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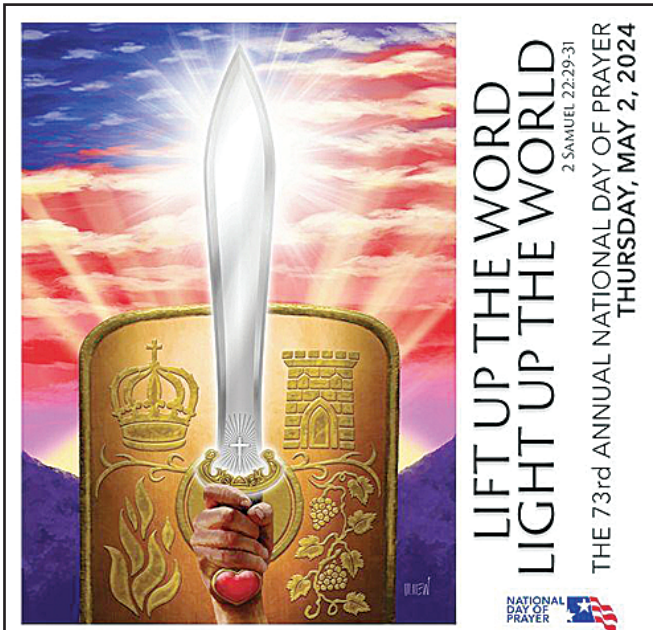
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An Antique iPod

Alan Hiles, dressed as U.S. Speaker of the House and presidential candidate Champ Clark, winds up a cylinder phonograph to play music during the April 13 History Day exhibit sponsored by Bowling Green VFW Post 5553. A dozen booths showcased history from Pike County and beyond. The day, which drew dozens of spectators from around the area, included a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Remembrance and a formal flag retirement ceremony. The VFW already has plans to host the event next year.

PACT Presents National Day Of Prayer



For generations, Americans have lifted up scripture-filled prayers in every season and circumstance.

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The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental

Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

The 2024 National Day of Prayer Theme is a call to stand on this foundation, to "Lift Up The Word - Light Up The World" inspired from the faithful prayer of our theme verse, 2 Samuel 22:29-31 ESV "For

you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.

For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him."

The annual National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans to pray together in faith, standing on the promises of God.

On Thursday, May 2, 2024, thousands of people will gather to intercede for neighbor and nation, and to pray for those who lead and those in need. These heartfelt prayers will be carried out in all 50 states and several U.S. territories through tens of thousands of local prayer gatherings on the National Day of Prayer.

Locally, Prayer and Action in Christ Together (PACT) will provide an opportunity to join in prayer as believers from all denominations gather to pray for our community and our nation.

The gathering will be held at the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene on Thursday, May 2, beginning at noon. For information, contact Brenda, 573-470-2506.

Louisiana Chamber Forges New Chapter

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Editor's note: Following is the first part in a story series. The best recipes feature ingredients that blend well.

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce hopes a combination of youthful gusto and discerning experience will stir up greater achievements.

New faces bring a mix of passion, savvy and drive – as well as a range of ages – to a group that's looking at inventive ways of assisting established businesses and greeting newcomers.

One of them is Tabitha Rardon, this year's chamber president. The 44-year-old is director of customer support at Stark Brothers Nurseries and owner of TNT Craft Studio in downtown Louisiana with her husband, Tom.

"My vision for the chamber revolves around fostering an inclusive business environment that drives sustainable growth, innovation and prosperity for our community," Rardon said. "To achieve this vision, we need strategic planning, goal setting, membership engagement and support."

VAUNTED HISTORY
The united focus is fitting. A century ago, nursery owner and future Missouri governor Lloyd Stark urged collaboration as he campaigned for construction of the Champ Clark Bridge.

Completed in 1928, the structure was the first Mississippi River highway crossing between Keokuk and St. Louis, and dramatically boosted commerce in Missouri and Illinois. The bridge was replaced in 2019, and remains a vital economic component for the region.

While Rardon has no delusions about the change in atmosphere since the 1920s, she refuses to be pessimistic in the wake of challenges facing Louisiana.

"It's worth noting that fostering a culture of collaboration, respect and mutual learning is essential for maximizing the benefits of having a diverse member composition," she said. "We need to invest in opportunities for members to continually learn and develop their skills."

The work already has begun, with Rardon inaugurating a series of monthly chamber professional development workshops called InnovateU. The "Chamber



Sydney Spiller, right, is one of many who hope to reinvigorate Louisiana. She and her husband, Cody, left, opened Dean's Outdoors at 414 Georgia. They're pictured at the business with Dan Hagerty of St. Louis.

Bucks" shop locally program also is getting under way, and more events, initiatives, community engagement and cultural enrichment activities are planned.

"We serve as a unified voice for local businesses, advocating for policies that promote economic growth, sustainability and inclusivity," Rardon said. "This involves engaging with local government officials, policymakers and other stakeholders to ensure our community's needs are heard and addressed."

BUILDING THE TEAM
A board with fresh perspectives has been assembled.

Viki Cadwallader, Sydney Spiller and Jennifer Fisher are the latest members. Heather White and Tannis Sanders are recent additions. The veterans include Diana Huckstep and Layne Ebers. Brook Patterson is the new chamber executive director.

One hurdle to overcome is a matter of perception. For the most part, just about everything a person needs can be found in Louisiana. The chamber board is a good representation, with members from the retail, real estate, commercial, professional service, healthcare and public sectors.

The problem – and it's one just about every smaller community faces – is that people have grown accustomed to driving elsewhere or going online. For Louisiana, the flip side has been a surge of small

business openings during the last year.

White, a 36-year-old Louisiana native with two businesses and a family, is encouraged.

"I would say that we have a beautiful, historic small town that has a lot of potential as long as everyone works together to make it great again," she said. "There are many people trying to come in and improve our town right now, and I think we need to keep that momentum going and encourage it in every way possible."

Spiller, 28, is among the movers and shakers who share the enthusiasm. She and her husband, Cody, own Dean's Outdoors LLC at 414 Georgia, which held a grand opening April 18.

Spiller, the chamber's first vice president, understands there will be naysayers, but sees "tons of potential for development." She hearkens the past while envisioning a brighter path ahead.

"As a new business owner here, I have seen great days and rough days," Spiller said. "What I see is a town with amazing potential that needs our help to restore its former glory. To do this, we need to grow our traffic and show new businesses they have a place in the wonderful town of Louisiana."

Next time: Getting it done.
Editor's disclosure: Brent Engel is a Louisiana Chamber of Commerce board member.



Sophomore Pilgrimage

Kara Hartwig was selected to attend the Missouri Sophomore Pilgrimage in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 9. Sophomore Pilgrimage was established by the General Federated Women's Clubs (G.F.W.C.) of Missouri in 1934. The purpose of the Pilgrimage is to promote better citizenship and to provide a view of state government. The pilgrimage is a statewide event to honor sophomore student ambassadors who were selected from their schools based on their scholarship, citizenship and leadership. The day in Jefferson City included tours of the State Capitol, the Supreme Court building, and the Governor's mansion. Students also attended a luncheon where they heard state government officials talk about their duties of office. Bowling Green's G.F.W.C. Heir Study Club is proud to have sponsored Kara, and believes it is important to continue to recognize outstanding sophomore students as they expand their skills in school programs, community involvement and family.

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Administrative Professionals Day
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Outdoor Paradise Inside

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting April 18 during the grand opening of Dean's Outdoors LLC at 414 Georgia. Holding and cutting the ribbon are owners Cody and Sydney Spiller with their seven-year-old son, Jasper. Behind the banner are chamber board members, from left, Layne Ebers, Heather White, Viki Cadwallader, Tabitha Rardon and Tannis Sanders, with assistant Tom Rardon. Dean's offers hundreds of products for outdoor activities, including knives, fishing poles and lures, archery equipment, practice targets, trail cameras, boots, apparel and live bait that includes crawdads, minnows, sunfish, goldfish and eels.

Community News



Cream Of The Cup

The Bridge coffee shop was named Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. Pictured, from left, are The Bridge managers Jon and Mary Lou Kroeze and Leah and David Kessler, Chamber President Tabitha Rardon and State Rep. Chad Perkins, who presented a House resolution honoring The Bridge. Also awarded was a print by the late Louisiana artist John Stoeckley. The business at 403 Georgia in downtown Louisiana opened four years ago and lists its vision as "connecting community" while offering a safe, family-friendly environment.



Model Citizen

Susan Fregeau, center, was named Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year at the organization's annual banquet April 11 at the Gatherings at 601 performance and event venue. Pictured with her are State Rep. Chad Perkins with a House resolution honoring Fregeau, and Chamber President Tabitha Rardon. Fregeau also received a print done by the late Louisiana artist John Stoeckley. Fregeau is known for her work in preserving, cataloging and sharing Louisiana's history, including the website www.historic-la-mo.com. The site features the slogan "Where History Lives on Every Corner!" The chamber has presented the award each year since 1975.



She Makes Louisiana Better

Sue Deines, left, received the Louisiana Community Betterment Association annual award for making the community such a great place to live. Pictured with her is Community Betterment Chairman Diana Huckstep. Deines was recognized for her numerous volunteer efforts.



Abracadabra

Master illusionist Keith Jozsef does a card trick for Viki Cadwallader during the social hour of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet April 11. The St. Louis magician regularly performs for Fortune 500 companies and in Las Vegas.

Bethel AME Church, Paynesville Banquet/Fashion Show A Success

Bethel AME Church, Paynesville held their Banquet/Fashion Show on Saturday April 13 at Clopton High School.

Doors opened at 5 p.m., meal at 6 p.m., with the ladies of the church, serving the meal and frinks, after which entertainment and fashion show began at 7 p.m.

Stores participating included Ann Layne Boutique, Bowling Green, Handmade Harvest, Louisiana, Cuddles Butters, The Rocking Horse and Raintree Guild, Clarksville, with several models for each store modeling their clothing.

Individuals modeling their own clothing were Pastor Dr. Priscilla Dowden-White, Sis. Roberta Watts, Sis. Kathy Webb, Danika Martin, Kenny Jones, Amaris Jones, and Patricia Quattrocchi, along with young ladies modeling their prom dresses Deprisha Chatman, Austin Lair, Beth Reading, and Kelis Chatman.

Entertainment for evening was Shane Martin, member of New Life Christian Church, Eolia, We Stand United Puppetry and Dance Team, New London and Hannibal and Centennial UMC Choir, Elsberry.

Vendors were also available for the evening including Curries Roots, 2C Bouquet, and Cuddles Butters.

It was a very enjoyable evening, this is the first that has been held since COVID-19. Please know that they appreciated it and to Rebecca Reading the custodian she was just great also to Tony Frances and students for setting up the gym. God Bless all of you all.



Hollering GOAT (female)

Helen Moellering, left, took home the Greatest of All Time award in the female hollering contest April 6 during "Encore Goes Country." The Raintree Arts Council event was held at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Raintree's Judi Bruce presented the GOAT trophy.



Hollering GOAT (male)

The loudest bellow from a man during the April 6 hollering contest at "Encore Goes Country" came from Donald Ringling. Judi Bruce, right, of Raintree Arts Council presented the award.



Looking Good

Walt Crew and Beverly Anderson were chosen "best dressed" at the "Encore Goes Country" concert April 6 in Clarksville. Crew styled with his traditional country look and Anderson stood out for her tribute to Minnie Pearl, complete with tag on hat.

Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, April 11 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening veremones were observed. The March meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. The January-February-March audit report was given and accepted.

During the business meeting the Van-Far 2024 VFW Post & Auxiliary Scholarship award winners were announced and will be presented at the Senior Awards Night on Tuesday, May 14.

Lionel and Victoria Shaw were elected delegates to convention with Judy Hull elected alternate. A donation was made to Project Prom as in the past several years. The treasurer is ordering two new ritual books.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The six members attending were Val Galloway, Barbara Holman, Judy Hull, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw and June Willis. The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, May 9, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Many thanks to Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments for a very generous grant for Bowling Green to develop a 20-year comprehensive Plan.

A comprehensive plan is designed to prioritize development for a city, municipality, and/or small town. Bowling Green will be a pioneer in developing a comprehensive plan not only for our city, but it will be used as a model for other small rural towns in Missouri.

This comprehensive plan will include infrastructure, water and sewer plants, civic needs of our city, development of people driven projects, plus goals and objectives for future development into the next decade.

Citizen input will be welcomed along with organizations, non-profits, people of all ages, races, religious beliefs, and abilities. A comprehensive plan can include sidewalks, a community activity rec plex, a new city hall and fire station, transportation, city connectivity-which is the ability to easily get to doctors, dentists, pharmacies, grocery stores, parks, and government services. All input is welcomed and as meetings are set, the public will be invited to participate.

As I look through our weekly papers and see the number of obituaries, it gives me great pause for the number of wonderful people Bowling Green and Pike County cities have lost. I pray that it is heaven's gain, but we are missing many friends and relatives due to passing.

This situation impresses me to make the most of our relationships through families and friends. Let's allow healing to take place where there have been fractures and allow forgiveness to heal no matter what hurt there may have been in the past. Just as we are entering a new sea-

son of flowers, trees, grass coming back to life, let's make every effort to bring new life back to families and friends. Let go of the past hurts and live life to the fullest for the present and the future.

We're four to five weeks away from schools being out for the summer but still a lot of activities with ball games, track meets, proms, State and National competitions, and graduations. April 22-26 is recognition of those who work with after-school/after-hours children.

Love Thy Neighbor applications for those who are unable to afford or work on their own homes are still being received. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering to help with these

endeavors, there are application at Second Baptist Church and on-line at www.sbcbg.com/ltn/. It's also National Volunteer Month! Applications are also available at Peoples Savings Bank and Peoples Bank and Trust.

It is National League of Cities Month which recognizes towns like Bowling Green and how it is developing housing, excellent school scores, State of Missouri student organizations accomplishments and recognition, athletic, cheerleading, and music achievements, and special education as well as "gifted" programs in student inclusion. NLC recognizes city growth and achievements in infrastructure, street and roads improvements, utilities availability, plus businesses and civic development. National League of Cities is the oldest and largest non-partisan organization representing municipal governments. It works to strengthen local leaders, drive innovation, and influences federal policies that impact local operations.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

SUPPORTING TEACHERS & STUDENTS
In a significant victory for education in the Show-Me State, the Missouri General Assembly has passed SB 727 and HB 2287, two comprehensive education reform bills aimed at enhancing elementary and secondary education across the state. Upon passage of these bills, Rep. Perkins stated, "I enthusiastically support this legislation and look forward to the benefits it will bring both students and teachers here in Missouri." Part of this legislation includes an historic pay raise for teachers, which Perkins said was "long overdue". These bills now head to the governor for his signature.

MISSOURI HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO COMBAT SCHOOL BULLYING

With recent high-profile incidents of bullying and violence in mind, the Missouri House of Representatives has unanimously passed HBs 1715 and 2630, also known as the "Missouri Childhood Hero Act". This legislation marks a significant step forward in ensuring the safety and well-being of students across the state.

HBs 1715 and 2630 aim to ensure that students who are the targets of bullies are not re-victimized by school districts' zero-tolerance policies, which often suspend both instigators and those who seek to defend themselves. The Act also seeks to ensure that schools investigate incidents before meting out punishments.

The goal is to ensure that victims aren't automatically suspended just for being involved or protecting themselves. By implementing clear policies and support mechanisms, we are empowering schools to effectively address and prevent bullying, creating a safer and more inclusive learning environment for all.

MISSOURI HOUSE PASSES BILL TO SAFEGUARD OUR ELECTIONS

The Missouri House of Representatives this week gave approved a resolution

that will strengthen the state's electoral process and preserve the integrity of our elections. HJR 104 would amend our state constitution to include key voting procedures and requirements in an effort to ensure fair and transparent elections for all Missourians. Here's a breakdown of the key points:

Only citizens of the United States would be entitled to vote in public elections.

All elections must be conducted using paper ballots or any mechanical method prescribed by law. This aims to ensure transparency and prevent tampering.

Each voter is entitled to only one vote for each issue or open seat being voted on in an election. This prevents multiple votes by a single individual.

The candidate who receives the highest number of votes in a primary election for a party becomes the sole candidate for that party in the general election, unless removed or replaced by law. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the general election is declared the winner.

Voting machines must be tested and certified as secure according to federal standards before each election in which they will be used. This is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the voting process.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On April 27: Art in the Park will be from 1-3 p.m., at the Bowling Green city park. The movie "Cars 2" will be played at the Bowling Green High School auditorium from 4-5:30 p.m. Hosted by Bowling Green Middle School art department.

On May 2: National Day Of Prayer sponsored by Prayer and Action in Christ Together (PACT). All are welcome to join in a time of prayer for our community and nation. The event will be held at the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene, beginning at noon and lasting until 12:45 p.m. For information, contact Brenda, 573-470-2506.

On May 16: A Red Cross blood drive will be held at Cornerstone Christian Church located at 1620 Bus. 54, Bowling Green from 1-5 p.m.



April Library Book Review



Brenda Gower

MURDER AT AN IRISH CASTLE: AN IRISH CASTLE MYSTERY BY ELLIE BRANNIGAN
REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER

Murder at an Irish Castle: an Irish Castle Mystery is the first novel a new cozy mystery series.

The promising bridal wear designer, Rayne McGrath, from Rodeo Drive in the United States finds herself in rural Ireland with an inherited castle and a murder to solve. Rayne has to leave the United States and live in Ireland for one year and the McGrath castle is hers.

Rayne, though, must also work with her cousin that she did not know existed, to save the estate from financial ruin. The cousins find themselves continually at odds with which direction to take to save the estate. I enjoyed reading this book and look forward to the next in the series. This first book introduced an assortment of likable characters and left me wondering and ready to find out how the estate and small town would be saved. I have read several cozy mysteries and this one seemed to have more to its story, which I liked.

This book is available to check out from Mexico-Audrain County Library District.

We welcome your local news



Kasi Welborn

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE BY DIANA WYNNE JONES
REVIEWED BY KASI WELBORN,

CIRCULATION ASSISTANT, MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sophie Hatter is the oldest. Not just the oldest, but she is the oldest of three.

It is just an unpleasant fact that the oldest of three will not be successful in life, so Sophie has spent her eighteen years in her family's hat shop making hats.

That is, until she has the misfortune to meet the Witch of the Waste and gets cursed to be a very old lady! She leaves the shop and inserts herself into the life of the wizard Howl, his young assistant, and his fire demon, Calcifer. Hijinks ensue when Howl is called upon by the king to kill the Witch of the Waste. This is a great story of adventure, mystery, humor, and (eventually) true love.

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Agape House Discusses Accessibility Issues

At their April 16 meeting, Agape House of Vandalia board members discussed accessibility in guest rooms for the increasing number of elderly and disabled guests. Steps will be taken to provide easier access to restrooms and the rear entrance of the building.

It was noted that among the guests in March, nine persons had come from Texas. This encourages board members in their maintenance of the guesthouse for use by those visiting loved ones incarcerated in the correctional facilities in Bowling Green and Vandalia.

Approval was given to the United Way memorandum of agreement; this document guarantees sound financial and program management, ethical fundraising and cooperation with other agencies among other things.

The quarterly inspection of the guesthouse was conducted. A small crack in the ceiling of one room was noted; otherwise, the facility was found to be in excellent condition, especially with the recent repainting of the manager's apartment.

Guest surveys noted the kindness and thoroughness of house manager, Karen Craig, when she greets guests and explains house rules.

Board members in attendance were Janet Heim, Eldora Lowry, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, Terry Rudolph, and Mary Thomas.

Monetary gifts received in March were the following: Edgewood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; Bethlehem Baptist Church of Centralia; Ramsey Creek Baptist Church of Clarksville; Curryville Baptist Church; Farber Baptist Church; Hopewell Baptist Church and John Yost of Thompson; and Southside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church, all of Vandalia.

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Obituaries



Elizabeth 'Bunny' Herring

Elizabeth "Bunny" Herring died peacefully on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at home on Rockford Farm.

A funeral will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eolia on Wednesday, June 5 at 11 a.m. Following the service there will be a Bunny worthy celebration at Rockford Farm.

Family, friends, dogs, parakeets, flowers from neighboring gardens, operatic arias, and love filled her room all during her final days.

Elizabeth was born Oct. 26, 1926 in St. Louis, the daughter of Ira E. and Elizabeth Forrest Wight. She was a graduate of Garrison Forest School whose motto "Esse Quam Videri" she tattooed on her ankle. In December 1949, she married Skyler "Swede" Herring. This marriage lasted until his death 55 years later.

She was a descendant of the founding family of St. Louis, Madame Chouteau and Pierre Leclède. Another line started in Maine in the 1700's and over time became a prominent family in New Orleans.

Elizabeth rebelled against her expected path by studying ballet in New York then running away to Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus where she rode horses and elephants. She left the circus upon falling in love with Swede, her cowboy. They settled in his hometown of Encampment, Wyoming. In 1955, they moved to Rockford Farm in Eolia where they raised their four children, and she pursued passions of horseback riding, gardening, opera, ballet, travel, and cooking elaborate dishes.

At points, Elizabeth worked as a licensed practical nurse and a real estate agent. She went to Washington University later in life, earning a Masters in English. She worked with others to bring opera to Pike County with the 1982 performance of The Beggar's Opera in the Clarksville Apple Shed. She devoted years to Prison Performing Arts, volunteering and sharing her endless love of Shakespeare and theater. She participated in the establishment of Circus Flora in St. Louis.

She was an active member of St. John's Church in Eolia followed by Trinity Episcopal Church when she returned to St. Louis after 60 years away. A constant was a love for the arts and animals, especially dogs and horses. She exemplified living life to the fullest, finding adventure in each day.

She will be missed dearly by her children, Holly Maffitt of Eolia, Skyler Herring of Eolia, and Heather Bonham of Savannah, Ga.; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Ira E. Wight III, John Wight, and Nancy Wight; and her son, Timothy Herring.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Prison Performing Arts or Circus Harmony, two organizations dear to Elizabeth's heart.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is provider of cremation rites.



Joan Striebeck

Joan Striebeck, 83, of Vandalia and formerly of Troy died Friday, April 12, 2024 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Thursday at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home & Crematory in Troy.

A memorial service was at 7 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home in Troy with Kelly Inman officiating.

Inurnment will take place at National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks.

She was born April 22, 1940 in Doniphan to Frank and Edna Sullivan Payne. Joan grew up with her six siblings: Chloe, Austin, George, Betty, Stella, and Pauline in Doniphan. At the age of 16, she met and later married her husband, Charles Striebeck, on Dec. 11, 1956. They were blessed with five children, Donald, Robert, Donna, Joseph, and Carol.

Some of her favorite pastimes induced fishing, antiquing, hiking, adventuring, searching for arrowheads and collecting rocks and crystals. Joan was a nurturing and caring wife and mother who had many friends and loved by all who met her. She loved to sing and dance and was the life of the party. She will be greatly missed but long remembered by everyone she knew.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Striebeck; and three of their children, Robert Striebeck, Donald Striebeck, and Carol Williams. Also her siblings, Pauline, Austin, George, and Betty.

Surviving are two of her children, Donna Green and Joseph Striebeck, both of Vandalia; a daughter-in-law, Jeannie Striebeck of Troy; and two sisters, Stella Payne of Poplar Bluff and Chloe Looney of Oklahoma. She had 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Dementia Foundation, c/o the funeral home

Family and friends are invited to sign our online guestbook at www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

Joseph E. Haney

Joseph Edward Haney, 91, of Warrenton, formerly of Elsberry died Friday, March 22, 2024 at his home.

Born March 29, 1932 in Louisiana, he was the son of Joseph Edward and Katherine L. Haney, Sr. Joseph was united in marriage on March 2, 1963 in Castro Valley, Calif., to Gloria June Drake. This union was blessed with six children, Michael, Deborah, Alan, Kerry, Kevin and Bonnie. He worked as a quality control manager for Sherwin Williams Paint, retiring in 1994.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Haney and wife, Okie of Newport News, Va., Kevin Haney of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one daughter, Bonnie Haney-Cox and husband, Tom of Warrenton; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Deborah Lynn Haney, and Kerry Lynn Barham; a son, Alan Edward Haney; one granddaughter, Kira Lynn Barham; and his wife of 49 years, Gloria Haney, who died Nov. 27, 2012.

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



Dorothy Mae James

Dorothy Mae James, 98, of Vandalia died Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Bob Hoehn will officiate. Interment will follow at Vandalia Cemetery.

A private family viewing will be before the service.

Dorothy was born June 4, 1925, the daughter to Estel

and Lena Miller Hoover in Reedsville. She was united in marriage to Paul Loen James in January 1942. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Paul James of Vandalia; a daughter, Karen Westenhaver of Columbia; one grandson, Matt Westenhaver; a granddaughter, Mechele Forrest and husband, Gerald; and great-grandchildren, Lena Westenhaver and Wayne Westenhaver.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul James; and a sister, Donna Oberhaus.

Professionally, Dorothy worked for the International Shoe Factory and then the Bobbie Brooks plant until she retired.

Dorothy and Paul loved to travel in their early years. They traveled all over the United States and visited anything of significance or historical significance. Dorothy especially liked to visit Tennessee and watch the shows at the Grand Ole Opry. Dorothy and Paul enjoyed taking the boat out on the lake and water skiing. She was known to be a very good cook and adored her family.

Pallbearers will be Matt Westenhaver, Ron Westenhaver, Richard Oberhaus, and Gerald Forrest.

Memorials are suggested to the Northeast Humane Society, c/o Waters Funeral Home.



Lillian Frances Cook

Lillian Frances Cook, 81, of Nixa died peacefully Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

A graveside service to honor Lillian's life will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been handled by Adams Crematory in Ozark.

She was born June 9, 1942, in Nebraska City, Neb., to the loving parents, John and Norma Kelly Salmons.

Lillian embraced a beautiful life filled with love and adventure. On Aug. 20, 1960, she was joyfully united in marriage to her beloved husband, Joe Cook. Lillian's dedication to her family as a devoted wife and mother shone brightly throughout her life.

She found great joy in traveling across the United States with her family, cherishing trips to Aruba and Mexico. Lillian had a deep appreciation for beaches and exploring local restaurants during their travels - always delighting in the taste of fresh seafood.

A lover of music and dancing, Lillian often filled her home with the tunes of the 50s and 60s through classic eight tracks. Among her favorite musical groups was "The Platters." Additionally, she found solace in reading and the beauty of flowers.

Lillian is survived by a son, Terry Cook; one daughter, Sherri Pellham and husband, Ted; a sister, Evelyn Easton and husband, Donnie; a brother-in-law, Bob Cook and wife, Linda; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe Cook; and daughter-in-law, Kathleen Cook.

Lillian will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her but will forever remain in our hearts as we cherish the memories, she has left us with.

Matt Jayne Is New Head Softball Coach For Lady Cats

By BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

With Craig Smith accepting Louisiana's vacant high school principal position, the Bowling Green School District has been searching for a new head coach in both boys basketball and softball.

Bowling Green recently filled both and just in time for the Lady Cats softball. Bowling Green fans will notice a familiar face in the dugout and standing by third base. Assistant coach, Matt Jayne has been selected as the new head coach for the softball

team.

"I'm very excited to get the opportunity to be the softball head coach here at Bowling Green," Jayne told the Tribune. "I love the passion there is for softball here. And I know that is going to continue with the girls we have returning."

Jayne thinks the younger student athletes can step up to the challenge to carry on the winning culture the Lady Cats have established.

"The girls that have graduated in years past have done a great job in establishing the

culture and I'm excited to see how the returners add to that," he said. "We are losing some key players, so we will have to have girls step up, but I am very confident they will."

He told the Tribune that he doesn't have any big changes in store for the upcoming season.

"As far as changes to the program I don't see too many big changes. There are some things that we will have to do differently from last season, but that can be said most years."

Clopton High School Scholar Bowl Team In Championship

With its strong finish at the Eastern Missouri Conference Scholar Bowl, the Scholar Bowl team from Clopton High School in Clarksville proved themselves worthy to play on a national stage.

On Friday, April 26, the team will represent their school in a 143-team national competition: National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Small School National Championship Tournament.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. It is the national version of the game that is often locally called Scholar Bowl.

Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas.

Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

This will be Clopton's first time attending the Small School National Championship Tournament. In 2023, 2019, and 2017 they qualified but were not able to attend.

The SSNCT is the only quiz bowl national championship pitting small schools against each other. It has one division containing non-selective public schools with 500 or fewer students in their top three grades, and another division for other schools with 350 or fewer students in their top three grades. Clopton may face familiar foes in Rosemont, as Bayless (from St. Louis), Centralia, and Winfield will also be attending.

The team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, will be captained by Chris Ferguson, who will be joined by John Cooke, Joey Dillon, Gabe Fitchett, Finn O'Brien, and Kyle West. The team will be coached by Andy Van Bember.

Tournament results will be updated throughout the three days of competition at <http://www.naqt.com/go/stats/14701> so everyone can follow along and see how the team does. You can also follow #ssnct on Twitter.

National Academic Quiz Tournaments, founded in 1996, organizes the premier middle school, high school, and college quiz bowl championships in North America. In addition to its national championships, NAQT provides questions to invitational tournaments, league championships, and television shows throughout the year. NAQT operates out of the Twin Cities and Kansas City, but its members mentor coaches, host tournaments, volunteer their services, and share their expertise across the United States.

State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Camping Reservations Start May 1

Missouri State Fair livestock exhibitors interested in camping will be able to submit camping reservations starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1 via an online portal or by submitting a downloadable and printable form, both available on the Fair's website.

Campers should choose either the online reservation request system or fax in the paper form.

For campers using the online reservation system:

The online portal will be available on the Fair's website starting at 9 a.m. on May 1 for the submission of livestock exhibitor camping requests, but payment will NOT be collected from the online system. Once the reservation has been accepted, a message will be sent to the email provided upon registration with instructions on how to pay for the campsite. Payment will not be collected or processed until reservations have been accepted and confirmed.

For campers using the downloadable and printable form:

The downloadable and printable

form will be available on the Fair's website starting at 9 a.m. on May 1. The form will need to be filled out in full, including payment information, and must be faxed to the Fair. Please only send the fax one time. Multiple submissions jam the fax machine and could result in multiple payments processed.

No camping forms will be distributed or accepted on-site. Camping reservation requests must be made via the online portal or forms sent in via fax.

Please note that the State Fair website typically experiences very high traffic volume on the morning the livestock exhibitor camping system goes live. State Fair staff works with our webmaster and site host to be diligent in our efforts to accommodate the hits that the site often experiences during this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding should any situations arise.

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MDC Encourages Public To Leave Wildlife Wild

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"Young animals are rarely orphaned," explained MDC State Wildlife Veterinarian Sherri Russell. "When we see newborns alone, that means the parents are likely out searching for food and will return."

A common newborn species we may encounter in the spring is young birds.

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Local livestock producers who demonstrate outstanding achievements in the livestock industry are asked to apply for an award recognizing their accomplishments. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award.

Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered.

According to the committee chairman, Garry Mathes, this award recognizes livestock leaders from across the state.

Vice-chairman, Zac Erwin states "We know there are individuals, business and agency personnel, and educators that have made tremendous contributions to the livestock industry in this state and beyond, and we want to

recognize them for their career achievements."

The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 6, 2024.

The award nomination form can be found at <https://missourilivestock.com/achievement-award>, by emailing missourilivestock@gmail.com and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County MU Extension office at 660-665-9866. Nominations are due Sept. 1, 2024.

The 25th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 6-7 at the William Mathew Middle School. This is the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers and ag industry people. Go to missourilivestock.com or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

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Braden Matthew Havlik

Two Area FFAers Elected Named State Vice Presidents

During the 96th Missouri FFA Convention, Braden Matthew Havlik of Silex and Carmen Wilburn of Van-Far were named a 2024-2025 State FFA vice presidents.

Braden's parents are Michael and Rebecca Havlik. Havlik's advisors are Sean O'Brien and Elizabeth Kientzy.

Havlik's supervised agriculture experience involves diversified livestock production entrepreneurship and food service placement. Within this entrepreneurship SAE, he raises and exhibits beef cattle, sheep, goats and poultry. He also markets eggs and beef products to local community members. In his food service SAE, Havlik is employed through J.R. Diamonds Restaurant where he prepares ingredients weekly and works as a part-time cook.

As an FFA member, Havlik has served as chapter sentinel, reporter and first vice president. He has also served the Area V Association as vice president. Havlik competed in the FFA knowledge leadership development event and the livestock evaluation career development on the state level.

In addition to FFA, Havlik has been a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Future Business Leaders of America and served as varsity softball and basketball manager.

After graduating high school, Havlik plans to study agricultural education-communications and leadership with a minor in political science in hopes of becoming an agricultural lobbyist.



Carmen Wilburn

Wilburn is a member of the Van-Far FFA Chapter. Her parents are Tracy and Jay Wilburn. Her advisors are Ashlee Crader and Ryan Talkington.

Wilburn's supervised agricultural experience program consists of working on her family's swine production farm. In which, she fills out paperwork, medicates, checks, and loads the pigs. In addition, she also helps her family grow crops as an entrepreneurship Supervised Agricultural Experience where she grows and harvests corn. She placed first in Area V for Swine Production Proficiency. In the past, Wilburn has also cured meats and held a placement job for an insurance company.

During her FFA career, Wilburn served as the Chapter Reporter, 1st Vice President and is currently serving as the Chapter President for the Van-Far FFA chapter. She also is currently serving as the Area V treasurer.

Wilburn has competed in the FFA Knowledge Contest and advanced to state in both Entomology and Floriculture. She has also competed in the State Swine Facility Management contest and placed second as a team. Wilburn has also competed in Teach Ag and Young Farmers and Farm Wives fall speaking contests. She was alternate to state with her Young Farmers and Farm Wives speech and in Teach Ag she placed third in the state competition. Wilburn was also selected to attend the Missouri Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE) Academy.

In addition to the FFA, Wilburn is also elected the president of National Honors Society, Vice President of the student council, and Senior Class Secretary. Wilburn also participates in A+, basketball, and softball. She was selected to attend Rotary's RYLA academy and is the 2023-2024 Daughters of the American Revolution good citizen.

After graduating Wilburn plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education-Teacher Certification. After graduation she plans to teach agriculture to high school students and obtain a masters degree.

The Missouri FFA has 26,830 members representing 362 chapters. The national organization has more than 945,000 members representing 9,163 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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