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## Little Mr. & Miss Pike County Fair

The 2024 Little Mr. & Miss contest at the Pike County Fair was held Tuesday, July 23. Pictured are the winners, Chael Hallows and Madelynn Luebrecht.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

## Fatal Shooting Claims To Lives In Eolia

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

A man and his girlfriend were found dead after a shooting in Eolia.

According to Pike County Sheriff Steven Korte, on Saturday, July 27 at approximately 12:23 a.m., Pike County 911 received a call, stating that someone had been shot at a residence on Collage Circle Drive, Eolia. Deputies and the Missouri Highway Patrol responded.

Upon arrival, officers found Timothy Todd, 26, and Kaitlyn Potter-Navratil, 26, both of Silex had been fatally wounded.

Mathew G. Todd, 53, who lived at the residence and the father of Timothy Todd, was taken into custody by Deputies without incident.



Matthew G. Todd

"According to witnesses, Timothy and Kaitlyn had been at the residence and there had been some arguing going on," the release stated.

"Mathew told Timothy and Kaitlyn to leave and when they didn't, Mathew Todd retrieved a rifle from a different room, shot three times into the ceiling then shot Timothy, then Kaitlyn."

Pike County Prosecutor Alex Ellison has charged Mathew G. Todd with two counts of first-degree murder, one count domestic assault in the first degree, one count of unlawful use of a weapon and three counts of armed criminal action.

Bond was set \$500,000 by Judge Milan Berry Todd is currently in custody at the Pike County Jail.

All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent by the court until found guilty in a court of law.

## Lehenbauer Chosen Checkoff Chairman



Mark Lehenbauer

Northeast Missouri soybean farmer Mark Lehenbauer was elected as Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council's (MSMC) chairman following a vote today by the checkoff's board of directors.

Lehenbauer is the husband of the former Amy Meyer Lehenbauer and son-in-law of Robbie and LuAnn Meyer of Bowling Green. Mark and Amy are the parents of four children, Kyl, Tyne, Emery, and Croy.

As chairman, Lehenbauer will lead 13 farmer-leaders elected to serve and oversee Missouri's checkoff investments.

"As the new chair of the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, my goal is to ensure Missouri soybean farmers have the best opportunities to profit through strategic checkoff investments," said Lehenbauer. "We are committed to maxi-

mizing farmers' bottom lines by leveraging innovative, research-based solutions, engaging comprehensively with consumers and stakeholders, and developing novel market strategies."

Lehenbauer represents District 3 on the MSMC board. He is a fourth-generation farmer on his family operation. He farms alongside his wife, Amy, as well as his father and brother. The family manages a soybean, corn, wheat and cow/calf operation.

This is Lehenbauer's first term as the Council's chairman. He was elected to the role at the board's annual summer meeting. Lehenbauer succeeds Aaron Porter, two-year chairman from Dexter, Missouri, representing District 7.

"I am certain Mark will serve the checkoff well as our new chairman," said Gary Wheeler, Missouri Soybeans CEO and executive director. "Mark is an incredibly passionate leader, bringing new ideas and energy to the board. Missouri Soybeans can rest assured Mark will make sound financial and leadership decisions during his tenure."

Lehenbauer previously served as the Council's vice-chairman and has been on the board for eight years.

Adding to the executive board for MSMC includes Kevin Mainord as vice-chairman and Justin Rone as secretary/treasurer.

MSMC also welcomes new board member, Chris Mallett. Mallett is a dedicated

farmer from Memphis, Missouri, with a passion for agriculture and community involvement. He holds an Associate of Agriculture Business degree from State Fair Community College, combining academic knowledge with hands-on farming experience.

"I'm pleased to serve my fellow farmers on the check-off board," said Mallett. "My goal is to get tools into the hands of my counterparts and strategically vote to invest in projects that increase the marketability of our producers."

Mallett is serving as the District 3 director upon Tim Gottman's retirement. Missouri Soybeans extends its appreciation to Tim Gottman for his years of service and expertise in the soybean industry.

"The dedication and insights Tim provided to the board cannot be understated," said Wheeler. "His passion and teamwork will be sorely missed, and the soybean farmers of Missouri should be proud of his hard work over the last several years."

Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council

The Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council is a statewide, farmer-led organization focused on improving opportunities for Missouri soybean farmers through a combination of research, outreach, education and market development efforts through the soybean checkoff. To learn more, explore [mosoy.org](http://mosoy.org).

## Pike County's Phoenix

### Clarksville Rises From Ashes Of Major Fire

BY BRENT ENGEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As it has in the wake of Mississippi River floods, Clarksville bounced back from a calamitous 1901 fire.

There miraculously were no deaths or injuries, but 14 businesses and five homes covering the block bordered by First, Second, Howard and Washington streets were destroyed.

Some nearby structures survived, but were damaged so badly they had to be torn down. Others were saved by the united effort of residents.

A blaze the Clarksville Banner called the "most disastrous in the history of this city" was noticed around 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1.

The Banner said it started in a storage room at the Kelly and Garrett barber shop along Front Street, but other newspapers claimed it erupted in the basement of the nearby Cash and Marvin grocery store.

"The fire engine and bucket brigade were on the spot in a few minutes, but the flames had gained such headway that efforts to subdue the fire at this point (were) useless, and attention was turned to saving adjoining buildings," the Banner reported.

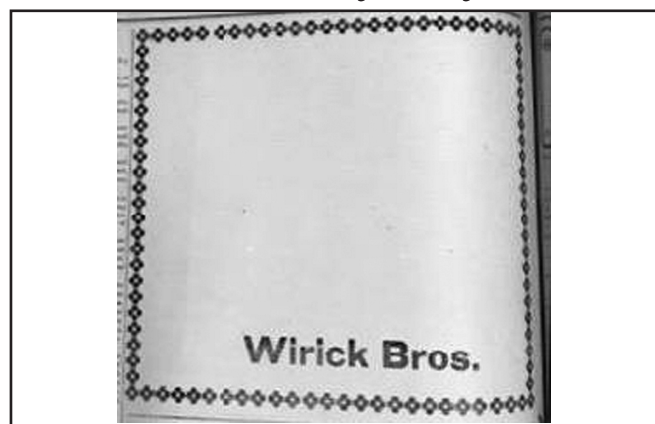
Weary residents stood side-by-side hoisting buckets by hand as the engine pumped water from the river.

"All living or having business in the doomed block turned their attention to their goods and the streets were soon blocked with household furniture, dry goods, groceries, etc.," the Louisiana Daily Press offered.

In addition to the barber shop and grocery store, the fire destroyed City Bakery, Meloan's Meat Market, the Collins Hotel, the Jacoby and Cochran millinery shops, Norman's harness supply, Lizzie Tipton's dress shop, Wirick Brothers grocery, Siliman's carpentry and a grocery, dry goods and clothing store owned by James Middleton.

The bucket brigade saved Nicklin's drug store, Citizens Bank, Veto Tailor shop, Johnston's millinery and The Racket shop. The International Order of Odd Fellows Hall was considered a loss. The Masonic Temple reported damage, but was able to save its Bible. Buildings on the north side of Howard Street had broken windows and blistered paint.

By 1 a.m. Aug. 2, it was all



Since its merchandise had been destroyed by fire the night before, Wirick Brothers grocery left its Aug. 2, 1901, ad in the Clarksville Banner blank. It would be September before product specials would return.

over. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000 — \$1.5 million to \$2.2 million today.

Talk quickly turned to a cause. The Daily Press said "the general supposition is that it was the work of an incendiary," but did not offer evidence.

"What started the blaze has never been discovered and perhaps never will," the Banner said. "A thousand and one causes can start a fire, and always in places where least expected."

Displaced homeowners moved in with friends or family, and businesses quickly made arrangements for new quarters. The only grocery left in town, Mantiply's, had to "employ several additional clerks" to help with the extra customers, the Banner said.

Among the rubble there was at least a bit of humor. Wirick Brothers left its ad in the Banner blank for several weeks before teasing that customers should watch the space when the grocery reopened. Gawkers couldn't resist taking a look.

"Hundreds from surround-

ing town and country have been here to view the ruins of the burned block," the Banner observed.

Within a week, the community was looking forward.

"Business is beginning to resume its normal condition and rebuilding has begun," the Banner said, adding that "out of the ashes of the old there shall rise the walls of the new, stronger, grander and more durable than before."

Call it small town ingenuity or the optimistic outlook of the era, but Clarksville was not about to let the fire define its future. Banner Editor C.B. Gilbert was one of those who didn't miss an encouraging beat.

"Let her people not be content with rebuilding her as good as she was before, but determined to lay the foundation of a growth which shall be constant through the years to come," he wrote. "In the new Clarksville, let there be unity, harmony, pleasant business and social relations, and in a few years the calamity of today will be a dim recollection only of the past."

## Bowling Green Police Make Multiple Drug-Related Arrests

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

In a series of operations spanning three days, the Bowling Green Police Department has made several arrests related to drug offenses.

On the evening of Friday, July 19, officers encountered a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Fastlane South on Business Highway 61 South. The investigation led to the arrest of Giovanni A. Lenoir for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He faces multiple charges.

Pike County Associate Circuit Court Judge, Milan Berry issued a warrant on Lenoir for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia with a

\$10,000 with 10 percent cash only authorized bond.

In the early hours of Saturday, July 20, another suspicious vehicle was spotted at the Taco Bell on Sharry Drive. James B. Phillips and Sally D. Raufer were taken into custody on drug-related charges. Phillips has been charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. His bond is set at \$50,000 cash only. Raufer faces charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and tampering with physical evidence. Her bond is set at \$5,000.

The third incident occurred on Sunday, July 21, when officers investigated a suspicious vehicle on Business Highway 161. Stevie Rae Kelly of Cabool was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Kelly has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, with bond set at \$5,000 cash only.

All warrants were issued by the Honorable Judge Berry of the Pike County Associate Circuit Court.

The Bowling Green Police Department encourages residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the authorities.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



## NECAC Satellite Office

NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, left, meets with client Alyssa Ruby at Pike County Memorial Hospital. The agency is offering the service in cooperation with the hospital to make it easier for people living on the east side of Pike County to get services. The next available times are from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and 27. Clients are urged to make appointments by calling Dixon at 573-324-2207.



# Jim Beck

for Circuit JUDGE



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# Community News

## Pike County Fair Highlights



Pictured at the Outlaw Rodeo at the 2024 Pike County Fair is a crowd of fairgoers at the track on Tuesday, July 23.



Emma McCollum of Outlaw Rodeo parades the United States Flag to kick off the rodeo at the 2024 Pike County Fair on Tuesday, July 23.



The western fun horse show was held Wednesday, July 24 at the 2024 Pike County Fair.



Pictured is the main gate entrance on Wednesday night, July 24 at the 2024 Pike County Fair.



Pictured is Jesse Vaughn performing on Wednesday, July 24 at the food stand pavilion at the Pike County Fair.



Bucking Broncs were part of the rodeo at the 2024 Pike County Fair rodeo.



The 2024 motocross quad races were held on Wednesday, July 24 at the Pike County Fair.



Rusty Red was on of many truck pullers on Wednesday, July 24 at the Pike County Fair on the Nolan Miller Pulling Track.



State Representative Chad Perkins shares a laugh with Little Miss contestant Joey Turner while being interviewed on Tuesday, July 23.



The 2024 Pike County Fair rabbit show was held Saturday, July 20. Pictured are several girls with their rabbits.

### We Welcome Your Local News

### Area Students Named To Dean's List

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Area students named to the list include Shawn Yates of Clarksville who graduated in May from the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

To qualify for the dean's list in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point av-

erage of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Also named to the dean's list was Trevor Winders of Vandalia who is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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## From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to all who attended the PACT Gospel sing and all those who attended the Pike County Fair. It was a fun-packed eventful week with great weather and activities. Thanks, Fair Board, for all your efforts!

What do ADVENTURE and INNOVATION have in common? They both require people to find courage, face possible failure, and take "inspired chances!" Organizations and people that like to see things accomplished are brave, put themselves or organizations out there, and have resilient leaders that unlock creative potential! What inspires Innovation? What adventure inspired John W. Basye to start Bowling Green or Champ Clark to run for Missouri's only U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives? What or who inspired Vandalia and Louisiana to build YMCA's? Who or what Bowling Green organization will inspire, be innovative, and take us on the next adventure of annexation, building, industrial manufacturing, or a steak house restaurant?

According to Missouri Farmer Today paper, "Rural Main Streets thrive with teamwork and planning." (Vol. 18, No. 10). The article goes on to say, "towns... successful ones say working together, planning and investing in their communities pays off." It goes on to say, "For farmers, having a thriving community is important." M. White, clinical associate professor at the University of Illinois, works on rural vitality studies. He says, "The relationship between the ag sector and their local towns is important for both, with farmers making purchases in town and also seeking funding from local banks. Main Street needs a strong agricultural

sector, just like agriculture needs a strong Main Street." Bowling Green is a small town, and we are proud of it! Yet, we still need to attempt to meet more of the needs of our citizens, for our youth and our workforce especially. A part of making our town appealing to our young people to move back or to stay here for our workforce is to have things for them to do. Young people are looking for activities. Bowling Green must create an environment that our graduating students want to come back and raise their families and invest in our city or these same graduating students want to stay here after graduation to buy affordable homes, find jobs with amenities, and raise their families. They desire to have their children experience the same upbringing, opportunities, schooling, fun experiences, and long-lasting memories that they themselves experienced growing up in Bowling Green. It takes our town's civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, and town's organizations to come together, prioritize needs/wants, invest, and work together to accomplish these needs/wants. "Residents of small towns must be 'ALL IN' to help each other succeed.

I talked with our new superintendent Nick Larson this past week and he's "All In" to see our students succeed and grow in all aspects of a person who will contribute positively to Bowling Green and the world! It's going to be an exciting year at Bowling Green R-I School District! White Rose Church has a fundraiser barbecue at the Bowling Green Save-A-Lot on Friday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m., till sold out. Call 573-541-5873 or 573-324-8262 for more details.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently the president and board of Cornerstone Farms were able to achieve an increase in the annual homeowners assessment by 50 percent.

Under the pretext to provide much needed repairs and up grades of the subdivision gravel roads. The push for this increase was understandable as there has been a significant amount of damage from water runoff and improper grading. Some roads are virtually impassable with drivers using the grass shoulders instead of the roads.

Surprisingly, the most noticeable change in the management of the Cornerstone Farms roads has been the purchase and implementation of signage at each of the entrances, and in one case, signage on a road that is not that of the subdivision. These new signs not only note that travel through Cornerstone Farms is forbidden. These signs also threaten arrest for those who ignore the warning. Money

that was designed for the repair of our roads has been used to insult our friends and neighbors in Eolia.

Eolia is small rural community where families have lived and farmed for generations. Families who have helped each other on numerous occasions with fires, auto issues, farming help and other activities that good friends and neighbors do. What has Cornerstone Farms done?

Cornerstone Farms has said they do not want to be a part of the community and we don't want to help the community. Cornerstone Farms has said keep out. We are special. We want to be like the "city" communities like Webster groves, Kirkwood or St. Louis hills.

We want to bring the big city snobbish approach to the area. Our friends and neighbors must now travel as much as 9 miles, and almost one hour of tractor time, to travel from the southside of Cornerstone Farms to the northern

side. Maybe just to go from one farm field to another with a baler. I cannot think of a more selfish, self centered interest than to do this to the community.

I am personally embarrassed to be associated with Cornerstone Farms. They have even identified Pike County Private Road 9310 as an entrance to Cornerstone Farms, when in fact it is privately owned by three different land owners. One of which is myself. I wish to advise any one and everyone in Eolia, Pike County and any other area that they are free to travel as they wish on at least my portion of Pike County Private Road 9310 as I refuse to be a part of the slap in the face to my friends and neighbors where my wife and I have lived for over 20 years.

I urge the board of Cornerstone Farms to review their insulting actions and remove the signage recently erected

Daniel Hutton  
Eolia



Debbie Marshall

## August Library Book Review

LIBRARY STAFF  
BOOK REVIEW  
BRAIN DAMAGE  
BY FREIDA MCFADDEN  
REVIEWED BY  
DEBBIE MARSHALL,  
CIRCULATION ASSISTANT,  
VANDALIA BRANCH  
LIBRARY

Dr. Charlotte (Charly) McKenna had it all, a thriving dermatology practice, a great apartment overlooking Central park in New York, and a handsome new husband.

She always wondered why good things happened to her because she did not deserve all she had. Until one night, her life changed forever...She found herself waking up in the hospital, in a lot of pain, not knowing what her name was, and not knowing why she was there or what had happened.

Charly has a long road ahead of her, not only does she have to relearn how to walk and take care of herself she wants to learn who tried to kill her before they come back and succeed. Freida McFadden did not disappoint me with this book. It was a very interesting medical/physiological thriller.

Just like a normal thriller, you think you have figured out who did it and then writer changes it up. The only problem I had with the story was it jumped back and forth from past to present



Kasi Welborn

AUGUST 2024 LIBRARY  
STAFF YOUNG ADULT BOOK  
REVIEW AKKRON BY  
KIRSTY DIXON  
REVIEWED BY  
KASI WELBORN,  
CIRCULATION ASSISTANT,  
MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The first book in "The Silver Eclipse" series, the story of how Wren met Graham and brought him back to her world.

Wren knows something is wrong in the city of Akkron, so she goes snooping around. However, when she discovers that one of her teachers is part of a secret society called The Dark Cloud, she panics and portals her way out.

She lands in a world very similar to her own, except there is no magic. At least she thought there was not any magic, but then Graham sees right through her invisibility spell. Graham just wants to play basketball and get a free ride to college, so he can become a doctor. Therefore, when he spots Wren looking like she might need some help he does not hesitate to chase after her. Although, he did not expect to fall through a portal into a world where dragons can be man's best friend and most everyone can use magic. He just wants to find a way home, but instead finds himself involved in an ancient prophecy and teams up with Wren to try to save her world. Great for readers who enjoy a dialogue driven plot.



## Top Five Showmen

These Angus enthusiasts won the top five showmanship at the 2024 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 4-5 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left are Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill., fifth place; Shelby Greiman, Goodell, Iowa, fourth place; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis., third place; Skyler Ward, New Paris, Ohio, second place; Lexi Koelling, Bowling Green, Mo., first place; Calli Spengler, judge; Jill Harker, judge; and Curtis Bryant, judge. The top five showmen are named from the 15 finalists during the final round of competition. Each of the top five finishers received a cash prize from the Ham James Memorial Fund and a Silver Revere bowl from the American Angus Auxiliary.

Photo by Pearl's Pics

## Community Calendar...

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

On Aug. 6: The MU Extension - Salt River Master Gardener Club monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. It will be at Ted Shanks Conservation Area. The program topic is "Wetlands History" and will be provided by Kathi Moore, 2024 Partners Roundtable Coordinator/Conservation Educator for MDC. For more information contact the MU Extension - Marion County Office at (573) 769-2177.



## Labor Day Weekend Consignment Auction

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### NOTICE

**NOT** responsible for debt other than my own. John Boyd. (tf)

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**NO TRESPASSING OR HUNTING** on the property of Cheryl Boots. Violators will be prosecuted and not responsible for accidents on property. (tf)

**NO HUNTING/ TRESPASSING** on land belonging to Clarissa Woods. Violators will be prosecuted. Will not be responsible for accidents on property. (tf)

**NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING**, Murry Shepherd Farms. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries or accidents. (12-25)

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Pictured, from left, standing in front of the U.S. Capitol Building are Sophia Nowack (Liberty), Delaney Hilgenbrink (Liberty), Alice Briggs (Warrenton), Rylee Heitgerd (Warrenton), McKenna Claborn (Silex) and Nina Momphard (Troy Buchanan).

## Youth Tour Delegates Take In Sights Of D.C.

One hundred and two high school students participated in the 61st annual Missouri Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-20.

Local delegates sponsored by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative were Delaney Hilgenbrink and Sophia Nowack, both of Liberty High School; Rylee Heitgerd and Alice Briggs, both of Warrenton High School; McKenna Claborn, Silex High School; and Nina Momphard, Troy Buchanan High School.

The seven-day tour provided an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions, community service and today's press-

ing issues.

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students and we're proud to send our best and brightest to our nation's capital to participate," said Chris Massman, vice president of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. "Each of these delegates will meet someone or see something that inspires them, and in some cases will create a path to their future career."

"Highlights of the trip included the Missouri delegates visiting with representatives from their congressional districts, touring monuments, the Smithsonian Institution's museums, Arlington National Cemetery and the International Spy Museum.

The group also took a

sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with the delegations from five other states. Other events of the week included participation in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together over 1,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States.

The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

For more information contact Tim Schmidt at [tschmidt@cuivre.com](mailto:tschmidt@cuivre.com) or 636-695-4837 or visit [cuivre.com/youthtour](http://cuivre.com/youthtour).

## How Does The Brain Respond To Sleep Apnea?

Nearly 40 million adults in the U.S. have sleep apnea, and more than 30 million of them use a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine while sleeping. However, the machines tend to be expensive, clunky and uncomfortable — resulting in many users giving up on using them.

High blood pressure is often linked with sleep apnea because the brain works harder to regulate blood flow and breathing during sleep. A recent study at the University of Missouri offers new insight into the underlying mechanisms within the brain contributing to hypertension for those with sleep apnea.

The findings can help pave the way for new drugs that target the brainstem to bring blood pressure back down to normal levels for those with sleep apnea.

The study took place in the lab of David Kline, a professor in Mizzou's College of Veterinary Medicine and researcher at the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center.

"When oxygen levels in the blood drop during sleep apnea, the forebrain sends warning signals to the brainstem area that controls heart and lung functions," Kline said. "By studying these signals, we found that two neurochemicals, oxytocin and corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH), cause the brainstem to become overactive. Over time, this leads to hypertension."

Hypertension leads to an

increased risk of stroke, complications in the metabolism and a variety of other health issues.

"Not only do those with sleep apnea often have high blood pressure, but they also lose a lot of sleep, they have more cognitive and memory issues, and they are more prone to injury at work due to sleepiness," Kline said.

By being the first to identify the role that oxytocin and CRH play in strengthening and overexciting the pathways and mechanisms involved in sleep apnea, Kline and his fellow researchers hope to pave the way for the design of better therapeutic approaches for humans and animals.

"Our ultimate goal is to eventually help clinicians develop specific drugs to target either these neurochemicals or the proteins they bind to in a way that reduces high blood pressure," Kline said. "This discovery opens the door for future research to block the pathways these neurochemicals use, ultimately helping to bring blood pressure back to normal levels."

During the nearly 20 years Kline has researched the mechanisms within the brain responsible for controlling blood pressure and respiration at Mizzou, he has earned more than \$10 million in grants and published more than 40 studies in peer-reviewed journals. He is one of the reasons Mizzou — a member of the Association of

American Universities and a leading research university — has seen 10 consecutive years of increases in research expenditures.

"I have always been fascinated by the brain and how it contributes to the cardiovascular and respiratory systems of our bodies," Kline said. "I have a great group of interdisciplinary collaborators here at Mizzou who have helped me out tremendously, and seeing others in my lab make scientific discoveries brings me a lot of joy and excitement."

The study was led by Procopio Gama de Barcellos Filho, a postdoctoral researcher who works in Kline's lab.

"What makes Dr. Kline such a great supervisor is he is very encouraging and motivating, and while I have always been interested in neuroscience, he has helped me see the bigger picture in terms of how the brain is tied with the cardiovascular and respiratory systems," Gama de Barcellos Filho said. "He always wants to hear the thoughts of others in his lab before he makes a final decision, and that is something I will keep in mind if I ever become a principal investigator one day."

"Oxytocin and corticotropin-releasing hormone exaggerate nucleus tractus solitarius neuronal and synaptic activity following chronic intermittent hypoxia" was published in The Journal of Physiology.

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Gene Largent & Dr. Karol Rosner

## Nephrologist At Hannibal Regional Gives Local Resident Hope

Gene Largent of Vandalia knew something was wrong with his body, and it had nothing to do with his high blood pressure or diabetes.

This was something different. During regular appointments with his primary care providers he mentioned that he was having problems urinating.

After being advised to drink more water as a possible solution, Gene was drinking so much water that the increased pressure on his bladder made him extremely uncomfortable, yet he was still unable to urinate.

Two weeks passed with still no relief, and Gene became depressed and listless, convinced that his kidneys were shutting down. He truly believed he was dying. His wife Cathy shares, "It was so hard to watch, he was actually making funeral arrangements. He was so sad, he wasn't eating or sleeping, it was awful."

Finally Gene's daughter Sarah took matters into her own hands, refusing to believe that her father was dying. She called the office of Dr. Karol Rosner, nephrologist with Hannibal Regional Medical Group. After explaining her father's situation, Sarah was told to bring Gene in the following morning.

That appointment was life-changing for Gene, and for his family. Dr. Rosner ex-

plained to Gene that he had protein in his urine, indicating a problem creating urine. So consuming all that water was not only not helping the problem, it was making his discomfort worse.

When Gene left the office that day, he was a totally different person. "Dr. Rosner gave me hope. The patience and care he showed me, the way he explained things to me so that I could understand it all - he really was incredible! He saved my life."

Dr. Rosner prescribed a medication for Gene, and almost immediately it brought the relief he needed. With the nearly three liters of fluid built up finally gone, Gene felt like a new man. He was able to sleep, eat and resume regular activities. "Soon he was even more active than he'd been in years!" says Cathy.

"Don't wait," Gene advises. "You know your own self better than anyone, and I wish I'd have spoken up sooner and gone to see Dr. Rosner before it got that bad."

Dr. Rosner specializes in the care of kidneys, and sees patients in both the Hannibal and Bowling Green locations of Hannibal Regional Medical Group.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (573) 629-3500.

## LCBA Beautification Award

Members of the Louisiana Community Betterment Association presented the LCBA Beautification Award to John and Donna Valentino.

John and Donna bought a derelict home at 1121 S. Carolina in Louisiana, had the debris removed and built this beautiful new art studio.

Donna is a wonderful artist and her husband John is a fantastic support system. Donna hosts art classes at the studio twice a month.

"I am a 'free style' instructor," said Donna Valentino. "This studio is an amazing addition to the Louisiana community, stated Diana Huckstep.



## Third Place Team Sales

Missouri junior Angus members won third place in the senior division of team sales at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 6 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left: Lexi Koelling, Bowling Green; Olivia Gerloff, Bland; and Ella Coulter, Wentzville. Photo by Pearl's Pics



## First Place Showmanship

Lexi Koelling of Bowling Green, left, won first place showmanship honors, receiving the prestigious Dean Hurlbut Award, in the 2024 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 4-5 in Madison, Wis. Also pictured is Karla Knapp, American Angus Auxiliary president, right, presenting the Silver Revere bowl. The top five winners also received a monetary award from the Ham James Memorial Fund. Forty-two youth from across the country competed for top honors in the 58th annual event. Photo by Pearl's Pics



## Senior Creative Writing

These junior Angus members won top honors in the senior division of creative writing at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 6 in Madison, Wis. Pictured from left: Lexi Koelling, Bowling Green, first; Elizabeth Rone, Courtland, Miss., second; and Anna Johnson, Durand, Ill., third. Photo by Pearl's Pics



## Koelling Represents Missouri

Grant Ward, Oak Grove, left, and Lexi Koelling, Bowling Green, right, represented Missouri at the 2024 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), July 4-5 in Madison, Wis. Forty-two youth from across the country competed for top honors in the 58th annual event. Photo by Pearl's Pics

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And recent Mizzou graduates are seeing success, as more than 95 percent find employment, continue their education or begin military or service roles within six months of graduation.

Area students graduating include: Colin Ross Wilburn of Laddonia - bachelor of science in biochemistry-BS; minor in agricultural leadership-MI.

Colten Scott Jensen of Vandalia - doctor of physical therapy in physical therapy-DPT.

Amy Jo Biggs of Bowling Green, graduate certificate in adm and man fam and com sergrad cert.

Hannah Dallas Drew of Bowling Green - bachelor of arts in psychology-BA; undergraduate certificate in addiction studies-ugrd cert; minor in sociology-MI; undergraduate

certificate in multicultural studies-ugrd cert; minor in criminology/crim and juvenile just-MI.

Anthony Grote of Bowling Green - bachelor of science in nutrition exercise physiology-BS with an emphasis in physical act, nutr and hum perf.

Brenan Quinn Grote -bachelor of health science in health science - BHS with an emphasis in leadership and policy; minor in accountancy-MI; undergraduate certificate in multicultural studies-ugrd vert.

William Eugene Mudd of Bowling Green - bachelor of

science in agribusiness management-BS.

Madeline S. Norton of Bowling Green - bachelor of science in nursing - BSN.

Cale David Shotton of Bowling Green - bachelor of arts in psychology - BA; minor in criminology/crim and juvenile just-MI; undergraduate certificate in multicultural studies - ugrd cert.

Elizabeth Haley Truelove of Bowling Green - bachelor of science in psychology - BS; undergraduate certificate in addition studies - ugrd cert; minor in sociology-MI; under-

graduate certificate in neuroscience-ugrd cert; minor in criminology/crim and juvenile just-MI; undergraduate certificate in multicultural studies-ugrd cert.

Evan Conrad Lagemann of Eolia - bachelor of science in agribusiness management-BS.

Caleigh Grote of Frankford - bachelor of science in animal sciences-BS.

Evan Christopher Wallace of Frankford - master of social work in social work-MSW.

Olivia Grace Blackmore of Louisiana - bachelor of science in business administration in

business administration - BSBA with an emphasis in internatnl business marketing; bachelor of arts in international studies - BA with an emphasis in international business; minor in German-MI; undergraduate certificate in multicultural studies-ugrd cert.

Hanna Rae Blackmore of Louisiana - bachelor of science in agriculture - BS.

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## Pie, Oh My

### Church To Host Aug. 3 Dessert Tribute

BY BRENT ENGEL, CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
She spent more than eight decades making thousands of divine treats for family, friends and strangers.

So, it makes sense that a tribute to her life of service and dedication would feature pie.

Clarksville United Methodist Church is offering a free, open-to-the-public dessert experience honoring the late Bobbi Fox at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 – which would have been her 94th birthday.

“Bobbi spent much of her life baking a variety of delicious pies and generously sharing her love for others through the gift of her pies given on many occasions,” said the Rev. Beomseon Hong, the church’s pastor. “We are so thankful and blessed to have been touched by her life of serving and nourishing others through her love and many acts of kindness.”

Fox began making pies at age nine with her mother, Edna. She got the hang of it so quickly that her father, Ezra, would ask for slices at breakfast. Fillings were fruit, nuts and flavorings.

“They were all delicious,” said church member Erin Garrison.

Fox would make crusts one day, then fill and bake the next. She rarely measured ingredients, admitting it was fun to

see if experience and a good guess resulted in fortune or failure. She also loved sharing recipes and would offer culinary advice if asked.

JoAnne Smiley, another church member, said Fox was just as kind to visitors as she was to those with familiar faces.

“She was open to everyone,” said Smiley, whose late husband, Wayne, favored Fox’s raisin cream. “Her gift was there. She used it again and again and again.”

Hong concedes to being a pie heretic before arriving as minister at Clarksville and Louisiana’s Centenary United Methodist in July 2021. All it took to convert him was one of Bobbi’s lemon pies and a coconut cream.

“She changed my taste,” Hong confessed. “So, now I like pie.”

If Fox didn’t bring tasty joy to the people, she invited the people to her succulently fragrant house. “Her counter would be full of different pies,” church member Linda Frank recalled with delight. “It was a like a pie smorgasbord.”

Janie Busch helps organize a lot of the church’s community meals, and visited with Fox on May 18 – the day before she passed. Busch remembers the conversation turned to an event the next day for which Fox had hoped to bake.

“She said, ‘I just feel so bad because I know they’re ex-

pecting me to bring pies,’” Busch said. “The last thing she was thinking about was serving others.”

Church member Barb Meyer said Fox had the kind of intellect, talent, compassion and selflessness that went far beyond her kitchen.

“It’s not just about pie,” Meyer said. “She was an inspiration and urged us to do more and more. She went beyond her church and family.”

Clarksville United Methodist is at the corner of Highway 79 and Howard Street. The highway is open to the north of the sanctuary and there is a detour on city streets around construction for those coming into town from the south or west.

Busch says the Aug. 3 event will be a kind of pie potpourri – with a mix of homemade and store-bought delicacies. Guests are welcome to bring their own desserts and share memories of a woman who would sometimes whip up 15 pies at a time without blinking an eye.

“It’s going to be like any other event we do,” Busch said. “Bobbi would show up, open her car and the pies would flow out. We don’t know what we’re going to get.”



### Pacey Reading Reading Honored As Player Of Game

Van-Far junior Pacey Reading has played on the TSS Hoops basketball travel team during this summer.

In a recent Reebok Basketball Tournament in Chesterfield Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20.

The team competed in the 16-year-old division.

Reading scored 17 points in a game in which he was named player of the game.

He is the son of Brett and Amanda Reading of Vandalia.

### Audrain Deputies Arrest One For Armed Robbery

According to Audrain County Sheriff, Matt Oller, on Friday, July 26, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Audrain County Deputies were dispatched to Casey’s General Store at 110 South Pine Street in Laddonia for an attempted armed robbery.

While deputies were responding to the area, they were notified that an off-duty officer had observed a male subject, later identified as Sidney Douglas, brandished what appeared to be a handgun at another subject who was sitting in their vehicle.

The off-duty officer was able to disarm Sidney Douglas and detain him until deputies arrived on scene.

It was learned the handgun Sidney Douglas used during the incident was a pellet gun that was manufactured to look like an actual handgun.


Subsequently, Sidney Douglas was taken into custody and charged with Unlawful Use Of A Weapon and Peace Disturbance.

According to the media release, the victim of this incident would not assist in prosecution and no injuries were reported.


Sidney Douglas was transported to the Audrain County Jail where he was placed on a 24-hour hold, pending formal charges by the Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

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