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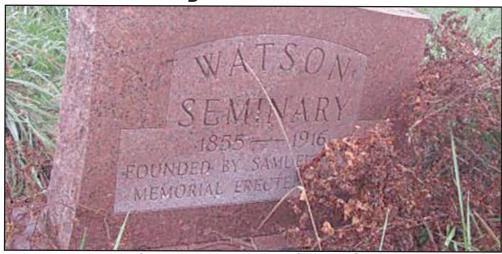
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Murder At Ashley Draws National Attention



A stone marked the former location at Ashley of Watson Seminary, where murder victim Abbie Summers taught music.

It had all the makings of a called Watson Seminary. fictional Hollywood crime drama.

There was a talented teacher, a spurned lover, a gruesome killing, a jail escape, multiple trials, a muted sentence, a gubernatorial pardon and a mysterious ending.

But the murder of Abbie Summers by Ambrose Coe was all-too-real. It happened on June 12, 1870, at Ashley, a town that, at the time, was a bustling burg featuring shops, a hotel and a renowned school

Summers and Coe met in fall 1867, when he was 24 and she was 19. Their roller-coaster romance ended with Summers breaking off their engagement.

Coe slashed Summers to death at her boarding house shortly after the two attended church. He briefly tasted freedom during a suspicious jail es-

It took three trials to convict the defendant, who served only four years behind bars before being pardoned for "good be-

havior" by Democrat Gov. Albert Morehouse.

The ending is enigmatic, with two stories being told. Coe either lived out his life peacefully as a bookkeeper in Chicago or moved to Kansas and murdered his wife and her two brothers.

One newspaper called Summers' death "one of the most heart-rendering butcheries of the age." Another said it was "a deed that history will record as one of the most heartless ever



Jackson County Associate Circuit Judge Abbie Rothermich, center, officially takes the oath of office from Court of Appeals Judge Kurt Odenwald. At left are Rothermich's parents, Kerry and Connie Hesse. At right is her husband, David, and their four chil-

Photo courtesy of 16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County

Rothermich Honored For Appointment To The Bench

former courtroom adversary gathered at the Jackson County Courthouse in downtown Kansas City on Friday, May 31 to celebrate Judge Abbie Rothermich's appointment to the bench.

Judge Rothermich, a native of rural Northeast Missouri, was named as a Jackson County Associate Circuit Judge on Dec. 22, 2023, by Gov. Mike Parson.

Her investiture — a formal ceremony typically held several months after the judge begins hearing cases — offered a chance for her supporters to explain the qualities that got her the job.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Rothermich served as deputy chief of the employ-

ment litigation division at the Diocese of Jefferson City, and Missouri Attorney General's Office. Sandy Karsten, director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, and Nicolas Taulbee, who practiced alongside Rothermich at the Attorney General's Office, spoke of her skill and tenacity at trying cases while she and her husband, David, raised their four children.

Somewhat more surprising was the praise from Gene Graham, a plaintiffs' attorney with White, Graham, Buckley & Carr LLC who has tried two cases against Rothermich and said her kindness, civility, and knowledge of the law earned the respect of opponents and judges alike.

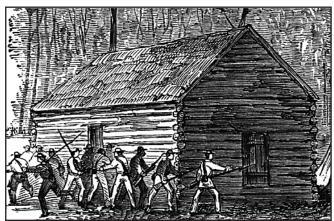
The Rev. Msgr. Robert A.

Chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives, gave the invocation for the ceremony. Judge Kurt Odenwald of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, a family friend, swore in Judge Rothermich on her family's Bible, which dates to 1896 and has been passed down through generations of Missourians.

Judge Rothermich grew up in Vandalia and was valedictorian of the Van-Far High School class of 2003. She earned her undergraduate degree from Truman State University her law degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She is the daughter of Kerry and Connie Hesse of

Want Brave Men To Shoot Me'

Confederate Executed After Capture In Pike County



A drawing shows militia surrounding a cabin housing Confederate bushwhacker Jim Jackson and his marauders. (From the 1893 book "The Soldier in Our Civil War.")

Editor's note: Following is the second part of a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

He was a racist murderer emboldened by national publicity he got during the Civil War.

But a case could also be made that the execution of Missouri Confederate bushwhacker James H. Jackson was not justified.

A ruthless marauder who once reportedly told his mother to get out of the way or face plunder was nabbed in Pike County while escaping to Illinois.

Ever defiant, Jackson accepted his fate with the pugnacious flair that characterized his deadly raids in 1864 and 1865.

"I want brave men to shoot he told captors. "If I must die, let it not be by the hand of a coward. I am a brave man myself, and let me be killed by one."

William Quantrill was the most famous rebel guerilla in Missouri, but Jackson's barbarism also drew attention. He had no qualms about killing men, women or children, and reserved special contempt for black people.

Of course, atrocities occurred on both sides, but Jackson was among Confederates singled out by Union authorities, who were particularly incensed that their quarry had a penchant for avoiding capture.

One example came in December 1864, when militiamen surrounded a cabin where Jackson and his men were sitting down to dinner. The more experienced rebels "waited until the militiamen presented good targets and then killed two and wounded another," author Bruce Nichols noted.

Retaliation soon became a bitterly-debated issue. From one-room log cabins to the halls of Congress, arguments raged. Was it OK to mistreat enemy prisoners if the other side had abused your captured brethren-in-arms?

A federal measure was

considered to authorize reprisals against Confederates held in custody. U.S. Sen. John Brooks Henderson, a Pike County lawyer who had authored the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery, saw the effort as mere revenge. Henderson emphasized that he wasn't against defending oneself, but didn't see the point of "an eye for an eye."

"How is it to accomplish anything?" he asked his colleagues in January 1865. "Do we, by it, do anything else but disgrace ourselves in the eyes of the civilized world? I think

Though his words are not recorded, Jackson remained angry and vengeful. After Missouri formally adopted the 13th Amendment in February 1865, the rebel put up signs promising to kill every black person he met.

Standing in the way was Gen. Clinton Fisk, who led Union efforts in Northern Missouri. Fisk did not drink, smoke or swear, and was a devout Christian whose intolerance of moonshine and brothels was outdone only by his loathing of Confederates. He shared the view of many that the rebels were traitors who deserved no mercy for their murderous acts.

"I have no doubt that the monster, Jim Jackson, is instigated by the late slave owners to hang or shoot every negro he can find absent from the

old plantations," Fisk wrote. Fisk's "take no prisoners" and "kill the villains wherever caught" mentality may have contributed to Jackson's death.

Next time: Infamy cuts both ways.



According to a press re-ease from the Pike County Sheriff's Office, a man Pike County man was arrested in Mississippi after a PCSO's social media post was shared

over 200 times.
The Pike County Sheriff's Office had posted on its Facebook page Thomas E. Pinter of Louisiana as MOST WANTED.

Pinter had left the area and was believed to be in multiole states to include Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama and more.

"After posting the wanted notice on Facebook, tips started coming in stating Pinter was residing in Union, Mississippi," Chief Deputy David Carroll wrote in the release. "An address was developed and Newton County, Mississippi Sheriff's Office was contacted for an arrest attempt. Shortly after, this of-fice was notified of Pinter's arrest. Pinter is expected to waive extradition and will be brought back to Pike County upon doing so."

A warrant for Thomas E. Pinter was issued by The Honorable Milan Berry of the Pike County Associate Court for Child Molestation 2nd Degree – Child less than 12 years-of-age. Bond has been set at \$250,000.00 cash only.

As with any criminal case, a charge is merely an accusation and all suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.



State Representative Chad Perkins presents WWII veteran Terrace Boudiniere with a certificate on his 104th birthday. Terrace is an 82-year-member of the American Legion.

Standard Wellness Announces New General Manager

Scott Ericson, Standard Wellness COO (Chief Operating Officer) was recently in Vandalia to announce J.W. Dennis as the newly appointed general manager of Standard Wellness's cannabis cultivation and product manufacturing facility located on Hwy V east of Vandalia.

Dennis's previous role was director of operations for the Vandalia facility and came to Standard Wellness with extensive cannabis industry experience while Director of Operation at Ascend Cannabis, located in Barry, Ill. In addition Dennis held previous manager rolls at General Mills, Hannibal.

Standard Wellness's previous General Manager, Paul Ray, has been with the company since its start-up in Vandalia and will refocus his efforts on multiple construction projects as the newly created director of corporate expansion.

Standard Wellness is a Cleveland, Ohio cannabis company with cultivation, manufacturing and dispensary operations in Ohio, Utah, Maryland and Missouri.



NECAC Attends Conference

Board members and staff of the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) attended the Missouri Community Action Network annual conference June 4-6 in Branson. Community Action is observing its 60th anniversary in 2024, with NECAC to celebrate the milestone next year. Pictured, from left, are NECAC Warren County Board Member Angie Light, Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, Ralls County Service Coordinator Stephanie Dunker, Montgomery County Service Coordinator Shellie Ramsour, CSBG Operations Director Kayla Wasson, President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page, Pike County Board Member Curt Mitchell and Marion County Board Member Jim Miller.

Community News

Frankford Elementary School End Of The Year Awards

100 % Attendance Award: Pretty Ease Through Work.

Adams, Brantley Waelder. 97% Senate Attendance Award: Pretty Adams, Logan Adkison, Delaney Akers, Emilie Austin, Aversyn Barlow, Aubree Cannon, Hope Dameron, Bailey Delgman, Roxie Delgman, Ella Edmond, McKinley Edmond, Beckett Fischer, Mila Freeman, Tyler Frieden, Mary Addison Gilbert, Jace Hart, Julian Henderson, Quincy Henderson, Crosby Hickerson, Ellis Hickerson, Emma Ince. Waylon Jennings, Roanan Lang, Alyssa Lynn, Alyssa Lynn, Emma Maxson, Matthew McCarthy, Olivia McCarthy, Ariah McClarney, Harper Miller, Henley Miller, Piper Miller, Eastyn Mount, Conrad Niemeyer, Justin Norell, Jordan Otto, Keaston Penrod, Kasper Pettis, Blake Scherder, Callie Scherder, Dallas Scherder, Audrey Schoneboom, Jase Steele, Khloe Steele, Brantley Waelder, Rowan Wilson.

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KINDERGARTEN

Counting and Writing to 100 by Ones & Tens: Emery Adkison, Hope Dameron, Roxie Delgman, Ella Edmond, Beckett Fischer, Jace Hart, Bennett Jackson, Jenson Jacyna, Cole Konieczny, Henley Miller, Phoenix Mooney, Jaxon Stewart.

Writing to 20 - Mila Freeman, Waylon Jennings, Domonique Powell.

Writing to 100 – Hazlee Virden.

100% Sight Word Recognition -Emery Adkison, Hope Dameron, Roxie Delgman, Ella Edmond, Beckett Fischer, Jenson Jacyna, Cole Konieczny, Henley

P.E. Award – Jenson Jacyna, Henley

Art Award – Beckett Fischer, Cole Konieczny.

FIRST GRADE

Karma Palmer - Handy Helper,

Kenneal Palmer - Super Reader, Most Improved, Mathmatician, Ruffles-Wave of Enthusiasm.

Aksel Austen - Cool Attitude, Helping Hand, Mathmatician.

Audrey Schoneboom - Handy Helper, Friendship.

MaryLou Hobbs – Brilliant Behavior, Kindness, Friendship, Most Improved, P.E. Award.

Jackson Cook - Cheesey Smile, Best

Rory Sparks - Strive To Do Better, Friendship, Most Improved, Super

Logan Adkison - Funyuns-Sense of Humor, Most Improved, Friendship,

Super Reader, P.E. Award. Sophe Akright – Artistic Pop, Amazing Artist, Wow Writer, Super Speller, Creative Star, Super Singer, Super

Reader, Mathmatician. Collyns Brandenburger – Rold Gold Academics, Wow Writer, Super Speller, Super Reader, Bright Ideas, Mathmati-

Owen Smith - Super Reader, Super Speller, Mathmatician, Salsa-Ability to

Beau Mount - Combo-Team Player, Helping Hand, Friendship, Mathmati-

Sticking with Others, Creative Artist, Hudsyn Baker – Ray of Sunshine,

McKinley Edmond - Friendship,

Bright Ideas, Friendship, Super Reader, Mathmatician.

Noah Baker - Patience, Kindness, Friendship, Handy Helper.

Mason Feather – Neato Cheeto Academic Performance, Total Techie, Super Speller, Super Reader, Mathmatician. Abraham Gordon - Bookworm, Bu-

gles, Super Reader, Mathmatician. Roanan Lang - Munchos-Always Prepared to Learn, Friendship, Handy

Helper. Brantlee Virden – Harvest of Ideas, Creative Star, Super Speller, Kindness, Super Reader, Wow Writer, Mathmati-

Annaliese Weatherby - Classic Example - Super Reader.

Boone Wilson - Go-To-Student, Bright Ideas, Super Speller, Super Reader, Mathmatician, Handy Helper. Gracey Harrison - Awesome Artist, Creative Star.

SECOND GRADE CANDY BAR AWARDS

Aversyn Barlow- 3 Musketeers (works well with others).

Dallas Scherder – 100 Grand (works hard for good grades).

Bo Turner – Almond Joy (a joy to be around), P.E. Award.

Crosby Hickerson - Babe Ruth (hits a homerun with good grades), Art Award. Aleigha Weatherby – Bit-O-Honey (sweet and never complaining).

Emma Maxson – Bubble Yum (a fun and bubbly personality). Ryley Moore - Butterfinger (a

smooth and easy-going attitude). Lillee Jo Jackson – Caramello (super

sweet and easy going). Avla Smith – Fun Dip (earger to learn with a fun-loving attitude), P.E. Award.

Harper Jackson - Gobstoppers (having gobs of great work and ideas), Art

Award. Tristan Garrett - Mr. Goodbar (al-

ways being a good friend). Lillian Willemarck – Gummy Bears (always caring and loveable).

Tyler Frieden - Gummy Bears (always the class wiggle worm). Emma Schoneboom – Jr. Mints (she

was "mint" to be in our classroom). Alyssa Lynn - Kit Kat (always being at the teachers's side).

Clane Mahar - Life Savers (always willing to help someone in need). Skylar Frieden - Nestle Crunch (for

being dependable in a crunch). Genore Grant - Nestle Treasure (a treasure to have in the classroom).

Sylas Kirk - Rocky Road (for working hard when the road gets rocky). Matthew McCarthy - Snickers (al-

ways having a great sense of humor). LouAnn Wood – Take 5 (for working hard and needing a break), Great Improvement in Reading.

Remington Hawkins - Whoppers (always telling the best stories).

THIRD GRADE Highest STAR Reading All Year – Ty Perkins.

Highest Star Math All Year - Sterling Schmidt.

Most Improved STAR Math - Sterling Schmidt. Most Improved STAR Reading -

Trip Turner. Most Study Island Blue Ribbons -Callie Scherder.

Most AR Points - Callie Scherder.

Pretty Adams, Coy Hamilton, Wade Luebrecht, Ty Perkins, Callie Scherder, Sterling Schmidt.

Achieved AR Goal all 4 Qtrs – Coy Hamilton, Callie Scherder, Sterling

Highest AR Accuracy - Pretty Adams.

Citizenship Award - Callie Scherder & Trip Turner. Super Effort in P.E. - Sterling

Schmidt & Brantley Waelder. Art Awards - Callie Scherder, Sterling Schmidt, Jase Steele, Pretty Adams.

CANDY AWARDS Pretty Adams - Jolly Rancher. Coy Hamilton – Laffy Taffy. Julian Henderson – Gummy Worms. Wade Luebrecht - Hershey's. Olivia McCarthy – Oreo. Ty Perkins - Crunch. Conrad Niemeyer - Snickers. Callie Scherder – Fun Dip. Sterling Schmidt – M & M's.

Jase Steele – Dots Trip Turner - 3 Musketeers. Brantley Waelder – Rolo. Brylie Wilson - Reese's.

FOURTH GRADE AR Goal All 4 Quarters - Emilie Austin, Bailey Delgman, Rylan Finnigan, Mary Addison Gilbert, Allison Hawkins, Quincy Henderson, Ellis Hickerson, Emma Ince, Drake Jones, Nevaeh Largent, Ariah McClarney, Harper Miller, Piper Miller, Stella Otto, Blake

Reading Circle - Emilie Austin, Xander Bliss, Bailey Delgman, Rylan Finnigan, Mary Addison Gilbert, Allison Hawkins, Quincy Henderson, Ellis

Nevaeh Largent, Ariah McClarney, Harper Miller, Piper Miller, Justin Norell, Stella Otto, Blake Scherder, Khloe Steele

Emilie Austin – AR Accuracy 1st & 3rd Qtr, Citizenship, Dove Award. Xander Bliss - Gummy Worm

Award. Bailey Delgman - Art Award, Math STAR Growth Award, Gobstopper

Award. Rylan Finnigan - STAR Math

Growth Award, Twix Award. Mary Addison Gilbert - STAR Math Growth Award, AR Accuracy 1st & 2nd Qtr, Caramello Award.

Allison Hawkins - STAR Math Growth Award, Laffy Taffy Award. Quincy Henderson - Most AR Points

for Boys, Jolly Rancher Award Ellis Hickerson - Art Award, Highest AR Points, AR Accuracy 4th Qtr and Overall, Reese's Pieces Award.

Emma Ince - Most Star Growth Reading and Math, Highest AR Accuracy Overall, Bubble Yum Award. Drake Jones - Reading Star Growth

Award, AR Accuracy 4th Quarter, Citizenship, 100 Grand Award, PE Award, Art Award. Nevaeh Largent – Highest STAR Math Growth, MilkyWay Award.

Ariah McClarney - Art Award, 3 Musketeers Award. Harper Miller - Kit Kat Award. Piper Miller – Life Saver Award. Just Norell - Extra Hard Worker

Stella Otto - Almond Joy Award. Blake Scherder - Art Award, PE Award, Butterfinger Award.

Khloe Steele – Gummy Bear Award, STAR Math Growth Award.

FIFTH GRADE

AR All 4 Quarters - Jaxtyn Baker, Aubree Cannon, Brock Chance, Lydia Gibson, Annalynn McKenzie, Jordan Otto, Keaston Penrod, Kasper Pettis, Benson Smith, Rowan Wilson.

Reading Circle - Jaxtyn Baker, Aubree Cannon, Brock Chance, Lydia Gibson, Cooper Lang, Adalee Langley, Annalynn McKenzie, Brian Morrison, Eastyn Mount, Jordan Otto, Keaston Penrod, Kayla Rennecker, Benson Smith, Ahlana Wilson, Rowan Wilson.

Delaney Akers - 15 AR Point, Best Listener, 22 Study Island Blue Ribbons. Jaxtyn Baker - Division Master, 118 AR Points, All Science Study Island Ribbons, King of Questions, 58 Study Island

Blue Ribbons. Holden Buchanan - 56 AR Points, All Science Study Island Blue Ribbons, 29 Study Island Ribbons.

Aubree Cannon - Division Master, PE Award, 89 AR Points, All Math and Science Study Island Blue Ribbons, No Late Assignments, Beautiful Handwriting, 50 Study Island Blue Ribbons.

Brock Chance - Division Master, 100 AR Points, All 50 Capitals, No Late Assignments, All Math and Science Study Island Blue Ribbons, 5th Grade Citizenship, Mr. Manners, 68 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Top Social Studies Student 99.75 average, PE Award Maddy Chandler – 37 Study Island

Blue Ribbons, Division Master, Highest AR Reading Accuracy, 53 AR Points, Top Grammer Student, Mrs. Manners.

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Ribbons, Division Master, 44 AR Points,

Ribbons, 47 AR Points, STAR Math

Blue Ribbons, 39 AR Points, Fantastic

22 Study Island Ribbons, Division Mas-

STAR Math Growth of 3.5, Amazing

ter, 85 AR Points, Quietest Voice.

Growth 2.6+, Future President.

Mad Scientist.

Colt Conrad – 39 Study Island Blue

Jake Freeman – 24 Study Island Blue

Amber Gallagher – 15 Study Island

Lydia Gibson - Math Drops Master,

Cooper Lang – 34 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 59 AR Points,

Adalee Langley - 15 Study Island Blue Ribbons, 46 AR Points, Gift of

Annalynn McKenzie - 38 Study Is-

land Blue Ribbons, Division Master,

Most AR Points, 229 AR Points, Ton

Science Student, Top Writing Student,

STAR Reading Growth of 3.3, 5th Grade

Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 58 AR

Blue Ribbons, Division Master, Highest

AR Accuracy, 165 AR Points, Joyful

Jokester, All Study Island Math and Sci-

Jayce Orf - 38 Study Island Blue

Brian Morrison – 25 Study Island

Eastyn Mount - 83 Study Island

Citizenship, Radical Reader.

Points, Neatest Desk.

ence Blue Ribbons.

From The Mayor's Desk ...

first-time homeowners as the number of Millennials and Gen Z are mounting.

This will create a deficit of 7.5 million in housing. 66-85-year age bracket are choosing to age-inplace and their retention in homes make the housing deficit increasingly acute over the next few years. Interest rates are still fluctuating, and inflation is yet to be curbed." All this is according to Thomas Paulson, Director of Re-

search and Business Development for Placer.

Al, which also tracks migration, trends, and traffic patterns. Another source is the U.S. Census Bureau monthly new construction reports. I have been asked, "Why so many new housing projects are going on in Bowling Green?" Frist, we have City of Bowling Green a great need for more

housing as more people are pursuing living in our wonderful city. Our potential is so amazing for development and progress, Second, our rental housing is getting older and older, and people are still paying high rental prices due to lack of rental properties.

Updated housing is needed to replace these older houses and bring rental prices to more reasonable levels for upgraded occupancies. Third, people are desiring to upgrade their hosing situation as their families are growing and expanding. Home improvement and expansion has taken place all around our town. Bowling Green is preparing for its future as well as current needs.

Our wonderful city is experiencing small consistent growth with new businesses also. Thanks to our amazing fire and police departments plus code enforce-

"There is a large potential of ments, Bowling Green is a desirable place to live and grow their families. New businesses like Aaron's Bakery and Accidental Chesse Cake Company have brought in more choices for bakery goods and accessibility. More ladies' boutiques are in town for more variety, quality, and prices.

A new daycare has opened to accommodate our growing families and the new pre-school at the Bowling Green School District will be opened at the start of the new

school year 2024-2025. Our ball parks, walking

trails, playgrounds, lakes, Municipal Airport, (come see the "In progress" new hangar), are full of people and activities for fun and recreation. Several streets and roads plus water and sewer lines are being replaced and/or upgraded, plans to expand and update our water treatment facility, and Alliance's

continued service to beautify and problem-solve has been wonder-

Our senior gathering at the High Rise is still going and invites you to get involved with a variety of functions they have planned. Love Thy Neighbor project is just a couple of weeks away and if you, your church, or your non-profit organization would like to be involved, please contact Second Baptist Church. The Refuge Church youth group will be replacing the roof and windows on Anne's Anchor House. Champ Clark Honey Shuck House is giving free tours this summer! Bowling Green has had so many outstanding people that have contributed to our community through the years. Many have passed on. We need new outstanding people to rise and fill those vacated positions. You be the one!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR

Ribbons, Division Master, 36 AR Points, **Community**

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

On June 18: Pike County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m., at Bowling Green Community Center.

On June 20: There will be a meeting of the board of trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

MO State

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale).

More than 4,800 students were named to the spring 2024 dean's list.

These area students made

Emma Dowling from Vandalia.

Katie Ridings from Els-

George Glenn from Bowlng Green.

Mya Leverenz from Bowling Green.

Kylie Lucas from Eolia.

Future YouTube Star.

Jordan Otto - 54 Study Island Ribbons, Division Master, 154 AR Points, Top Reading Student, History Hero.

Keaston Penrod - Math Drops Master, 73 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 97 AR Master, All Math and Science Study Island Blue Ribbons, 50 States and Capitals, No Late Assignments, Awesome Artist, Nicest Smile.

Kasper Pettis – 28 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 97 AR Points, STAR Reading Growth of 2.7, Technol-

Kayla Rennecker - 41 AR Points, Nicest Smile, 34 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Superior Performance In Reading (going from a 0.5 to 2.7 STAR score), Super Reader, All Study Island Math Blue Ribbons.

Benson Smith - All Science, ELA and Math Study Island, 94 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 94 AR Points, Top Math, Top Social Studies, All 50 States and Capitals, No Late Assignments, Marvelous Mathmatician.

Ahlana Wilson - 33 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 81 AR Points, No Late Assignments, Headed to

Rowan Wilson – 36 Study Island Blue Ribbons, Division Master, 77 AR Points, STAR Math Growth of 3.5+, Happy Helper.

LeeRoy Wood - 19 Study Island Blue Ribbons, 55 AR Points, Future President100 % Attendance Award: Pretty Adams, Brantley Waelder.

97% Senate Attendance Award: Pretty Adams, Logan Adkison, Delaney

Akers, Emilie Austin, Aversyn Barlow, Aubree Cannon, Hope Dameron, Bailey Delgman, Roxie Delgman, Ella Edmond, McKinley Edmond, Beckett Fischer, Mila Freeman, Tyler Frieden, Mary Addison Gilbert, Jace Hart, Julian Henderson, Quincy Henderson, Crosby Hickerson, Ellis Hickerson, Emma Ince, Waylon Jennings, Roanan Lang, Alyssa Lynn, Alyssa Lynn, Emma Maxson, Matthew McCarthy, Olivia McCarthy, Ariah McClarney, Harper Miller, Henley Miller, Piper Miller, Eastyn Mount, Conrad Niemeyer, Justin Norell, Jordan Otto, Keaston Penrod, Kasper Pettis, Blake Scherder, Callie Scherder, Dallas Scherder, Audrey Schoneboom, Jase Steele, Khloe Steele, Brantley Waelder, Rowan Wilson.

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Bowling Green DAR Officers

The Bowling Green DAR on Thursday May 23 installed new officers. Joy Davis installed the following of-Millie Powell, regent; Charlene McCune, vice-regent; Joyce Edwards, chaplain; Carol Lee Marshall, secretary; Jane Quade, treasurer; and Diane Fuerst, registrar.

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nan Awarded \$11,000 Scholarship The Columbia College plan to utilize their degree others to find that home that I

Alumni Association recently awarded \$11,000 in scholarship assistance to 12 students

Emily Nunan of Louisiana attends the day program for

The selection committee, composed of members of the CCAA Advisory Council, reviewed more than 125 applications from students across the nation. In addition to academic merit, applicants were asked to discuss how they have contributed to the college community, how they

Louisiana Elks Lodge News Louisiana Elks Lodge #791

is bringing bingo back to Pike County.

Beginning Wednesday, June 12 and happening the second Wednesday of the month, bingo will be held at the hall.

Proceeds will benefit the charitable programs of the Lodge including student scholarships.

On Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m., the Lodge will be observing Flag Day with the Elks Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. This moving program is open to everyone and all are invited to attend.

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moving forward and what CC means to them.

Nunan remarked, "I want CC means to me.'

have. To me, Columbia College is a place where students Alumni and friends have feel cared for, supported and for the 2024-25 academic the ability to turn the dream of safe; that is what made me bea quality education into real- yound happy with my decision to attend CC, and that is what



Chamber Helps With Fireworks

Rardon accepts a donation as part of the group's fund-raiser for the Independence Day celebration July 3. Chamber volunteers collected more than \$800 in just five hours on Saturday, June 1 at the intersection of Missouri Highway 79 and U.S. 54. All of the money will be donated to help with expenses of the fireworks show. In addition to the bucket fund-raiser, the chamber has donated \$1,000 to the fireworks fund.







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there wasn't much Glenn couldn't fix.

He was a fan of racing, with go-cart racing being his favorite. Glenn also enjoyed traveling and listening to county and rock music.

He absolutely adored his family and loved spending time with them. Glenn was a great guy with a huge heart, and will be greatly missed by everyone who had the honor of being a part of his life.

Donations may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory.

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

James 'Kenny' Wombles

James "Kenny" Wombles, 97, of Louisiana and formerly of Pleasant Hill, Ill., died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in

It was Kenny's wish to be cremated and inurned along side of 1951, the son of Elmo and Ver-Doris. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., at the Lummis Funeral Home in Pleasant Hill. Burial, with military honors, will follow at Crescent Heights Cemetery in Pleasant Hill.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Kenny was born at home Sept. 10, 1926 in the river bottoms near Rockport, Ill. He was the first born and only son born to James Henry and Maleta Fay Reeder Wombles. He married Doris L. Franklin on July 31, 1950 in Pocahontas, Ark. Doris preceded him in death on March 15, 2007.

two nieces, Lindsey Johnson Kenny was a retired home of Skillman, N.J., and Erica builder and also worked on com-Leise of Haddonfield, N.J. In mercial buildings, bridges and addition, Steve had one granddams. He was an avid sportsman niece, Margot Leise; and one and outdoorsman. Kenny entered



the Army and later the newly formed Air "Force. He served on a Navy ship off of Korea's shores during WW II and particularly enjoyed being stationed in Alaska...

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela Kay Wombles Murr and husband, Charles of Pickwick Dam, Tenn.; a son, Timothy Kenneth Wombles of Orlando, Fla., and is currently working in Saudi Arabia. Kenny and Doris have nine grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren; a sister, Myrna Susan Wombles Sidwell and husband, James resides in Louisiana. Kenny has numerous nieces, nephews and cousins throughout four generations, he felt his family members were his friends. He was beloved by many. He felt everyone should be blessed to have a cousin for their friend,. A.J. "Allie Jim" Womble and wife, Penny of Clarksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Doris and a sister, Audrey Jane Wombles Holcomb and husband, Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crescent Heights Cemetery Association or to the Pleasant Hill American Legion Post 1048 and cremation rites. mailed to Lummis Funeral Home, P.O. Box 247, Pleasant Hill, IL, 62366.

Lummis Funeral Home in ten Lindsey. Pleasant Hill, Ill., is handling the arrangements

Barbara Eidson

Barbara Eidson, 83, of Holts Summit died Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. Services are pending at this

time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wa-

ters Funeral Home. A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Gary 'Frog'

held for Gary Eugene "Frog" Robinson on Saturday from pecially engines; although



Larry Duane Tolbert, 56, of Bowling Green died peacefully at his home on Monday, June 3, 2024 with his family by his side.

cremated and the family will hold a celebration of life at a later time.

Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

his children and grandchildren.

He loved to ride around and

listen to rock and roll, build

model cars and go fishing on

He also leaved behind his

Online condolences may be

Services for Steven L.

Johnson, 73, of Vandalia were

at 11 a.m., Monday at Bien-

hoff Funeral Home in Van-

dalia, with Pastor Jamie

Franke officiating. Burial fol-

lowed in the Vandalia Ceme-

from 10 a.m., until the time of

the service at the funeral

June 4, 2024, at Hannibal Re-

Quincy, Ill. He attended St.

Peter's Catholic Grade School

He graduated from Miami

University of Ohio in 1971

for the IRS and U.S. Depart-

Upper Arlington, Ohio with

his wife, Becky Ward Johnson.

She preceded him in death in

brother, Jim Johnson and wife,

Patti of Haddonfield, N.J.; and

grand-nephew, Conrad Leise.

years on the Chinn Farm near

Vandalia. It was his favorite

Steve spent his last several

Steve is survived by one

Steve was born May 1,

gional Hospital.

ment of Treasury.

August 2023.

School.

Visitation was Monday

left at www.bibbveach.com

13-year-old healer, Blitz, who

the good days.

was his best friend.

Steven L.

Johnson

Larry was born Jan. 15, 1968, the youngest son of Erneta Bernice and William Kenneth Tolbert of Louisiana.

Austin Hays of Lincoln



Middletown, and Shelbie Tolbert of Middletown; grandchil-Mr. Johnson died Tuesday, dren, Elisabeth Hays, Lillie Hays, Leland Hays, Kenneth Summers, Kennadi Tobias,

zona Chinn Johnson in by his parents; a son, Jarrod Tolbert; and three brothers, Nathan, Willie, and Randall and Quincy Notre Dame High Tolbert.

Grove Lodge in Louisiana as a N.A. off and on as a young and then worked for 30 years man. He then began working for Victor Pipe and Steel as a welder for many years until a He lived for many years in work accident forced him to

the party and loved being with

Pike County Genealogical Society News

BY AUDREY JONES We have been very busy as of

flooring issues and added some new changes to the building. Come by and see our new sign for the museum and the old sign revamped for the society. It's summertime and more people dropping in and wanting a tour or researching their family, we

Again in 2024 we will be holding our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. We tried for a year to make inges that would help who live here to attend. That didn't work as we had hoped. Our membership to our society available for everyone

grant to help us with digitizing the library's vast collection. This grant has helped us in many ways. With this grant we have gained some new resources and tools for our researchers.

At our April meeting we had Larry Twellman and Charlene McCune speaking on Honeyshuck our neighboring unique tourist attraction. At our May meeting we had one of our own Nancy Reid speak about the Basye family history. Very interesting of all they did, not just Bowling Green. At our June 4th meeting we had Mr. Brent Engle, our local historical author, speaking about Miss Clark's wedding and a little more about her history after her marriage. Something not too many people know about. Very interesting.

Please visit us on Diggin Up Bones on Facebook. We have a lot of pictures on there and conversations about history in Pike County. We have those who input on the pictures with history and stories and we love the way those conversations make us have the best group on facebook. We have 1.2K members. Joining Diggin Up Bones is also

countymofamilyhistory.com.

We are so excited to be open and to help you find your family roots here in Pike County. We want to share all we have done with the Old Jail Museum with

Genealogy Beginner's class or I've Started, Now What Class, which will include helping you organize what you find. Please drop us a card or call us 573-324-5810, we want to be able to do a class for those who are interested. Remember it's no cost to you only that you will find yourself in your research and learn more about those who came before you. It's well worth the journey!

Clopton JH/HS High Roll Announced SIXTH GRADE HONOR Jacob Lovell, Tristan Malloy, TION: Joseph Dillon, Larson

ROLL: Ava Adams, Donna Lisa Ahema, Wyatt Baker, Brody Danuser, Tessa Evans, Kynnedy Hallows, Jerry MacLaughlin, Evie Menne, Wilson Gracie Menne, Jacob Miller, Blake Palmer, Paisleigh Spoonster, Jeffrey Stahlschmidt, Anna Stewart, Hailey Traw, Bryson VanBebber, Ian West, Vivienne

HONORABLE MEN-TION: Michael Haffner-Street, Tyler Harrelson, Lane Haskins, Josh Meier.

GRADE SEVENTH HONOR ROLL: Donald Barber, Beau Beauchamp, Millayna Brown, Brooklynn Carr, Bennett Colbert, Austin Dillon, Blake Hemphill, Alaina Henderson, Bailey Land, Colin Lindsay, Henry Lindsay, Josilynn Magruder, Danika Martin, Austin Mc-Neese, Charlotte Mills, Savannah Mills, Ridge Mitchell, Blaine Reeve, Caden Simmons, Carter Spangler, Lilly Stribling, Maci Weaver, Libby Wilson, Briley Van-

HONORABLE TION: Corey Couch, Madison Dalton, Ashlyn Jeans, Jayden Suddarth, Madalyn Thompson.

GRADE EIGHTH HONOR ROLL: Maddison Berardino, Vincent Duering, Gracie Heckrodt, Joseph Henderson, Jason Hoffman, Kailey Jones, Luke Lindsay,

Robert Spoonster, Bruce Stewart, Elaine Tate, Micheal Wheeler, Madelynne Williams, Tyler West, Skyler

HONORABLE MEN-TION: Xander Sleet, Aubrey Twardowski, Mathew Wheeler.

NINTH HONOR ROLL: Lillian Baker, Siena Carnahan, Macy Enloe, Beau Fitchett, Marijayne Goad, Chris Grillo, Luke Grillo, Karsyn Hallows, Jackson Hayden, Phoebe Hayden, Richard Jones, Bobbi Jo Kaimann, Camden Lilley, Wyatt Myers, Ashlyn Noah, Calleigh Noah, Nathaniel Sadler, Alayla Smith, Charleigh Spoonster, Storie Talbert, Corey Umfleet, Haley Wright.

HONORABLE TION: Bradyn Clark, Jacob Harrelson, Jason Haynes, Jelinek, Olivia Braxton Meyer, Coleman Palmer, Alexis Stanek, Rayme Stewart, Caden Weber, Steven Wheeler.

GRADE 10TH HONOR ROLL: Bankhead, Malachi Barton, Makinley Carr, Teagan Craig, Mick Evans, Tylie Gronek, Campbell Lindsay, Carlyn Lockard, Gracey MacLaughlin, Avenley Mitchell, Finn O'Brien, Sophie Simmons, Tinleigh Spoonster, Katherine Truetken, Kyle West.

HONORABLE

Hall, Addyson Johnson, Adam Matheny, James Matheny, Tucker Salmons, Isaiah Tate.

HONOR ROLL: Bailey Baker, Lauren Blackwell, Daskalakis, Kain Eivins, Chris Ferguson, Josh Harvey, Kylee Hill, Rileigh Kuntz, Adam Lindsay, Whitney Lindsay, Ashton Oakes, Skylar Parker, Marine Persyn, Zane Smith, Abby Tadlock, Colten Weber, Jaden Williamson.

HONORABLE TION: Noah Dalton, Danica Graham, Hayden Howland, Katarina Hunter, Brooke Jarrett, Jordan Jennewein, Ray Reading, Trinity Tadlock.

TWELFTH/GRADE HONOR ROLL: Baker, Michael Bankhead, Jeaneya Bazan, Estelle Clark, John Cooke, Chloiee Cummings, Nicholas Denslow, Victoria Eggemeyer, Cash Gabe Fitchett, Eivins, Gabriella Gittemeier, Chase Hall, Jasmine Hammett, Dalaney Johnson, Brooklyn Kaimann, Chaz Lindsay, Zayne Lunsford, Kiarah Morris, Nicholas Myers, Brayden Noah, Nevaeh Ricks, Braya Smith, Stacia Talbert, Marlee Turner, Searra Turner.

HONORABLE TION: Austin Enloe, Daisy Luke, Dylan Lunsford, Jaden Morris, Dylan Powers, Shelby Rhodes, Ford Shealor.

Audrain County Search Warrants Leads To Arrests 3. (2) two juvenile were de-

Audrain County Search Warrants Leads to Meth Seizure and More in Mexico.

According to a media release from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday June 2 at 6:49 a.m., members of the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, East Central Drug Task Force Office and the Mexico Public Safety Department executed a search warrant at 108 Josephine Street in Mexico.

During the execution of the warrant, Scott Lee Horton of Mexico attempted to flee out the back of the residence but was quickly apprehended by officers on scene.

During a search of the residence, a trafficking amount of methamphetamine, items used to package and distribute controlled substances and drug paraphernalia were located within the residence.

Subsequently, the following arrests were made:

1. Horton was arrested for Drug Trafficking 2nd Degree and Unlawful Possession of Drug Para-

2. Wyatt Kitson of Mexico was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance Except 35 Grams or Less Of Marijuana.

3. Stephanie Bowden of Mexico was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance Except 35 Grams or Less of Marijuana.

A second search warrant was executed on Sunday June 2, at 8:12 a.m., for 1306 South Jefferson Street in Mexico.

During the execution of that search warrant, Methamphetamine,

items used to package and sell controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, over (2) two pounds of Marijuana and (2) two firearms were seized.

Subsequently, the following arrests were made:

1. Patricia Harris of Mexico was arrested for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Endangering the Welfare of a

2. Dasan Cannon of Mexico was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Drug Parapherna-

tained and turned over to the Audrain County Juvenile Office for Narcotics related offenses. All suspects were transported to

the Audrain County Jail where they are being held pending formal criminal charges by the Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney's Of-Once filed, charging documents

and court ordered conditional release documents can be viewed publicly, in their entirety, in the 'Docket Entries" tab on Missouri Case Net at: https://www.courts.

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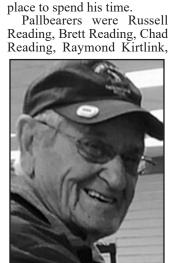
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home.com. **Glennon James**

Glennon James Bunten, 36, of Bowling Green died Monday, May 6, 2024 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Pastor Aaron Bern-

abe officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m., until the time of services. Bibb-Veach is handling the

Glenn was born Aug. 19, 1986 in Hannibal to Jack Dean Bunten and Teresa Lynn Bun-

Also surviving are a brother, James of Bowling Green; two sisters, Rhiannon Bunten of Fulton, and Brenna Lindsey of O'Fallon; a niece, Adria; step-father, Kelly Lindsey; and a large extended family. The loves of his life, Great Danes Bo and Josie, are also left to mourn Glenn's death.

Glenn was preceded in death by his father, Jack; and his spouse, Crystal Turner. Glenn's mother passed away soon after him.

He lived in Bowling Green and O'Fallon his entire life and was a graduate of Bowling Celebration of life to be Green High School. He spent his time repairing vehicles, es-

Larry's wishes were to be

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach

Surviving are his children,

County, Zachary Tolbert of

and Ryker Tobias. He was preceded in death

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NOTICE TO BID

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Community News

2024 Clopton Scholarships, Awards The following list recog-

nizes most of the scholarships that have been awarded to Clopton High School seniors.

In some cases, we might not have adequate information or input from the student to recognize a scholarship.

Only the major awards for the seniors are listed.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Columbia College Truman State University CC Recognition Scholarship - Kiarah Morris

Endowed Foundation Scholarship - Gabriel Fitchett Cheer Scholarship - Kiarah

Tru Merit Scholarship -

Gabriel Fitchett CC Recognition Scholarship - Cash Eivins

Tru Opportunity Scholarship - Gabriel Fitchett College of the Ozarks University of Missouri-Columbia

Work Study Scholarship -Victoria Eggemeyer

Curators Scholar Award -

Elizabeth Shell Scholarship - Chase Hall

Maryville University Excellence Award - Nick Myers Big Red Scholarship Nevaeh Ricks

University of Iowa State Technical College of Missouri Missouri Access Award - Brayden Noah

1st in State - Estelle Clark National Scholars Award -Bravden Noah

1st in State - John Cooke A+ Eligible - Jayden Baker, Jeaneya Bazan, Estelle Clark, John Cooke, Nick Denslow, Victoria Eggemeyer, Cash Eivins, Gabe Fitchett, Gabby Gittemeier, Jasmine Hammett, Brooklyn Kaimann, Chaz Lindsay, Nick Myers, Brayden Noah, Braya Smith, and Stacia Talbert.

CTE CERTIFICATION

Jayden Baker: Diesel Technology - Automotive Service Excellence

Jeaneya Bazan: Health Sciences - Certified Nurse Assis-

Estelle Clark: 3D Modeling & Animation - Digital Animation

John Cooke: 3D Modeling & Animation - Digital Anima-

Daisy Luke: Health Sciences - Certified Veterinary Assistant

Dylan Powers: Law Enforcement II - Law Enforce-

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SALA & ALR Chapter 226 Military Fund - Jeaneya Bazan and Gabriella Gitte-

Bowood Scholarship Brooklyn Kaimann

Clarksville Boat Club Academic Scholarship Nicholas Myers

Clarksville Boat Club Technical Scholarship -Brooklyn Kaimann

Clopton Alumni – John Cooke, Chloiee Cummings, Victoria Eggemeyer, Gabriel Fitchett, Chase Hall, mine Hammett, Brooklyn Kaimann, Brayden Noah, Nevaeh Ricks, and Braya

Clopton CTA - Braya Smith and Kiarah Morris

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Elks Lodge #791 Jeaneyea Bazan, Estelle Clark, Jasmine Hamett, Victoria Eggemeyer, Chase Hall

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- Chloiee Cummings St. Alphonsus PTA Scholarship - Victoria Eggemeyer

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Adrianna

Ward.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Dameron, Aviana Early, Lukas

Foster, Ashlynn Grammer, Ashlee

Heeren, Carly Hunn, Ashlyn Mar-

shall, Ryann Noel, Bryce Read-

ing, Corbin Roed, Madison

Shelton, Brandon Singer, Emily

Smith, Bryanna Stanich, Taelyn

7th Grade: Aubrie Ames, Tyler

Carlyle, Angelene Colbert, Kylie

Gibson, Makenna Hall, Kayanna

Picton, Bryson Poindexter, Jordan

8TH GRADE PROMOTED

Austin Beshears, Nathan Conrick,

Tanner Couch, Adrianna Craven,

Kylie Dameron, Cayden Douglas,

Braelyn Dyke, Aviana Early,

McKenna Flowers, Lukas Foster,

Bryleigh Gaw, Brandi Gollaher,

Ashlvnn Grammer, James Havs,

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nandez, Carly Hunn, Gabrial

Jones, Haley Klug, Madison Lan-

dis, September Lynn, Larry Main,

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gail Perkins, Bryce Reading,

Blake Riffle, Corbin Roed, An-

thony Sanchez-Kaler, Maxxwell

Schuckenbrock, Madison Shel-

ton, Brandon Singer, Emily

Smith, Bryanna Stanich, Taelyn

Hamilton.

Weedman.

JH Social Studies - Mr. Travis

7th Grade: "A" Average all

year: Aubrie Ames, Rylee Van-boening, Meridyth Wise, Kylee

Gibson, Makenna Hall, Kayanna

Picton, Slayde Teague, Ginny

8th Grade: "A" Average all

vear: Austin Beshears, Adrianna

Craven, Kylie Dameron, Aviana

Early, Lukas Foster, Ashlee

Heeren, Brandon Singer, Emily

Smith, Bryanna Stanich, Taelyn

Award: 7th Grade: Meridyth Wise

Rylee Vanboening, Slayde Teague

8th Grade: Madison Shelton,

7th Grade: Landyn Ames,

Bryanna Stanich, Cayden Dou-

JH Communication Arts Mrs.

Academic Excellence (90% or

8th Grade: Adrianna Craven,

Outstanding Student in Comm.

Most Creative Writers: 7th

8th Grade:

8th Grade:

Grade: Angelene Colbert&

Bryleigh Gaw and Jaydon Hug-

Arts: 7th Grade: Allison Hernan-

Grade: Haley Klug and Ayden

Citizenship Award: Bryce

Empathy Award: 7th Grade:

Self-Direct Award: 7th Grade:

Teamwork Award: 7th Grade:

Tyler Carlyle 8th Grade: Bryanna

Kylee Gibson 8th Grade: Ryann

dez and Cale Finnigan

Reading and Emily Smith.

Peyton Ingram

Bryleigh Gaw.

Most Improved in Comm.

higher all year) – 7th Grade:

Kylee Gibson, Tyler Carlyle,

Kylie Dameron, Ashlee Heeren,

Madison Shelton, Emily Smith,

Arts: 7th Grade: Meridyth Wise 8th Grade: Taelyn Ward.

Meridyth Wise & Aubrie Ames.

8th Grade: Taelyn Ward.

Austin Beshears.

Kayanna Picton

Emily Smith.

Shaylen Bailey.

Taelyn Ward.

Slayde Teague

Hernandez.

Howard.

Gibson, Peyton Ingram.

Outstanding Social Studies

Kindness Award: 7th Grade:

Outstanding Character Award:

8th Grade:

Lillylyn Bagley, Kamron Baur,

Trainor, Rylee

Meridyth Wise.

Vanboening,

8th Grade: Austin Beshears,

Craven,

torian Award – Chase Hall The Dockery Salutatorian Award – Brayden Noah

The Dockery ABC Award (3rd in class) - Victoria Egge-

The JC Award (4th in class) - Gabriella Gittemeier-DAR Good Citizen Award -Chase Hall

Attendance Perfect Gabriel Fitchett

Academic Letter - Jeaneya Bazan, John Cooke, Estelle Clark, Victoria Eggemeyer, Gabriel Fitchett, Gabriella Gittemeier, Chase Hall, Jasmine Hammett, Dalaney Johnson, Brooklyn Kaimann, Nicholas Myers, Brayden Noah, Braya Smith, and Marlee Turner

American Legion School Awards - Victoria Eggemeyer, Chase Hall

VFW Voice of Democracy Essay - 1st place - John Cooke, 2nd place - Estelle Clark

Forensics Academic Award Victoria Eggemeyer (top), Chloiee Cummings

Forensics Most Improved -Shelby Rhodes

Zoology Academic Award Nicholas Denslow, Brayden Noah (top), and Braya Smith Zoology Most Improved -Michael Maiuro

Calculus Award - Chase Hall

Top Consumer Math Student - Marlee TurnerA.P. English Excellence Award -Austin Enloe, Chloiee Cummings, Nicholas Myers, Stacia Talbert, and Gabriel

Outstanding Achievement in Applied English - Victoria Eggemeyer, Jasmine Hammett, Kiarah Morris, and Marlee Turner

Applied Language Most Improved - Shelby Rhodes Outstanding Achievement College Prep English - Estelle Clark, John Cooke

College Prep English Most Improved - Searra Turner

Outstanding Achievement in Science Fiction - Gabriella Gittemeier

Science Fiction Most Improved - Harrison Eivins Speech/Drama Excellence

Award - John Cooke and Victoria Eggemeyer

Senior Student Council Officers - Chase Hall Senior Art Award - Daisy

Band Director's Choice Award - John Cooke

John Philip Sousa Award -Estelle Clark

Attendance Award (missed less than one day) - John Cooke

MSHSAA Award of Excellence - Chase Hall, Nicholas Myers, and Victoria Egge-

Van-Far Junior High Awards Perfect Attendance 7th Grade: Grade: Meridyth Wise 8th Grade: nandez, September Lynn, Larry

Kylee Gibson 8th Grade: Ashlynn Jaydon Hug-Hernandez. Grammer & Bryce Reading.

Kylie

Respect Award: 7th Grade: Jordan Trainor 8th Grade: Lilly Bagley. Kindness Award: 7th Grade:

Landyn Ames 8th Grade: Abby Perkins.

Courage Award: 7th Grade: Aubrie Ames 8th Grade: Cayden Douglas.

Perseverance Award: 7th Grade: Khaliel McKinnie 8th Grade: Tanner Couch.

Integrity Award: 7th Grade: Angelene Colbert 8th Grade: Taelyn Ward.

JH Math: Mrs. Megan Ulrich. Mathlete Award: 7th Grade: Kylee Gibson, Makenna Hall, Slayde Teague, Bryson Poindexter, Meridyth Wise, Jordan Trainor, Rylee Vanboening & Tyler Carlyle 8th Grade: Kylie Dameron, Corbin Roed, Bryanna Stanich, Adrianna Craven, Tanner Couch, Nathan Rielly, Brandon Singer.

Cooperative Captain Award: 7th Grade: Kylee Gibson, Peyton Ingram, Slayde Teague, Aubrie Ames, Meridyth Wise, Rylee Vanboening.

Cooperative Captain Award: 8th Grade: Kylie Dameron, Aviana Early, Ashlyn Marshall, Bryleigh Gaw, James Hays, Maxxwell Schuckenbrock.

Lifeline Award: 7th Grade: Ginny Weedman, Roger Preston, Angelene Colbert, Audrey Swaim 8th Grade: Kamron Baur, Corbin Roed, Carly Hunn, Ryann Noel and Lukas Foster.

The Survivalist Award: 7th Grade: Krista Howard, Cale Finnigan, Ella Henry and Khaliel McKinnie 8th Grade: Abbagail Perkins, Larry Main, Ashlynn Grammer, Gabby Jones and Jaydon Hug-Hernandez.

Little Miss Sunshine Award: Peyton Ingram.

Magnetic Award: Miss Bryanna Stanich.

Mr. Personality: Coby Mayo. Superstar Awards: 7th Grade: Allison Hernandez and Landyn 8th Grade: Bryanna Ames Stanich and Cayden Douglas.

Most Improved: 7th Grade: Krista Howard and Allison Hernandez 8th Grade: Larry Main and McKenna Flowers.

JH SCIENCE Mr. Steven Craven

Einstein Award: 7th Grade: Meridyth Wise and Tyler Carlyle 8th Grade: Bryce Reading and Kylie Dameron. Citizenship Award: 7th Grade:

Above & Beyond Award: 7th Grade: Kylee Gibson 8th Grade: Roger Preston & Kylee Gibson 8th Grade: Aviana Early and Jay-Change Makers Award: Kylee don Hug-Hernandez.

Outstanding Performance (A all 4 Quarters) Science: 7th Grade: Kylee Gibson, Meridyth Wise, Jordan Trainor, Ginny Weedman and Tyler Carlyle 8th Grade: Adrianna Craven, Lukas Foster, Ashlynn Grammer, Brandon Singer, Bryanna Stanich, Carly Hunn, Kylie Dameron, Aviana Early, Ashlee Heeren, Ryann Noel, Bryce Reading, Emily Smith and Taelyn Ward. JH SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms. Debra Snell Social Butterfly Award: Lilly Bagley.

Growth Mindset Award: Khaliel McKinnie, Kayanna Picton, Audrey Swaim, Lilly Bagley, Braelyn Dyke, Jaydon Hug-Her-

Main and Dillion Miller.

Best Effort Award: Jaydon Hug-Hernandez. Superfriend Award: Larry

Curious Explorer Award: Au-

drey Swaim. Creative Writer Award: Larry

Problem Solver Award: 7th

Grade: Khaliel McKinnie 8th Grade: Dillion Miller. Academic Achievement

Award: Jaydon Hug-Hernandez. Capturing Kids Hearts Award: Braelvn Dvke.

JH 7th & 8th Grade MVP Award - (All JH Teachers) 7th Grade Girl: Jordan Trainor 7th Grade Boy: Roger Preston 8th Grade Girl: Ashlee Heeren 8th Grade Boy: Larry Main

JH BAND -MR. WYATT MOORE

Director's Award: Austin Beshears.

JH PHYSICAL **EDUCATION:**

Mr. Verlyn Johnson Most Improved Athlete: Bryson Poindexter and Bryanna

Stanich. Most Athletic: Cayden Dou-

glas and Aviana Early. JH Algebra - Mrs. Kris Cross. "A" Average all year in Alegbra: Austin Beshears, Ashlee

Heeren, Bryce Reading, Emily Smith, Taelyn Ward. Top Student in Algebra -Austin Beshears.

FCCLA - Mrs. Rebecca Flint. Serving for the 2023-24 School Year - Maddison Shelton, Gabby Jones, Kayanna Picton. D.A.R. Award:

Bryce Reading and Taelyn

Junior High "A" Honor **Roll**

Tyler Carlyle -7th Meridyth Wise - 7th Adrianna Craven - 8th Kylie Dameron - 8th Ashlee Heeren - 8th Brandon Singer - 8th Emily Smith - 8th Taelyn Ward - 8th

Junior High "B" Honor Roll Aubrie Ames - 7th

Angelene Colbert - 7th Kylee Gibson - 7th Makenna Hall - 7th Allison Hernandez - 7th Peyton Ingram - 7th Kayanna Picton - 7th Bryson Poindexter - 7th Roger Preston - 7th Jordan Trainor - 7th Rylee VanBoening - 7th Ginny Weedman - 7th Austin Beshears - 8th Tanner Couch - 8th Braelyn Dyke - 8th Aviana Early - 8th Lukas Foster - 8th Bryleigh Gaw - 8th Ashlynn Grammer - 8th Jaydon Hug-Hernandez - 8th Carly Hunn - 8th Larry Main - 8th Ashlyn Marshall - 8th Dillion Miller - 8th Ryann Noel - 8th Abbagail Perkins- 8th Bryce Reading - 8th Corbin Roed - 8th Maxxwell Schuckenbrock -

Madison Shelton - 8th Bryanna Stanich - 8th

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Carla Potts The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) discussed its weatherization apprenticeship program with people across the nation as part of a recent

NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Carla Potts spoke with 136 stakeholders. The agency showcases the apprenticeship as a model for weatherization

programs across the country. The webinar was sponsored by the National Community Action Foundation and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council.

"The webinar was important in highlighting the ap-

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prenticeship role in making agencies stronger, providing a green-energy pathway for workers and increasing the workforce to help more residents have the benefits of weatherization to lower their energy bills," Potts said.

The apprenticeship program was developed by NECAC in March 2021 in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Missouri Department of Labor, the Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board and Pike-Lincoln Technical

Center. The goal is to provide newly-hired weatherization employees with skills that agency at 573-324-6622. will allow them to work in a

green-energy job fields. 144 hours of classroom learning and 2,000 hours of onthe-job education. Upon completion, participants earn a Department of Labor certi-

ance laborer. NECAC

More information about the apprenticeship program is available by calling the

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GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BECOME A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART

DUKE DUVALL

What would life be like if you and I lived each moment for God, living totally and completely in the center of His will? Well, it would be Heaven, wouldn't it? And isn't that precisely what we pray for saying, "Our Father...Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" (Matt 6:10)? In Heaven we will never again sin or dishonor God...forever! (Revelation 21:27). But now, as pilgrims on our way to our eternal Home, none of us lives wholeheartedly for God (1 John 3:4). The Apostle Paul expresses every true Christian's frustration in our longing desperately to live for God, yet simultaneously failing repeatedly to do so perfectly (Romans 7:14-25). The Bible's Hall of Fame is filled with imperfect men and women who God chose to save and to use for His own earthly purpose and for His eternal glory. Abraham was called the friend of God (James 2:23). Moses was declared the man of God (Deuteronomy 33:1), the only person noted in the Torah with that distinction. Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:24), and John was known as the disciple Jesus loved (John 13:23). The Holy Scriptures teach that Paul had a testimony of being dead to himself through being crucified with Christ, and that because of the Resurrection, Paul was made alive in Christ (Galatians 2:20). The apostle Paul's new birth and spiritual transformation echoed King David's designation, A Man After God's Own Heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22) who preceded Paul by a thousand years. What blessed, all-encompassing descriptions of a life lived for God, as His yielded vessel! Dear Reader, as we examine the qualities associated with this kind of a humble, surrendered and divinely transformed life, let me restate my opening question,

"WHAT WOULD OUR LIVES—YOURS AND MINE—BE LIKE IF WE WERE MEN AND WOMEN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART?"

The Bible declares that David (like each of us during this earthly pilgrimage) is incapable (Romans 5:8) of living a life imitating (Ephesians 5:1) Jesus in perfect obedience (Romans 3:23). So, what does the Bible really mean when it declares that David was a man after God's own heart? To understand the intended meaning of this verse, or any verse in the Holy Scriptures, we must read it in its full context. This requires reading additional verses and passages in relation to the verses, chapters, and broader narratives around the scripture we are examining. Studying the context in which a verse is recorded helps to align our understanding of the Bible passage with God's intended meaning. Applying proper context regarding this honor bestowed upon David, we must conclude that he is not called a man after God's own heart because he possessed a sinless heart like God does. Even a brief study of David's life reveals horrible sins that he committed. This fact alone should encourage each of us to pursue becoming a man or woman after God's own heart, realizing that, with God, it was and is possible for David—and even for us—to experience that intimate "heart relationship" with our Savior! Studying the fuller context of God's declaration about David reveals that his godly heart was being presented as the opposite example of King Saul, the man whose heart was selfishly concerned only for himself, and who was eventually rejected by God. Since human hearts can exist in both of these opposite conditions, one to face God's wrath and the other to receive His blessing, we must hunger to know God's specified terms for fellowship with Him, then fulfill those terms passionately!

JESUS SAID, "IF YOU ARE NOT FOR ME, YOU ARE AGAINST ME." MATTHEW 12:30

To put David's designated honor from God in context begins with 1 Samuel 13:1-18, where we discover that Saul had violated God's known commandment by acting wickedly for selfish purposes. A battle with the Philistines was approaching, and Saul wanted the blessing of God upon his troops. The prophet Samuel was delayed, so when the man designated by God unto priestly duties did not come at the expected time, King Saul decided to take matters into his own hands and unlawfully present a burnt offering to the Lord, rather than to wait for the prophet to carry out the priestly task. When Samuel finally arrived, he asked Saul, "What have you done?" Saul told the prophet Samuel that he had "forced himself" to offer a burnt offering. That was a lie. Saul had rebelliously decided to take matters into his own hands and to offer the animal sacrifice, a ceremony that was to be conducted only by the priests: "Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore and offered a burnt offering" (1 Samuel 13:12). As a result of his open rebellion toward God, the prophet Samuel told Saul that his kingdom over Israel would eventually be removed from him. Saul, in his worldliness, exemplifies every person—then and now—who does not have a sincere heart for God, but who only wants to use God for the blessings he thinks God should give to him. Saul was a self-willed individual who ignored God's wishes, and who thought he could come to God on his own worldly terms. How many people who call themselves Christians want to by-pass God's calling on their lives to be a man or woman truly after His heart, while they are only interested in what they think they can get from God. Saul, on a different occasion, attempted yet another bid to replace God's terms with his own terms. Saul's feeble, man-made attempt at manipulating God with "religion" in 1 Samuel 15:22 was swiftly rebuked,

"TO OBEY [GOD] IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE (THAT IS, AN OUTWARD SHOW OF RELIGION)!"

Sometime later, God sent Samuel to Jesse the Bethlehemite to anoint the next Israelite king who God had chosen from among Jesse's sons. So, Samuel rose up and went to Ramah (1 Samuel 16:13). God had looked at Saul's heart, the king who the people of Israel wanted, and God eventually rejected him. But God looked at David's heart, the king chosen by God (1 Samuel 16:12) and fashioned within him a heart that was spiritually alive (Ezekiel 36:26)! The LORD said to the prophet, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. David wasn't a man after God's own heart because of his qualifications. His high and low experiences were a constant reminder that there is nothing that he—or we—could ever do to earn God's favor. Only God can draw us close to His heart (John 6:44). Dear Reader, may this longing to love and be with God consume us!

Do you want to be a man or woman after God's own heart?

If you do, God promises to reward everyone who diligently seeks Him (Hebrews 11:6). Saul sought God's blessings, but David sought God! David was a man after God's own heart, manifested by David not asking so much to be blessed by God, but to be a blessing to God! Hearts longing to bless God produce continual praise and thanksgiving (Psalm 52:9). Isn't that how you want to live, Dear Friend? David was thankful, no matter what was happening in his life, good or bad. He was always praising God: "I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass Thine altar, O LORD: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works (Psalms 26:6-7). You can hear David saying, "God, no matter what, I'm thankful for everything You do." God named David a man after His own heart, obviously not because he was perfect. He was a man after God's heart because of his deep faith, his love for God's Word, his constant thankfulness, and his genuine sorrow and contrite heart when he sinned against God. For God to call David a man after His own heart should inspire you and me! We are shown from Scripture that being a person after God's own heart isn't about never making mistakes. Rather, it is the blessed assurance that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). It is God's declaration that He made Christ, Who knew no sin, to become sin so that you and I might be declared the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21)! It is living daily in the truth that Jesus made known to us that He chose us (John 15:16) before we were seeking Him (Ephesians 1:4). It is His amazing grace in action seeing that He didn't call us (2 Timothy 1:9) because we were qualified, but He qualified us because He called us and justified us! (Romans 5:8). He gave us a heart transplant when our hearts were dead (Ezekiel 36:26) and replaced it with a living, pulsating heart after God! And all of this, not by our own works of righteousness, but it was rather because of His great mercy (Titus 3:5) that He saved us. God has adopted us into His family, and He who began this good work (Philippians 1: 6) in us will continue to mold us and shape us, transforming His Redeemed into men and women after God's heart! With an ever-increasing faith (2 Thessalonians 1:3), we begin to love God's Word more, hungry to work out with fear and trembling the salvation that God supernaturally worked in us (Philippians 2:12)! We radiate thankfulness to our Savior, appreciative that although we are not yet who we long to be (Philippians 3:12), by God's mercy we're not who we used to be (2 Corinthians 5:17)! By His grace, we confidently testify with David, and Paul, and all of God's Redeemed, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Christ's heart, alive in me, longing after the Father's heart!

May we each pray for these traits that describes the heart of David toward God, from David's own words:

Humble—Psalms 62:9 Reverent—Psalms 18:3 Respectful—Psalms 31:9 Trusting—Psalms 27:1 Loving—Psalms 18:1

Devoted—Psalms 4:7 Observant—Psalms 9:1 Faithful—Psalms 23:6 Obedient—Psalms 119:34-35 Repentant—Psalms 25:11

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shephard./THAT'S RELATIONSHIP! I shall not want./THAT'S SUPPLY!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures./THAT'S REST!

He leadeth me beside the still waters./THAT'S REFRESHMENT! He restoreth my soul./THAT'S HEALING! He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,/THAT'S GUIDANCE! For His Name's sake./THAT'S PURPOSE! Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.../THAT'S TESTING!

I will fear no evil./THAT'S PROTECTION! For Thou art with me./THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me./THAT'S DISCIPLINE!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies./THAT'S HOPE!

Thou anointest my head with oil./THAT'S CONSECRATION! My cup runneth over./THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life./THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.../THAT'S SECURITY! Forever!/THAT'S ETERNITY!

"WHEN HE HAD
REMOVED SAUL, GOD
RAISED UP UNTO THEM
DAVID TO BE THEIR
KING; TO WHOM ALSO
HE GAVE TESTIMONY,
AND SAID, "I HAVE
FOUND DAVID THE SON
OF JESSE,

A MAN AFTER MINE OWN HEART, WHICH SHALL FULFIL ALL MY WILL." ACTS 13:22

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