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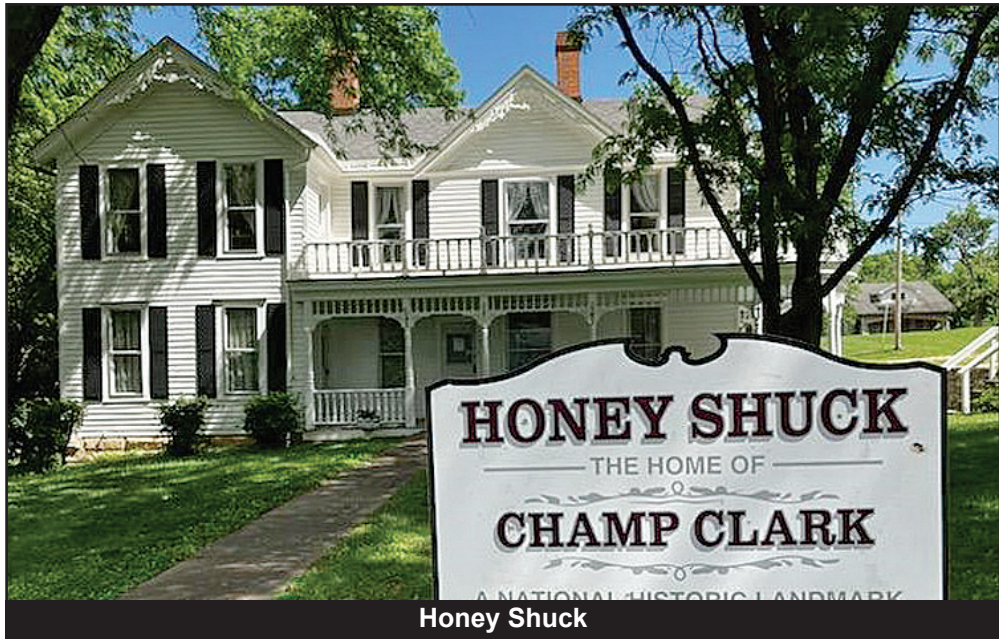


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Honey Shuck

Honey Shuck Is Open For 2024

The Bowling Green home of former Speaker of the House of Representatives Champ Clark opened for the summer season with a program and tours at 10 a.m. June 1.

Additionally, tours will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays in June and July.

Known as Honey Shuck

for seed pods from locust trees in the yard, the house was built in 1888 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Clarks moved there in 1898. Champ died in 1921, but his wife, Genevieve, called it home until the 1930s.

The couple's children, Bennett and Genevieve, sold

Honey Shuck in 1944. Congressman William Hungate later bought it and in 1973 turned operations over to the non-profit Champ Clark Honey Shuck Restoration Inc.

The home features dozens of exhibits and memorabilia. It is located at 207 E. Champ Clark Drive. Tours are free.

Vandalia Historical Society Plans Upcoming Sesquicentennial

The Vandalia Area Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

There were 15 in attendance at this Sesquicentennial planning meeting. Vicki Wright called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as corrected. The financial report was given. The museum opened on Sunday, May 26, from noon-4 p.m., and will be open every Sunday until Oct. 27. The museum will be open on Saturday, Aug. 10 and on Saturday, Sept. 28. Additional souvenirs have been purchased for the Sesquicentennial Souvenir Shop in the museum.

Joy Davis moved that his-

toric photo postcards be made and sold in sets of 3 for \$5. The motion was seconded and passed. Gary Fowler will have the photos made into postcards. Vicki Wright and Cami Blackman will select the photos to be used. An example of items that are for sale at The Vintage Fern, Christina Bartison Williams's new business, was shared with those present.

Bill Maxwell is working on his portrayal of Aaron McPike for Charter Day, Aug. 10 and Prairie Days, Sept. 28. The Vandalia Leader is printing 150 celebration historic articles as well as event flyers. The People's Tribune is also printing articles and flyer information.

The Sesquicentennial Gen-

eral Manager Cami Blackman led the group in updates of the projects and events of the celebration.

Those in attendance were Joy Davis, Mindy Nasir, Ralph and Patti Kuda, Paul Ray, Teresa Wenzel, Vicki Wright, Cami Blackman, Mary Wallace, Ann Kohl, Debby Moore, Darren Berry, Andrew Bartison and Gary and Leslie Fowler.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next Vandalia Area Historical Society will be Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street Vandalia. All interested individuals are welcome to attend this meeting. You can learn more about the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

'I Want Brave Men To Shoot Me'

Confederate Executed After Capture In Pike County

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

He lived by the sword, and there's little doubt he deserved to die by it.

But some would argue that such a thought didn't make what happened to contemptible Missouri Confederate guerilla James H. Jackson any more right than the atrocities he committed during the Civil War.

In June 1865, two months after the surrender was signed at Appomattox, the vicious rebel was seized in Pike County while fleeing to Illinois.

What happened next could be viewed as justifiable punishment or indefensible vengeance.

Jackson had "terrorized Unionists in Missouri's northern and western sectors for much of the war and, as a result, his victims weren't likely to forgive or forget on account of a peace negotiated in the Eastern Theater," wrote Matthew C. Hulbert in "The Civil War Monitor." "With this in mind, it's also not surprising that Jim Jackson never made it out of Missouri alive."

Little is known about Jackson's Texas upbringing, but his depraved indifference to life and shameless penchant for violence were clear early on.

Joining the Southern cause at the outbreak of the war, Jackson was captured during a battle in Ohio and sent to the infamous Camp Douglas prison in Chicago. He escaped and made his way to Missouri, where he joined another group of Confederate raiders.

At some point, he formed an armed mob of his own and led attacks on Union forces and sympathizers, quickly becoming known for his brutality and racism. He showed no regret in killing men, women and children, and especially targeted blacks.

As with others who grew up on the frontier, Jackson's spelling was bad, but his message always got through.

The commander warned one German farmer in Ralls County to "make dam negroes leve there ride away" or he would "hang the last negro on the plase and you will fair wors for we cant stand the dutch and negroes both."

A key to Jackson's "success" was deception. He and his men often dressed as

Union soldiers while they "created panic in their wake," Bruce Nichols wrote in "Guerilla Warfare in Civil War Missouri."

Jackson sometimes would pin notes of warning to the bodies of victims and frequently repeated his promise to "hang every negro" who didn't remain enslaved. Historical editor Fred DeArmond wrote that the bushwhacker "took special delight in persecuting the new freedmen or any white person who sought to hire them."

While black people were a favorite target, anyone who supported the Union was fair game, including kids. Jackson once killed three of 12 scared young people he found hiding in a hollow. A few days later, he shot a man simply for wearing a Union militia hat.

"He thrived on an intimate brand of warfare in which his targets often knew who was coming to kill them or in which Jackson left calling cards after-the-fact," Hulbert wrote.

Jackson would somehow cheat capture - until he made the mistake of coming to Pike County.

Next time: Proper or punitive?

Louisiana Native Honors Friend, Others Who Have Fallen



Louisiana native Phillip Brown delivers a stirring presentation in paying tribute to Army buddy Jerrick Petty during American Legion Post 370's Memorial Day Service Monday, May 27.

BY BRENT ENGEL, CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Phillip Brown and Jerrick Petty were brothers in arms and in spirit.

It's the reason Brown wants his buddy and all who have paid the ultimate price for freedom to be remembered.

Brown, a Louisiana native who now lives in Washington, Mo., gave a touching tribute

and impassioned appeal as guest speaker at American Legion Post 370's Memorial Day Service May 27.

"He was a man of God, he was a good friend, a good husband and a good father," Brown said of Petty. "I think because of the sacrifice they gave for our country, the least we can do is honor and remember them."

Brown graduated from

Louisiana High School in 2001 and joined the Army in 2003. He met Petty in basic training. They hit it off instantly, finding in each other qualities that produce true friendship.

Petty was smart, confident, loving, mischievous, funny and a hard worker. The only boy among five children was the kind of person who looked out for others.

In grade school, he beat up bullies who picked on other kids. When his four sisters brought home dates, each guy got vetted.

The two friends were shipped to the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brown remembers the last time he saw Petty alive. It was one of those moments that was at once stoic and heartfelt.

"He said 'I love you, brother,'" Brown recalled. "I said 'I love you, too. Please, be careful.'"

The previous day, Petty's squad had been ambushed. He covered for other soldiers while they got out safely. It was not to be on Dec. 10, 2003.

Petty was guarding a gas station near Mosul when the enemy attacked. Brown's outfit was called in as reinforcement. It was then that he learned his friend had been shot.

"I put my hand on his head and I prayed and I talked to him as much as I could," Brown recalls.

Petty was 25, and left behind a wife and two children. He is buried in Bancroft, Idaho.

Brown has a wife and eight children. He was accompanied to the Louisiana presentation by his service dog, Ranger. The resolute veteran advances the idea that none of the fallen will be forgotten as long as Americans keep their stories alive.

"As time passes, the sting fades, but their voices and their faces don't," he said. "Their memories and their spirits are forever."

Agape House Honors Holbrooks For 25 Years Of Service



Karen & Sterling Holbrook

At the Tuesday, May 21 meeting Agape House of Vandalia board members celebrated 25 years of service given by Sterling and Karen Holbrook of Farber.

These two were on the original board that began meeting in 1999 and saw not

only to the feasibility of the house but purchase of property, fundraising and then rehabilitation of the building from a church into a guesthouse for visitors to the state correctional facilities in the area.

Once it was habitable, the

board hired house managers and saw to the upkeep of the 12 guestrooms plus manager's apartment. The Holbrooks continue to be an active part of the board.

Following this recognition, board members reviewed minor issues regarding phone service, installation of new ceiling fans plus ease in accessibility in guest bathrooms. Initial bids for new flooring in the manager's apartment were evaluated. Board members will provide coverage for the guesthouse during the manager's absence in early June.

The house manager reported a need for bottled water for guest use.

Board members in attendance were Jane Duffner, Rich Duffner, Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, Terry Rudolph and Mary Thomas.



Virginia Kirtley

Pike County Actress Makes Film Debut

A Pike County woman who would appear in more than 80 movies in 15 years made her film debut in June 1913.

Bowling Green native Virginia Kirtley would work with some of Hollywood's first stars, including Charlie Chaplin and Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle. Her first picture was the comedy "Carbon Copy."

Other films for which she was known included "The

Girl Detective," "The Goddess of Chance," "The Grinning Skull," "Love Knows No Law" and "The Flirt's Mistake." It was on the set of the movie "The Girls and Dad" that Kirtley met future husband Eddie Lyons.

In addition to acting, she wrote scripts and directed productions. Her last starring role came in the 1928 film "The Midnight Adventures. Kirtley died at age 67 in August 1956.



Jerrick Petty

Community News



Van-Far Weight Lifting Class Lends A Hand

The Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church recently donated their piano to Tri-County Baptist Homes for their Memory Care Unit. Pictured are the Van-Far 7th hour weight lifting class who gave their time and muscle to move the piano, from (l-r): Carson Huff, Evan Utterback, Gaven Gaston, Pacey Reading, Reese Culwell, and Coach Steve Gschwender.

Sheppard IV Awarded 2025 Frier-Pribe Scholarship

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana is proud to announce that William "Will" W. Sheppard IV was selected as the recipient of the church's 2024-2025 Frier-Pribe Scholarship.

The Frier-Pribe scholarship award for 2024-25 is \$7,500. Will is the son of Tonya and William W. "Shep" Sheppard III of Louisiana. Will was on the LHS honor roll for four years, an academic all-state football player and a member of the National Honor Society for two years.

Will also was a member of the Louisiana FFA, FBLA, track, basketball and baseball teams. Will is a member and regular attendee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Will began his college in-

struction at Moberly Area Community College and is now enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia, majoring in ag-business. He is actively involved in his family's agribusiness operation in Pike County.

The Frier-Pribe Scholarship is to be awarded to one student each school year to advance his/her education: 1. Who is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Louisiana; 2. Who has shown himself/herself to be an outstanding student of good character; 3. Who has been a student in the Louisiana Public School system.

For further information, contact Clay Logan at the Church, 573-754-5012 or 754-2117.

Laura Gray Graduates With Honors From St. Louis University



Laura Gray

Laura Gray, daughter of Joe and Jo Ann Gray of Clarksville, graduated magna cum laude from Saint Louis University (SLU) with a degree in Civil Engineering on Saturday, May 18. Laura has accepted a position with a transportation engineering firm in St. Louis.

While at Saint Louis Uni-

versity, Laura was a research assistant, student mentor, and university ambassador. She was also a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honors society, Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit honors society, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and SLU's salsa dancing team, Sazon.

Her most notable achievements include winning first place in the Gateway ITE student research competition for her research poster, "Crash Severity in Relation to Vehicle Incompatibility in Central Colorado" and leading her SLU ASCE chapter to a first-place overall win against 16 other universities at the ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium hosted by Missouri S&T in April 2024.

Laura attended Clopton School from pre-K through eighth grade, was on the Louisiana swim team for five years, and was a Pike County 4-H member for eight years.

Betts Found Guilty Of Fentanyl Death

Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison announced on Wednesday, May 29, a Pike County jury convicted Conner Betts of Bowling Green, of the A felony of murder in the second degree and the C felony of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to the press release, the charges stemmed from the March 2022 death of Zach Silvey of Louisiana.

The jury found Betts, guilty of supplying Silvey with a lethal dose of fentanyl. After a two-day trial, the jury deliberated for approximately two hours before returning their guilty verdict on both counts.

In addition, the jury heard evidence and argument as to sentencing, and recommended a sentence of 22 years in prison on murder and four years in prison on delivery of a controlled substance.

The honorable James D. Beck, presiding circuit judge, will formally sentence Betts on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

"This case was particularly meaningful to me and my office, as we wanted to achieve two very important things: first, we wanted to obtain justice for Zach and his family; and second, we wanted to send a message to this county



Conner Betts

that delivering controlled substances, especially fentanyl, will not be tolerated," Ellison explained.

"I am very satisfied with the jury's decision, and hope that it signals to the community that those that supply others with narcotics will be punished swiftly and harshly. It truly is my belief that Zach's death was not in vain. This case is a small step forward in the battle against the spread of fentanyl."

We Welcome Your Local News

Westminster Dean's List

Westminster College is proud to announce those students named to the Spring 2024 dean's list for exemplary academic performance.

The list of 238 students includes 53 freshmen, 48 sophomores, 63 juniors, and 74 seniors.

The dean's list recognizes Westminster students who achieved high academic performance during the past semester. To be included on the dean's list, a student must achieve a 3.60 semester grade point average with at least 12 hours completed that semester.

Area students named to the list include: Haylee Chandler, senior, Bowling Green.

Caragan Lockard, junior, Eolia.

Brian Henke, senior, Silex.

Alyssa Hays, senior, Vandalia.



Pictured is Pam Cole receiving the Gold Award from MHS President Brad Jackson.

Cole Wins Gold Award At Convention

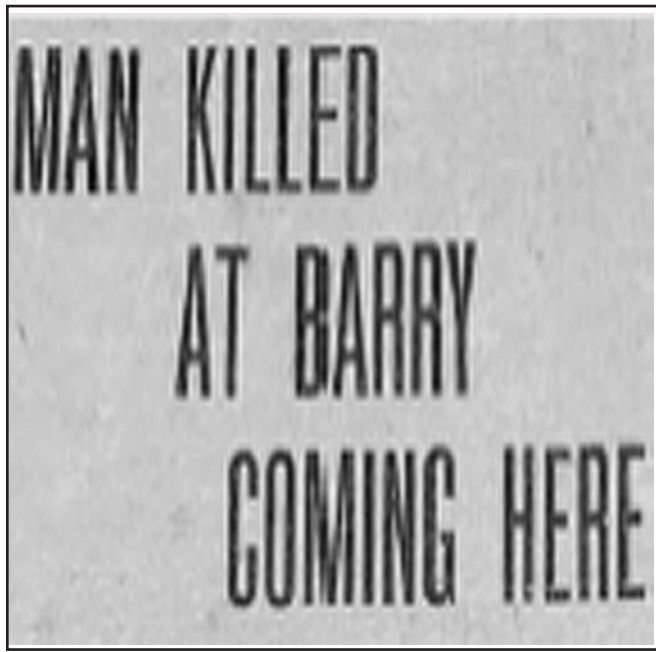
At the 2024, two-day, Missouri/Illinois Hearing Society's Educational Conference held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza in St. Louis, lifetime Bowling Green resident Pamela Cole, board-certified hearing instrument specialist with Cole Hearing Center, LLC received the Gold Award for outstanding educational achievement.

She acquired additional hours of continuing education to receive the Gold Award. The Missouri Hearing Society recognizes those individuals who go beyond the basic con-

tinuing education requirements in order to provide superior service to their clients.

Subjects relating to Ethics, Infection Control in a Hearing practice, Cochlear Implants, Dizziness and Diseases of the Ear, and working with Tinnitus were discussed. Accompanying her to the convention was her friend, Diane Kirkpatrick.

Cole has offices in Bowling Green and Vandalia and has truly enjoyed working and helping people regarding their hearing health for the past 40 years.



A headline in the June 16, 1931, edition of the Louisiana Press-Journal.

June History Nuggets

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
THE TRAVELING DEAD

You gotta love zombie headlines, even if unintentional. On June 16, 1931, the Louisiana Press-Journal offered a warning: "Man Killed at Barry Coming Here."

EXTREME EXTREMITY

The Clarksville Banner-Sentinel reported on June 18, 1925, that local resident William Dean had found a man's leg encased in a leather boot on a sandbar in the Mississippi River. "He does not know how it got there nor to whom the leg belongs," the paper told shocked readers.

BAD KITTY

The Harrisburg Telegraph of June 27, 1916, let anyone thinking of staying at a Pike County hotel know that they might be in for an unpleasant surprise. The Pennsylvania paper didn't mince words when it called the owner a "rip-tail roarer" who could "whip her weight in wildcats." She "was discovered yesterday biting one of her boarder's throats" and "throwing a hammer at a second."

A FUTURE PRESIDENT?

In June 1866, a newspaper reported that an unidentified Pike County woman had named her baby son "Veto." No, not Vito. V-E-T-O, which

would tend to make him perfect for politics.

Women don't forget

Louisiana hosted the Editorial Association of Missouri's annual conference in 1873. But having 100 newspaper guys in town did not impress the Lincoln County Herald as much as who came with them. In its June 4 edition, the paper said many were "accompanied by ladies, who will ever remember with gratitude the magnificent reception tendered them by the citizens of that flourishing little city."

MUST BE MISTAKEN

The Radical of Bowling Green offered an easy out if readers found any bone-headed bloopers in its June 17, 1843, edition: "The absence of our editor this week we hope will be an excuse for all blunders."

SEE YA, HICCUP, HONEY

A late-night raid in 1923 at the home of Charles "Slim" Duff between Louisiana and Clarksville turned up an illegal distillery and a jug of homemade hooch. The Quincy Daily Herald of June 21 reported that Duff's wife was hauled to the slammer, but that the crafty moonshiner "made a getaway under a fusillade of shots from the officers."

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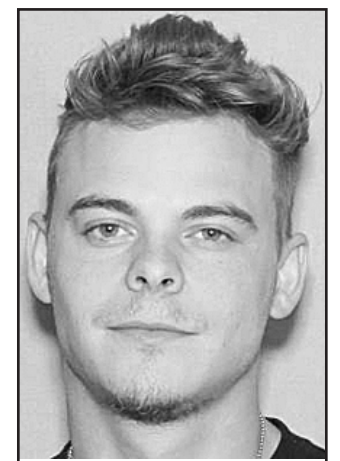
Pike Jury Finds Macfarlane Guilty

The Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison announced that on Tuesday, May 14, a Pike County jury convicted William Macfarlane, of Hannibal, of the class E felony of involuntary manslaughter in the second degree, careless and imprudent driving, and driving without a valid license.

This came after a two-day trial regarding an October 2021 vehicle collision that resulted in the deaths of two young men.

The defendant drove his vehicle through a stop sign from Highway 154, entering Highway 54, headed east and collided head on with a tractor trailer that was headed west on Highway 54.

"It is my hope that this case highlights the importance of driving sober and in a careful manner," Ellison said. "The



William Macfarlane

families of the victims of this tragedy deserved and received justice."

The Honorable James D. Beck, presiding circuit judge, will sentence Macfarlane on July 16.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

This week is National Public Water Works Week in communities all across America.

You don't hear much about Public Water Works, but they are vital to the taste and safety of the water of a community.

The Department of Natural Resources has stringent requirements for certification and knowledgeable workers. We appreciate our workers at Alliance Water Works in Bowling Green! Thanks to all for all you do: LaDon Atkinson, Lawrence Henson, Tom Flamm, Lyle Tullock, Jennifer Young, Scott Chamberlain, Johnny Koester, Oston Pease, Vinny Robinson, Roger Holt

Writing of water, Pike County Rural Water is expanding to the borders of our City Limits of our fine town. This means that we cannot expand any farther on our North through Tarrant's Village nor South beyond Field Meadows unless we vote to work with Pike County Water District.

This means we cannot expand our city limits, control who or what kind of businesses can come in adjacent to our town nor make sure their buildings are up to our city codes and follow our ordinances. Our fire, police, and emergency services would still possibly respond to these connecting entities, but they would not help pay for these services in their tax dollars. Bowling Green would basically be land-locked in expansion.

Is Bowling Green interested in a vision to expand and meet the needs of our community or are we content with what we have now? We must ask ourselves "Where do we want to be next year? In three years; 5 years as a town? What do

our civic leaders, developers, city planners, and families desire for our town? What do you visualize, or have concerns about, or what are your expectations for Bowling Green? So how do you voice your concerns, desires, hopes, and dreams for Bowling Green? First, one might contact your Alderperson.

Let them know what you would like to see accomplished, added, improved. Second, you could write articles to our newspapers voicing your opinions, needs, thoughts, and wishes. Third, you could call KJFM with thoughts, ideas, observations, and post on social media, (in a non-critical way). Vocalize what you would like to see in your town! Every business needs a business plan whether it be marketing, bookkeeping, promotion and expansion, job and worker recruitment, and a three year, five year, projections plan!

Questions to ask ourselves as individuals, as a business, as a city are, "Are we increasing economic opportunity in our city? Are we providing economic opportunity through job search for our graduating students to come back to Bowling Green and raise their families? Are we providing skill training/coaching for our work force for amenities and advancement? Are we helping each Bowling Green citizen to put food on their table? Are we making a difference in the lives of our people and making life a little easier and better to live here?"

This is prime tourist season in Missouri and for Bowling Green. Are we improving and promoting visibility with a welcoming invitation to visitors, tourists, and neighboring towns?



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN



Ribbon Cutting At The Pierre

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Thursday, May 23 at The Pierre restaurant, 221 Mansion Street next to the Champ Clark Bridge. Pictured, from left, are Jeannine Kelly, Chamber Executive Director Brook Patterson, Jackson Jones, Chamber Board Members Jennifer Fisher and Tannis Sanders, The Pierre owners Heather and Brian White, Chamber Board Member Diana Huckstep, Louisiana Mayor Tim Carter and Chamber President Tabitha Rardon. The business offers food, drinks and entertainment. The building formerly was a gas station/convenience store.

Van-Far Honor Rolls Announced

'A' Honor Roll
All A's for Semester 2
 Garrett Hopke, Chloe Zumwalt, Erin Childs, Dalana Gay, Zyah Gri#th, Lexie Jones, Lindsay Jones, Ayla Kampeter, Brandon Kurz, Rebecca Motley, Hope Powell, Malik Douglas, Abigail Shelton, Grace Smith, Brecca Teague, Olivia Wood, Reeve Woodall, Ava Young, Caitlin Allen, Nikos Conaway, Tylee Detienne, McKenna Engh-Ho#man, Nicolas Forman, Kemper Franke, Gage Gibson, Carter Jennings, Jesse Kaufman, Katelyn McCurdy.

'B' Honor Roll
Must Maintain a GPA greater than 3.0 for
 Semester 2
 Roze Bagley, Kaleb Basskett, Lillian Breden, Austin Brooksher, Arius Davis, Georgia Foster, Emma Francis, Faith Gri#th, Trenton Jennings, Kenya Jones, Mylee Keller, Slade Keller, Peyton Kirn, Megan McCurdy, Phillip Polston-Newsome, Brady Puls, Skyline Salmon, Aaden Shaw, Dannilynn Smith, Ronald Stanich, Elliott Utterback, Levi Vamer, Khloe Wallace, Joseph Woods, Chase Wright-McAfee, Toby Ard, Elaina Brodgen, Macie Bybee, Nora Bybee, Kasen Christian, Gibson Condie, Jaden Cook, Reece Culwell, Autumn Donaldson, Ashton Dyke, Ty Evans, Jackson Fisher, Landon Flowers, Makayla Flowers, Emma Freie, Gabe Freie, Gaven Gaston, Addyson Hays, Ayanna Hays, Kayla Heaton, Isabella Hopkins, Kaelyn Hutcheson, Mariah Maggard, Izaiah Mayo, Kylie Miller, Pacey Reading, Breanna Resor, Emma Schambach, Easton Sharp, Trinity Skwartz, Bryleigh Teague, Evan Utterback, Kaylynne Wallace, Kaden Whiteaker, Lucas Wisdom, Taron Aguirre, Domico Hartley, Richard Hayden, Nova Hurd, Jayden Kurz, Brayden Lay, Ashlynn Maiden, Katelyn Pargeon, Kristen Shaw, Katelyn Sutton, Clara Wallace, Carmen Wilburn



Clopton Senior Awards

Pictured below are Auxiliary President Mary Tarpein presenting John Cooke with his award.



The Marvin G. Yates Memorial Scholarship was awarded to 2024 Clopton graduate Nicholas Meyers.



Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 Auxiliary Present the first and second place Voice Of Democracy Awards to John Cooke and Estelle Clark.



The John Norman Sitton Scholarship was awarded to 2024 Clopton graduate Kiarah Morris. Sitton is a 1955 graduate of Clopton High School.

Community Calendar...

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

On June 4: The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at HLGU Burt Administration Building, Room 129 in Hannibal. Robert Hendrickson will give a presentation titled, "Favorite Plants for January through June". For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at (573) 769-2177.

On June 6: Seniors needed to join in the companionship and fun at the Bowling Green High Rise, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Games, crafts, make new friends, snacks, share stories, music, service projects, and genealogy. All are welcome. Come for as long as you want. For more info Glen or Bev Wolfgang, 573-213-9807.



CSB Donation To Honey Shuck

Champ Clark Honey Shuck Restoration Inc. recognized Community State Bank of Missouri on May 29 for a contribution as a corporate sponsor. Pictured outside the historic house are, from left: Community State Bank Bridgette Reuther, Honey Shuck Board Member Joy Davis, Mary Twellman, Honey Shuck Board Members Charlene McCune and Larry Twellman, and Community State Bank Representatives Paul Hill, Earl Niemeyer and Brittany Henke. Honey Shuck, home of the Champ Clark family, will be open for tours from 1-4 p.m. Fridays in June and July at 207 E. Champ Clark Drive in Bowling Green.

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Obituaries



Dillion Caldwell

Dillion Caldwell, 26, of Centralia, died Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Darren Clack officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

A visitation celebrating Dillion's Life was at 9 a.m., until the time of service.

Dillion was born April 2, 1998, in St. Louis, the son to Robyn McCann and Tim Caldwell.

He is survived by his parents, Robyn McCann and husband, David, Tim Caldwell and wife, Staci; grandparents, Kenneth and Sandy Caldwell; fiancé, Taryn Pritchett; a son, Colt Caldwell; one daughter, Riley Caldwell; brothers, Landon McCann, Justin McCann, and Ryan Langley; sisters, Alexis Caldwell, Adyson Caldwell, Alyssa Caldwell, Makayla Flowers, McKenna Flowers, Allysyan Langley, Carsyn Langley, and Mariah McCann; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Marilyn Rhoades, Ray and Velma Caldwell, June Hopkins; great-aunt, Teresa Caldwell; and great-uncle, Ron Hopkins.

Pallbearers were Damon Calhoun, Sonny McCurdy, J C Davis, Collin Baugardt, Justin McCann and Landon McCann.

Dillion graduated from Van Far Schools in 2017 where attended Vo-Tech at Hart Career Center in Mexico and studied diesel mechanics. He loved to hunt deer and coon hunt with his dad, fish and bow fish.

He was known as a jack of all trades when it came to working on engines and tinkering on his truck. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends and family. He adored being with his children, Riley and Colt.

Memorials are suggested to go to the Dillion Caldwell memorial fund at Central Bank, c/o Waters Funeral Home.



Louise Schaffer

Louise Schaffer, 100, of Clarksville died Sunday, May 26, 2024 at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Jason Mirikitani officiated. Graveside services to bury her urn at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville followed the service.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Louise was born Dec. 28, 1923 in Colmar, Ill., to Luke and Lorene Bilderback Logan. They moved to LaGrange while she was an infant, and then to Taylor at age nine. She graduated from Palmyra High School in 1941. She was married to Millen Lee Schaffer on Jan. 17, 1946. They moved to the family farm near Clarksville in 1963. She lived on the family farm until February 2022 when she moved to Lynn's Heritage House.

She is survived by a son, Dale Schaffer and wife, Jane; a daughter-in-law, Charlotte Schaffer; brother-in-law, Dr. Joe Bennett; seven grandchildren, Mark Malloy and wife, Lesley, Trish Quinlan and husband, Billy, Colleen Malloy, Allison Schaffer and John Campbell, Tara Jordan and husband, Tim, Eric Schaffer and wife, Michele, and Ryan Schaffer and wife, Kaylee; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

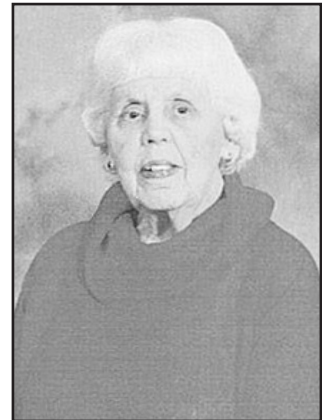
She was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband on June 26, 1997; a daughter, Carol Malloy; two sons, David Schaffer and Lonnie Schaffer; two brothers, Louis Logan and Forrest Logan; a sister, Eileen Bennett; a son-in-law, Robert Malloy; and a great-grandson, Christopher Malloy.

Louise was a member of the Annada Christian Church, where she served on the board for many years. She enjoyed volunteering at Vacation Bible School, caring for the flowerbeds, and cleaning and decorating the church for special events. She also volunteered in assisting the activities director at Smith-Barr Manor in Louisiana and with operation Liftoff in St. Louis.

She was a homemaker first and foremost and loved welcoming family and friends to her home. She loved all aspects of nature, especially the changing seasons. She loved gardening and tending her many flowerbeds. She enjoyed bird watching and feeding the hummingbirds, but caring for her beloved dogs was the light of her days. She enjoyed traveling and said "that with travel comes knowledge". She had many special trips, but especially loved going to Hawaii with Allison, to Ireland with Bob, Carol, and Trish, and to California with her sister, Eileen. She was a talented seamstress and also enjoyed crocheting.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospitals, c/o the funeral home.



Marcella Louise Bunten

Marcella Louise Bunten, 104, of Louisiana, formerly of Bowling Green died peacefully on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Lynn's Heritage House.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Marcella was held Wednesday at 11 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church, Bowling Green with Fr. Henry Ussher, Deacon Wayne Korte, and Deacon Mark Dobelmann officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Cemetery beside her beloved husband, Harry.

A Rosary was held at 4 p.m., Tuesday followed by visitation until 6 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Marcella was born Oct. 11, 1919, to Theodore and Julia Oberdahlhoff Korte in Bowling Green. She was united in marriage to Harry Bunten on May 7, 1946 at St. Clement Church. This union was blessed with five children, Carl Bunten and wife, JoAnn of Brookfield, Mary Jane Grinstead and the late Larry Grinstead of Springfield, Carolyn Cissell and husband, Dennis of Springfield, Roger Bunten and wife, Jo of Morton, Ill., and Michael Bunten and wife, Linda of Kansas City.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Theresa Fitzpatrick and husband, Jim, Marcia Machens and husband, Dave, Jon Bunten and wife, Ali, Mike Grinstead and wife, Stefanie, Laura Reynolds and husband, Mark, Greg Cissell and Carolyn Bailey, Sara Cissell and Ross Wasserman, Kate Pola and husband, Dan, Matthew Bunten, Lauren Bunten, and Josh Bunten; and 13 great-grandchildren, with number 14 on the way.

Marcella lived her entire life in Pike County. She developed a love for education at an early age. She attended the Crow School through the eighth grade. Then, she did it again to assist Mrs. Williams with the younger students. She taught her children the importance of education, faith, family, and love of neighbor.

Harry and Marcella continued to farm until Harry was in his early 90's. Harry preceded Marcella in death on May 8, 2005.

She was known and respected by family, neighbors, and friends as a caring and loving daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Marcella was also known as an excellent seamstress, who made clothes for her entire family at one time or

another. She was active in the St. Clement Ladies Sodality and was revered for her work on the K of C picnic tea committee.

Marcella loved to sing with the St. Clement Church Choir, serving as a soloist for many weddings.

Marcella was an excellent cook, using farm-to-table ingredients from the family farm. Best known for her pies and for filling the freezer with all varieties of cookies for visiting children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she dearly loved to bake for her friends and family.

She taught herself to crochet, and lovingly made many blankets for her family over the years, finishing the last one just a short while ago.

Through these years Marcella continued with her love of learning and, with some help, taught herself how to use a computer. She sent a daily email via the "Bunten News Network" (BNN), which outlined her daily activities that reached her family far and wide until the day preceding her death.

Even though all her children moved away, they would travel to visit as often as possible. All of her children and grandchildren speak fondly of the many memories they have had coming back home to visit the farm.

After Harry's death, Marcella lived on the farm alone and managed the day-to-day activities until she was 98. Marcella drove herself to the grocery store every week and to church every Sunday. She cherished the love and support of her family and friends in the St. Clement Parish, and surrounding community.

Marcella ultimately decided to move to Lynn's Heritage House for extra help with her daily detail. By this time, many of her long-time friends had died.

She often mused that she could easily keep herself busy. She loved word puzzles, reading, welcoming visitors, and getting emails from her family.

The entire family is at peace knowing that Marcella can once again enjoy conversation with the man with whom she shared faith, love, family, and common interests for all those years, and continued in love to the end.

Pallbearers were Greg Cissell, Jon Bunten, Matthew Bunten, Dave Machens, Dan Pola, and Ralph Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Grinstead, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mark Reynolds, Ross Wasserman, and Josh Bunten.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Clement Catholic Church, 21509 MO 161, Bowling Green, MO 63334, or St. Clement Cemetery Association, 22334 MO 161, Bowling Green, MO 63334, attn: Larry Twellman.



Edward Eugene 'Gene' Lewis

Edward Eugene "Gene" Lewis, 78, of Curryville died Saturday, May 25, 2024 at University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green, according to his wishes.

Visitation was Friday from 12 p.m., until time of services at the church. A family led memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Friday at Curryville Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Shonda Galloway officiating, along with Military Honors being conducted by VFW Post #5553 and Missouri Funeral Honors Guard. A family burial will take place at a later date.

Gene was born Aug. 5, 1945 in Pike County. He married Donna Rae Grote May 29, 1966 in Bowling Green.

Survivors include three daughters, Susan Swarnes and husband, Mike of Bowling Green, Sheri Leigh Grote and husband, Chris of Frankford, and Shana Oberman and husband, Keith of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Garrett Luke Swarnes, Caleigh Elisabeth Grote, Caitlyn Michele Grote, and Tara Lynn Oberman; one brother, Danny Lewis and

wife, Karen of Curryville; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and daughter, Shonda Rae Lewis.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.



Robert Bealmear

Services for Robert Bealmear, 86, of Laddonia were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Laddonia, with Pastor Chris Atkinson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation was held Saturday from 9 a.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Bealmear died Monday, May 27, 2024, at Boone Hospital in Columbia.

Robert was born March 29, 1938 in Mexico, the son of Wallace and Lucy Williams Bealmear. He married Delores Woodson on Jan. 30, 1960, in Vandalia. She survives.

Other survivors include one son-in-law, Lee Shaw of Columbia; seven grandchildren, Amanda, Jonathan, Jordan, and Joshua Shaw and Rachael Pape, Stephanie West, and Stacy Bealmear; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and his siblings, Wallace Bealmear and James Bealmear, both of Mexico, Leroy Bealmear of Columbia, Sarah Woodson of Vandalia, Ida Finley of Mexico, and Ronnie Bealmear of Columbia.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Bealmear; one daughter, Crystal Shaw; two brothers, Albert and Dale Bealmear; one sister, Betty Seiger; and one infant sister.

Mr. Bealmear was a lifetime area resident and a Christian by faith. Robert could be found spending most of his time outside, fishing, hunting, camping, boating, and barbecuing. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lee Shaw, Jonathan Shaw, Jordan Shaw, Joshua Shaw, Jimmy Bealmear, David Bealmear, and Doug Williams.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laddonia Baptist Church, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Laddonia, MO 63352.

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George Ely Lane

Services for George Ely Lane, 89, of Center were held at 3 p.m., Saturday at Olivet Christian Church, with Pastor Steve Goughnour officiating. Burial followed in the Union Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation was Saturday from 1 p.m., until the time of the service at the church. Masonic services began at 12:45 p.m., at the church.

Mr. Lane died Monday, May 27, 2024 at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

George was born Jan. 6, 1935 in Hannibal, the son of George Henry and Susie Emily Simpson Lane. He married Mary Francis Palmer on Nov. 1, 1958, in Center. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Kim Naber and husband, Dwight of Osborne, Kan., and Angie Miller and husband, John Paul of Columbia; three grandchildren, Kylie Reiss and husband, Garrett of St. George, Kan., and Megan Jones and husband, Austin of Ashland, and Mason Miller of Columbia; and two great-grandchildren, Kallie Reiss and Asher Jones.

George was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, H.D. Lane and W.E. Lane; and one sister, Dorothy Halsey.

Mr. Lane was a lifetime area resident and a member of the Union Chapel Christian Church. George E. was very active in his community as a member of the Ralls Masonic lodge #33, former Center Lions Club, Ralls County Young Farmers, Spencer Creek coon hunters, and FSA committee member. He served Ralls County as presiding commissioner for three terms. He was a lifelong farmer that greatly enjoyed the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter pursuing deer, turkey, and raccoon just to name a few.

Pallbearers were Mason Miller, Austin Jones, Garrett Reiss, Ronnie Horn, Tom Horn, John Paul Miller, and Dwight Naber. Honorary pallbearers were Dickie Wasson, Larry Kamp, Darrell Smith, Raymond Kirtlink, Bill Wright, Dan Carey, Jay Asbury, John Palmer, David Palmer, Don Palmer, Eddie Palmer, Bud Burchett, Dennis McMillen, Steve Whitaker, Jared Ross, Brad Smith, John Robinson, R.C. Harlow, Wiley Hibbard, Ron Peterson, Kenny Ross, and Darryl Gaw.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Chapel Cemetery, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Center, MO 63436.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneral-home.com.



Mary Ann Kallash

Mary Ann Kallash, 92, of Troy died Saturday, May 25, 2024, peacefully at her home with a "Visitation of God".

A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Hawk Point. Fr. John Keenoy to officiate. Interment followed in Mashek Cemetery in Mashek.

She was born in Troy Dec. 31, 1931 to Joe and Anna Mae Martinek Shelharvey. Mary Ann had a sister, Blanche Hirdina and brother, Fred Charles. On Oct. 20, 1951, she married Joseph Robert "Bob" Kallash. They were married 68 years and had five children, John, Susan, Dennis, Kenneth, and Joan.

Mary Ann was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a devoted housewife and mother who loved baking and chasing after five children, making sure they made it to school, 4-H meetings, baseball, piano lessons, 4-H camp and the many other things her five children were involved in.

She also would have supper on the table by 6:30 p.m., for eight people every night, including her brother, Freddy. Mary Ann's brother, Freddy, lived with the Kallash's until his passing in 2006. After her children were grown and moved out, she took care of her grandchildren. Every summer she would keep her grandkids for weeks at a time,

taking them to Bible School and swimming lessons.

Mary Ann enjoyed traveling and she went to the Czech Republic (Old "Bohemia") to research her ancestry with Kenneth and Susan. She was involved in several community organizations including, Lincoln County Republican Club, 4-H Club leader, Lincoln County Beef Producers and Central Committee. Mary Ann's passion was her family and grandchildren.

Surviving are her five children, John Kallash and wife, Malarie, Susan Bailey and husband, Ken, Dennis Kallash and wife, Toni, Kenneth Kallash and wife, JoAnn and Joan Story and husband, Kevin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister, and brother.

Serving as pallbearers were grandchildren, Kenny Kallash, Kane Kallash, Jason Bals, Kevin Bailey, Craig Bals, and Connor Kallash. Honorary pallbearers were Kristen Sharp, Tara Kotula, Anika Kallash, and Cassidy Kallash.

Memorials may be made to Mashek Cemetery or St. Mary's Cemetery, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest registry at: www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

Robin Bryan Brown

Robin Bryan Brown, 95, of Louisiana died March 15, 2024.

Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m., Saturday, June 22 at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 691 S. Carolina St., Louisiana, MO 63353.

Memorial service to follow at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 22. Officiating will be Pastor Beomseon Hong. Inurnment will be in Troy City Cemetery.

McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born Jan. 10, 1929, to Bryan Smith Brown and Mary Alice Knock Brown near Eolia. Robin attended the Eolia Schools and graduated in 1947.

He served in the Korean War from 1951-53. On Aug. 18, 1957, Robin married Mary Blanche Watts of Troy. They were married in the Troy Presbyterian Church. They moved to Louisiana where Robin was employed at the Hercules plant. He worked in several areas of the plant and was a laboratory technician when he retired in 1991. Robin was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church where he served on various committees.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Blanche; a son, Daryl Alan Brown and wife, Cathy; granddaughter, Kelsey Anne Elliott and husband, Mark; grandson, Ryan Patrick Brown and wife, Sarah; great-grandchildren, Maddie Grace Elliott, Joshua Alan Brown, and Laynee Mae Elliott.

Robin was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Floyd and Lloyd Brown, and nephew, Vernon Brown.

Memorials may be made to: Centenary United Methodist Church, Louisiana.

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Kay Rene Reeve

Kay Rene Reeve, 69, of Louisiana died unexpectedly at her residence on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., in Louisiana. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery.

Visitation was at 10 a.m., until time of service at the funeral home.

Kay was born Jan. 7, 1955 in Amarillo, Texas, the daughter of Leroy Martin and Dorothy Foster Capps Savage. One of four siblings, she grew up in Amarillo, Texas and attended Tascosa Schools where she graduated with the high school class of 1973. Following graduation, Kay spent two years attending Amarillo College and then transferred to West Texas State University where she completed her bachelors degree in elementary education.

Following her graduation from college she entered the teaching workforce in Borger, Texas where she taught for five years in the school system. It was during this time that she met Tim Reeve in church and one year later they married on July 2, 1982.

The couple would remain the next three years in Texas, until they moved to Wynnewood, Okla., where Kay served as a substitute teacher for two years and gave birth to their first daughter before moving to Oklahoma City and teaching alongside her husband at the Living Word Academy.

The family would relocate to Indianapolis, Ind., due to a new job for Tim for the next seven years where a second daughter was born.

The family would once again move, this time to LaPlace, La., where they would spend the next 18 years before moving to Louisiana in 2011. While in Missouri, Kay would substitute teach part time while also working other jobs.

Kay had a strong Christian faith and was a faithful devout member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed bowling at Twin City Bowl in Louisiana and attending her Tuesday Bible Studies with other ladies. She was known to volunteer at the theater and enjoyed singing. Her favorite music was Christian music as well as musicals. She loved to travel to Colorado or anywhere her family was currently living.

Kay will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Memorials may be made to the donors' choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.collierfuneral.com.



Karen Kay Kuntz

Karen Kay Kuntz, affectionately known by her loved ones as KK, died peacefully with her family by her side on Monday, May 20, 2024, at Elsberry Healthcare Center.

Graveside services were held at Oak Grove Cemetery on Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory handled the arrangements.

She was born May 4, 1963, at the Lincoln County Hospital in Troy. She gave her parents, Alfred and Dorothy Kuntz, a challenging first year; as she was born a "preemie", three months early. She had the honor to initiate the first isolate at the hospital, the newly acquired equipment had to be unboxed and

plugged in for her arrival. Karen attended Silex R-I Schools for her entire elementary and secondary education career and was class Valedictorian. She went on to Northeast Missouri State University (now known as Truman State University) and earned her bachelor of science in accounting. Karen was fortunate to earn her living doing taxes for three corporations - ConTel Telephone Company for six years, AT&T for six years, Monsanto Company for 12 years, and then back to AT&T for six years to finish her career.

She was a CPA and learned her love for doing taxes from her mom. She was a longtime member of Troy Chapter #405 Order of Eastern Star, serving many years as secretary for Silex Chapter #80 before it merged. She was also the secretary for Oak Grove Cemetery for the past several years.

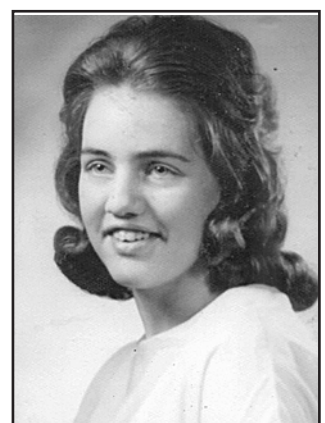
Karen is survived by her brothers, Eddie Kuntz and wife, Marian of Eolia and JB Kuntz and wife, Brenda of Eolia. She is also survived by two nephews and a niece, Aaron Kuntz and wife, Christy of Eolia, Jamie Gollaher and husband, Grant of Frankford, and Rob Kuntz and wife, Jacqueline of Kirksville; and two great-nephews and three great-nieces, Scott Kuntz, Tyler Kuntz, Kaitlyn Kuntz, Raleigh Kuntz, all of Eolia, and Carly Gollaher of Frankford.

Karen enjoyed traveling to locations across the United States including San Francisco, Wisconsin, Yellowstone, and the International Rose Garden in Portland, Ore. Another favorite was spending a week "cruising" the Hawaiian Islands. In addition, through her work she spent many a week in Atlanta, Ga., and San Antonio, Texas and was fortunate to even get to travel to Italy. However, by far, her favorite place to be was at home on the farm.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bufford and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kuntz.

Pallbearers were family members Aaron, Rob, Scott, Tyler, Eddie, and JB Kuntz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oak Grove Cemetery, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home.



Patricia Mae McMahan

Patricia Mae McMahan, 73, of Hannibal went to her heavenly home on Friday, May 17, 2024 with her family by her side.

She was born Aug. 3, 1950, the daughter of Leslie K. and Gertie C. Wheeler Kenzler.

In 1967 the family moved to South Carolina where she raised her children with her husband of 30 years.

She is survived by a son, Daniel Saylor and wife, Tara of Anderson, S.C.; daughters, Leslie Vesey of Nixa, and Teresa Merriweather and husband, Eric of Townville; grand daughter, Tiffany Compies of Nixa; grandson, Jonathon Vesey of Mexico; great-grandchildren, Madison, Johannes Hans and Anneke Compier; sisters, Ruth Ann Carlson and husband, David of Alamo, Texas and Carolyn Stewart and husband, Floyd of New London and one brother, Fred Kenzler of Anderson, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Carolyn McMahan; her parents; one brother, Kenneth Kenzler; and two sisters, Catherine Cuyrtes and Donna Evans.

In 1967, the family moved to South Carolina where she raised her children. She worked at Hardee's and Walmart. She was a person that loved her children and the Cowboy Church.

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Robert 'Bob' Lynn Ingram

Robert "Bob" Lynn Ingram, 67, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green with Bro. Mark West and Bro. Don Amelung officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Monday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Bob was born June 19, 1956 in Hannibal to Donald Zane and Bonnie Sue Lewis Ingram. He was united in marriage on Oct. 30, 2021 to Letha Lynn Ebers at the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green. Bob was the love of Letha's life. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Derek Ingram and wife, Katie and Ryne Ingram and wife, Lauren, both of Bowling Green; a daughter, Whitney Smith and husband, Chris of Olathe, Kan.; a step-son, Chad Perkins of Bowling Green; one step-daughter, Jessica King and husband, Brian of Olathe, Kan.; grandchildren, Aurora, Zane, Autumn, Charlotte, Julia, Ella, Avery, and one girl on the way; two step-granddaughters, Claire and Carly King; two brothers, Roger Ingram and wife, Sharon and Donnie Ingram and wife, Gail, both of Bowling Green; one sister, Debbie Ingram of Bowling Green; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and an infant son.

Bob grew up and lived in Bowling Green his entire life. He was a 1974 graduate of Bowling Green High School, where he was a member of the football team. While in high school, Bob worked at Jones Bros., in Bowling Green.

After high school, Bob attended Northeastern Missouri State University-Kirksville for a little over a year. He then returned to Bowling Green and went to work at Ingram Plumbing, where he worked for 48 years. During that time, Bob was instrumental in growing the business into a large regional operation.

Bob served as the president of the board at Hannibal La-Grange University. He was also a member of a coin club, Corvette club, and a sporting cards club. Bob enjoyed being a part of his family's lives, especially his children and later his grandchildren.

He attended many St. Louis Cardinal games and collected lots of memorabilia. He loved going to the opy to listen to Letha sing. Other interests include driving his 2008 Corvette, and deer hunting with his kids and grandkids. He loved his mornings at McMe's, sitting with the guys at the "Think Tank" table.

Bob was a devout member of Second Baptist Church and served as a Deacon for many years. Bob was a great guy who thoroughly enjoyed life, and he will be greatly missed by all.

Pallbearers will be Zane Ingram, Ethan Martin, Bill Allen, Brady Martin, Dustin Bird, Dylan Bird, and Matthew Hembree. Honorary pallbearers will be the Second Baptist Church Deacons, the employees of Ingram Plumbing, and Chris Smith.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church.



Clopton Alumni Scholarships

The Clopton Senior Awards assembly was held Friday, May 19. The Clopton Alumni Association proudly presented \$2500 scholarships to 10 2024 graduates. These scholarships are made possible through the donations of past Clopton graduates and the community in honor of or in memory of loved ones, friends, or classmates. Certificates of Scholarship were awarded to front row, (l-r): Chloeie Cummings, Brooklyn Kaimann, Victoria Eggemeyer, Jasmine Hammett, Nevaeh Ricks, Braya Smith, and Brayden Noah. Second row: Chase Hall, Gabriel Fitchett, and John Cooke. These graduates will receive this scholarship during their second semester of higher education. In addition, they will each be eligible to receive the John Davidson Scholarship of \$2,500 during their fourth semester. John Davidson is a 1964 Clopton graduate. The John Norman Sitton Scholarship was awarded to 2024 Clopton graduate Kiarah Morris. Sitton is a 1955 graduate of Clopton High School. The Marvin G. Yates Memorial Scholarship was awarded to 2024 Clopton graduate Nicholas Meyers.



Tommy Reynolds Tom Cunningham

Services for Tommy Reynolds "Tom" Cunningham, 82, of Vandalia were at 11 a.m., Monday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with Pastor Kenny Haddock officiating. Burial follow in the Vandalia Cemetery.

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

Mr. Cunningham died Thursday, May 30, 2024 at Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia.

He was born in Bowling Green Oct. 19, 1941, the son of Mack Reynolds and Buelah Mae Brewer Cunningham. Tom married Tanya Straube on Oct. 18, 1963 in Vandalia. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Bob Cunningham and wife, Linda of Mexico; one daughter, Terri Eastwood and husband, Jim of Laddonia, six grandchildren, Jacob Eastwood, Alexis Marks and husband, Austin, Josh Cunningham, Renae Owen, Ashlee Owen, and Emma Cunningham; three great-grandchildren, Jackson Marks, Ahri Marks, and Syler Marks; along with several other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom was a lifetime area resident and Christian by faith. He was a 1959 graduate of Van-Far High School. He managed the Sinclair station for many years in Vandalia before working for both National and Harbison-Walker Refractories where he would retire from in 2008.

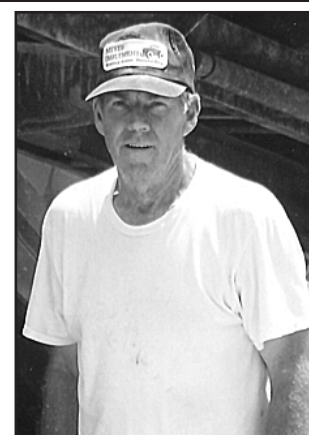
He enjoyed coaching khoury league for many years and following men's slow pitch softball.

Tom had a passion for fishing and also enjoyed hunting, camping and gardening. He loved dogs especially his two Boston Terriers, Toby and Oliver. Tom was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan but most of all he enjoyed following his grandchildren's sporting events and getting to spend time with his family. He will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers were Jacob Eastwood, Josh Cunningham, Austin Marks, Brandon Straube, Christopher Straube, and David Deters. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Bahr, Joe Ridgeway, Harold Williams, Tex Williams, Dennis Ward, Eddie Potter, David Willis, Bob Suddarth, Guy Willis, Alan Galloway, and Mike Potter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vandalia Youth Ball Association, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382

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



Kurt Ervin Bruns

Kurt Ervin Bruns, 82, of Silex died Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Elsberry Health Care Facility.

Funeral services for Kurt will be Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Silex with Pastor Jeffrey Dock officiating. Burial will be in the New Liberty Cemetery.

Visitation was Monday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral homes and Crematory in Silex.

Kurt was born Sept. 6, 1941 in St. Charles to Ervin William and Irma R. Meers Bruns. He was united in marriage to Margaret "Elaine" Hart on June 8, 1963 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles. Elaine survives.

Also surviving are children, Tom Bruns and wife, Michelle of Corso, Tim Bruns and wife, Sharon of Middletown, and Sally Phillips and husband, Todd of Union; grandchildren, Michael, Tessa, Nick, Brooke, Luke, Grant, and Cole; great-grandchildren, Riley, Jaxson, and Everly; sisters, Margaret Plackemeier and husband, Ronnie of Silex, Mary Wehmeyer and husband, Bill of Flint Hill, and Carol Brocker and husband, Mike of Portage Des Sioux; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Kurt grew up in St. Peters on the family farm. He attended school at Immanuel Lutheran and St. Charles High School, graduating in 1959. Following graduation, Kurt worked as a dry wall hanger.

He later was employed with McDonnell Douglas for ten years as he also helped his father run the family farm. In 1971, Kurt and his family moved in Silex and continued farming. Kurt was a member of the Olney Fire Department, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln County Pork Producers, Farm Bureau, Silex School Board, State and National Corn Growers, Silex FFA, and Northwest Fire Protection District. Kurt's family was also the recipient of Farm Family of the Year.

Pallbearers were Michael Bruns, Nick Bruns, Luke Bruns, Grant Miller, Cole Denbow, Matt Mueller, Joey Thompson, and Steve Plackemeier.

Memorials may be made to Silex FFA or Northwest Fire Protection District.

State Tech Announces Dean's List

A big State Tech congrats to the students listed below for making the dean's list for the spring of 2024.

To be placed on the dean's list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

- Bellflower - Clayton Eveland
- Bowling Green - Saige Hortness and Devin Rue Farber - Ryan Null
- Martinsburg - Garrett Schmidt
- Middletown - Matthew Chesser and Levi Summers
- Silex - Hayden Miller
- Vandalia - Quinter Jacyna and Jacob Woodward

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VANDALIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MAY 2024

The Vandalia Cemetery Board and Association would like to express our appreciation for the generous donations received during the month of May and the 2024 Memorial Day weekend.

These donations help with general maintenance and mowing of the grounds. When you come to the cemetery, take pride in knowing your generosity is contributing to the atmosphere of tranquility and peace that everyone should experience when visiting the grave of a loved one.

We would like to thank the many individuals and organizations that had a part in the Memorial Day program. The talents of so many along with beautiful weather made for a very special service.

**With Appreciation,
The Vandalia Cemetery Association**