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Louisiana Municipal Corporation Steps Up To Host Fourth Of July Celebration

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce announced on April 22 that they can no longer host the 2024 Fourth of July celebration due to insurmountable financial challenges.

"Despite our best efforts to find other options, the projected expenses are at a minimum of \$10,000 for a 10-minute display, rendering it financially impractical for us to proceed with hosting the event," Chamber President, Tabitha Rardon explained in a letter last week.

Fortunately for Louisiana residents and hundreds of spectators that travel to view the show, a non-profit connected to city hall. The Louisiana Municipal Corporation has come to the rescue, ensuring that the beloved annual event will continue.

In a recent social media post, they announced, "We are thrilled to share that we will be hosting the Independence Day celebration this year and for many more years to come! Join us on July 3 at the beautifully renovated riverfront in Louisiana, Missouri for a day full of fun and enjoyment for all ages."

The city formed the Louisiana Municipal Corporation as a non-

profit in 2016 to accept donations and conduct fundraising efforts to help drive economic development. The organization replaced the Louisiana Economic Development Committee and has its own bylaws and a board comprised of the city's mayor, administrator, treasurer, and city council. Since its formation, it has helped with the sale of various merchandise to raise funds for past events, and now the fireworks celebration.

This year's event will be hosted on Wednesday, July 3 due to all available pyrotechnic companies being booked for July 4.

The celebration not only features the much-anticipated fireworks display but also a dedication ceremony for the newly renovated riverfront. Attendees can expect great food from various vendors and lively music throughout the event.

The Louisiana Municipal Corporation is accepting donations from the community to increase the level of fireworks displayed.

"You can support us by mailing your donations to the City Hall or by dropping them off at the Water Department," The group stated in a follow up post on Facebook. "Just let them

know it's for the fireworks, and we'll ensure it goes towards making this event unforgettable."

They have various levels of sponsorship, each with its own unique benefits/perks.

Despite the Chamber of Commerce's inability to host the event, they have pledged to support the city or any other entity that takes on the responsibility.

"If the city or another entity decides to host this event, we pledge to be one of the sponsors should they ask for sponsorship," Rardon continued. "And [we will] support the event by networking to promote through social media, email newsletters, and community bulletin boards as a gesture of our apology and ongoing support for our community."

The Louisiana Municipal Corporation has expressed gratitude for the community's support and looks forward to making this year's Independence Day celebration the best one yet for Louisiana.

For more information contact the Louisiana Municipal Corporation at 573-754-4132, visiting them at louisiana-mo.com/louisiana-municipal-corporation, or in person at the Louisiana City Hall.

Louisiana Chamber Forges New Chapter

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the second part in a story series by

An old proverb says that talk does not fix dinner.

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce is cooking up what it envisions as a new era of economic growth, and it wants results to speak louder than words.

Getting it done won't be easy, but progress already has been made with the opening of new storefronts. Now, the group has developed initiatives to provide business strategies and encourage local shopping.

It's just the beginning from a team that includes a diversity of ages and experiences.

Brook Patterson, the new chamber executive director, can easily champion Louisiana's advantages. But the 42-year-old Pike County native is also blunt – hitting the nail on the head with a slogan she hopes will catch on:

"I believe in the future of Louisiana."

HOMETOWN HEROINES

Viki Cadwallader is another person who's invested.

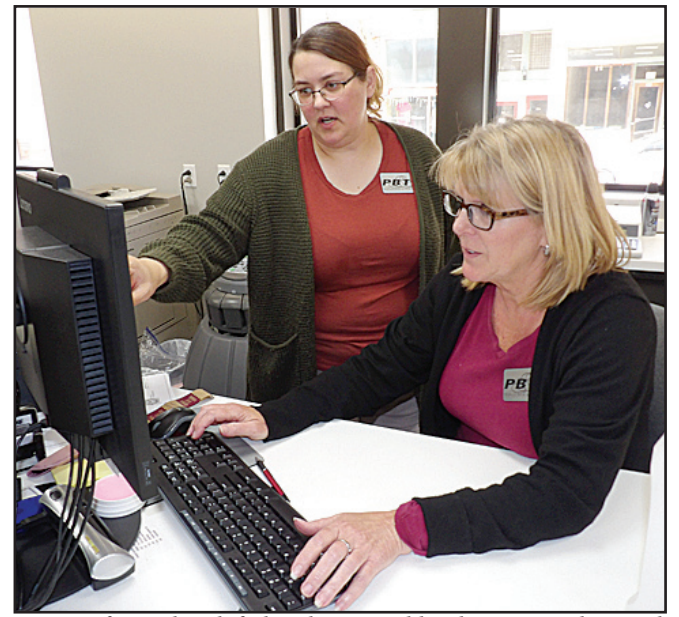
The 56-year-old Louisiana native and new chamber secretary runs a real estate business and a coffee trailer called Street Sips. She has turned her ardor into action.

Almost two years ago, Cadwallader and friend Carmen York established Re(STORE)ing Louisiana, a volunteer group with the goal of highlighting local amenities and opportunities to a national audience.

Cadwallader admits she at times is "too emotionally invested," but can't take her foot off the accelerator.

"My love for this community and care for people around me are the basis of my involvement," she said.

Heather White also is a native and a recent chamber board member. She is part of two businesses with her family – an insurance office and The Pierre restaurant. One hundred years ago, local leaders envisioned Louisiana as an American crossroads. White, 36, says the thought is still viable, and can be used while also showcasing other



Jennifer Fisher, left, head personal banker at Peoples Bank & Trust in downtown Louisiana, is a new chamber of commerce board member who hopes to see an economic surge locally. She is pictured with personal banker Rachel Campbell.

attributes.

"Louisiana is located at such an important spot on the map," she said. "We are one of the few bridges across the Mississippi. Highway 54 goes to the Lake of the Ozarks, so we are a stop along the way. Highway 79 is another major highway to Hannibal. We have lots of history and architecture. We need to encourage people to take pride in their homes to make Louisiana look great."

Cadwallader says that every time a new business opens, Louisiana residents should write a note to themselves.

"We HAVE to make an effort to go into these places at every opportunity to see if we can get what we are looking for here – before heading out of town," she said.

GROWING THE BRAND

Tannis Sanders was born more than 2,000 miles from Louisiana, but has called it home since 2017.

The 50-year-old KJFM-WBBA Radio broadcast professional and chamber board member is a native of British Columbia. She hopes the efforts will open new opportunities.

"I do believe it's important for the chamber to continue adapting to the needs of its businesses and keep it focused on them – providing valuable resources, networking and learning opportunities," Sanders said.

White suggests local organizations join forces more often. New chamber board member Jennifer Fisher emphasizes that such strong alliances are key.

"In my opinion, there are very few things that can grow without the help of a team," said Fisher, who has lived in Louisiana for half of her 40 years and is head personal banker at Peoples Bank & Trust. "The interaction and discussion amongst people spark the creativity in others and is sometimes just what is needed to bring out the best ideas."

Tangible results are sometimes hard to measure, so Patterson said another goal going forward will be acknowledgement of "the need for progression and, quite frankly, the need for revitalization." Finding the right balance can be done if the community grasps how "additional avenues (can) allow for a robust economy."

"Embracing and highlighting the history and beauty of Louisiana is the town's key to tourism," Patterson said. "However, what's the significance of tourism, history and beauty if a town doesn't have the resources and accommodations its residents and visitors need?"

Next time: More opinions. Editor's disclosure: Brent Engel is a Louisiana Chamber of Commerce board member.

Pike Sheriff's Office Warns Of Scammers

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Pike County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the citizens that we will never call you and advise you of a warrant," a press release read. "If we did, we would NOT advise you to obtain a Green Dot card, Apple Pay card, or to go to an internet website

such as PayPal, Venmo or any other site to pay your fine."

According to the Sheriff's Office, in the last week, several citizens have contacted the Pike County Sheriff's Office saying a Detective (in one case naming Detective Simms) has called and advised the citizen of an incident stating that if they did not take care

of the matter a deputy would arrest him/her.

The alleged Detective stated that the sheriff's office lobby was closed due to COVID19 and advised the potential victim to obtain a Green Dot card or to go to PayPal and to pay the fine of \$1,000+ dollars.

The potential victim found this suspicious and contacted the sheriff who advised we do not have a Detective Simms and our lobby has never closed due to COVID and remains open 24/7.

The Pike County Sheriff's Office wishes to inform the public that when a person calls you claiming to be the police, sheriff's office, IRS, FBI or any other agency, they would never advise you to obtain any type of gift card such as Green Dot, Apple, etc. to pay a fine.

If the IRS finds an issue with your social security number or if any other agency has an issue, they will send you a letter. If there is an investigation being conducted, an officer will come to your door and will have an identification card and badge to present to you.

If you ever received a call from a person fitting this description and identifying themselves as an officer, obtain his/her name, department and phone number. Call your local police or sheriff's office to validate the person calling.

Never hesitate to contact the Pike County Sheriff's Office if you wish to report any suspicious activity.

Ex-Chief Heatherly, Wife Arrested

Christopher Heatherly and his wife Patricia have both been charged with four class A misdemeanors each out of Pike County.

Heatherly and his wife are charged with two counts of misuse of official information by a public servant as well as two counts of harassment in the second degree.

According to the Pike County, Missouri Christopher Heatherly and his wife, Patricia have both been charged with four class A misdemeanors each out of Pike County.

Heatherly was charged with a second count of misuse of official information by a public servant after allegedly disclosing information again, this time regarding an investigative report packet containing personal information from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office.

In count three and four—Heatherly is being charged with harassment.

Prosecutors say on or about April 28th, 2023, Heatherly disclosed personal information from Louisiana Police Department files for the purposes other than in connection with his official duties.

Heatherly was charged with a second count of misuse of official information by a public servant after allegedly disclosing information again, this time regarding an investigative report packet containing personal information from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office.

For each of the charges, Heatherly could face jail time, prison, or both if convicted

Pizza And Aliens

Changelings Offers One Comedy, One Drama In Clarksville

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You don't walk away from pizza, capice?

Oh, and the Martians are here for their carryout.

The Changelings Theatre Company is bringing to the stage an era when Americans got their thrills and chills from radio.

The troupe is voicing the Eric Coble mob parody "The Pepperonis" and Orson Welles' famous dramatic take on "The War of the Worlds."

The show is at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Ed and Anita Ludwig Theatre inside The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. More information is available by calling 817-300-9796.

Changelings Director Mary Lang Fournier said the idea is a mix of old and new.

"These days, books on tape are very popular," she said. "We wanted to show a related form of storytelling. Ever since the first caveperson told tales of the hunt, people have been enthralled by stories."

Fournier said the all-ages show will be "a good imagination exercise for a screen-obsessed crowd to fill in the blanks and enjoy the oral gymnastics." Actors "will be challenged with coloring the story only using vocal skills."

"The Pepperonis" is a farcical takeoff on "The Sopranos" television series and "The Godfather" movies.

Tony Pepperoni is a mob boss who takes care of his "family" by running a pizza joint. To throw off gumshoes, he calls the place "Saul Herskowitz's Kosher Deli."

As one would expect, gangster vernacular and slang flow faster than vino in Sicily.

There are references to such righteous hoods as Louis "Loose Lips" Luigi, Lenny "Lousy Oral Hygiene" Laconi and Benny "No Cuticles" Banano. Then, there are guys whose monikers were left incomplete to protect the guilty – Mario "Missing Ear," Frank "Fungus Toe" and Nicky "No Nickname."

At no point, Tony tells a shrink that there's no getting out of the "pizza" business.

"You go out face-first in a mountain of mozzarella and grease," he says. "Or your sleeve gets caught on the pie pan and you're dragged into a 400-degree oven to bake like a ziti. Or you're speeding to deliver some pies downtown and broadside a livestock truck and you're crushed beneath the weight of thousands of pounds of cattle and poultry. That's the way a pizza man dies. There are a hundred ways to go, but one ever – EVER – walks away from pizza."

Fournier said those attending can expect to get involved.

"Even if you don't know 'The Sopranos,' the comedy shines through," she said. "It's fun for the audience to see how a radio show was put together. The (sound effects) are front and center to add to the mix."

On the flip side is "The War of the Worlds." Welles turned the H.G. Wells novel into a sensation on Oct. 30, 1938. Broadcast live that night throughout the nation, the program prompted a scare among many listeners, who believed that Martians were invading America.

So many people were frightened because the broadcast sounded like a typical evening of radio programming, with the exception of interruptions for "news bulletins." The authentic-sounding reports started calmly, but escalated as the program proceeded.

Welles was only 23 at the time. Although it drew widespread criticism, the production propelled the actor to even greater theatrical and film success. Fournier calls "The War of the Worlds" a classic that still has relevance today.

"In a time of fake news, it should give the audience pause," she said. "What's the monster under your bed? What if that monster organized and came after us?"

The audience can also expect surprises, an attribute that's become a tradition at Changelings shows.

"A monster who may be lounging around the lobby," Fournier said.

Eight Minutes

President Packs Punch Into Louisiana Speech

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the first part in a two-part story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

Few presidents have had the ability to hold an audience as spellbound as Theodore Roosevelt.

Pike County got a taste of the Republican's unflappable intensity and energy on Wednesday, April 29, 1903.

Though he was from the other political party, even the normally talkative Champ Clark was practically silenced.

The nation was much different then. Missouri had almost three times more people than California, there was no federal income tax, the Union had 45 states and there were fewer

into the depot along the Louisiana riverfront just after 1:30 p.m.

"The citizens of Louisiana and Pike county certainly have good cause to feel proud of the enthusiastic reception given President Roosevelt," the Pike County News said.

The "vast crowd surged to and fro and filled every available space and even the roofs of the buildings were filled with spectators," added the Louisiana Press.

More than 1,000 children waved flags and sang "America" to the accompaniment of the Louisiana town band in what the Press called a moment "not soon to be forgotten."

Roosevelt disembarked in a Prince Albert coat with steel gray pants, a black tie and a silk flat-

Luis Irwin and Glenn Rule.

Clark was well known for his speaking abilities, but on this day, he kept it short and simple. The Pike County lawyer and Democrat Congressman, who in eight years would become Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, introduced the president "in a half a dozen words," the Press said.

Roosevelt "looked as happy as a bridegroom as he smiled and showed the teeth that (have) made many a cartoonist wealthy in the past few years."

Roosevelt spoke for eight minutes, and it was obvious he knew a little about the location in which he stood.

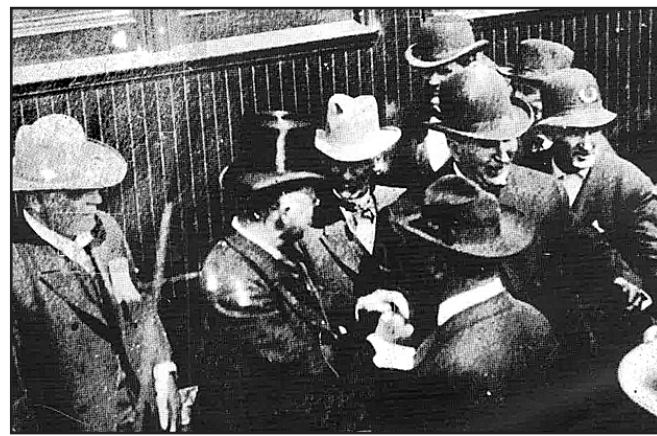
"He said he was glad to visit the historic county of Pike which had furnished so many distinguished sons to the nation, and he seemed especially pleased at the reception given him by the children, who he said seemed to be all right both in quality and quantity," the Press reported. "He addressed a few strenuous comments to them, and advised them that whatever they did, to do it hard. When they play, play hard, and when they work, don't play at all."

Roosevelt "was frequently cheered and applauded," the News added. "He made a good speech and fully met the expectations of the people."

Topics included American greatness and World's Fair preparations in St. Louis. Roosevelt was scheduled to participate in dedication ceremonies the next day for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

"He said that the true way for a people to achieve greatness was to establish a right ideal and work to it, and that the only permanent foundation for a government was character," the Press wrote.

Next time: No protestors.



There apparently are no confirmed photos of President Theodore Roosevelt speaking in Louisiana on April 29, 1903, but this print from a glass negative almost certainly shows him arriving (center) at the downtown train depot that day. (John Wood Collection courtesy of the Louisiana Area Historical Museum).

than 150 miles of paved roads across the country. Most significantly, the economy was bustling under Roosevelt's ideas.

A crowd estimated at 7,000 to 10,000 stood in the spring sunshine as the president's six-car train pulled

form that had been built for the occasion, eight children offered a greeting along with American Beauty roses and a basket of Pike County lilacs. The children were Theresa Weed, Hazel Fry, Linda Crewdson, Louis Henshaw, Dan Flagg, Paul Stark,

Community News



Pictured are Twin Pike Family YMCA Lifeguards, from left: Lauren Ince and Sally Logan.

Twin Pike Family YMCA To Offer Lifeguard Training Course

The lifeguard course is designed to provide participants the knowledge and skills necessary to be a lifeguard and professional rescuer.

Teenagers and adults who enjoy swimming and have a desire to help others are being sought. Students will have the opportunity to be certified in American Safety and Health Institute Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer, Basic First Aid, Emergency Oxygen Administration and YMCA Lifeguarding.

Students must pass a swimming and physical skills test prior to the class and must be 16 years of age by the last day of the class. Anyone concerned about passing these tests should contact the YMCA for additional information.

The qualifying class for the course will be held on Friday, May 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Other classes are scheduled on Saturdays throughout May, beginning May 11, 5:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This course is

the most comprehensive Lifeguard course offered in the area.

The registration fee for the course is \$25. The course fee is \$200. Those interested in being hired as a lifeguard by the Twin Pike Family YMCA will be interviewed prior to the class and may be eligible to participate in the "Futures in the Making Internship".

This program will delay the need to pay the course fee before the class. The YMCA hires lifeguards for early morning, morning, afternoon, and evening shifts.

The aquatics department at the YMCA offers a flexible, part time schedule for lifeguards with the benefit of free

membership and program discounts with employment.

Those interested in applying for the lifeguard course and possibly being hired as a lifeguard at the Twin Pike Family YMCA should contact Joe MacLaughlin, aquatics director, at 573-754-4497 or stop into the YMCA to fill out an application.

Those with questions regarding the course should contact Krista Flowers, instructor, at 573-470-5158. Registration materials with additional information, including course fees, are available at the YMCA.

The deadline to register for the courses and pay a \$25 registration fee is May 4.

Wilburn Is State Winner In Swine Production

Carmen Wilburn of Laddonia won the Missouri FFA Swine Production Placement Proficiency Award at the 96th Missouri FFA Convention.

Wilburn, a senior at Van-Far R-I High School, is the daughter of Jay and Tracy Wilburn. She is a member of the Van-Far FFA Chapter. Her advisors are Ashlee Crader and Ryan Talkington.

Wilburn's supervised agricultural experience program involves employment at her family's hog confinement operation. Her responsibilities include sorting hogs, maintaining herd health, and cleaning barns.

As an FFA member, Wilburn has competed in the floriculture career development event on the state level and attended Public Speaking Academy. In addition to FFA, Wilburn is a member of the varsity softball and basketball teams.

After graduating high school, Wilburn's plans include studying agriculture education at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees, or volunteers while gaining hands-on career experience. Swine Production Placement is one of 46 proficiency award areas recognized at the state level. Missouri Pork Association sponsored this award.

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Clarksville VFW To Hold Meetings

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 And Auxiliary to hold their regular monthly meetings on Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m., at Bethel AME Church in Paynesville, due to the condition of the street in front of the VFW Post, for work being done on the flood wall.

Installation of officers will be done at this time for the year of 2024-25. Plans will be finalized for the pre-Memorial Day services to be held at Greenwood Cemetery on Sunday, May 26 at 3 p.m., also memorial service in memory of Michael Scoggins,

Commander Herbert Everett and Auxiliary President Mary Tarpein look forward to seeing all of you.

Update will be done on other important issues, so please try to attend.

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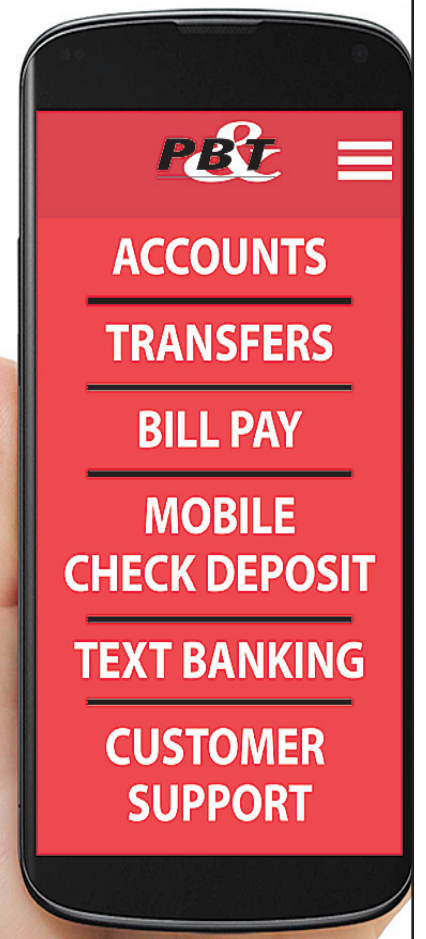


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From The Mayor's Desk...

As I look forward to serving Bowling Green and you citizens as mayor for the next two years, my main goals are to bring more economic development not only to Bowling Green and Pike County but to Northeast Missouri as well. NE Missouri is the most neglected manufacturing area of our State.

The last four years have been exciting but frustrating working with the Highway 54 Coalition, who, for over twenty years now has been trying to finish the project of expanding U.S. Highway 54. This highway runs across the United States northeast to southwest for 1,197 miles through Illinois to New Mexico.

Expanding to three or four lanes would entice more businesses and manufactures to our area and NE Missouri. Once again, a workforce must be present for these new businesses and manufacturers to invest. New and affordable housing is the first step in attracting a workforce. Amenities like health and wellness access, recreational and cultural influences, good schools, slower-paced, crime-free, shopping and food experiences, and rural versus city living.

Bowling Green must now look to meeting people opportunities not just physical infrastructure. Our Municipal Airport is a great example of influence for business and manufacturing while keeping our small-town identity!

For example, Brad Sparks and his multi-million-dollar international expansion has not changed our heritage nor our town's philosophy and way of life. Nor has True Manufacturing or our Men's Correctional Center changed our style of life. Most of Missouri is still farming and ranching. This is a major part of our

assets of Bowling Green that can be a springboard for development and opportunity.

PACT PRESENTS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING ON THURSDAY, MAY 2.

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



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the Nazarene, Thursday, May 2, beginning at noon. For information, contact Brenda, 573-470-2506.

April 22-28 are NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DAYS. It's a great reason to shop our local "mom and pop" local small businesses. There's always a reason to give flowers to a loved one, shop our ladies' boutiques, hair salons, and home décor stores, (sorry guys—we have Tractor Supply, WM, and Dollar General), and we have some excellent place to eat and dine, have ice cream, and entertain family and friends.

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State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Today, the Missouri House of Representatives third read and passed House Bill 2688, a landmark piece of legislation aimed at cracking down on the abhorrent crime of human trafficking. This bill has been a top priority for the state for several years, and its passage marks a significant milestone in the fight against human trafficking.

Among its numerous provisions, HB 2688 includes a particularly stringent measure: if the victim is under 18 years of age, the perpetrator could face life imprisonment without the possibility of parole or a minimum sentence of 25 years behind bars. The bill also mandates that convicted individuals must pay restitution to their victims, providing some form of compensation for the unimaginable trauma they have endured.

Upon the bill's passage, Representative Perkins, a vocal advocate for this legislation, stated, "The perpetrators of these horrendous crimes must be held to account. I am a proud supporter of this bill, and I urge the Senate to act quickly on this bipartisan legislation." The bill now moves to the Senate.

PROTECTING LIFE
Representative Cody

Smith ushered HB 2634 through both the House and Senate in a great victory for life. This pro-life legislation will ensure that no state Medicaid money is used for abortions in the Missouri. "Missouri is a pro-life state and Representative Smith made that loud and clear with this legislation." HB 2634 has been passed by both chambers and now heads to the Governor's desk for his signature.

MISSOURI HOUSE APPROVES HB 2763 IN HOPES TO AID FARMING INDUSTRY

The Missouri House of Representatives passed HB 2763 in hopes of continuing to aid Missouri's farming industry and provide more clarity and continuity in the regulation of pesticides used in the field of agriculture.

HB 2763 would change current statute language pertaining to the registration and labeling of pesticides sold through commerce or transported in the state of Missouri. Currently, each state is allowed to require differing information on the labels of pesticides used, which may cause confusion for some users. HB 2763 would make it so that a label showing registration approved by the

consistent with the agency's carcinogenicity classification under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), would be enough to satisfy any warning label requirement regarding cancer under any other current law.

In this industry, any chemical used in pesticides has gone through the full regulatory process and has thus been deemed safe to use for products. This piece of legislation covers multiple products available now and that will be made available in the future that will help provide the tools needed currently and far into the future to provide sustainability.

These industries are heavily regulated at the federal level, and to the extent labeling requirements are already imposed at the federal level, imposing different product labeling requirements is, at best, redundant and, at worst, confusing. This bill promotes consumer information and public health by encouraging manufacturers to register their pesticides with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The bill now heads to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.



Rep. Chad Perkins and Budget Chairman Cody Smith with Mayor Lynn Lockett and City Clerk Terra Holman.

Community Calendar...

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

On May 8: The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce will hold its member meeting. This month's meeting is sponsored by Rick Rodhouse Insurance Agency, who will also be providing the speaker. Join in for a free light lunch, a networking roundtable, and speaker. Meeting is at the Bowling Green Visitor Center, beginning at noon. For more information contact Sarrah, 573-324-3733.

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Elks Present Scholarships

Louisiana Elks Lodge #791 presented scholarships totalling \$23,000 to 17 area High School Seniors on the path to high education. On Sunday, April 21, Exalted Ruler Tim Carter presented the scholarships to students from Louisiana, Bowling Green, Clopton and Pleasant Hill High Schools. Elks Lodges are dedicated to assisting youths, Veterans and the community whenever possible, exemplifying their motto "Elks Care Elks Share".

Resource Fair Is May 3

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 & Auxiliary will host the Resource Fair on Friday, May 3 at the Bowling Green Save A Lot Parking Lot along with a barbecue.

In honor of VFW Day of Service, VFW Post 4610 will hold a Veteran Resource Fair with information from other area organizations joining us such as Clarksville American Legion Post 349, Bowling Green VFW Post 5553, American Legion Post 370, Louisiana and Vandalia VFW Post 2173. Important resources will be provided on legislative matters, Americanism, veteran/family support and more.

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Obituaries



Lola Mae Jennings

Lola Mae Jennings, 79, of Frankford died Friday, April 5, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services for Lola were held Wednesday, April 10 at 3 p.m., at the Frankford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Joe Siefkas officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 10 from 1-3 p.m., at the church.

Lola was born Sept. 10, 1944, in Hannibal to William Arlie Bogue and Rose Nell Anderson.

Lola lived in Frankford her entire life. She graduated with the last graduating class of Frankford in 1962. After high school, Lola married Raymond Dale Jennings Sr., at her parent's home in Frankford. They divorced in 1975. Lola stayed home to raise the children until that time. She then worked at Beach Craft in Hannibal, and later went to work at Buckhorn Rubber Plant in Hannibal, retiring in 2009.

She enjoyed traveling with her group of ladies in her early adult years including Melba Benn, Pauline Gibbs and Linda Rose Ellis. She also enjoyed baking for her "boys" she worked with Shawn Lee, Tab Summers, Mark Spencer, and Ford Hagaman.

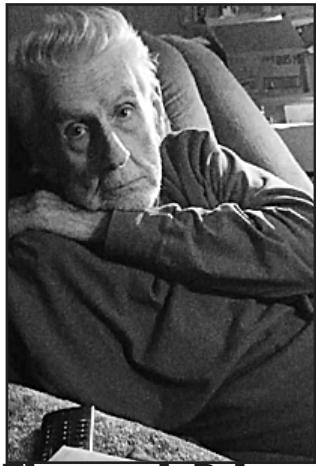
Lola loved playing cards, watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball, cooking and baking, embroidery, and listening to Elvis. She also loved flowers and her grandbabies. Lola enjoyed visiting her son, Raymond Jr., in Colorado and watching the wildlife. She was a long-time member of the Haw Creek Club and also a member of Frankford Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her children, Marcia Dolph and husband, Robert of Orland Park, Ill., Randy Jennings and wife, Bonnie of Clarksville, Ark., Becky Sue Durand of Hannibal, Kelly Hopke of Vandalia, Raymond Dale Jennings, Jr., and wife, Vicki of Estes Park, Colo., Berry Craig Jennings and wife, Lynnette of St. Charles, and Bryan K. Jennings of Frankford; grandchildren, Valerie Marlatt, Jessica Lindeman, Stacey Dolph, Katie Slimko, Rachel Hill, Megan Hoffman, Chris Durand, Tasha Jennings, Tabetha Hopke, Brooke Hagan, Dr. Katelyn Perez, Harper Jennings; great-grandchildren, Jaiden Salyer, Myah Johnson, Abbey Lindeman, Kaylin Lafevre, Mady, Macy and Macsen Marlatt, Ava Hill, Coralie Hoffman, Lucas Hoffman, Colton, Levi and Owen Hopke, and Wesley James Hagan; a step-grandson, Jeremy Hopke; step-granddaughter, Jolene Hopke; half-brothers, Rodger Pafford of Hannibal and Wayne Pafford of Hannibal; a sister, Dorothy Flowers and husband, Hermie of Spencersburg; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Preceding Lola in death are her father; step-mother who raised her, Goldie Cook-Bogue; step-brothers, Floyd Gilliland and Tony Gilliland; and sister-in-law, Marge Gilliland.

Pallbearers were Randy Jennings, Raymond Dale Jennings Jr., Berry Jennings, Bryan Jennings, Robert Dolph, and Ford Hagaman. Honorary pallbearers were Ronnie Kelly, Marvin Jennings, Chris Durand, Jeff Flowers, and Rob Jennings.

Memorials may be made to the Frankford Presbyterian Church.



Thomas L. Brier

Thomas L. Brier, 86, of Louisiana died Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

His wish was to be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

He was born March 13, 1938 in Attica, Ind., to Mr. and Mrs. Loel Brier. He was married to Joyce Marie Allen on June 22, 1961 in California.

He is survived by two daughters, Cassandra Brier of Weaverville, Calif., and Candace Bell of Louisiana; grandchildren, Katie Bell, Rebecca Bell, Zachery Bell, Linda Bell, and Shaylynn Allen; three great-grandchildren, Maddison Bell, Zayden Bell, and Reaf Baxter; and a brother, Bill Brier of Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Don Brier, and two sisters, Betty Corum, and Patt Brier-Bowmen.

Thomas was a veteran of the US Marine Corps serving in Vietnam from 1958-62 and in the Reserves from 1962-64. He had been the owner and operator of Brier Construction in Windsor, Calif. He liked to be outdoors, enjoyed spending time with family, going camping and hiking, building things, and going to the ocean. He loved to cook and playing golf.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is providing cremation rites.



Kathryn Lyn Crank

Memorial services for Kathryn Lyn Crank of Elsberry were at 11 a.m., Friday at the Elsberry United Methodist Church. Pastor Lance Long of First Baptist Church of Crestwood and the Rev. Laura Taylor of Elsberry United Methodist Church officiated with inurnment in the Elsberry City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of memorial services at 11 a.m., Friday at Elsberry United Methodist Church.

Kathy was born Jan. 16, 1955 in Louisiana, the daughter of Thomas Gibson and Melba Kathryn Kelly Crank.

She died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Elsberry Health Care Center near Elsberry. She was 69 years old.

Kathy attended school in Elsberry, graduating with the class of 1973. She attended Truman State in Kirksville and graduated in 1977 with an education degree. Kathy first taught in Bowling Green and Pike-Lincoln County Co-op for special children from the Clopton and Winfield school districts. She then began teaching in the Elsberry School District, retiring in 2006. Kathy continued as a substitute teacher until 2022.

During the summers, Kathy worked at Bank of Lincoln County for many years.

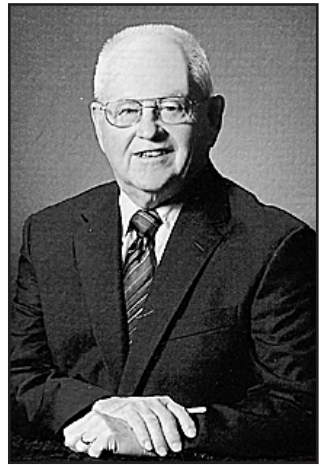
Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Melba Crank; a brother, Gary Thomas Crank; step-father, Ralph "Trax" Galloway; and astep-sister, Diane Galloway.

She is survived by her step-sister, Nena Galloway Potts and husband, Keith of Rogersville; her many cousins; and Mindy Reed, her life-long friend.

Kathy will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her family, many friends, and the students she lovingly taught.

Memorials may be made to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation (CJD), Humane Society of Missouri or Joseph R. Palmer Memorial Library, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street, Elsberry, MO 63343.

Online condolences may be made at www.carterricks-funeralhome.com.



Robert Lee Clithero

Memorial services for Robert Lee Clithero, 88, of Vandalia were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with the Rev. Linda Potter officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vandalia.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Mr. Clithero died Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Missouri Veteran Home in Mexico.

He was born Sept. 17, 1935 in Middletown, the son of Isaac and Lena Price Clithero. Robert married Glenda Ruth Hull on Sept. 17, 1960 in Farber. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Bruce A. Clithero and Bryan L. Clithero and Jenny Vergara; one daughter, Debra R. Linke and husband, Chris; five grandchildren, Zachary Clithero and wife, Caitlyn, Arik Linke and wife, Jessica, Allan Linke and wife, Emily, Bruce Clithero Jr., and Stephanie Clithero; six great-grandchildren, Ayden, Addilyn, Arribella, and Anniah Linke, Cohyn Clithero, and Noah Linke; a sister-in-law, Nina Clithero; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Gary Russell Clithero, four brothers, Kenneth, Joe P. Carroll, and Benny, and one sister; Selma Fern Paule.

Robert was a 1952 graduate of Vandalia High School. He would then go on to serve his country honorably in the U.S. Navy. Upon returning home he worked most of his life as a farmer and later for Warrenton glass.

He was a member of the Middletown Lions Club and the Laddonia American Legion Post 510. Robert enjoyed Cardinal baseball, walks, but most of all his time spent with children and grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Alzheimer's Association, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhoff-funeralhome.com.

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Mary Elizabeth Fowler Fitzgerald

Mary Elizabeth Fowler Fitzgerald, 72, known to her family and friends as Mary Beth Fitzgerald of Carrollton, Texas died Feb. 21, 2024.

Waters Funeral Home and Chapel will oversee the graveside service at the Vandalia Cemetery on Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Bob Hoehn, officiant.

Mary Beth was born June 18, 1951, and adopted as an infant by Roy and Bonita "Bonnie" Fowler of Vandalia. Bonnie Fowler died in 1957 when Mary Beth was six years old. Mary Beth was raised by Roy and her step-mother, Lenora Fowler, in Vandalia, where the family attended the First Baptist Church. Upon graduation

from Van-Far High School, Mary Beth attended Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Mary Beth married Patrick Fitzgerald on Sept. 4, 1970. They later divorced but remained friends through the years. Mary Beth's dynamic personality and her interest in women's fashion influenced her career choices. She was energetic, dependable, and intelligent and she thrived in the retail business.

She advanced quickly from her first job at Neates Fabric Store in Columbia to opening and managing the Fashion Fabrics store in Kansas City. Later, she worked as a department manager at Joske's, Lord & Taylor, and finally, Bloomingdale's in Dallas, Texas. Mary Beth subsequently left retail and made a final career change to work as a senior account executive at Bride & Groom magazine in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

She was very involved in the local wedding industry until her retirement in 2018. Mary Beth was warm, witty, and supportive and had a way of making whomever she was with feel "seen." Her family, friends, co-workers, and clients received her full attention and she was genuinely interested in their lives; she celebrated their victories and prayed for those who needed support, including them on her church's prayer list. She made friends everywhere she went and never forgot a person's name - that was one of her many endearing qualities.

Mary Beth was a kind and loyal friend; she always had an open heart, a shoulder to lean on, and an ear to listen and provide comfort.

She showed her love and compassion for those around her through her actions. She was a loving daughter and returned to Vandalia often to visit her father, step-mother, and other relatives, making sure they were properly cared for during their twilight years. She mentored many young professionals and guided them to develop successful careers. She regularly visited the gravesite of her friend's father to tidy up the space and place flowers on the grave for special occasions. Many of her friends enjoy beautiful, bearded iris blooming in their gardens today as a result of Mary Beth's green thumb and generosity.

Her willingness to share extended to sharing her home and being a devoted mother to the many fur babies she rescued over the years. Mary Beth helped numerous adults (who were adopted as children) maneuver through state adoption systems to find their biological parents. Helping adoptees was very important to Mary Beth because she had found her own biological parents and developed a loving relationship with her biological father, Donald E. Chase. Mary Beth loved spending time with her friends.

Some of her favorite activities included watching "The Bachelor" and sharing her opinion on the latest wacky developments, having long conversations on the phone to catch up on what was going on in her friends' lives, and eating dinner at El Fenix before driving around the city to admire Christmas lights.

Mary Beth is survived by her cousin, Justin Travis and wife, Lori of Elizabethtown, Ky.; ex-husband, Patrick Fitzgerald; half-brother, Richard Chase; half-sisters, Cindy Czarnowski, Kim Carroll, and Vicki Chase; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Roy and Bonita Fowler; step-mother, Lenora Fowler; paternal grandparents, Albert Wesley and Mary Agnes Fowler; maternal grandparents, William Ernest and Zenobia Elizabeth Heddin; aunts, Alma Fowler and Irene Fowler; cousins, Rhonda Fowler Travis and Glendal Fowler; biological father, Donald E. Chase, and half-brother, Tim Chase.

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

Memorials may be made to an animal rescue organization of your choice.

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Danny Lee Hoagland

Danny Lee Hoagland, 70, of Mexico, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, April 19, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Thursday at Arnold Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Jones officiating. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

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

Danny was born Jan. 19, 1954 in Vandalia, the son of Richard Allen Hoagland and Neal Riney Hoagland-O'Leary.

He was a 1972 graduate of Wellsville-Middletown R-I High School and attended Northeast Missouri State College in Kirksville and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Danny previously worked during the late 1970's at CE Refractories. After moving to Texas in 1984, he worked several years for Mori-Seiki and then Wells Fargo. He returned to Missouri in 2018 and worked for True Manufacturing until retiring in 2020.

In his younger years, Danny enjoyed playing slow-pitch softball with a Vandalia team called "Express." He was an avid sports fan and after moving to Texas, he became a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers. Danny really enjoyed watching the Rangers win the World Series last year. Listening to music also brought much enjoyment to his life. He enjoyed spending time with his family to celebrate the holidays and special events.

Once back in Missouri, he attended Lockwood Park Baptist Church. His Christian faith and reading the bible was an important part of his life.

Survivors include one brother, Jerry Hoagland and wife, Karen of Mexico; one nephew, Jeffrey Hoagland and wife, Holly of Mexico; one niece, Kimberly Gramke and husband, Luke of Centralia; four great-nephews and nieces, Will Davis and wife, Madasyn of Holts Summit, Chayse Davis of Mexico, and Riley and Camden Gramke; and four step-siblings. He is also survived by three aunts and several cousins.

Danny was preceded in death by his mother, Neal Riney O'Leary; his father, Richard Allen Hoagland; and his step-father, Allan H. O'Leary, Jr.

Memorial donations may be made to Lockwood Park Baptist Church, 1005 W. Love Street, Mexico, MO 65265.



Brad Cox

Brad Cox, 49, of Ashley died Thursday, April 18, 2024, in his father's home in Hannibal.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

There are no services planned at this time.

Brad was born March 5, 1975 in Hannibal, the son of Jim and Barbara Mehler Cox.

Survivors include his father, Jim Cox of Hannibal; wife, Tara Cox of Ashley; a son, Jesse Cox of Ashley; one daughter, Lacey Slates and husband, Jake of Wentzville; three granddaughters, Evelyn, Eleanor, Emersyn; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara, and an infant sister, Giget Marie.

Professionally Brad worked as a truck driver and was a proud member of the Teamsters Local 682 and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 676.

Brad grew up on the farm in Ashley and was a hard worker his whole life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, building trucks, wood working, welding, and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix, or improve. He was skilled to do just about everything when it came to working with his hands. And if a neighbor needed a hand, Brad was there to help. Brad had a huge heart, was patient, kind, and even though he had a large stature, he was a teddy bear, especially to those he loved and held dear. He had an infectious smile, and was a good son, husband, and father.

Memorial contributions may be made, in lieu of flowers to the Hannibal Nutrition Center and the Community Loving Care Hospice in Bowling Green, c/o Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Brad memorial page at www.smith-funeralhomeandchapel.com.

Donna Jean Sundhausen

Donna Jean Gale Sundhausen most recently of Olney died Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the age of 88 at the Wellsville Nursing Center.

At present, there are no definite arrangements.

Donna was born July 20, 1935 in St. Louis to Douglas and Vera White Gale.

Donna grew up in Jennings and married George Leslie Sundhausen, Jr. Donna enjoyed motherhood and was blessed with three children, Keith Alan Kohler, Karen Ann Kohler, and Daniel Ray Sundhausen.

Surviving Donna are one daughter, Karen Kohler of Troy; a son, Danny Sundhausen of Olney.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, Douglas and Vera Gale, her husband, George Sundhausen, and a son, Keith Alan Kohler.

Donna grew up in the Jennings area and attended local schools. She was a busy woman who wore many hats and accepted life's opportunities. Family was important to Donna. She was a social lady who enjoyed her roles as daughter, sister, a wife, mother, relative, friend, and neighbor.

During her lifetime, Donna provided a loving home for her three children. She worked at various occupations and only recently retired while living in Hermann. She had a pleasant personality and always had a smile a friendly word for all.

Donna found enjoyment in her work and cooking, baking, reading, music, the outdoors, flowers, music, and especially visiting with family and friends. Her son, Danny recalls his mother was a great cook and often baked cookies for the neighborhood kids and left cookies in the mailbox to surprise the mail carrier.

Donna was a hard worker who liked sharing her experiences and wisdom with others. While working, she arranged to have Gertrude Brown Dury babysit Danny as she knew Danny enjoyed Gertrude's hospitality and his boyhood play time with Gertrude's kids, especially his good friend, Vernon Dury, whose friendship he treasures to this day.

Memorial donations are appreciated. Danny is asking that you honor his mother by directing your monetary donations to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in memory of Donna Sundhausen. This will help with various expenses.

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OBITUARIES

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Freddie Dean Wille

Freddie Dean Wille, 69, of Middletown died Thursday, April 25, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Middletown with Scott Lemasters officiating. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery in Middletown.

Visitation is Tuesday (today) from 5-7:30 p.m., at the funeral home.

Dean was born April 24, 1955, in Mexico, the son of Fred and Helen Hill Wille. On Oct. 19, 1991, at the Middletown Methodist Church, he married the love of his life, Laura Leverett.

Mr. Wille was a lifelong farmer. He was a pork producer and raised eegistered Yorkshire stock. He showed his stock all over the U.S. in pig shows. Dean was currently working for Home Depot in Mexico.

Dean was a member of the Middletown Lions Club and Middletown Community Center. He was baptized at the Middletown Methodist Church.

Mr. Wille enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. Since age 16, he spent every opening day of trout season in Bennett Springs. He loved to cook and was a collector of junk. Dean also enjoyed playing washers and ran the washer tournament at the Middletown Picnic for 25 plus years.

Dean was a very kind soul. He cared for everybody and never spoke an ill word about anyone. Dean loved spending time with his family. He found this time to be very uplifting and joyous.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Wille of the home; two daughters, Heather Eckler and fiancé Eric Franklin of Mason City, Iowa, and Kassy

Whiteaker and husband, Brandon of Middletown; one son, Ben Eckler of Bowling Green; grandson, Kole Franklin; granddaughter, Amelia Vivian Whiteaker; lifelong friend, Paul Hill of Bowling Green; and one sister, Shirly Sproull of O'Fallon.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Paul Hill, Derek Cochran, Eric Franklin, Kole Franklin, Brandon Whiteaker and Terry Pritchett. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robert Woodson, Bob Rottman, Richard Penn and Debbie Featherston.

Memorial donations may be made to Fairmount Cemetery. They may be sent c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 E. Bates Street, Wellsville, MO 63384.

Online condolences may be left at www.myersfuneral-home.biz

Some of Dean's final words to his family was "No crying, be happy and always be kind!"



Charlotte Ann Dietrich

Charlotte Ann West Dietrich died Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in Grapevine, Texas.

Visitation was held at Woodland Heights Baptist Church on Monday, April 22 in Bedford, Texas from 10-11 a.m., with the services immediately following. Interment followed at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery in Colleyville, Texas at 1 p.m.

Charlotte, known by all as Ann, was born in Fort Worth, Texas to Benjamin F. West and Ruby Hilbish West. After graduating from Paschal High School in Fort Worth, she attended secretarial school, worked at Blackstone Hotel and Strat-A-Drill Company. She was also a Mary K cosmetics representative. She was united in marriage to Bill W. Adams in Weatherford, Texas. They had three children, Cynthia Ann Logan

(Walter) of Louisiana; Michael Steven Adams, and Pamela Joy Eckhardt (Henri) of Huntsville, Texas.

In 1969, Ann remarried to Paul Francis "Jack" Dietrich. They had a daughter, Lisa Pipes (Todd) of Colleyville, Texas.

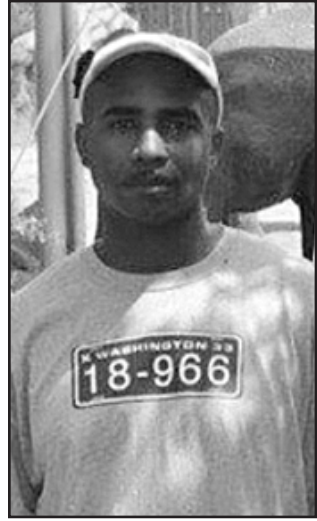
Ann was a member of the Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Colleyville Garden Club, Red Hat Society, the Christian Women's Association of Ft. Worth as well as Oakcrest Women's Club. For several years, Ann enjoyed ballroom dancing.

She is survived by her three daughters; seven grandchildren, Benjamin J. Logan and wife, Elizabeth of Louisiana, Bethany Pope and husband, Steve of Fenton, M. Blake Logan and wife, Samantha of Columbia, Henri "Trey" Eckhardt III of Lumberton, Texas, Ashley Gumbert and husband, Bertrand of Huntsville, Texas, Liam Pipes and Kate Pipes, both of Colleyville; and three great-grandchildren. A niece Sherry West Brawner of Colleyville, Texas also survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Charles F. West, her husbands, a son, Michael S. Adams, niece, Diane Myers and husband, Doug, and nephew, Frank West.

Honorary pallbearers were Jessie Lou Nelson and Jim Vaughn. Pallbearers were Walter Logan, Ben Logan, Blake Logan, Hank Eckhardt, Trey Eckhardt, Todd Pipes, and Liam Pipes.

Memorials may be made to Woodland Heights Baptist Church, 3712 Central Drive, Bedford, TX 76021.



Isaac Bennett

Isaac Bennet, 57, of Vandalia died April 19, 2024, in Vandalia.

Services are pending at this time and will be updated at a later date.

Southern Pike Interchurch To Hold Baccalaureate

The Pastors of the Southern Pike Interchurch Council to hold baccalaureate services at Clopton High School on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Looking forward to having the graduates attend this service, families and friends of the graduates are invited to attend.

Please try to come and give your support to these graduates as they are getting ready to step out into the world, whether it be colleges, jr. colleges, trade schools, work force, they need our support.

The pastors of the Interchurch Council look forward to holding these services each year.

Learn About Cicadas

Brood XIX, which is a group of cicadas that emerge once every 13 years, is in the headlines across Missouri and throughout the Midwest now. In addition to these periodic cicadas, there are annual cicadas that emerge every summer.

People can learn more about these fascinating insects and their unique lifestyles at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Insects: Year of the Cicada." This online program will be from 3-4 p.m., on May 3 and is being put on by the staff of MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This program will not be recorded. People can register at <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/200123>

At this program, MDC naturalist Morgan Wyatt and Jordanya Raos will discuss the different species of cicadas found in Missouri and will have information about emergence of Brood XIX, the 13-year periodical cicadas that will be emerging across parts of Missouri in May. Annual cicadas are the buzzing insects that appear annually in late summer. There are differences between these two types of cicadas, but these insects also share a number of similar traits. This program is for all ages.

Though this program is free, registration is required. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs.



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.



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.



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.

Clopton Competes In Scholar Bowl National Championship

On the weekend of Saturday, April 27, Clopton High School joined 142 of the top quiz bowl teams from small public high schools at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago for the 2024 Small School National Championship Tournament to determine who was the best.

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.

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

Clopton was one of 17 Missouri teams competing at the national championship.

Clopton finished the preliminary rounds with a 2-8 record. Clopton High School played Southern Boone from near home in round 10, suffering a 290-100 defeat.

There were some tense moments. Clopton defeated Ruidoso from New Mexico by the narrow margin of 110-100 during round 6.

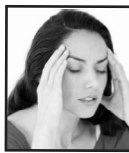
Clopton's shot at the playoffs ended when they lost to Chariton from Iowa in round 8.

The Traditional Public

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Old fishing collectibles; JL Cluskey 4 gal. crock; 2 gal. crock; crock jars; wood boxes; records; Pepsi crate; sewing machine base; fly rods; fishing rods; carved duck decoy; milk can; iron wheels; bronze pheasant by Dick Idoi; costume jewelry; etc.

TRACTOR, BUILDING & HORSE TACK: Ford 4000 gas tractor; nice 10'x16' portable building (reserve on tractor & building); 3 saddles & horse tack; 6'x12' homemade trailer; JD115 mower; Hyundai golf cart - needs work; yard cart; trolling motor; etc.

TOOLS & MISC.: Craftsman 26 gal. 2 hp compressor; 100# anvil; vise; scroll saw; creeper; several tool boxes; air nailer; electric power washer; shop vac; 8' fiberglass step ladder; jack stands; gun cases; gun cleaning kits; large amount of misc., hand tools; much more not listed.

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The students who received \$500 college scholarships were, from left, Kenzie Firebaugh (Liberty), Audrey Keller (Liberty), Sash Myers (Liberty), Riley Kennedy (Warrenton) and Sophia McNeely (Warrenton). Not pictured is Jaceyln Stevens (Warrenton).



The students who were named as Youth Tour delegates representing Cuivre River Electric Cooperative are, from left, Rylee Heitgerd (Warrenton), Nina Momphard (Troy Buchanan), Delaney Hilgenbrink (Liberty), Alice Briggs (Warrenton), Sophia Nowack (Liberty) and McKenna Claborn (Silex). The delegates will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer.

Cuivre River Electric Announces Youth Tour Winners

Six local high school students will be attending this year's National Youth Tour Conference in Washington, D.C., this summer.

The top six-scoring finalists were McKenna Claborn, Silex High School; Nina Momphard, Troy Buchanan High School; Delaney Hilgenbrink and Sophia Nowack, both of Liberty High School; and Rylee Heitgerd and Alice Briggs, both of Warrenton High School.

The final judging was determined during the annual Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Final Competition and Awards Banquet was held Wednesday, April 3. Six other finalists received \$500 college scholarships.

They were Sash Myers, Audrey Keller and Kenzie Firebaugh, all of Liberty High School; and Sophia McNeely, Riley Kennedy and Jaceyln Stevens, both of Warrenton High School.

McNeely and Kennedy were named first and second alternate, respectively, in the event one of the delegates cannot attend the trip. This year's National Youth Tour will take place June 14-20.

The seven-day youth tour provides an action-filled week for delegates, offering them opportunities to visit with representatives from their congressional districts and tour fa-

mous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution's museums and Arlington National Cemetery.

Cuivre River Electric fully funds the participation of its delegates. There is no cost to students or families. Approximately 50 students from six schools entered the preliminary stage of competition by submitting an essay.

The top 12 students won the opportunity to advance to the final competition. In the final stage students took a cooperative knowledge quiz and presented their essays orally.

This year's topic was "My Favorite Cooperative Principle." Scores from all three contest segments were combined to select the delegates and scholarship recipients.

Since 1964, Cuivre River has

sponsored over 200 youth tour delegates for visits to Washington, D.C. More than 54,000 high school students sponsored by the nation's electric cooperatives have participated in the youth tour since the educational leadership program began. The annual contest is open to high school juniors who live and attend school in Cuivre River's general service area, or who have Cuivre River Electric service in their homes.

For more info contact Tim Schmidt at tschmidt@cuivre.com or 636-695-4837. Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest member-owned electric cooperative in Missouri, providing electric service to over 70,000 homes and businesses in St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, Pike and Montgomery counties

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Joyful Noise Channels Garland, Sinatra

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What started out as a little group of instrumentalists playing Christmas carols six years ago has now grown to 18 musicians and 12 handbell choir members.

We call ourselves "Joyful Noise" from Psalm 93. We are a Christian-based swing band and we love to entertain. This year, our venue was the lovely Keeley Center on West Georgia Street.

We presented a program entitled "An Evening With Judy and Frank" April 26 and 27. We selected familiar tunes made famous by Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra from their enormous library of works.

The Joyful Noise members are a diverse group of people, including a dentist, lawyer, banker, IRS agent, two pastors, seven current and retired



Isabelle Diffey, left, Nora Fronick and Lylah Diffey sway to the tune "The Best is Yet to Come" during a Joyful Noise performance of "An Evening With Judy and Frank" at The Keeley Center in Louisiana. Two-hour shows were offered April 26 and 27 featuring hits by Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra. The girls are dressed as Dorothy from "The Wizard Oz" because they were among the singers who performed one of the 1939 movie's signature songs, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Rain or Come Shine," "My Funny Valentine," "Skylark," "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "Train," "Easter Parade," "Trolley Song," and "Me and My Shadow."

Tunes made famous by Sinatra were "All the Things You Are," "Fly Me to the Moon," "Rover Stay Away From My Door," "One for My Baby," "That's What God Looks Like to Me," "Tender Trap," "It was a Very Good Year," "All the Way," "That's Life," "My Way" and "The Best is Yet to Come." All vocalists and the audience joined in on the finale, "New York, New York."

In addition, tap dancers Clare Clever, Austin Fronick and Dakota Davis showed their skills.

Band members in addition to Hong were Judy and Carl Schmidt, Jessica Colvin, Emerson Bradley, Bill Blackmore, Nick Fregeau, Andrew Hanson, Joanna Brock, Jericho Olson Hoaglin, Joshua Koenig, Braedon Cox and Sherri Patrick.

Handbell choir members in

addition to Brock, Patrick and Hong were Ann Narramore, Linda Shade, Phyllis Bridwell, Alice Holtzouser, Mary Stapleton, Vicky Keely, Linda Narramore and Pingping Fregeau.

The production was under the direction of Donna Henry, with master of ceremonies duties shared by Ryan and Sarah Fronick. Becky Blair served as director's assistance and Patrick was house manager.

Almost 250 people attended over the two performances. A portion of proceeds will go to Louisiana and Clopton high schools. The balance will go to repair of Centenary United Methodist Church's organ, which is more than 100 years old.



Pingping Fregeau displays a colorful umbrella during the Judy Garland song "Easter Parade."

music educators, five teens and two professional musicians - Jerry Epperson and Jimmy Spear. Our one thing in common? We all love playing jazz music.

Vocalists featured this year were Leah Diffey, Donna Grote, Debra Ingram and Linda Shade for the Judy segment. Singing for Frank were Richard Biggs, Beomseon Hong and Kevin Jobe.

Isabelle and Lylah Diffey and Nora Fronick sang with other vocalists on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Other Garland classics were "You Made Me Love You," "Stormy Weather," "Come

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Silex FFA Ag Issues Forum Team Wins State

The Silex FFA Chapter won the FFA agricultural issues forum leadership development event at the 96th Missouri FFA Convention.

Silex team members are Hayley Gruenewald, James Cockrell, Claire Kinion, Braden Havilk and McKenna Claborn. Silex FFA advisors are Sean O'Brien and Elizabeth Kientzy.

Teams in the agricultural issues forum LDE create a presentation focused on an important agricultural issue faced by their community. Team members give their presentation at least five times to community organizations before competing in the event.

Sponsored by the Northwest Missouri State University Agriculture Department, this event is one of many ways the FFA prepares student members for career success.

LDEs engage student learning and make a real connection to lifetime goals.

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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Rotary Donates Sheet Sets

The Louisiana Rotary Club received a donation of 23 twin sheet sets for their Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. Rotary works with the organization to build twin beds and then furnishes a mattress, pillow, sheets and a comforter for children in need. April Greenman, owner of Greenman Relics in downtown Louisiana, was very touched by this project and wanted to help by donating the sheets. Pictured, from left: April Greenman and Rotary members Sherry McCarty and Linda Beer.

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