

forward with the new arena build. This project represents a significant investment in the fair's future, and we can't wait to welcome these events and more back once construction is complete."

Construction of the new indoor State Fair Arena marks an exciting chapter for the Missouri State Fair, the city of Sedalia and surrounding communities. The state-of-the-art complex will provide a modern and versatile space for a wide range of events year-round and during the annual State Fair, from livestock shows to conferences, trade shows and community gatherings, among other multi-

purpose uses. The State of Missouri has entered into a contract with Nabholz Construction to build the enclosed, climate-controlled arena which will measure approximately 140,000 square feet in size.

The new facility is expected to break ground this summer with an anticipated completion some time in 2026. Patrons are encouraged to stay updated on the construction progress after it begins through the Fair's website and social media.

The Missouri State Fair themed "Summer's Best Story" is Aug. 8-18, in Sedalia.

Vandalia Area Historical Society Meets

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Saturday, March 16.

There were 15 in attendance at this Sesquicentennial planning meeting. Vicki Wright called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as corrected. The financial report was given.

The museum will open on Sunday, May 26, from noon-4 p.m. Organizations and clubs as well as individuals are being contacted to keep the museum each Sunday until Oct. 27. The museum will be open Saturday, Aug. 10 and on Saturday Sept. 28.

Flyers for the beard contest, the photo contest, and the themed parade entries for Prairie Days were distributed. Harold Williams is the contact for the beard contest. Reagan Wright-McAfee is the contact for the photo contest. Cami Blackman is the contact for the Prairie Days Parade entries.

Paul Ray is submitting grant applications. The sales target for the \$150 for 150 years project is 150 plaques. Only 78 plaques have been sold to date. There is a sales thermometer in the museum window.

Edna Wheeler and Rhonda Tapley from the Baptist Home at Tri-County attended the meeting and shared items with the group advertising the Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries.

The Sesquicentennial gen-

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Incumbant Ward 2
Bowling Green Councilperson
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MDC Offers Free Virtual Spiders Class April 4

Spiders are versatile creatures, abundant and important in the wild, and commonly seen by people. Learn the names and habits of common house visitors with a free virtual These Are the Spiders in Your House program offered from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

Missouri has more than 300 species of spiders. They are found in grasslands and forests, backyards and sometimes in bathrooms. Spiders can startle, but most are harmless. They are valuable eight-legged predators of crop-damaging insects when they weave webs in gardens and crop fields.

This program will focus on the most common spiders that people see in and near homes. Stephanie Kemp, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center assistant manager, will talk about the role spiders play in nature and offer tips on how to identify them.

The program is open to participants ages 12 and older. Registration is required. To register, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4X.E>.

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Girod Family Auction will be selling the Personal Property of John and Mary McDonald of Monroe City, Mo. They are in their 70's and have decided to downsize to a smaller place. John and Mary have kept everything in top shape and clean. If something needed fixing, John fixed it. He was quite the handyman and built several of the pieces of furniture that are offered for sale. He was an avid hunter and fisherman as this auction reflects. There will be lots of hunting and fishing items...

Also offering a large amount of dried and slatted red & white oak, walnut, cedar and hedge lumber.

Watch local papers and Auction Zip #49777 for complete listing and photos.

Sellers: John & Mary McDonald
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Spires Awarded 2024 Teaching Scholarship



Kylee Spires

Kylee Spires received a \$500 scholarship from the the Sara Straube Anders Elementary teaching scholarship for 2024.

Kylee is the daughter of Charlie and Cindy Spires. She is currently a student at Moberly Area Community College in the AAT (associates of arts in teaching) program. Kylee is employed full-time at Bowling Green Elementary as a paraprofessional. She cannot wait to become a certified teacher and continue my career at Bowling Green Elementary.

She said, "if you are a senior in high school and have dreams of becoming a teacher I highly recommend applying for the Sara Straube Anders Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship."

Applicants must be a graduate of Bowling Green High and enrolled in second semester of college in elementary education. Or a graduate of the following high schools - Bowling Green, Mark Twain, Clopton, Hannibal, and Vandalia. Past recipients include Amanda Wilkinson, daughter of Rich and Lyn Wilkinson of Bowling Green.

Zoe Brandenburger, daughter of Tracy Brandenburger of Bowling Green.

Alexis Robb, daughter of Rachel Robb of Frankford.

Kennedy Grimsley daughter of Angela and Mike Grimsley of Bowling Green.

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Bowling Green Elementary & BGR-1 Early Childhood Center

Kindergarten Screening
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Pre-K Screening
Appointment dates—May 22-23rd
Child must be 3 before April 1, 2024

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, shot records, 2 proofs of residency, and court documents (if applicable)

Sign up—<https://tinyurl.com/nhk2barx>

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Saturday, April 27, 2024
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Lots of locally grown flower baskets.

As always, if you have quality items to sell, we will be glad to assist you. No Junk or Yard Sale items, please. We offer hauling services if needed. We will accept items starting the first of April. We will not accept any consignments on Auction Day unless prior arrangements have been made.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Community Sunrise Service - All Are Welcome To Attend - We Will Gather At The Bowling Green City Park Bandstand At 6:30 With Service Starting At Sunrise **March 31** - 6:50 a.m.

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Contact Jim Craig - 573-470-2554 For Info
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Website Link

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Bowling Green Easter Egg Hunt this past Saturday had a great turn out and lots of fun. There are a lot of activities to partake in as Spring makes its appearance. Events around town, exploring new trails and swinging into fun in our parks are just a few.

There are farm-fresh foods at Bankhead's Farmer's Market and Crossroad's corner coming up plus there are volunteer programs with Adopt-A-Project. Another such volunteer project is LOVE THY NEIGHBOR. This is a community home repair mission provided by Second Baptist Church as a home base. Their goal is to reach individuals who cannot otherwise afford or are unable physically to upkeep some area on the exterior of their home.

Needs could be a new roof, build or tear down a deck, shed, ramp, handrails, and/or painting. The idea is for this program to provide the materials and labor at no cost to the homeowner. The belief is this allows them to show God's love for all while building and beautifying our community.

If you would like to apply for, donate food, money, your time and talents, or be a part, these are greatly welcomed. Love Thy Neighbor will occur Monday, June 23-Thursday, June 27. Applications will be on a first come first serve basis and will be due by May 13, 2024. Applications can be picked up at Second Baptist Church or download on their website, (2bc.com/love thy neighbor).

In conjunction with volunteering,

Missouri has a Good Neighbor Week Program where neighbors do an act of kindness for their next-door neighbor or neighborhood. Missouri Good Neighbor Week was named the Best Neighborhood Program of the Year in the United States for 2023. Let us truly reach out and help, beautify, and touch the lives of our Bowling Green family.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

What is a USE TAX that is on the April 2 ballot for the city and the county? A Use Tax is a tax applied to the purchase of goods from "out-of-state" vendors. Typically, these are purchases made online. This is to educate only and not to try to persuade you to vote a yes or no. Currently, when you shop in town you pay a sales tax and the city, county, and state receives

income from your purchases. As it currently, if you order the same item online from an out-of-state vendor, you pay a Missouri state "use tax" but not a city or county use tax. The state is seeing income from these purchases but not the city or county. If the city/county passed this "use Tax" the city and county would gain additional income that would match the rate of shopping in Bowling Green and Pike County. This would put our city and county businesses on the same playing field. Taxes are a voter issue. To pass or reject a "use tax," it must go on a ballot and then be voted on by the legal residents of Bowling Green for the city use tax and Pike County for the county use tax.

Senior adults meet every Thursday morning at the Hi Rise.

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS REFLECTS ON THE FIRST HALF OF SESSION, LOOKS FORWARD TO PASSING KEY PRIORITIES IN THE SECOND HALF OF SESSION

The Missouri House of Representatives wrapped up the first half of the legislative session, passing several key priorities before heading into their annual mid-session break. Regarding these key priorities, Rep. Perkins noted, "I am particularly proud of our focus on public safety initiatives, reforms to the initiative petition process, and supporting the governor's decision to aid Texas in securing our border."

As for the remainder of the session, Perkins expressed his desire to see a budget pass that includes provisions for rural infrastructure improvements, many of which he has advocated for since the beginning of the session. Perkins stated, "Infrastructure is vital

to the growth of our rural communities, and I am committed to ensuring that the budget reflects that necessity." He emphasized the importance of addressing rural infrastructure needs to foster economic development and improve the quality of life in rural Missouri.

SUPPORTING VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

HB 1495 prioritizes the mental health and well-being of Missouri veterans. The bill tasks the Missouri Veterans Commission with expanding its efforts to prevent veteran suicide by reviewing and implementing measures outlined in the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019. Collaborating with the Department of Mental Health, the Commission will provide recommendations and implement programs to address veteran suicide, subject to appropriation. With veteran suicide rates in Missouri surpassing the national average, the bill emphasizes the need for tailored support mechanisms and proactive measures. HB 1495 mandates annual reports on the effectiveness of these efforts, aiming to set a precedent for addressing veteran suicide and ensuring veterans receive necessary resources and support.

INITIATIVE PETITION REFORM

HB 1749 proposes significant changes to the state's initiative petition and referendum process. The bill aims to amend the Constitution by introducing specific

formatting standards and imposing new requirements for petition circulators, such as U.S. citizenship or Missouri residency. It prohibits payment to signature gatherers on a per-signature basis and standardizes petition signature pages. Key provisions include setting deadlines for challenges to ballot titles, establishing residency requirements for circulators, and limiting participation to Missouri residents. The bill emphasizes efficiency and integrity by standardizing approval procedures, including review by state officials and advance submission of sample sheets.

PROTECTING CHILDREN, VULNERABLE PERSONS FROM TRAFFICKING, EXPLOITATION

The House passed HBs 1706 & 1539 with a vote of 143-1 to combat sex and human trafficking and protect vulnerable individuals. The legislation establishes the "Committee on Sex and Human Trafficking Training" and the "Statewide Council Against Adult Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children." These bodies aim to coordinate efforts, establish training guidelines, and enhance penalties for offenders. The bill mandates training for various professionals and expands the admissibility of statements from children and vulnerable persons in criminal proceedings. It also imposes restitution fees for individuals convicted of specified sexual offenses to support anti-trafficking efforts statewide.

Final Deadline For Access MO Grant

The Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development (MDHEWD) has extended the final deadline for the Access Missouri Grant to June 1 due to federal filing technology issues leading to lower-than-expected Missouri filing rates for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

MDHEWD previously announced the priority deadline was extended from Feb. 1 to April 1 due to the delayed federal release of the 2024-25 FAFSA.

The Access Missouri Grant provided over \$72 million to more than 35,000 students during the 2022-23 academic year.

Students who file a FAFSA by the April 1 priority deadline and are eligible for the Access Missouri Grant are guaranteed to receive an award. Eligible students who complete the FAFSA after the priority deadline but before the June 1 final deadline may receive an Access Missouri award, subject to available funding and based on the FAFSA completion date. Individuals who file by the final deadline will have until July 31 to make any needed FAFSA corrections.

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Community Calendar...

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On March 28: Pike County Democrat Central Committee and Pike County Republican Central Committee to hold meet your candidates. Doors open 4:30 p.m., event starts at 5 p.m., in the BGHS auditorium.

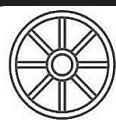
On April 2: The MU Extension Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at HLGU Burt Administration Building, Room 129 in Hannibal. Terry and Joy Hoyt will give a presentation titled, "Learning about Honey Bees from our hobby experiences". The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at 573-769-2177.



Silex Class 1964 Reunion

The Silex class of 1964 held their 60th class reunion on Thursday, March 14 at the Knights Owl Cafe in Silex. Those attending were: front row, l-r: Jamie Harness Tomek, Marilyn Weatherford Davis, Brenda Logan. Second row Jean Schlote Hampel, Gary Logan, Phylis Albert Cope. Third row: Michael Sullivan, Junior Wilp, Garry Ratcliffe, Lloy Quade, and Harry Leedom.

Photo by Lois Wilp



Part 4 - Hoffman

Antique Auction

Simulcast Auction Begins Saturday, March 30 - 9 a.m.

BIDDING NOTICE: Place pre-bids prior to the auction or bid live during the auction!

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Annual Son-Rise Service

Join Grassy Creek Baptist Church for our Annual Son-Rise Service Easter Sunday, March 31 6:30 a.m. - Services at Scenic View Hwy. 79 7 a.m. - Men 's Breakfast at the church followed by fellowship 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service 12 p.m. - Egg Hunt for the kids

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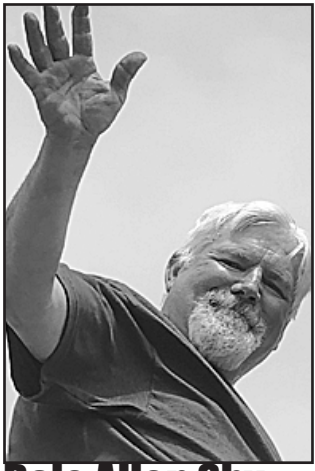
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Obituaries



Dale Allen Shy

Dale Allen Shy, 68, of Bowling Green, entered into Glory on Sunday, March 17, 2024, after preaching Sunday service.

Funeral services were Thursday at 10 a.m., at Mt. Zion Church with Bro. Jim Craig officiating.

Visitation was Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Dale was born March 20, 1955, to Jacob Bowen and Ruth Marie Henderson Shy. From the time Dale was a baby, he attended Mt Zion Baptist Church. As a young man he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord. He graduated from BGHS in 1973. He went to a vocational school to learn his welding trade and was able to join Plumbers Pipefitters local 562.

He became a deacon of Mt. Zion Baptist Church as a young man. While he was serving at church camp, he met the love of his life, Winifred Ann Dixon. They were united in marriage on Nov. 23, 1979.

Throughout his years he was dedicated and active to his church and involved with VBS and started Family Follow Up. He loved the outdoors, fishing, he loved hunting, however we accused him of more deer watching than hunting, making maple syrup, sawing logs with his sawmill and on the couch, spending time with his wife, kids and grandchildren was his priority.

He loved mushroom hunting but was very particular who he took where. Oh, the memories that we have that we will treasure. The last few years of his life he put his dedication to God, he was ordained as a pastor and followed through to the end.

Preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Don Shy, one son, Jeremy Brian Shy; and two granddaughters, Alleigh Jane Turnbull and Jordyn Mae Shy.

Survived by his wife, Winifred Shy of Bowling Green; two daughters, Amy Steadman of Bowling Green, and Ashley Turnbull and husband, Darrell of Curryville; one son, Joseph Shy and wife, Courtney of Bowling Green; nine grandchildren, Elijah Steadman, Audra Turnbull, Isabella Shy, Jeremy Shy, Aaron Turnbull, Sophia Shy, Aiden Turnbull, Ava Shy, and Andrew Turnbull; one sister, Sandra Tucker and husband, Cliff of Durham; numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Pallbearers were Joseph Shy, Darrell Turnbull, Elijah Steadman, Jeremy Shy, Aaron Turnbull, T.J. Ryan. Honorary pallbearers were Cliff Tucker, Howard Dixon, and Levi Schwartz.



Sharon Wombles

Celebration of Life services for Sharon Wombles was at 3 p.m., Sunday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 1 p.m., until time of service.

Mrs. Wombles died Friday, March 15, 2024 at Maple Grove Lodge nursing home in Louisiana.

She was born Aug. 4, 1945 in St. Louis, the daughter of June Martin Betts and Clark Betts. She grew up in Louisiana, moved to Illinois for a number of years, then moved back to Louisiana for the later part of her life.

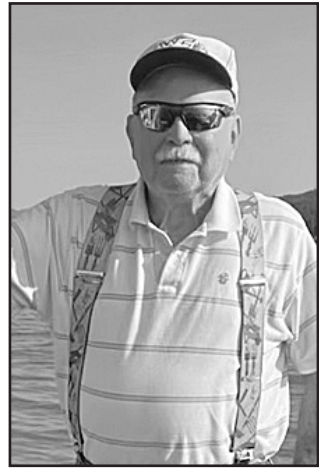
She is survived by two

daughters, Renee Womble Fraze and husband, Gary, and Michelle Wombles Hartman and husband, Steve; three sons, Allie Joe Womble, Jeremy Wombles and wife, Lisa, and Danny Wombles and wife, Renee. Also grandchildren include Timothy Womble, Ava Wombles, Jake Wombles, Kirsten Welschmeyer, Courtney Johnson, Austin Hartman, Amanda Pankratz, Kelly Rolando, Russell Wombles, Samantha Gass, Gracelynn Wombles-Hill, Brett Ellison, and Nicole Smith; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Sharon had a love for nature, gardening, flowers, feeding the wildlife, but most of all she loved her family and showed it in many ways throughout her life. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her love and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, c/o Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO 63353.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Maurice Alan Williamson

Maurice Alan Williamson, 77, a beloved husband, father, brother, grampa, friend, and a 43-year resident of Colville, Wash., died at the home he loved on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

A memorial service for Morry will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Colville Community Church. Pastor Duke Duvall will officiate the service.

Maurice, also affectionately known as Morry, Reece, The Pike, and a few other choice words, was born on Dec. 28, 1946 in Louisiana, the son of JD and Mary Ayrom Williamson.

He was raised in the idyllic Mississippi River town of Clarksville, where he attended first grade through high school. His father was a veterinarian, and his mother a talented quilter who owned a handcraft shop. He was the oldest of five children. Maurice graduated in 1964 from Clopton High School and then continued his education at the University of Missouri in Columbia. While attending college, he began a courtship with Donna Jo Duvall, a smart and kind home town girl he had known since first grade. In 1965 they exchanged vows and entered into their 59-year marriage.

While still college students, they welcomed their first daughter, Denise, in 1966. Maurice completed his bachelor's degree in forest management and began his career as a forester, moving with his family to Omak and then Vancouver, Wash., where he worked for the Department of Natural Resources. Their family grew again in 1970 with the birth of their second daughter, Darla.

They followed Maurice's professional forester opportunities to communities including Newcastle, Wyo., Magnolia, Ark., and Spokane, Wash. While in Spokane Maurice worked for the San Poil Mill in Republic, Wash. In 1981, they planted their roots in Colville, where they would watch their girls grow and later graduate. Maurice owned and operated Maurice Williamson Consulting Forestry for over 40 years in Colville.

Maurice and Donna built their home on a rural Aladdin Valley property, where they could welcome grandchildren, enjoy a touch of farm life reminiscent of happy childhood memories on the Williamson grandparents' farm, and sit on the deck soaking in the impeccable view, which Maurice appreciated every day, proclaiming it to be "God's Country."

Maurice had a wonderful sense of humor and liked to inspire smiles by poking a bit of fun at his girls. They lovingly nick-named him

"Morry," a name which stuck. His work ethic was a simple equation of six days a week, always with church on Sunday. He embedded his faith, values, and work ethic in his daughters through expectations and chores of chopping and stacking wood, working the garden, vehicle maintenance, home projects and improvements, and academic, athletic, and extra-curricular school excellence.

As a father, he never missed a moment to help and support Denise and Darla and encouraged them to strive for their best and attain their goals. His bit gruff, cantankerous and stubborn taskmaster exterior quickly opened to his heart of gold, intellect, generosity, marshmallow soft feelings, kindness, and often sentimental tears.

He was an avid outdoorsman with surprisingly refined tastes for classical music, fine cooking, and a subscription to "Bon Appetit" to expand his culinary skills. Following in his mother's tradition, he loved to cook and share his latest dishes with friends, family, and he even cooked for large church groups.

With Maurice, family came first, and they traveled for yearly holiday gatherings in Missouri, family trips to Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, the Redwoods, Puerto Vallarta, fishing trips, and his final bucket list vacation, a cruise to Alaska. He rebounded basketballs and warmed bleachers, attended band concerts (he had been a drummer himself), chauffeured the Colville Float in many community parades with the Carlson and Kroiss families, and drove the Puke-Mobile around the state to cheer the basketball girls with the Clarks and Andersons.

He led sledding parties and bonfires, gave regular tractor rides to grandkids during every visit, gathered family for big Christmas celebrations, attended church, and called family weekly and his devoted sister Mercedes daily, to stay in touch. He often reminisced of mischievous activities with high school friends, Rex, Rusty, Jim, and Frank, of funny childhood memories with siblings and his parents, and of his family roots on the farm with his grandparents.

He enjoyed building those same memories with his grandchildren at his "Morry's Mountain" farmette and orchard. Maurice contributed to the world through his professional forestry work and community projects, and supported Donna in her tireless volunteer service with the church, hospital, schools, Senior Center, and Meals on Wheels. As a 55-year member of the Society of American Foresters, Maurice was among the first certified professional foresters recognized by the Society and was proud to note his certification was number 27 out of the entire United States.

He lobbied for professional forestry certification standards to ensure sustainable forests will continue to provide wildlife, water, recreation, timber and forest product benefits for generations of Washington residents. He was state president of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (1993-97), received a special recognition award for his professional forestry lifetime service, and was an active member of the Washington Forest Protection Association.

Known as a champion for small forest landowners and a forest industry statesman, Maurice served as a valued advisor on timber management, contract negotiations, and worked with stakeholders and policymakers on timber policy for 42 years. He also actively supported many successful state and local political campaigns and was a proud Republican to the end!

Maurice was a loyal friend who worked long past retirement age, in part because he treasured morning coffee gatherings with his work family, which over the years included Jack, Bob, Jim, Terry, Brett, Sherry, Dick, Wayne, Duane, Tony, Rod, John, Magen, and many other beloved colleagues.

He is survived by wife, Donna Williamson; daughters, Denise Greer and husband, Greg, and Darla Roberts and husband, Toby of Tacoma, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Mitchell, Aaron, Joe and Georgia Greer, Judy, Margy and George Roberts;

siblings, Mercedes Williamson and Mona White of Ft. Myers, Fla.; in-laws, Bootsie and Duke Duvall of St. Louis, Deb and Ralph Peppers of Eustis, Fla.; numerous other nieces, nephews, and cousins, and a host of extended family and friends.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents, JD and Mary, and two siblings, Mark Williamson and Melody Webber.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Washington Farm Forestry Association Scholarship Fund or the Stevens County GOP.

Please visit the online memorial and sign the guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com.

Danekas Funeral Chapel & Crematory was entrusted with the arrangements.



Gary Lee Beaver

Gary Lee Beaver Jr., 51, of Troy died at St. Joseph West Hospital on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Celebration of Life was held Sunday at 2 p.m., at the New Fellowship Baptist Church in Troy.

He was born July 5, 1972 in Phoenix, Ariz., to Gary Lee and Mary Mcmanaway Beaver Sr.

Gary attended the local schools and went on to become a truck driver. He had worked at Eveland Trucking and Excavating in Hawk Point for five years. Gary enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He loved working on cars and baking. Gary was a collector of shot glasses, light-house figurines and legos. Gary will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by four children, Anthony Beaver and wife, Amber of Eolia, Ashleigh Beaver of Clarksville, Brett Beaver and wife, Ashley of Arnold, and Milaya Samons of Eolia; his mother, Mary Beaver of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Aiden, Addilyn and Axel; siblings, Rebecca Hessling of Troy, and Katherine Franklin of Arizona; other relatives and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Gary Lee Beaver Sr., a son, Brandon Beaver; and two siblings, Charles and Glen Beaver.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @www.mccoymblossomfh.com.

William Manlove Beauchamp Jr.

A Celebration of Life for William Manlove Beauchamp, Jr., of St. Peters, formerly of Clarksville, will be held from 1-5 p.m., Saturday at Heritage on Broadway in Elsberry. A private family burial will be held in the Elsberry City Cemetery.

Will, 53, died Friday, March 15, 2024 in his home.

Born Sept. 30, 1970 in St. Louis, Will was the son of William Manlove and Margaret Marie Watson Beauchamp of Clarksville, formerly of Elsberry. An accident on Jan. 12, 1992 forever changed Will's life, making him a quadriplegic.

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Will enjoyed going to any car shows and races with family and friends. He also loved visiting the family farm in Clarksville whenever he could.

Survivors include his brother, David Beauchamp and wife, Myra of Clarksville; a sister, Melissa Beauchamp of Clarksville; and one niece and nephew, Brittnye Beauchamp of St. Louis and Adam Beauchamp of Clarksville. Will also leaves his dear friends who helped with his care and aided more than they know in his happiness, his wonderful nursing staff over the years, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Marie Beauchamp.

Memorials may be made to Paraquad, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Clayton Wayne Duff

Clayton Wayne Duff of Hawk Point died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the age of 80.

The memorial service, conducted by the family is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hawk Point. According to his wishes, following the church service, fried chicken will be served at a Celebration of Life in the church hall.

Clayton was born May 3, 1943 to John and Ella McDannold Duff of Hawk Point. He attended Troy Buchanan High School, graduating in 1961. Clayton was united in marriage to the love of his life, Barbara Roberts of Silex on June 25, 1966. The couple had two sons, Eric and Gregory.

Clayton was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and most recently great-grandfather. He was a dear friend to many, and those around him knew he had a passion for working in his garden, restoring antique furniture, feeding his birds, and spending time with his friends and family. Family was most important to Clayton; in his final days he spoke of how proud he was of his sons and the families they had built.

Clayton was actively involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He attended many ball games, hockey games, and rodeos over the years. In his past time, he loved driving out to his son's houses to see the horses, donkeys, and goats. His most recent venture was the birth of his first great-grandson, Grayson Wayne Duff, who quickly became his pride and joy.

In his early years, Clayton owned and operated Clayton's AG Market in Hawk Point. Most would remember him as the butcher. He then went on to become a long time local insurance agent, serving Lincoln County and the surrounding areas. He was an active member of his community, coaching khoury league teams for numerous years, a member of the Elks Club, Lincoln County Republican Club, and a devoted long-standing member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hawk Point. He also served as a member in the United States Army.

During Clayton's time as a member of the Lincoln County Republican Club, he served as president, vice president and was elected to the

Lincoln County Republican Central Committee, representing Hawk Point Township. In April of 2015, his wife, Barbara and he were deservedly honored with a "Lifetime Achievement" award for their many years of service and contributions to the Republican party.

Clayton is survived by his children, Eric Duff and wife, Tammy of Hawk Point, and Gregory Duff and wife, Elaine of Hawk Point; grandchildren, Branden Duff and wife, Kayla, and Cierra Duff; great-grandchild, Grayson Wayne Duff; two sisters, Judy Royster of Silex and Barb Mudd of Troy; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Duff; parents, John and Ella McDannold Duff; siblings, Dorothy Kelslick, Rosie Canady, Pearl Davis, George Duff, Ella Margret Colbert, John Duff, Larry Duff, and Charles Duff.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at: www.mccoymblossomfh.com.



Darlene J. Zumwalt

Darlene J. Zumwalt, 74, of Hannibal died Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at University Hospital Columbia in Columbia.

Friends and family were invited to Darlene's Life Celebration at a visitation from 5-7 p.m., Friday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

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

Darlene was born Aug. 29, 1949, in Pike County to Don and Frances Martin Jennings. She was married to Ray F. Zumwalt Sr. on Sept. 25, 1965, in Frankford. He survives.

Other survivors include six children, Lori Caldwell and husband, Doug of Monroe City, Ray F. Zumwalt Jr. and wife, Michelle of Hannibal, Diana Schaefer and husband, Steve of Palmyra, Rebecca Majors and Donnie Kamrowski of Hannibal, Carrie Dean and husband, Jermaine of Hannibal, and T.J. Zumwalt of Hannibal; one brother, David Jennings and wife, Bonnie of Bowling Green; two sisters, Sherry Billings and husband, Benny of Bowling Green, and Diane Hull of Vandalia; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law, Catherine Mosley; two brothers, Donnie Jennings and Marion "Shorty" Jennings; and one brother-in-law, Ray Hull.

A faith filled woman, Darlene shared her musical gifts, playing the guitar with a touch of divine inspiration and lifting voices in song with her own compositions. Her

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gospel song, "You can't walk with God if you're running with the Devil," became a cherished anthem, touching many with its profound message and melodic harmony. Darlene's love for life extended beyond her faith and into the everyday joys.

She found delight in the simple pleasures of yard sales and thrift stores, hunting for treasures with an eye for the unique and a heart full of excitement. Evenings in Darlene's home were often spent with the familiar puzzle-solving suspense of "Wheel of Fortune," where she'd out-guess the contestants and cheer on the winners. Her laughter was a melody that filled the room, as comforting and welcoming as the aroma of her kitchen. A wonderful cook, Darlene's skills were legendary within her family circle. Her homemade biscuits and dressing were the staples of many family gatherings, her meatloaf was the embodiment of comfort food, and her famous creme puffs were the highlight of every special occasion.

Country gospel music was the soundtrack of her life, along with the voices of Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty often gracing the airwaves of her home. Above all, Darlene's role as a mother and grandmother was the one she cherished most deeply. She was the best mom and grandma, her guidance and affection shaping the lives of her children and grandchildren. Her legacy is one of unwavering love, a testament to the strength and tenderness that defined her every action. Darlene will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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



Carolyn Faye Moore

Carolyn Faye Moore, 81, of Nebo, Ill., died Tuesday, March 19, 2024 peacefully at her son's home after a short battle with cancer.

Cremation will be accorded. A graveside memorial service will be held Friday, April 5 at 11 a.m., at the Nebo Cemetery.

There is no visitation, however, friends are invited to the graveside memorial service.

Carolyn was born in Pittsfield on April 5, 1942, a daughter of James E. and Flossie A. Motley Sidwell.

She was a hard worker and held many jobs including Brown Shoe Factory, Stark Bros. Nurseries and working on the levees removing sandbags after the flood.

Carolyn enjoyed Cardinal's baseball, NASCAR and being outdoors.

Surviving is her only child, Danny Turner and wife, Christine of Pleasant Hill; three grandchildren, Hunter Turner and wife, Cassidy of Nebo, Gunner Turner and wife, Sadie of Pleasant Hill and Carley Turner of Pleasant Hill; four great-grandchildren with one on the way; two brothers, James Sidwell and wife, Myrna of Louisiana, and Gary "Jake" Sidwell and wife, Sherry of Ladd, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Linda Martin and a brother, Leroy "Juke" Sidwell.

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