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Pictured is Becky Orf receiving a \$2,500 check for being a LifeChanger of Year finalist.

Becky Orf Is LifeChanger Of Year Finalist

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The educators and staff of area school districts often make a huge impact on students' lives. Many go without recognition, and for most, making a difference in youth of our communities is often reward enough.

One organization is trying to change that. Each year, the National Life Group seeks a special few who are nominated by peers, students, or anyone that has been impacted by a K-12 teacher, administrator, or any member of a school's staff.

Those nominees have an opportunity to win the LifeChanger of the Year award.

This year, Bowling Green R-I School District's social work counselor, Becky Orf was surprised in front of the district student body at an assembly, where she received distinction as a grand prize finalist for the award. She is one of only four grand prize finalists throughout the nation.

National Life Group's LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program recognizing

K-12 educators and school employees nationwide. Their program celebrates those making a significant difference in students' lives by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

The surprise assembly that kicked off the Easter Holiday weekend for students focused on school spirit and a lip sync contest featuring district staff. It soon however turned over to Scott and Susan Holt from Appreciation Financial who presented Orf with an award of \$5,000 split between a \$2,500 individual cash award and a \$2,500 donation to the Bowling Green School District.

The assembly along with members of Orf's family watched a showcase of her work at Bowling Green and in Africa.

Even though District Superintendent, Dr. Frederickson thought Orf might have discovered the surprise behind the assembly, the moment had her nearly overwhelmed.

When the audience was asked to stand if she had impacted their lives, nearly the entire district stood.

"Becky goes above and be-

yond to help anyone," Alison Frederickson wrote on Orf's LifeChanger profile. "She has the biggest heart for kids. Her sincere benevolence has taken her from slums of Africa to the small towns of Missouri. Becky fights for the well-being of children. Our school district is so fortunate to have her helping the homeless, the emotionally unstable, and the weak. Her assistance makes kids strong again."

LifeChanger of the Year is sponsored and run by National Life Group, a more than 175-year-old financial services company that serves K-12 educators nationwide. National Life and its distribution partners have been helping school employees retire with dignity for decades. Seeing the work that our nation's school employees do, the passion behind it, and its lasting outcome inspires us. We created the LifeChanger of the Year program to shine a light on the field of education, celebrate school employees, and provide them with the resources they need to succeed while they're in the classroom and beyond.

Area Athletes Showcased At Mini-Medal Meet

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Last week, athletes from 10 different schools for both boys and girls track teams met at Bowling Green High School for the annual Bowling Green Mini Medal Meet.

By the end of the day, the Bobcats boys team took first with Bowling Green ladies claiming second in highly competitive events. The meet also featured a pause to honor Bowling Green's 2023 State Track Championship Boys team during the event.

"The BG Mini Medal Meet was a great meet for our teams," Head Track Coach and Athletic Director, Matt Chance told the Tribune. "We are still having a lot of athletes try different events and I thought all our kids competed very well."

In the field events, Louisiana's Jordan Pedersen won the girls high jump by clearing the 1.55 meter mark. Sillex's Abigail Mooney took second in the event.

For the boys high jump, it was Louisiana's Jamal Blackwell taking the first place medal after clearing 1.90 meters. Bowling Green's Jace Eskew kept it a close competition after clearing 1.85 on his first attempt.

Sillex's Mooney soared over the 2.73m bar for the first place medal in the girls pole vault. Bowling Green's Haiden Chandler took second after clearing the 2.28m mark.

For the boys pole vault, the Bulldog's Joseph Pitzer claimed first by clearing 3.30m on his first attempt. Bowling Green sophomore Daniel Matlock took second.

Bowling Green's Bleyne Bryant won both the long jump and the triple jump. In the long jump, he cleared

6.46m on his first attempt with Van-Far's Malik Douglas jumping 5.77m for second place. In the triple jump, Bryant traveled 13.57m with Louisiana's Blackwell taking second with 12.73m.

Bowling Green freshman, Alli Hustedde won first place in the girls long jump with a distance of 4.78m.

Sillex's Rylan Jensen claimed the top spot in the girls triple jump with a 10.48m distance. Louisiana's De'Prisha Chatman took second.

In girls discus, it was Clopton's Bailey Baker taking first place after a throw of 32.79m.

The Owl's Cole Fessler claimed first on the boys discus competition with a throw of 37.16m.

Bobcat sophomore Jakarri Clark won first in the shot put with a throw of 12.78m. Van-Far's Evan Utterback came in second with a toss of 11.80m.

Girls Javelin Sydney Charlton took first with a throw going 30.20m. She was followed by Sillex's Kherington Morris.

Jace Eskew took second in the boys javelin with a throw of 46.40m

On the track:

Hustedde won first place with a blistering 13.04 in the girls 100m dash. She had Louisiana's Karishama Clark hot on her heels with a time of 13.39. Hustedde returned to also win the 400m dash with a time of 1:03.03

Sillex's Mooney and Morgan Kuntz held off Van-Far's McKenna Engh-Hoffman for first and second places in the 100m hurdles.

Jamal Blackwell dominated in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.24.

D'Marko Greene edged out Bleyne Bryant for first

place in the 100m dash with a time of 11.32.

The Louisiana runners took first place in both the boys and girls 4x100 relay. The Louisiana girls also claimed first in the 4x200 relay with the Bowling Green boys taking first in that event.

Lady Cat, Natalie Hickerson took third in the 1600m with classmate, Elija Hennigfeld claiming first in the boys with a time of 4:52.34. Hennigfeld was followed by Van-Far's Garrett Hopke who took second.

In the girls 300m hurdles, Sillex's Kuntz crossed the finish line just behind a Mark Twain hurdler with a time of 55.19. Clopton's Ava Bankhead earned a third-place finish with a time of 56.99. In the boys 300 hurdles, Bulldog Alex Dzierwa won first with a time of 42.00 followed by Bowling Green's Bleyne Bryant with a time of 42.88.

Louisiana senior, Wyatt Martin won the boys 800 meter race with a time of 2:11.63 followed closely by Bobcat junior, Hennigfeld who took second with 2:13.21.

In the long 3200 meter race, Bowling Green's Addison Lilley earned a second-place medal finishing 15:00, and Brendan Finnegan won in the boys race with a time of 11:14.

To see the full race results, visit https://liveresults.trxctiming.com/meets/Bowling_Green_Mini_Medal_2024

Track and field fans can catch more of the action at the next big meet will be the Cunningham Invitational at Louisiana on April 18.

Unimaginable Screams

Local Women Describe Titanic Sinking

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two Pike County women were crucial to telling the story of the Titanic disaster, and both described the horrific cries of doomed passengers.

Elisabeth Robert of Clarksville and May Birkhead of Louisiana provided captivating insights of the tragedy on April 15, 1912.

Robert was 43 years old and living in St. Louis at the time. She was returning to America on Titanic with three others, and vividly remembered the ship hitting an iceberg.

"I was lying in my cabin awake when the crash came," Robert said. "I arose and called to my daughter and niece to dress, and we all went up on deck, but even then they were beginning to load the lifeboats. We got seats in one, thanks to the men who stood back to make room for us."

Birkhead was a successful 29-year-old Louisiana businesswoman who was on her way to Europe with an aunt aboard Carpathia, which would pick up the Robert party and most other survivors.

Birkhead's account is still haunting, as when she described why some survivors were singing as they paddled

away in lifeboats.

"This was in part to keep their ears and minds closed to the awful cries for help which came from Titanic when it became clear that the ship was going down," she wrote.

Fate had helped Birkhead land the job. Earlier that year, she'd met a reporter from the New York Herald, who was interviewing people who knew Pike County politician and presidential candidate Champ Clark.

Birkhead told the scribe she would be on Carpathia. After the iceberg tore a gash in the vessel, the reporter wired Birkhead and convinced her to interview survivors.

Circumstance also played a role in Robert being aboard Titanic. The trip was a way to alleviate sorrow from the death four months earlier of her second husband, Edward. She was accompanied by a daughter, Georgette; a niece, Elisabeth Walton Allen; and the family maid, Emilie Kreuchen. Robert recalled the torturous shrieks.

"It sounded as if hundreds of throats were calling for help," she said.

Titanic had 20 lifeboats — which could accommodate a little over half of the 2,224 aboard — but many were not filled. Women and children were loaded first. The one holding the Robert party was

among the last put to sea.

"These poor souls say after leaving Titanic in the lifeboats that the cries for help of those left to go down were the most harrowing," Birkhead reported. "They will never forget them if they live for a thousand years, and some can't sleep at night for hearing those awful cries."

"The shrieks of the steerage passengers (left behind) were awful and heart-rending," Robert confirmed.

The boat the four were in was the first picked up by Carpathia, which made it safely back to New York on April 18 with 705 survivors. It isn't clear if Robert and Birkhead crossed paths.

Robert moved to Clarksville in the 1920s to manage the family's estate, Oakland. She would spend the rest of her life there, dying at 87 on Jan. 15, 1956.

After her exclusive Titanic stories for the Herald, Birkhead continued in journalism. She never married or had children, and died in New York at 59 on Oct. 28, 1941. Her grave can be found in Louisiana's Riverview Cemetery.

Allen reinforced accounts of the panic that happened when Titanic finally slipped beneath the waves.

"Then, the screams began, and seemed to last eternally."

NECAC Offers Free Food Boxes In Pike County

NECAC is offering free food boxes to income-eligible Pike County families on May 7.

The agency has a limited supply of 30 boxes, each containing about 20 pounds of produce. NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator is taking names of potential recipients at 573-324-2207 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mondays to Thursdays. Names will be taken in the order in which they're received, and food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We are targeting families that are struggling with food disparities in our communities," Dixon said. "If you believe you qualify,

or if you know of someone that is struggling, please call us."

The program is a partnership of NECAC, Families and Communities Together, the Missouri Department of Social Services, USDA and the Local Food Purchase Assistance cooperative.

NECAC Extends Rent-Assistance Period

NECAC is extending the application period for a federal rent-assistance program in 11 Missouri counties.

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

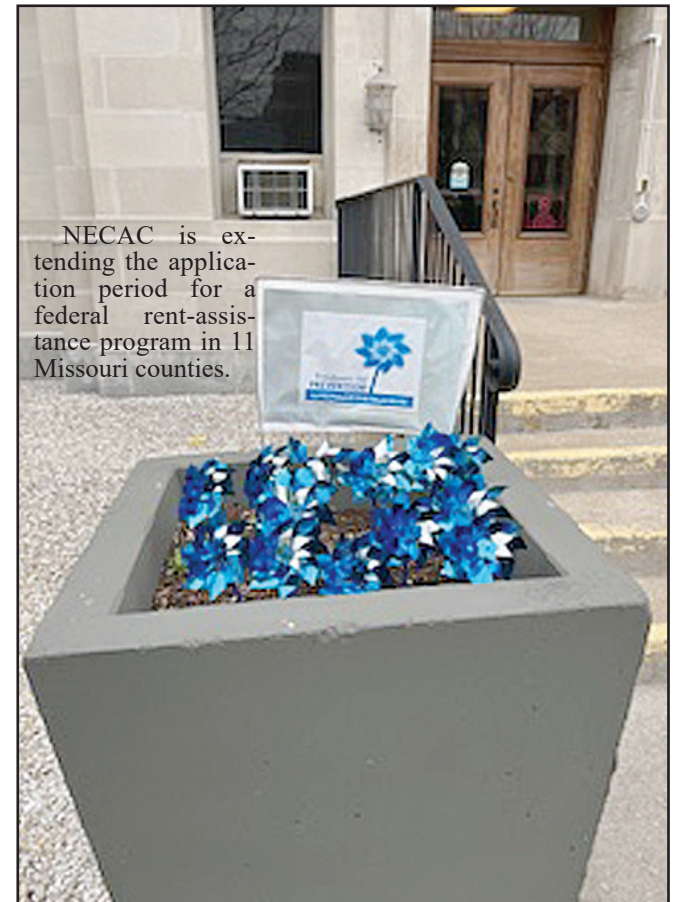
The waiting list was to close March 31 after being open for a month. NECAC decided to extend the deadline indefinitely due to a drop in applications.

"We're not sure what caused the decrease, but we know there are people out there who need the help," said NECAC's Dianna Clair, who oversees the program. "The applications are trickling in, but we need more people to apply. We just want to help as many as we can."

As of April 4, NECAC had received 1,118 applications since March 1. During open waiting lists periods in the past, the number has been as high as 1,000 a week.

NECAC contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the program, which provides partial rent payments to approved clients. Clair said disadvantaged people can then free up money for other needs.

People in the 11 counties can sign up at www.necac.org/waiting-list-lcpha. Elderly and disabled people who need assistance may call 573-324-2055 or a NECAC County Service Center.



Heir Study Club Remembers Child Abuse Prevention Month

The ladies in Bowling Green's G.F.W.C. Heir Study Club want to make all citizens aware that April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month". They have placed pinwheels and signage in flower pots at the east entrance of the Courthouse as a reminder of this month's designation. Heir Study Club is a member of the national General Federation of Women's Clubs (G.F.W.C.) that promotes volunteerism in local communities and focuses heavily on child advocacy. One of G.F.W.C.'s partners is Prevent Child Abuse America. Prevent Child Abuse America uses the pinwheel as their national symbol for their Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. Research shows that people respond to the pinwheel. By its very nature, the pinwheel makes us think of whimsy and childlike notions. In essence, it has come to serve as a reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children. We each have an effect on the lives of children. Every day is an opportunity for us to recognize that we all play a role in children's lives, and to support the healthy development of our nation's children. All children deserve great childhoods because our children are our future. Bowling Green's Heir Study Club was organized in 1948. Since then, it has provided funding for community beautification projects, for students to attend Sophomore Pilgrimage, for high school scholarships, and for books for school libraries. The club has honored teachers and emergency personnel. They also support Missouri Girls Town and various local organizations. (Note: There should be a R after Prevention...Pinwheels for Prevention is a registered trademark).

Community News



Let Me Lead, Daddy
 Four-year-old Leona Franzen shows her father, Don, some dance moves during Raintree Arts Council's 22nd annual Encore fund-raising concert April 6 at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. More than 200 people enjoyed a night of dinner, dancing, a silent auction, contests and country music classics sung by area performers Beverly and Charles Cogar, Tom Wallace, Angela Maier, Mindy Weibert, Richard Biggs, Kaitlyn Felder, Alyssa Niemeyer, Calvin Colbert, Judi Bruce, Donna Grote, Jessica Harding and Debbie Ingram. Songs included such favorites as "King of the Road," "Kiss An Angel Good Morning," "You Ain't Woman Enough," "He Stopped Loving Her Today," "Jolene," "Stand By Your Man," "Elvira," "Take This Job and Shove It," "Okie From Muskogee," "Mountain Music," "Crazy" and "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden." In the men's category, Walt Crew was named best dressed and Donald Ringling won the cattle call contest. For the women, it was Beverly Anderson and Helen Moellering, respectively. Raintree provides arts and entertainment throughout the year in Pike and Lincoln counties.



Charles & Beverly Cogar



Richard Biggs



Donna Grote



Jessica Harding



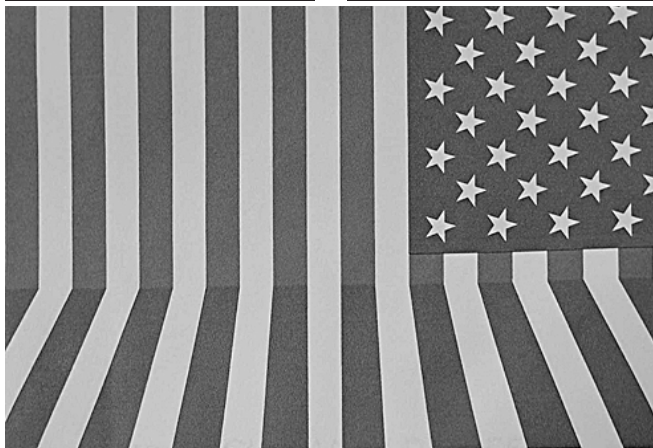
Mindy Weibert & Jim York



Debbie Ingram



Tom Wallace



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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to all who voted in the April 2 election.

Thanks to all who voted to keep me as your mayor! I am highly blessed and honored by your vote of confidence. It is my privilege to serve at the will of the people and the Board of Alderpersons. Also, thank you to all the people that allowed me to place a sign in your yard and offered. I ran out of signs. Whether you voted by name recognition, party loyalty, knowing a particular person is really working for you and Bowling Green, or your "feelings" toward someone, it's so important that you voted! "Feelings" are a funny thing however and can be unstable at times. Don't you agree? Some days we may "feel" on top of the world and other days we may "feel" down in the dumps. Unstable emotions can lead to a roller coaster life if we let them. There is something called the GRACE concept which is an acronym for G= GRATITUDE-thinking on all the things we are grateful. R=RELEASE-letting go of hard feelings, fears, anger that puts one in a negative frame of mind. A=ACCEPTANCE-accepting people's love, forgiveness, support, encouragement and accepting people for who they are. C=CHALLENGE-what new thing, activity, people can I allow to put life back into my life. E=EMBRACE-what can I embrace in my life that makes it more fulfilling and meaningful.

Bowling Green citizens do a wonderful job of reaching out into the town and caring about people, organizations, and activities! I hear stories

all the time about how their neighbors help, check on them, and reach out in loving concern.

While I'm on this subject, a work in Bowling Green has started a "Celebrate Recovery" program where one can go to share, release hurts, break negative habits, have a sounding board and simply listen. They meet on the third Saturday of the month, provide a free meal starting at 5:30 pm, and break into small groups of men with men and women with women. Baby sitting is available free of charge. The meeting is held at the Second Baptist Church and no reservation is needed. Just show up.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Building continues to meet the increasing demand for housing in BG. Other small communities that are not building and preparing for the future are stagnating. As fuel prices and interest rates continue to rise, the more our work force will want to live in our wonderful city. This also brings consumers into our town, increases revenues for businesses and the city, which in turn goes right back into our community to improve, update, and develop individual and family opportunities and commerce. We still maintain our small-town heritage while advancing for the future. We still have a way to go in offering more for our youth, our senior adults, our young families, as well as recreational and cultural activities.

Your board of alderpersons, our local churches and non-profits, plus loyal individuals throughout the town invest greatly to see Bowling Green be the best it can be!

Clarksville VFW, Auxiliary Meet To Plan Events

The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary held regular meetings on Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m., with Commander Herbert Everett and President Mary Tarpein Presiding. Prayer was given by Chaplain Dianne Gardner, and Pledge Of Allegiance was given.

Business meetings were held after which Draping of the Charter was done in Memory of Life Member of the Auxiliary Carol (Church) Webb by Chaplain Dianne Gardner and Veterans Family-Support Chairman Ailene Henry. After which Memorials were presented by President Mary Tarpein and Ailene Henry to Penny Connors daughter of Carol Church and Commander Herbert Everett in loss of his Brother in Law.

Old Business was then given: Easter Egg Hunt at Clopton was a great Success.

Commander Herbert Everett gave a report on Attending Legislative Day in Jefferson City on Tuesday said it was a great day with Veterans attending from all over the State of Missouri.

Community Activity

Chairman gave a report on the Building said she heard from Representative Chad Perkins. She also reported on barbecue to be held on May 3 at Save A Lot Parking in Bowling Green also observing Day Of Service for VFW, Shirts have been ordered, Commander to invite Bowling Green and Vandalia VFW to join us.

Sister Lynn Reuther ask Joanne to announce that the fourth Tuesday of Each Month A Veteran Coffee Break will be held at the Eolia Community Center at 9:30 a.m., starting on the fourth Tuesday in April, also on May 18 at 11 a.m., more names will be added to the Veterans Sign in Eolia, and on June 22 will be Eolia Homecoming ask if we would to be a vendor.

Sister Dianne Gardner announced Kid's Day at the Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana Joanne made motion to have a booth for youth with games and gifts. Carol Traynor second all agreed.

Commander Herbert and President Mary reported District 17 Meeting on April 21 in

Hannibal and Department Convention June 6-8 and National Convention July 27-Aug. 1.

President Mary said we will start selling Raffle tickets on a Quilt that had been donated by Lynn Reuther \$1 each or 6 for \$5 until Eagle-day Weekend tickets were given to everyone in attendance.

Other Business: It was decided to hold a Pre-Memorial Day service at the Greenwood Cemetery on Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 P.M. immediately following that service a Memorial Service will be held for Michael Scoggins at the Post Home.

We will again Cater the Clopton Alumni Golf Tournament at Sun Valley Golf Course in Elsberry on Saturday June 1st.

Election of VFW Post Officers and Auxiliary Officers was also held, Installation will be held at the next meeting on Monday May 6.

Silent Prayer for National Home and Closing Prayer was given By Chaplain Dianne Gardner.

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

Several Fiscally Conservative Bills Pass the House

The Missouri House continues to deliver fiscally conservative legislation for the Missouri people. Alleviating the tax burden on Missourians has consistently been a top priority for Representative Perkins. "Citizens of our state understand how to spend their more effectively than the government. I will always support any legislative effort that empowers individuals to exercise greater control over their finances. I took pride in casting my vote in favor of HB 2058, which enables businesses to retain a larger portion of their earnings, allowing them to reinvest that money in their workforce."

Missouri House Passes Bill to Reform Tax Proposal Process and Governance

In a decisive move to streamline local governance and taxation processes, the Missouri House of Representatives has passed HB 2058. This comprehensive legislation aims to bring clarity, efficiency, and accountability to the way tax proposals are introduced and governed at the local level.

HB 2058 is a significant step towards ensuring that our local governments operate efficiently and responsibly. By

instituting sensible waiting periods for rejected tax proposals and enhancing clarity in ballot measures, we are empowering taxpayers and promoting sound governance practices. This bill represents a commitment to prudent governance and fiscal stewardship. By providing clear guidelines for tax proposals and empowering taxpayers with transparent information, we are fostering an environment conducive to growth and prosperity in Missouri.

Missouri House Passes HB 1818, Streamlining Office of Administration Contract Negotiations

The Missouri House of Representatives is looking to improve governmental efficiency with the successful passing of HB 1818. This legislation aims to streamline the contract negotiation process, ultimately benefiting both the State government and vendors.

HB 1818 allows for post-award negotiations with the lowest and best responsive vendor identified in the solicitation process. This legislation empowers the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to oversee negotiations, with the flexibility to waive them when necessary. Additionally, this bill

proposes allowing the Office of Administration to negotiate contracts after they have been awarded, aiming to reduce unnecessary costs for the State government and expedite the implementation of awarded contracts, particularly for large IT projects where multiple vendors submit proposals. The bill would enable the Office to move forward with contracts without negotiating with every potential vendor, saving time and effort for both the government and vendors.

HB 1818 would be a significant stride toward modernizing government operations in Missouri in an efficient and transparent manner. By enabling post-award negotiations, we're paving the way for a more responsive and cost-effective contracting process. This legislation will not only save taxpayer dollars but will also foster a more transparent and responsive contracting process, all while streamlining operations and eliminating unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles. This legislation is a win-win for the State and our valued vendors.

The bill, which garnered bipartisan support in the form of a 137-0 vote, now advances to the Senate, where further deliberation awaits.

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DNR Photo Contest Is Open For Submissions

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is now accepting entries for its 2024 photo contest. The deadline to submit photos is Sept. 1.

Missouri is home to beautiful natural resources, unique state parks and historic sites, natural phenomena, scenic landscapes, wildlife and more. For the 11th year, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is asking photographers of all ages and skill levels to capture these images and enter their photos in the annual MoDNR Photo Contest.

Photos must be taken in Missouri and contestants can submit entries in the following categories:

Natural Resources: Photographs of Missouri's air, landscapes and waterways.

Unique Places: Photographs taken within one of Missouri's state parks and historic sites. For a list of all parks and sites, visit mostateparks.com.

People Enjoying Missouri's Outdoors: Photographs of people enjoying and exploring Missouri's great outdoors.

A panel of judges will select first, second, third and honorable mention winners for each category after the contest

deadline. Winning entries will be featured in multiple locations, including the department's social media platforms and website.

For contest rules or to submit photos, visit dnr.mo.gov/photocontest. Questions about to the photo contest can be sent to socialmedia@dnr.mo.gov.

Bowling Green Elementary & BGR-1 Early Childhood Center

Kindergarten Screening

Appointment dates- May 24th & 29th

Child must be 5 before Aug. 1, 2024

Pre-K Screening

Appointment dates-May 22-23rd

Child must be 3 before April 1, 2024

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Obituaries



William Kevin Wenzel

William Kevin Wenzel, 70, died Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in UPMC Community Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, Penn.

Kevin and Teresa had traveled to Pennsylvania on business to deliver windows to be tested at labs in York, Penn. On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Kevin and Teresa were headed to Gettysburg for a long-awaited visit. Kevin was driving when he knew something was wrong. He got the truck stopped and in park before he collapsed and kept Teresa from being injured.

Kevin was transported to UPMC Memorial in York, Penn., and after a day in ICU was moved to the ICU at UPMC in Harrisburg, Penn. Teresa immediately called their oldest, Jason, and he jumped on a plane and was there Tuesday evening. Jason was with his dad and mom the whole time and drove them home to Vandalia.

The visitation will be at Bi-ehoff Funeral Home in Vandalia from 3-5 p.m., Sunday. The funeral will be held at Mexico United Methodist Church at 11 a.m., Monday. Pastors Eric Mattson and Helen McFarland will conduct the service. There will be a private burial later in Liberty Christian Church Cemetery.

Kevin was born in Mexico to William Arthur and Edna Adele Davis Wenzel on Jan. 11, 1954. Kevin graduated from Community R-VI in 1972. Kevin married Teresa Lou Horton on Aug. 25, 1972, at the Martinsburg Community Church. Kevin and Teresa attended the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kevin graduated in 1975 with a bachelor of science in agriculture. Kevin farmed and worked at A.B. Chance in Centralia, and Harbison-Walker Refractories in Vandalia. Then on March 22, 1983, Kevin was hired in sales for Target Aluminum, Inc. Kevin had just celebrated his 41st work anniversary with what is now Target Windows and Doors. To say Kevin loved his job would be an understatement. He was proud of the product he represented, the fine people that he worked with, and his loyalty to the company. He loved traveling, meeting dealers, and fixing service problems.

Kevin and Teresa had been married for 51 years, seven months and eight days. Teresa will greatly miss her best friend and partner in life.

Kevin is survived by two sons, Jason Wenzel and wife, B.J., of Kearney, and their children, Erin and Tristan Wenzel, and Craig Wenzel of Vandalia. Kevin was very proud of his grandchildren and their achievements.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Carolyn Horton, Osage Beach; a sister, Kaye Bigelow and husband, Charles, and his brother, Mike Wenzel and wife, Kim, all of Mexico; and three nieces, Tricia, Michelle, and Crista; and two nephews, Mark, and Brian. Also, surviving are two great-nieces, Samantha and Danielle, whom Kevin enjoyed watching grow their families. Teresa's brother, Dennis Horton of Osage Beach, and Dennis's son, Andrew Horton and wife, Brenna and family of Marshall also survive. Kevin grew up with countless cousins who have great stories about their times together.

Kevin discovered genealogy and loved working on his family history. He was particularly interested in his mother's Southern heritage and had several file boxes full of files about relatives who were Confederates in the War Between the States. Kevin and Teresa made two pilgrimages to Eutaw, Ala., where

Kevin's great-great-grandfather, Attoaway Reeder Davis, Sr., established himself after moving from Fairfax County, Va. Kevin's great-grandfather, Attoaway Reeder Davis, Jr., was in the 43rd Alabama Infantry, "Gracie's Pride." In 1873, most of the Davis family left Alabama and moved to Audrain County.

Kevin was First Lieutenant of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and had been planning the 2024 Reunion at Sikeston for a year. Sadly, it will be held without him. He was Adjutant of Elijah Gates Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Auxvasse. Kevin was a life member of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Kevin was vice president of the board of directors of the United Credit Union. He was a member of the Mexico United Methodist Church and was lay leader of the congregation. Kevin loved deer hunting as well and had just gotten back the mount of his last big buck.

Kevin had a nature of service and if he belonged to an organization, he was very involved. He also had a passion for taking care of cemeteries. He cleaned who knows how many tombstones and cared for the Jefferson Jones Cemetery in Callaway County by regular mowing and cleaning.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, William and Edna Wenzel, and his father-in-law, Clarence Horton.

Memorials may be given to the Mexico United Methodist Church, 122 E. Promenade, Mexico, MO. 65265.



John 'Jerry' Burbridge

John "Jerry" Burbridge, 70, of Eolia departed this life on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Visitation is Friday 4-8 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

A funeral service will be Saturday at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home in Troy. The Rev. Sammy Lorton to officiate. Interment to follow in the Eolia Community Cemetery, Eolia.

He was born Oct. 2, 1953, to John and Cora Lee Bradshaw Burbridge. Jerry attended school in the Clopton School District. During his time there he was a star basketball player and popular student.

His beautiful smile and wonderful personality made him a friend to many. Upon graduation he attended col-

lege in Hillsboro then Springfield. With illness being his only barrier to a promising pro-basketball career.

Upon his return, he was very active in the Eolia community and mayor of the village for many years. On July 5, 1996, he married Sharon Dunn in Warrenton and the rest is history. Jerry was a horse trainer his whole life and a very good one. He loved spending the time working with the horses and teaching them. Jerry was gifted and his special gift was evident to all.

His favorite thing to do was to ride, show horses and attend the events. He earned many ribbons, awards and trophies over the years that he proudly displayed. But one of his greatest joys was being able to share his love and knowledge of horses with his grandchildren.

Because of Jerry's kind eyes and magnetic, outgoing persona, he made friends all over the United States. If you met him, he was your fast friend and had your back. Jerry's favorite times were time spent with friends and family. He will be remembered lovingly by all those who knew and loved him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sharon Dunn Burbridge of the home; his children, Chad Hill and wife, Ria of Minnesota, Kish Lewis of Troy, Mike Scott and wife, Carol Jean of Troy, Patricia Dunn of Kansas City, Lindsey Kidd and husband, Mark of Illinois, and Rachel Lilley and husband, Trevor of Clarksville; his siblings, Kathleen Watson and husband, Donald of Eolia, Beatrice "Bea" Gulley of Illinois, Marshall Burbridge and wife, Maryann of Florida, Connie Burbridge-Scott and husband, Donovan of O'Fallon, and Mary Holmes and husband, Ryan of St. Louis; as well as many other nieces, nephews and friends.

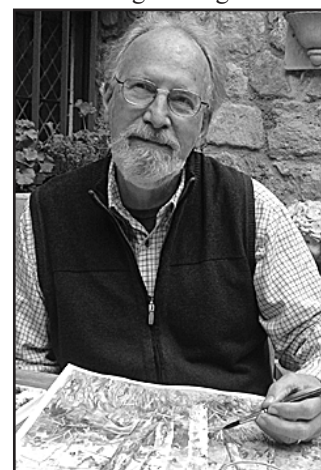
He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, and eldest brother, James Allen Burbridge.

Pallbearers will be Dave Dietz, Ben Jeans, Donald Watson, Eddie Wheeler, Mike Scott, and Chad Angle. Honorary pallbearers will be Chad Hill, Kish Lewis, and Trevor Lilley.

The Repass will be held for family and friends after the burial at the Clarksville American Legion Hall, 504 South 2nd Street, Clarksville, MO, 63336.

Memorial donations may be made to: Sharon Burbridge to help defray funeral costs c/o the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to visit our website at mccoyblossomfh.com to sign the on-line guest register.



John Bolton Stoeckley

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John Bolton Stoeckley of

Louisiana, a prolific artist whose boundless creativity illuminated the world around him.

John departed from this world on Thursday, March 28, 2024, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eolia on Saturday, April 20, at 2 p.m. Friends, family, and admirers are welcome to gather to honor his memory and pay tribute to his extraordinary contributions.

Born in Kendallville, Ind., in 1943 to Ruth and Richard Stoeckley, John's passion for art ignited at an early age.

He found solace and purpose in the strokes of his brush, the development of his craft, and the depth of his creations. After graduating from Indiana University, John moved to Chicago and embarked on a lifelong journey dedicated to pursuing artistic excellence.

Accepting a position at Stark Bros., he brought his family to Pike County, Missouri, in 1985 and started his fine art business five years later. John's work transcended boundaries throughout his illustrious career, blending elements of plein-air realism with technical draftsmanship. His drawings and paintings, characterized by intricate detail, captured the essence of the human experience through our shared beloved architecture. John's artistic prowess extended beyond pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations.

He ventured into serigraphy, sculpture, and mural painting, each a testament to his versatility and ingenuity. His creations adorned homes, galleries, and public spaces worldwide, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape. Beyond his artistic achievements, John will be remembered for his gentle spirit, unwavering kindness, and boundless generosity. He touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him, leaving an impression that will endure beyond his physical presence.

His loving family will cherish John's memory, including his wife, Karen; sister, Ann; his sons, Aaron, Clark, Denton, and Reed; grandchildren, Bella, Lily, and Zachary; and numerous nieces and nephews who were a constant source of joy and inspiration to him.

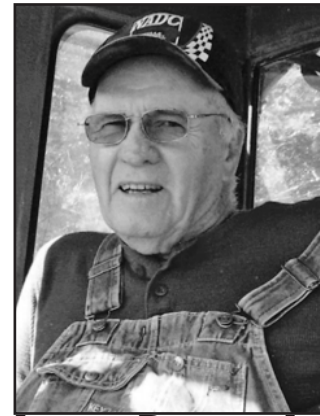
As we mourn the loss of John Stoeckley, let us take comfort in the enduring beauty of his art and the profound impact he had on the world. Though he may have left this earthly realm, his spirit will continue to live on through the timeless legacy he leaves behind.

Instead of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Louisiana Rotary Club, which was dear to John's heart.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is provider of cremation rites.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.

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James Durward "J.D." Sorrell

James Durward Sorrell "J.D.", 87, of Frankford died Friday, March 29, 2024, at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Monday, April 1, at Smith Funeral Home & Chapel in Hannibal. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Visitation was from 1 p.m., until the time of the service Monday, April 1 at the funeral home.

J.D. was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Hannibal, the son of Durward B. and Lillian V. Epperon Sorrell. He was formerly married to Lillie Lou Rinker Sorrell on April 1, 1956.

To this union they had five daughters, Jamie Baker of Frankford, Denise Anderson and husband, Dennis of New London, Melissa Krueger of Wichita, Kan., Angie Waddell and husband, David of Curryville, and Leah Lorenson of Frankford. Eleven grandchildren, Brandon Baker and wife, Chantel, Jared Baker and wife, Paige, and Paige Nicole Baker, Jordan Anderson and wife, Brittany and Marissa Anderson, Megan Peters and husband, Kevin, Morgan Nickleson and husband, Justin, and Erin Krueger, Brett Waddell, Ashlee Crader and husband, Zach, and Abbie Waddell, Ryan and Lillie Lorenson. Thirteen great-grandchildren, Adisyn and Ainslee Baker, Jaidyn Heeres, Gerald and Allison Redmon, Braxton and Noah Baker, Olivia and Isabelle Anderson, Braedon Moss, Stella, Charlotte and Theodore Peters.

He was united in marriage to Claudia Joan Cash on Feb. 27, 1987. She survives him. Also, two stepdaughters, Diane Bueler and husband, Matt of Hannibal, and Karen Clayton and husband, Chuck of Hannibal; four step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, J.D. was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lavon Brown, two nieces, Glenine Childs and Lavonna Brown, son-in-law, Richard Baker, and three great-grandchildren, Ellie, Anna and Everly Baker.

J.D. was a member of the Frankford Assembly of God Church. He graduated from Frankford High School in the class of 1954. He honorably served his country in the Missouri National Guard for eight years. J.D. worked his entire life farming and was a heavy equipment operator.

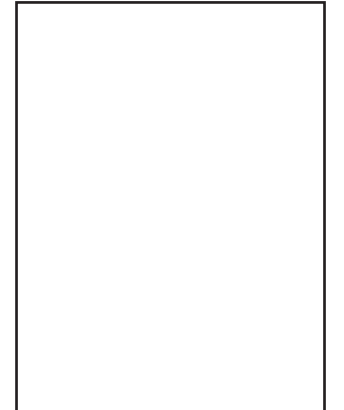
In earlier days, he enjoyed mushroom hunting, coon hunting and was an avid league bowler. He also enjoyed visiting with friends at the Shortline Station.

Speakers were J.D.'s grand-

children, Megan Peters, Jared Baker, and Ashlee Crader.

Pallbearers were Brandon Baker, Jordan Anderson, Braedon Moss, Brett Waddell, Ryan Lorenson, and Troy Blackwell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairview Cemetery, c/o Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



Kenneth Morrison

Kenneth Edward Morrison, 74, of Ozark, Ark., died Thursday, March 28, 2024 in Fort Smith, Ark.

Visitation was from 1-2 p.m., Tuesday at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.

Funeral service were at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home, with Brother Ed Butler officiating.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

He was born April 27, 1949 in Bowling Green to Robert Edward and Emma Lucille Buntin Morrison. Kenny is an Army Veteran that served in the Vietnam War. He worked for the phone company in Missouri when he returned from Vietnam and was later transferred to Arkansas and lived in Russellville, Ark., until moving to Ozark, in the '80's.

He retired as an OSP engineer with Century Link. Kenny was a member of the Eagles, VFW, and American Legion and very involved in veteran activities, placing flags in local cemeteries and the National Cemetery in Fort Smith. Over the last several years he enjoyed traveling many places through the United States with his special friend and enjoyed his bonus family he has acquired over that time frame.

Kenny is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Terry Stief Morrison; and step-son, Michael Carroll.

Kenny is survived by two brothers, Larry Morrison and wife, Hazel and Dennis Morrison, all of Bowling Green; five nieces, Tina Morrison Graver, Heather Morrison-Orf, Stacy Harrison Rutherford, Kelly Morrison Grote, and Tara Morrison Eskew, all of Bowling Green; one nephew, Todd Morrison of Bowling Green; one step-grandson, Braden Carroll; his special friend, Cathy Jones of Ozark; and his bonus family, the Joneses.

Serving as pallbearers were Brady Jones, Justin Jones, Brad Ingle, and Casey White.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneral-homeweb.com

A visitation was held at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, on Thursday at 10 a.m. Burial followed at 11 a.m., at Green Lawn Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Pallbearers were Todd Morrison, Justin Eskew, Ryan Cashman, Devin Graver, Gary Orf, and Bill Grote. Honorary pallbearers was Jace Eskew.

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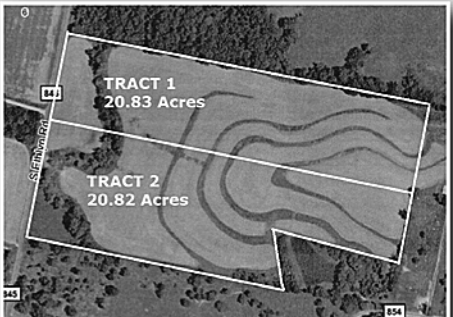
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