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Merry Christmas

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Early Deadline • Early Delivery
Due to the Christmas holiday, the deadline for the next edition will be Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon.
The Dec. 26 edition will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 22.

Bowling Green Aldermen Sign Off On Allowing Alternative Transportation On City Streets

Janice Robinson Resigns Seat Leaving One-Year Term Open

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In addition to the regular business before the Bowling Green Board of Aldermen, members also looked at the possibility of temporarily filling the seat of Janice Robinson who resigned last week.

Robinson was reelected to a two-year term in Ward I earlier this year. In a letter to the city on Dec. 7, Robinson noted that she regrettably had to step down immediately due to health reasons.

Robinson's seat will appear on the April 3, 2018 ballot as a one-

year unexpired term. Until that time her seat may remain empty or the mayor can appoint someone from that ward, with the board's approval, to serve until the April election. The appointee must meet all of the requirements as anyone else seeking office.

Mayor Don Hunter and board members briefly discussed the matter at the end of the meeting on Monday, Dec. 18. No decision was made about how the city will move forward. If the city opts to fill the seat, that person could also run for the one-year unexpired term as well.

In other business, the board gave final approval to broadening the types of transportation allowed on city streets. Utility task vehicles (UTVs) and other types of motorized alternative vehicles (such as golf carts, wheelchairs, scooters) will now be permitted to travel in town.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs such as three- and four-wheelers) will still be prohibited. An exception is made for ATVs that are equipped with a snow plow and the operator must have a limited permit to conduct work in town.

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Filing Period Continues For April Election

The filing period for the April 3, 2018 election ballot opened last week and continues through Jan. 16, 2018.

Those interested in throwing their name in the hat for municipal, school board and other local elections have another few weeks to sign up.

The following municipal election filings have been reported. Local school board filings will be listed after the holiday break.

City of Bowling Green

The offices of mayor and collector are up this year in addition to four seats on the Board of Aldermen. There are two-year seats in all three wards in addition to a one-year unexpired term in Ward I.

Mayor: Don Hunter (I)
Ward 1: no filings for either two-year or one-year unexpired terms.

Ward 2: Mark Bair (I).
Ward 3: Craig Burnett (I).
Collector: Joyce Megown (I).
City of Louisiana

The office of mayor and four seats on the city council will be decided.

Mayor: Marvin Brown.
Ward I: no filings.
Ward II: no filings.
Ward III: Chuck Hoffman (I).
Ward IV: no filings.

City of Clarksville
The office of collector is up along with two seats on the board and a one-year unexpired term.

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Pike County Fair To Hold Truck, Tractor Pull Instead Of Concert To Close Out 2018 Event

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While details of the final schedule are still being hammered out, the Pike County Fair Board has made some changes for the 2018 event.

The concert that has traditionally closed out the fair on Saturday night will be replaced this year with a truck and tractor pull. Fair Board President Tim Gamm told *The People's Tribune* in an interview on Monday, Dec. 18 that the Lucas Oil Pro-Pulling

League will hold a sanctioned event on Saturday night. He noted the board opted to try something new this year and that the series has a large following.

The league features super-modified tractors as well as pro-modified four-wheel drive trucks and super-modified two-wheel drive trucks in addition to pro-stock tractors, hot rod semi-tractors and more. They have events featured throughout the country.

The fair board also decided to do away with the rodeo for the

2018 event as well. Gamm noted that they are still working on events and more will be finalized at the board's next meeting on Jan. 13.

He pointed out that much of the schedule will remain the same as years past. Tuesday will feature drag racing. There will be a truck pull on Wednesday and a tractor pull on Thursday. Friday will still feature the much-loved demolition derby. Other features such as the motocross, horse events, etc., will also continue.

Buffalo Township United Fund Reaches Goal

At a recent meeting, the Buffalo Township United Fund (United Fund) board received great news from their treasurer...the 2017 fundraising goal of \$30,000 had been met!

As a result, the 14 non-profit agencies, which made funding requests to the United Fund last November for 2017, will receive 100 percent of their requests. Checks totaling \$29,850 have been presented to the various agencies.

The United Fund campaign kicked off in April with a barbecue fundraiser held during Stark Bro's Customer Appreciation Days. In June a food booth was set up for Bike Across Missouri riders followed by a very successful Farm-to-Table dinner. A street-corner collection was held in August followed by a barbecue fundraiser lunch in September. In addition, various businesses contribute as well as make payroll deductions from employees' paychecks for the amount each had pledged.

"It's really inspiring to know we live in a community that is willing to help people in need, no matter the circumstance," said Walter Logan, the United Fund board president. "We want to thank everyone for their contributions, large and small, to help local families."

Over the last ten years, Buffalo Township United Fund has raised and distributed over \$285,000 to non-profit agencies! Some of the agencies funded in 2017 by the United Fund assist in: buying equipment and maintaining fields for summer little league games, maintenance of the Scout House

so scouting will have a place to call home in Louisiana, providing hot meals for shut-ins and senior citizens, providing early childhood education opportunities, providing school-age children exposure to the arts, and many, many more ways.

See **FUND** on page 12

The Year Christmas Stunk

Editor's note: The following true story was submitted by Brent Engel of Louisiana in honor of his father, Jack T. Engel, who died on Dec. 22, 2013, at age 85.

To me, the scents of the season are just as important as the sights.

And for that reason, there's one Christmas I'll never forget.

In our house, the holiday just wasn't the same without a real tree. To earn a little extra scratch, my father had joined a farmer friend, Larry, in an agricultural business venture.

By the time I was nine years old, the firs and pines they had planted were tall enough to catch the eyes of customers.

The trees had been planted a quarter-mile from the barn where Larry kept his hogs. When he wasn't teaching classes at our small-town high school or doing jobs around the house, Dad helped Larry.

My father had grown up on a farm, one that in 2017 is still in the family after 187 years, and so he loved the outdoor work.

Dad traveled the four miles to Larry's farm in an old Ford pickup he had bought for \$100. It chugged and heaved and hardly topped 40 miles an hour. It was a piece of crap, and it certainly smelled like it with all of the manure that had been scooped into and out of the bed.

If there was one thing Dad loved

more than raising Christmas trees, it was decorating Christmas trees.

By tradition, our family hung the holly and all the trimmings the first weekend in December. Had Dad had his druthers, the decorations would have stayed up all year long, but Mother proved that Scrooges do exist.

On the Day the Engel Family Got Its Christmas Tree 1972, the forecast called for rain changing to sleet and then snow.

Larry had already made plans to take his wife Christmas shopping, so he wouldn't be available to help with the tree cutting. For the first time in my life, Dad asked if I wanted to tag along.

My brother, who was seven, was upset to tears because he wasn't included. That made my quick, affirmative answer all the more satisfying.

"You can go next year," Dad said to my brother as we headed to the garage.

The first drops of rain hit the windshield of the old junker as we pulled out of the driveway. By the time we got to the farm, there was a steady shower. The temperature also was starting to fall and the wind had picked up.

"Larry asked me to stop by and make sure the hogs were OK," Dad said to me as we drove past the tree stand along the gravel road leading to the hog lot.

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Honeyshuck Holiday

Connie Fleming, left, and Barb Peasel tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas during a holiday open house Dec. 16 at Honeyshuck, the Champ Clark home in Bowling Green. The national historic landmark is open by appointment during December for visitors to enjoy interior decorations. In addition, new donations have been added to the collection. The exterior features a new porch that was added in the last year. Visits may be arranged by calling 573-324-6707 or 573-324-3154.



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On Dec. 20: There will be a meeting of the Pike County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at noon in the second floor conference room of the hospital.

Enjoy The Simple Joys At Clarksville Library

The Clarksville Library will be hosting the following holiday events:

Dec. 21 - Caroling with Judy on the piano, 6 p.m. Traditional carols will be sung. Refreshments will be served.

Dec. 23 - Tribute to Margaret

Morris, 11 a.m. Christmas story time and caroling through Clarksville on a horse drawn wagon will be held. Refreshments served. A stop will be made at Santa Land.

Everyone is invited to one or both of these free events.

Taylor Receives Emporia State Scholarship

Carolina Taylor of Ashburn, Missouri, received the Deloitte Accounting Scholarship and Richard and Inez Owen Business Scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year at Emporia State University.

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LCB Beautification Award

Louisiana Community Betterment presented Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reeves with the LCB Beautification Award on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves purchased their home on North Carolina St., in Louisiana in 2005. Since purchasing the home they have done extensive updates to the interior and the exterior of the home. Their latest project was the completion of the front porch. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves had the porch poles uncovered and restored. Mrs. Reeves found a picture of the original porch on the home and had the railings replaced to match those in the picture. If you or anyone you know in the Louisiana community, business or residence, would like to be considered for the LCB Beautification Award, please contact Diana Huckstep at 314-640-4420.

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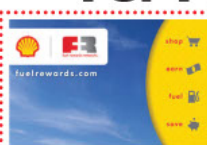
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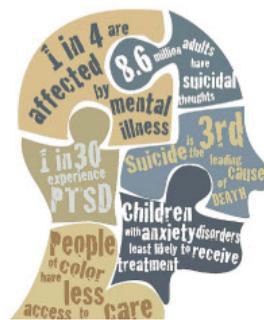
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CHRISTMAS

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The old pickup sputtered to a stop beside the manure pit.

"You wait here," Dad said before getting out and walking into the barn.

When he emerged 10 minutes later, the wind was swirling even stronger.

"Gave them some new straw and water," Dad said. "Now, let's get that tree and get home."

Dad fired up the truck and drove to the tree patch. Water glistened off the needles as he took the spiked-tooth saw in hand and walked toward a fir that looked perfect.

I held the stalk as Dad bent down to work at its base. Sleet began to pelt us just as the saw cut through the last fibers.

"It's getting colder," Dad said. "Let's load this up and go."

We put the tree in the bed of the pickup and slowly rolled back toward the blacktop that would lead us home. As we pulled into the driveway 15 minutes later, I saw the lights of our living room through the ice that the windshield wipers had trouble removing. It looked so warm and cozy.

Dad and I pulled the tree up the sidewalk to the front door and noticed that the watery branches had now been locked in a kind of frozen grandeur.

We got the tree into the house and put it on the pedestal that was surrounded by plastic. Without saying anything, we congratulated ourselves on a job well done. We even decided to go to the kitchen and get a couple of Christmas cookies before starting the decorating.

Mother was finishing up supper and told us that the treats would have to wait.

"Don't you want to see the tree, Mom?" I asked.

"After supper," she said. "Now, you and your brother go wash your hands."

The table was filled with meat loaf, macaroni and vegetables as the four of us bowed our heads to pray. Just after thanking the Lord, Mom caught the first whiff of a devilish odor.

"What's that smell?" she said.

Dad and I looked at each other blankly.

"I don't smell anything," he said.

"It smells like a hog lot," Mom countered. "Oh, no, you didn't."

She got up from the table and stomped toward the living room. At least as long as I'd known her, and I assumed in all of her 42 years, Mother had never uttered a vulgarly. But that changed the Day the Engel Family Got Its Christmas Tree 1972.

"Get in here and get this thing out," she yelled at my father, just after the four-letter word erupted from her lips. I think she put the letters "a-t-i-o-n" after her choice, but I still counted it.

Anyway, putting a wet tree in the back of a truck used to haul manure was definitely a mistake. Now, Dad was a pretty smart guy, but sometimes everyone is a couple sandwiches short of a picnic. Dad had figured the droplets would wash the ca-ca away. Instead, the freezing rain had attached bits of feces to the needles.

As long as they were frozen, everything was fine. But in the warmth of a 70-degree house, they had returned to their stinky selves.

Soon, the entire house reeked. The outside temperature was 20 degrees. The neighbors must have wondered a little more than usual about the sanity of the Engel family, since Mother had opened all the windows and doors.

Now, it was my Father's turn to swear. Usually, he did so out of Mom's earshot. This time, there was nowhere to hide. He grumbled and growled under his breath as he pulled the tree out into the front yard.

"No, that's not good enough," Mom said from the doorway.

"What the h— do you want me to do, take it back?" Dad asked.

At that moment, I got one of my first lessons in the difference between men and women. The fairer sex has no sense of exaggeration.

"Yes," Mom told him. "Take it back to the farm."

"Are you outta your d— mind?" Dad said, saying the first four words loudly and muffling the last two.

"You'd better get going," Mother said.

Now, you may think that the story ends there, but just wait.

"Come on," Dad dejectedly said to me. "Get your coat on and let's go."

My brother started laughing as I put on my parka. Dad and I loaded the stinky tree into the truck and fired up the engine as snow started to fall. The streets were like a hockey rink as we headed out of town.

"A ten-minute trip is going to take us 45," Dad said as we crept along.

Even with the bad weather, the journey was mostly over flat ground. The worst part would be Pulaski Curve. Not only was it shaped like a slithering snake, but part of it was on a hill.

A family lived along the stretch, so if we ran into trouble we could always stop and call for help. I didn't know the parents, but their kids had been in one of Dad's classes about 10 years previously.

As we approached the curve, I could feel the back end of the truck start to slide. Luckily, no one else had ventured out. We skidded sideways across both lanes until the truck nipped a "curve ahead" sign.

At that point, we were only going about five miles per hour, so there wasn't much damage. But the impact knocked the stinky tree out of the bed and into the middle of the road. Dad was able to pull on the steering wheel and keep us out of the ditch. The truck righted itself in the wrong lane.

"Oh, be joyful," Dad said as he shook his head and guided the pickup back to the right side of the road.

"Well, we'll have to go get it."

Unfortunately, conditions didn't make a turn-around that easy. Dad finally decided that he could swing into a y-shaped intersection about two miles ahead, just before the turn to the tree farm, and get back to the blacktop without too much trouble.

We made the turn-around without a hitch, but it took a bit to get back to Pulaski Curve.

"What the..." Dad's voice trailed off as he stared at snow falling on the empty road. "What happened to the tree?"

Dad stopped the truck and we got out to take a look. We walked from one side of the blacktop to the other. We checked out the ditches in front of us and behind us. Nothing.

We were about to give up when Dad's attention was caught by a trail in the snow leading up the lane to a house. It looked like something had been dragged along the ground.

"It couldn't be," Dad said before he started laughing. "Oh, my, are they in for a surprise."

"Shouldn't we go up there and tell them?" I asked.

"No," Dad said. "Let them enjoy the aroma of Christmas. Besides, their kids were jerks in school."

Both of us laughed as we got back into the warm pickup for the trek home.

The next morning, Dad got a call from Larry.

"Hey, someone chucked a perfectly good Christmas tree in the ditch along Pulaski Curve," Larry said.

"Oh, really?" Dad asked. "Well, don't..."

"I picked it up on my way back from town this morning," Larry interrupted. "Now, I don't have to go out and out one. I can just put it up in the living room."

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OBITUARIES



Alberta Robinson

Alberta "Pat" Robinson, 95, of Louisiana, formerly of Bowling Green died Monday, Dec. 10, 2017 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

Funeral services was at 3:30 p.m., Friday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with the Rev. Don Amelung officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Pat was born July 7, 1922 in Bowling Green to James E. and Margaret E. Griffith Patrick. She married William C. Robinson on July 16, 1951. They traveled extensively in the U.S. including Hawaii. He preceded her in death Oct. 22, 1992.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Ruth Williamson of Bartlesville, Okla.; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Fredrick Marion, Earnest Robert, Carl Everett, James Wiley, Arthur Otis and John Washington Patrick; three sisters, Winfred Elizabeth Patrick, Edna Anna Endres and Emma Colberts.

She was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Bowling Green, joining the church April 30, 1933.

She graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1941. Pat excelled in basketball being on the first team her freshman year. She also played on the Bowling Green team that helped win 69 consecutive games before losing. She was "All Star" captain of the Bowling Green Tournament her junior year and captain of the Bowling Green team her senior year.

After graduation she worked at The Bowling Green Times for 12 years from 1941-53. She then worked at the ASCS office for 22 years, retiring in 1975.

Pat joined the ladies VFW Auxiliary Post 5553 in 1949 and is now a member of 65 years continuous membership. She served in various offices and served as president three times and still attends whenever possible.

Pat joined the Rebekah Lodge in 1952. She went thru the Chairs and was noble grand and later was district president.

Pat also served on the board of the Bowling Green Towers for 20 years.

She spent her entire life in Bowling Green except for the last few years in Louisiana.

Pallbearers were Bob Patrick, Jim Robinson, Larry Patrick, W.L. Robinson, Rex Syrcle and Terry Patrick.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or to the Bowling Green Alumni.

On-line condolences may be left to www.bibbveach.com.

Edmond Slavens Britton

Graveside services for Edmond Slavens Britton, 91, of Laddonia, were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Laddonia Cemetery with full military honors provided by Laddonia American Legion Post 510. The Rev. Joe Jones officiated.

No visitation was held. Arrangements are under the direction of Bienhoff Funeral Homes.

Mr. Britton died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at Pin Oaks Nursing Home in Mexico.

He was born Oct. 17, 1926 in Farber, the son of Elton Slavens and Letha Dell Chism Britton. He married Della Fern Evans on March 2, 1955, in Mexico. She preceded him in death Feb. 13, 2009.

Survivors include one son, Terry Lee Britton and wife, Tina of Laddonia; one daughter-in-law, Angie Britton, Mexico; one sister, Judy Carol Britton, Laddonia; five grandchildren, Tiffany Cochrane, Andrew Britton, Logan Britton, all of Laddonia, Christopher Britton of Mexico; and Jessica Dillard of Irmo, S.C.; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: two sons, Steven Ray and Eddie DeWayne Britton, two sisters, Dorothy Sue Evans and Alice Jo Isrig; one brother, Robert Britton; two infant brothers; and one great-granddaughter, Trinity Cochrane.

Mr. Britton was a lifetime area resident and Christian by faith. He was a graduate of Farber High School. He entered the U.S. Army Sept. 5, 1951, serving in the Korean War. He obtained the rank of

corporal and received two bronze stars and a purple heart. He was honorably discharged June 25, 1953.

He was a member of the Laddonia American Legion Post 510 and formerly a member of Laddonia Oddfellow Lodge #456. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading and watching NASCAR and wrestling on TV.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN. 38105.

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

Kathy Diane Riffle Morgan

Funeral services for Kathy Diane Riffle Morgan of Elsberry were at 11 a.m. Monday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Richard Pillers, pastor of the Elsberry Assembly of God Church, will officiate with burial in the Elsberry City Cemetery near Elsberry.

Visitation was from 9 a.m., until the time of funeral services Monday at the funeral home.

Kathy Morgan, 65, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 at her home in Elsberry.

Born Aug. 16, 1952 in Louisiana, she was the daughter of John Robert and Lelia Belle McAfee Riffle. Growing up, Kathy attended the Elsberry School District. She worked as a laborer for VSM Abrasives until her retirement in 2009. Because she was an avid reader, Kathy could often be found at the J.R. Palmer Family Memorial Library. Kathy enjoyed doing crafts, including photo albums and clocks. They joy of Kathy's life was spoiling her grandkids.

Survivors include her daughters, Dawn Shelton and husband, Calvin of Eolia, and Megan Williamson of O'Fallon; five grandchildren, Jamel and Uria Shelton and Jasmine, Jaylyn and Logan Williamson; and one great-grandchild, Sergio Shelton. Kathy also leaves one sister, Mary Louise Robinson and husband, Bob of Lake of the Ozarks; two brothers, John "Mike" Riffle and wife, Sheree of Moscow Mills, and Larry Eugene Riffle of Troy; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lelia Riffle; one sister, Carol Ann Riffle Mills; two brothers: Robert "Bob"

Lowry Fielder and Gilbert Wayne Riffle; and one son-in-law, Andrew Williamson.

Serving as pallbearers were Calvin Shelton, Josh Turner, Dwayne Fielder, Jamel Shelton, Shane Riffle and Bob Kelly. Honorary pallbearers will be Adrian Riffle, Michael Riffle and Rick Lafata.

Memorials may be made to the Family of Kathy Morgan to be used for final expenses, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Virginia Nell 'Ginner' Sanderson

Virginia Nell "Ginner" Sanderson, 95, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at Moore-Pike Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with the Rev. Lewis Kimmell officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m., until the time of services.

Virginia was born June 30, 1922 in Cyrene, the daughter of Harry D. and Pauline Childs Tinsley. She married Joseph H. Sanderson Oct. 13, 1941. He preceded her in death March 3, 2012.

Survivors include her children, Rebecca A. Sanderson and Carol of Corvallis, Ore.; Kimberly R. Sampson and husband, David of Kirksville, Lisa J. McCluer and husband, Arthur of Dardenne Prairie and Christopher J. Sanderson of Corvallis, Ore.; grandchildren, Chad Sampson and wife, Mackenzie, Angela St. Clair and husband, Jason, Melody Magruder and husband, Joe, Elizabeth Jones and husband, Nathan, Rebecca Whitworth and husband, Lyle, and Andrew McCluer; great-grandchildren, Corbin Sampson, Koltan Sampson, Madelyn Sampson, Gage St. Clair, Avery St. Clair, Lancy Magruder, Chloe Magruder, Benjamin Jones, Hayden Jones, Lucas Jones, Emery Jones, Emma Whitworth and Noah Whitworth; brother-in-law, Dick Lovell of Cyrene; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Darren Sampson; siblings, Willard Tinsley and wife, Claretta, Martha Lawrence and husband, Jim, Marjorie Lovell and Wayne Tinsley.

Virginia grew up in Cyrene, played basketball and graduated from Bowling Green High School. She and her husband owned and operated Sanderson Dry Goods and Ready to Wear. She loved crocheting, flowers and spending time with family.

Serving as pallbearers will be Nathan Jones, Chad Sampson, Joe Magruder, Jason St. Clair, Andrew McCluer and Lyle Whitworth.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Emmett Lee Niffen

Emmett Lee Niffen, 81, of Louisiana died Tuesday, Dec. 12,

2017 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Friday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Bill Maupin officiated. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from noon until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 10, 1936 in New Canton, Ill., to Harvey and Rosa Wilcox Niffen. He married Doris June Harrison on Sept. 1, 1956 at the Riverside Chapel in Louisiana by the Rev. Cecil Logan.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of the home; two daughters, Sandy Traynor and husband, Terry, and Beth White and husband, Stan, both of Louisiana; a son, Andrew Niffen of Troy; four granddaughters, two grandsons; three great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; three sisters, Nellie Buffington, Jean Niffen, and Mary "Bunnie" Brown, all of Louisiana; and several nieces and nephews.

He graduated from the Louisiana High School in 1955. He was employed by the board of public works as a foreman for 22 years before retiring. He was later employed as a school bus driver for the Louisiana School District for 18 years.

Emmett was also a lifelong commercial fisherman. He was a member of the Riverside Baptist Church. He was an avid Cardinal Baseball fan and never missed seeing a game. He was very devoted to his family and grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers was Austin White, Dustin Niffen, Julie Moore, Amy Pommill, Danielle Steele, and Whitney Branstetter. Pallbearers were Mike Buffington, Roy Dean Sutton, Lorin Heffner, Johnny Cottrell, Charles Love, and Raymond Rue.

Wanda M. Beck

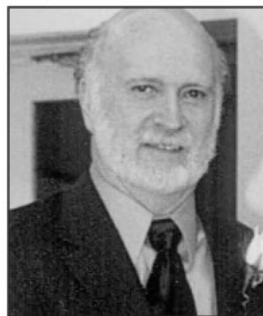
Wanda M. Beck, 91, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lake St. Louis.

Her wishes were to be cremated. No services are scheduled.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Jenkins and husband, Donald; and two step-grandchildren, Matthew Jenkins and Chris Jenkins.

Wanda had lived in Louisiana, Clarksville, and Bowling Green over the course of her life.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.



Warren Dale Kley

Warren Dale Kley, 75, of Clarksville died Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

Visitation was Monday from 4-8 p.m., at Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home, Hermann, where funeral services were held Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Big Spring.

Warren was born in St. Louis on Oct. 31, 1942, a son of Leo Dale & Mildred Schmelz Kley.

Warren is survived by his mother, Mildred Kley of Big Spring; a son, Paul Kley and wife, Amie of Hermann; his special friend, Nancy Colbert of Clarksville; and her two children, Daniel Colbert and wife, Sara of Troy, and Laura Heiliger and husband, Adam, of Warrenton; by two sisters, Janet Kley and Jane Riley, both of New Florence; and four grandchildren, Ashley Kley, of Hermann, Kara Kley of Chamois, Sydney Paige Thurman of Troy, and Blake Heiliger of Warrenton.

Warren graduated Hermann High School in 1961. He then attended Washington University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1965.

He served in the Missouri Air National Guard from 1965-71. He worked for General Motors as a graphic designer for several years until retiring in 2009.

He is preceded in death by his father, a sister Mary Joan Jackson and a brother-in-law Keith Riley.

Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society, c/o Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home.

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Clopton Elementary Christmas Concert

Preschool through fourth grade students at Clopton Elementary performed their annual elementary Christmas program Dec. 11. The program was under the direction of Nicole Seers, choir teacher. Pictured are the various groups singing including preschool and kindergarten, first and second grades and third and fourth grades.

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Clopton Winter Choir Concert

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MDC Sets 2018 Deer, Turkey Hunting Dates

At its meeting on Dec. 15, the Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for 2018-2019 turkey-hunting and deer-hunting season dates.

Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" and the "2018 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklets. Both will be available where permits are sold prior to the related seasons.

Buy Missouri hunting (and fishing) permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunting and MO Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

Learn more about deer and turkey hunting in Missouri at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/

2018 SPRING AND FALL TURKEY HUNTING DATES

•Spring Youth Portion: April 7 and 8

•Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 16-May 6

•Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31

2018 - 2019 ARCHERY DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING DATES

•Archery Season: Sept. 15 through Nov. 9 and Nov. 21 through Jan. 15, 2019.

2018-2019 FIREARMS DEER HUNTING DATES

•Firearms Deer Early Youth Portion: Oct. 27 and 28

•Firearms Deer November Portion: Nov. 10 - 20

•Firearms Deer Late Youth Portion: Nov. 23 - 25

•Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion: Nov. 30 through Dec. 2

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The following memorials have been made to the LHS Alumni & Friends Association from Sept. 1- Dec. 13, 2017:

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In memory of Sarah Jane Branstetter: John Reed.

In memory of Kenneth Hayden: Stephen "Mike" Hayden.

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First Step Back Home was awarded a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant to help with emergency shelter for homeless people. Pictured, from left, are Doug Steinmeyer, Cuivre River Community Trust Board member, and Lana and Paul Kruse, First Step Back Home founders.

Cuivre River Grant To Assist Fire Step Back Home

The Cuivre River Electric Community Trust Board has awarded a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant to First Step Back Home to help with emergency shelter for homeless in St. Charles County motels.

The First Step Back Home is a faith-based, homeless ministry. The primary program is to house men and help them get work through temporary employment agencies; while also providing lodging for women and children who are not able to stay at places such as the Salvation Army, Our Ladies Inn or Robertson Center.

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Public Health Response To Bourbon Virus

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local public health agencies recently completed a follow-up investigation of the Bourbon virus case identified during the summer of 2017.

Results of blood testing among participants are protected health information and will not be released. It is important to note, because Bourbon virus is believed to be spread by ticks, Missourians likely have one more reason to practice tick avoidance while outdoors.

Testing for Bourbon virus and Heartland virus (another cause of tick-borne illness in Missouri) was conducted on more than 7,000 ticks collected in the state park. Bourbon virus was not detected in any of the ticks collected.

This does not mean the virus is not present in some ticks in the park. Instead, it means none of the ticks that might have been infected at the time of this investigation were trapped and tested. Heartland virus was detected in one group of ticks.

Patients diagnosed with Bourbon virus have shown signs similar to infection with Heartland virus and ehrlichiosis (the latter is a type of bacteria transmitted by ticks), including fever, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, anorexia, diarrhea, and rash. Like Heartland virus and ehrlichiosis, Bourbon virus can affect blood cells that help the body fight infection and prevent bleeding. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for Bourbon virus.

For members of the public worried about the possibility of tick-borne dis-

eases, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten by a tick. Instructions on how to prevent exposure while outdoors are as follows:

Apply insect repellents containing at least 20 percent DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 (no more than 30 percent DEET in children) to exposed skin according to label instructions.

Apply a permethrin solution to clothing according to label instructions. This will last through several washings. Do not allow people or pets to have contact with treated surfaces until spray has dried.

Stay on marked and paved trails. Wear light-colored long sleeve shirts and pants.

Immediately perform a thorough tick inspection after being outdoors. If a tick is found, remove as soon as

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possible. Grasp the base of the head of the tick with a pair of tweezers and pull off with a straight motion, making sure to avoid twisting and jerking motions.

If a person begins developing a fever, muscle aches, fatigue, headaches, anorexia, diarrhea, or a rash after exposure to a tick bite or tick habitat, they should seek treatment from a medical professional and inform

them of recent tick exposure. For more info on ticks and the Bourbon virus investigation, please contact the Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Veterinary Public Health at 573-526-4780 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

More information about DHSS can be found at health.mo.gov.

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NECAC Recognizes Potts For 40 Years

Carla Potts, Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs at the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC), was honored recently for 40 years with the agency. Presenting a certificate of recognition is NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick, center, and Chief Deputy Director for Administrative Operations Dan Page. Potts, of Elsberry, began with NECAC on Nov. 25, 1977. An avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, Potts was also presented with \$150 in team gift certificates. NECAC is a 12-county area social service, community health and public housing agency.



BOLA Holds Customer Appreciation Day

Bank of Louisiana hosted its annual Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, Dec. 1. Those who attended received gifts and enjoyed delicious refreshments. In addition to the gifts and snacks, a drawing was held for the chance to win poinsettia plants, popcorn tins or the grand prize: a \$250 gift certificate to County Market. Jim Ross, Bank of Louisiana President is pictured above presenting the Grand Prize County Market Gift Certificate to Vickie Swarnes.



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Continued from front page

United Fund vice-president Peggy Meyer said, "It's the concept of people helping people which makes this campaign so special."

As the United Fund board listened last month to the agency requests for

2018, it was obvious the needs continue to grow with the dynamics of the area. Therefore, to meet all of the requests the United Fund goal for the coming year has been set at \$32,000.

United Fund efforts for 2018 begin now! If you would like to make a year-end donation, you may send a check payable to Buffalo Township United Fund or BTUF and mail it to PO Box 501, Louisiana, MO 63353 or by contacting any United Fund board member.

Or if your business would like to have a presentation and / or learn more about the payroll deduction plan, please contact any BTUF board member.

The current, hard-working United Fund board members are Terry Cook, Sheila Edmiston, Judy Green, Ken Lane, Walter Logan, Peggy Meyer, Trent Meyers, Helen Mustell, Ann Narramore, Julie Stephens, Martha Weston and Regina Woods.



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Pictured are part-time employees, front row (l-r) Avery Mudd and Blake Meyer. Second row: Emily Meyer and Isaac McKee.

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SPORTS



Weatherford Signs With CMU

Silex senior Mackenzie Weatherford signed a letter of intent with Central Methodist University last week to continue her education and softball career. She is the daughter of Jim and Cathy Weatherford. She is also pictured with Silex Coach Rebecca Lipsey and Central Methodist Coach Neil Hansen.

Lady Bulldogs Come Up Just Short Against Brookfield

APRIL M. FRONICK • EDITOR
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Despite a hard-fought battle, the Louisiana Lady Bulldogs came up just short against Clarence Cannon Conference rival Brookfield last week in a narrow 55-52 loss.

Louisiana came out of the gates hot with a 13-4 opening frame. Brookfield returned fire in the second, though, outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 23-10. Brookfield went into the break with a four-point advantage.

Brookfield built the lead after three quarters with a 16-11 stanza for a 43-34 lead going into the last quarter. Louisiana battled to best Brookfield 18-12 in the quarter but it wasn't enough to knock off the Conference foe.

Coach Jamie Boyd noted it was a fierce match-up between the two Bulldogs teams.

"I am very proud of the effort put forth by the Louisiana Lady Bulldogs. We are improving and making strides in the right direction as the season continues."

Louisiana had four players score in double figures against Brookfield. Mechia Campbell led the way for Louisiana with a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Kyjah Clark and Raelee Burse each had 10 points and seven rebounds. Caitlyn Gloe contributed 10 points and five rebounds, Brianna St. Clair scored five points and Faith Rule had two.

Louisiana will travel to Clark County on Thursday, Dec. 21.

Van-Far Indians Go 3-1 In Busy Week

Lathyn McMorris, Josh Hodde Each Score 1,000th Career Points

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It was a good week for the Van-Far Indians with three wins and two players, Lathyn McMorris and Josh Hodde, breaking the 1,000th point mark.

McMorris tied a school record the week before for three-pointers, knocking down 10 treys in the 89-55 win over Community R-VI on Friday, Dec. 8. He scored 13 points in the second quarter including a three to close out the first half. He came out and hit five three-pointers in the third quarter but came out of the game before surpassing the record.

"Coach (Reading) and I had no idea that he had that many until the scorer's table told us he was one away from tying the school record so we decided to put him back in and give him a shot to tie the record in the fourth," said Coach Pat Connaway. "You hate to do that in a 30+ point game but when a kid like Lathyn has a chance to do something special you got to give him a chance to tie the 25-year-old record. He nailed his second attempt at it with 1:29 to go and we took him out. Had I known Lathyn had 42 points and was only three points from Mike Smith's record of 45 points in a game we would have left him in to see if he could have broken that record."

McMorris went on to snag his 1,000th career point in the 71-55 victory over North Callaway last Tuesday. That win kicked off a strong week for the Indians.

Van-Far took it to the T-Birds

outscoring them 25-19 in the first quarter and 18-15 in the second for a 43-34 lead at the break. The Indians went on to outscore North Callaway 13-10 in the third and 15-11 in the final frame.

McMorris led the way with 23 points. Josh Hodde contributed 17, Trey Miller had 13 points and nine rebounds, Brayden Christian had nine points and nine boards, Caden Wilburn scored six and Treyson Culwell had three points and led the team with 11 rebounds.

Hodde picked up his 1,000th career point in the 65-39 drubbing of Silex on Thursday. He also had nine rebounds. Other scoring: McMorris, 12; Christian, 8; Miller, 6; Rylee Hanson, 3; Heath Calvert, 3; Treyson Culwell, 3; Riley Culwell, 3. Miller led the team with 12 boards.

The Indians suffered their only loss of the week and the season at the hands of Monroe City on Friday, 60-46.

"We just weren't ourselves," Connaway noted. "We seemed very sluggish and were about three to four steps slow. It was an eye-opening loss. We saw there are several things we need to tighten up if we want to be one of the best teams in the area and I definitely feel the kids will respond to the challenge and continue to work hard."

Van-Far stepped up the very next night in the Gary Filbert Shootout at Mexico to defeat the Bulldogs 78-61.

Lady Owls Snag Wins Over Crossroads, Christian

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The Silex Lady Owls are 4-4 for the season after earning victories over Crossroads and North County Christian and a loss to Montgomery over the past week.

Coach Aaron Henke noted the team is battling with the losses of junior starters Kate McDonald and Halle Mueller who suffered ankle injuries early this season.

The Lady Owls fell to Montgomery 64-43. Henke noted the team played faster and the team struggled to keep pace. Allison Harmon had a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Mollie Stanek contributed 10 points, eight rebounds

and four assists.

Silex defeated district opponent Crossroads on Wednesday, 47-41.

Henke said the girls were down by 15 at halftime but fought back with a 34-13 second half including a 17-2 third quarter.

"Defensively the girls played fantastic and did a good job of finishing down the stretch."

Harmon had another double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Stanek had 19 points (17 in the second half) and eight rebounds.

The Lady Owls finished the week with a 44-6 win over North County Christian. Harmon and Stanek each had 10 and Lexi Plackemeier dropped in another

eight.

"Defensively the girls played really well which led to us getting easy buckets on the other end."

Henke said he feels good about ending the first part of the season at .500 with the rough start and injuries.

"I feel really good where we are. Girls like Chloe Kinion, Casey Pruitt, Jordan Hurt and Izzy Sgroi have stepped up on both ends of the court and grown as individuals."

The Lady Owls are seeded fourth in the Clopton Tournament starting on Jan. 1. They will face (5) Louisiana in the opening round at 4:30 p.m. in the old gym.

Lady Indians Defeat Mexico; Fall To North Callaway, Monroe City

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The Van-Far Lady Indians were 2-1 for the week with a victory over Mexico on Saturday and losses to North Callaway and Monroe City earlier in the week.

Van-Far traveled to Mexico on Saturday for the Gary Filbert Shootout and picked up the win 52-48 over the Bulldogs.

The Lady Indians edged Mexico in the first quarter 13-11 but the Bulldogs answered in with a 23-8 second quarter to lead 34-21 at halftime.

Van-Far began clawing back with a big 18-9 third quarter and finished strong with a 13-5 final frame for the victory.

Jayle Jennings had 15 points, 13 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Reagan Case had 15 points (five three-pointers) and four rebounds. Katie Elzea put up 13 points and eight rebounds in the win. Jordan Garner had nine points, four rebounds and three assists.

The Lady Indians fell to North Callaway 51-37 last Tuesday.

Scoring: Jennings, 16; Case, 15; Elzea, 2; Alex Connaway, 2; Morgan McDowell, 2.

Van-Far also fell to Monroe City on Friday, 66-40. Scoring: Case, 17; Garner, 9; Jennings, 8; Alivia Graddy, 3; Panna Connaway, 2; Elzea 1. Elzea also had a tremendous 17 boards in the game.

Coach Kelly Borchert pointed out this was a tough week playing against good teams.

"In both the North Callaway and Monroe City games we looked pretty good in the first half, but then got into some foul trouble and that really hurt us. Against both (teams) we struggled getting the ball inside and our help defense wasn't great," she remarked. "We knew going into the Mexico game those were some things we really needed to focus on. Against Mexico we handled every defense they ran and were able to stay under control when

they tried speeding the game up. We moved the ball well and got really good looks at the basket throughout the whole game. Defensively-wise our help defense looked a lot better as well. We got down by 11 but the girls never stopped fighting and we hit some big shots at the end of the game to put us ahead. It was a nice win to end the week on."

Van-Far is seeded eighth in the Madison Tournament that will take place over the holidays. The Lady Indians will kick off the tournament going up against top-seeded Cairo in the opening round game on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The consolation semifinal will take place at 4:30 p.m. and the championship semifinal will take place at 7:30 p.m., both on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Keep up with action from the Clopton Tournament on TRIBCAST at www.thepeopletribune.com

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Bulldogs Trounce Brookfield

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 The Louisiana Bulldogs had little trouble taking down Clarence Cannon Conference rival Brookfield in a 72-32 victory last week.
 The Bulldogs outscored Brookfield 26-10 in the opening quarter and then 23-11 in the second for a 49-21 lead at halftime. Louisiana went on to best Brookfield 16-5 in the third and 7-6 in the final stanza.
 Derek Richards shot 77 percent to lead the Bulldogs with 26 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds

and six steals. Zac Harrison had 18 points, eight rebounds and four steals in the win. Remi Feldewerth and Zach Ellsworth each had nine points, Issac King scored four, Tyler Pederson and Dalton Oberhaus each had three points.
 Louisiana will travel to Clark County on Thursday, Dec. 21. They are seeded second in the upcoming Clopton Tournament and will take on (7) Silex in the opening round on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 5:30 p.m. (see bracket on this page).

Bobcats Take Down Trojans, Tigers

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 The Bowling Green Bobcats improved their record with a couple of wins over Community R-VI and Mark Twain.
 The Bobcats outscored the Trojans in every quarter of their match-up last Tuesday in a game that was featured on TribCast. Bowling Green led 35-25 at halftime and came away with the 66-48 win.
 Kaleo Dade led the way for the Bobcats with 23 points and eight

rebounds, Corey Bell had 18 points and five rebounds, Kameron Worley scored 10 points and nine boards, Noah Pafford had eight, Josh Sparks contributed four and Dylan Henderson scored three.
 The Bobcats also picked up the win on Monday, Dec. 18 over Mark Twain, 55-47 (see stats in next week's edition).
 Bowling Green will travel to Palmyra tonight (Tuesday, Dec. 19) and will host Lutheran on Friday, Dec. 22.

Lady Cats Drop Close One To R-VI

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 The Bowling Green Lady Cats bounced back from a narrow loss to Community R-VI last week with a victory over Mark Twain on Monday, Dec. 18.
 The Lady Cats fell 49-43 to the Trojans last Tuesday.
 Community got the jump with an 11-7 first quarter and 8-7 second for a halftime lead of 19-14.
 Bowling Green battled back

with a 17-10 third quarter but Community was able to close out the win with a 20-12 fourth.
 Gabi Deters led with 13 points, KateLynn Charlton and Caitlyn Bilhartz each had seven, Jaylen Early and Madeline Norton each had six and Kaylyn McKee and Kinley Charlton each scored two.
 Bowling Green will travel to Palmyra tonight (Tuesday, Dec. 19) and will host Lutheran on Friday, Dec. 22.

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Lady Hawks Pick Up Wins Over Wellsville, Mark Twain

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 The Clopton Lady Hawks improved their season with wins over Wellsville and Mark Twain last week.
 Clopton defeated EMO Conference rival Wellsville on Tuesday, Dec. 12, with 59-11 drubbing.
 Jillian Lockard led the way

with 24 points. Kaitlyn Kuntz had a double-double with 10 points and 11 steals.
 The Lady Hawks were also victorious over Mark Twain on Friday, 51-35.
 Kuntz had 13, Maya Street contributed 12 and Allison Hunter had nine points in the win. Caragan Lockard pulled down 13 rebounds in the match-up.

The Lady Hawks will take part in the John Wood Community College shootout on Thursday, Dec. 21.
 Clopton is seeded second in their home tournament starting on Jan. 1. They will face (7) Wright City in the opening round at 4:30 p.m. in the new gym (see bracket on this page).

Hawks Edge Out Wellsville, Fall To Mark Twain

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 The Clopton Hawks edged out Wellsville but came up short against Mark Twain in games last week.
 Clopton picked up the win 50-47 against their EMO Conference rival on Tuesday, Dec. 12.
 Landon Hall led the way with 23 points, Parker Edmiston had 10, Zakk Eivins contributed nine, Damian Walker scored four, Shawn Yates had three and Dalton

Strus had one.
 Clopton had a tough match-up with Mark Twain on Friday night.
 The Tigers took the lead after the first quarter, 16-13. Clopton outscored Mark Twain 12-10 to go into the break down by just three, 26-23.
 Mark Twain came out hot in the second half, though, outscoring Clopton 12-1 in the third and 13-8 to close out the game.
 Hall led the way for the Hawks with 10 points and 10 rebounds,

Yates had eight, Edmiston scored seven, Eivins had four, Stus contributed three and Peyton Sambo had two points in the loss.
 The Hawks will take part in the John Wood Community College shootout on Dec. 21 and face Southern Boone on Dec. 28.
 Clopton is seeded third in their home tournament starting on Jan. 1. They will take on (6) Wellsville in the opening round at 7 p.m. in the new gym on Tuesday, Jan. 2 (see bracket on this page).

Silex Owls Stumble Against Van-Far

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 The Silex Owls squared off with a tough EMO Conference rival in Van-Far last week and came up short 65-39.
 The Indians came out of the gates hot, outscoring the Owls 24-3. Coach Ken Jett said the team

wasn't able to recover after that fast-paced open. He added the team is still developing so they have some quarters of single-digit scoring and it makes all the difference.
 Tommy Grote had eight points for the Owls, Brian Henke scored six and Charles Turbeyville had

five.
 The Owls are seeded seventh in the upcoming Clopton Tournament that starts on Jan. 1. They will take on (2) Louisiana in the opening round on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the old gym. (See bracket on this page for further details.)



Dear Twin Pike Community Members,

As we near the end of 2017, the Twin Pike Family YMCA Board of Directors and staff would like to reach out to our community members and donors and express our gratitude and appreciation of your on-going support. Membership fees paid by our facility members, and tax-deductible contributions from area businesses and community members, have helped our YMCA make a significant impact in the Twin Pike counties over the past 23 years. As a direct result of your support, the Y had over 160,000 points-of-contact with kids, teens, and adults in 2016, and **we want to make sure everyone knows that the Y isn't just a gym!**

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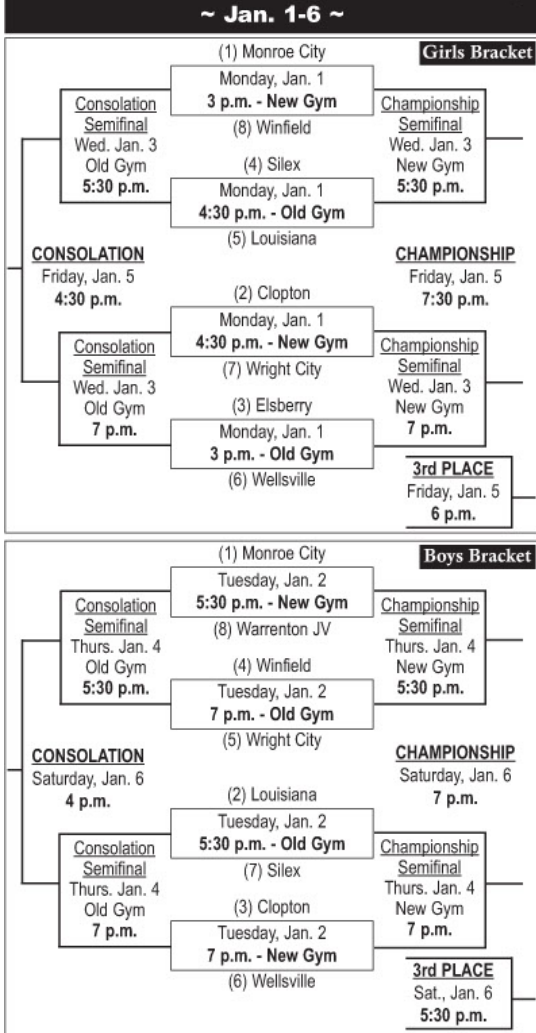
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Vandalia Woman Faces Drug Charges

A Vandalia woman has been arrested and faces drug charges following the execution of a search warrant at a residence in the 100 block of Woodlawn Street.

Methamphetamine and other materials were seized by authorities during the morning hours of Dec. 11. Members of the East Central Drug Task Force were assisted by the Vandalia Police Department, Audrain County Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol.

Karen L. Ramirez, 56, was taken into custody. She has been charged with two felony counts of possession of a controlled substance, a felony count of main-



Karen L. Ramirez

taining a public nuisance and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Individuals charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Carroll Marks 25 Years

The Pike County Sheriff's Department held a reception recently to mark Det. David Carroll's 25 years of service to law enforcement. He is pictured with Sheriff Stephen Korte (right). Korte noted, "Det. Carroll is the most dedicated and loyal public servant I have ever had the pleasure of working with."

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ALDERMEN

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Individuals looking to operate one of the newly-approved modes of transportation must obtain a permit which is \$15. Operators must obey all traffic laws and devices must be operated safely.

The board voted 4-0 in favor of drafting the new ordinance. Kim Luebrecht, Mark Bair, Terry Burris and Craig Burnett voted in favor. Mike Pugh was absent.

City Administrator Barb Allison reported that demolition work at the properties near the square will likely get started after Christmas. She explained that Mike Roberts Engineering plans to begin moving in equipment this week.

Roberts plans to start with the three-story brick building at the corner of Main and Court Streets owned by Gary Rahmeyer (formerly Bowling Green Florist). The project will start with

asbestos testing and then the first stages of demolition will be done by hand. This will be done to help preserve the Pike County Courthouse Annex. Demolition of the property is expected to take 60 days depending on weather.

The two-story property known as the former gas company that is

owned by William Butler and Conita Butler will be done after the Rahmeyer property.

Board members also approved the purchase of a new sign for the city park. The sign is being purchased from Stewart Signs and was selected by the park board and will cost about \$6,100.

FILING

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South Ward (one-year unexpired): Don Mirick (I).
South Ward: Joanna Brock (I).
North Ward: no filings.
Collector: Shirley Underwood (I).

City of Vandalia

The office of mayor and three seats on the Board of Aldermen will be decided
Mayor: Ralph Kuda (I) and Debbie Hopke.
Ward 1: Ramon Barnes (I).
Ward 2: no filings.
Ward 3: John Weiser (I).

City of Curryville

The offices of mayor and collector are up along with three at large members of the board.

Mayor: no filings.
Collector: no filings.
Board: Larry Shaw (I).

Village of Eolia

Two seats on the Board of Trustees will be decided. No filings have been reported.

Filings have also not been reported for the City of Frankford or the City of Farber.

Seats will also be decided for the Boards of Trustees for Pike County Memorial Hospital and the Pike County Health Department.

Watch The People's Tribune for more candidate filings in coming weeks.

Keep up with your local teams in the upcoming Clopton Tournament and throughout the season on TRIBCAST! LIVE & ARCHIVED WITH STREAMING VIDEO www.thepeopletribune.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Brookshier Inducted Into Honor Society

Sally Louise Brookshier has been inducted into the Alpha Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest International Honorary of Community and Junior Colleges. The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and they provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Alpha Tau Chapter is the local chapter for Moberly Area Community college and its various campuses. Sally graduated from the MACC Mexico campus LPN program in June. She will be starting the RN program in January 2018. She is the mother of Aaliyah Marie Brookshier. Sally's brothers, Stephen, Shane, and Scott Brookshier were also members of Phi Theta Kappa.

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Culvert Replacements Planned For Pike Rt. N

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be doing culvert work on Montgomery County Route N. Please see the dates and locations below. All work will take place between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Pike County Route N - Dec. 19, road closed between 0.20 mile east of CRD 234 and 0.3 mile east of CRD 234 for culvert replacement.

Pike County Route N - Dec. 20, road closed between Missouri Route 79 and 0.10 mile west of MO 79 for culvert replacement.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes during these times.

This work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled or delayed. For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). All roadwork is posted on the traveler information map. You can also visit us online at www.modot.org/northeast.

Give Blood Now, Help Save Lives

The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to give more life to patients now and into the new year by giving blood or platelets.

Donations decline during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day when busy holiday schedules cause regular donors to be less available to give and many blood drives may be canceled due to severe winter storms. Last year, nearly 64,000 fewer blood and platelet donations were given through the Red Cross during the seven weeks from Thanksgiving through the first week of January than the average the rest of the year.

Blood is perishable and can only be replenished by volunteer donors. Red blood cells, the most transfused blood product, must be transfused within 42 days. Platelets, the tiny cells that form clots and help stop bleeding, must be transfused within just five days. More than half of all platelet donations go to cancer patients who may need platelet transfusion.

Area blood drives include: Millwood Knights of Columbus, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Operation Round Up has been supporting the mission of First Step Back Home since 2006, shortly after the ministry was founded. During the years that followed the group has received more than \$85,000 in grants

through Operation Round Up.

For more information on First Step Back Home, visit www.firststepbackhome.net or contact Paul Kruse at paulwkruse@centurytel.net.

Grant funds come from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative members who donate to the Community Trust through Operation Round Up. Members voluntarily pay the round up amount on their monthly electric

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bill. The funds are administered by volunteer trustees who represent areas within St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren and Pike counties where Cuivre River offers electric service.

Operation Round Up addresses unmet needs in the areas of com-

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Barbie Gamm, cashier at Community State Bank in Bowling Green, is pictured presenting Joann Fessenden of Frankford with her \$100 Christmas cash winnings

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Twin Pike Family YMCA Hires New Staff

The Twin Pike Family YMCA welcomes two new staff members to their 21st CCLC Before and Afterschool Programs.

Noveta Shepherd became 21st CCLC Program Director for the Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Louisiana/Clopton/Day Camp sites on November 17, 2017. Noveta had previously served as a Lead Teacher at the Louisiana YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program. Noveta has been a member of the Louisiana community where she had been an elementary teacher with the Louisiana School District from 1981 until her retirement. Following her retirement, she worked as a substitute teacher and elementary principal in the district. Shepherd earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and Masters in Administration from Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State). She earned a Specialist in Administration from William

Woods University. Noveta is the mother of two children who attended the Louisiana School District. When Noveta is not working, you will find her spending time with her two grandchildren, McKinley and Jaxon. Noveta is looking forward to learning the administrative role of the 21st CCLC Program Director.

Karina Genenbacher became the 21st CCLC Site Coordinator for the Bowling Green Twin Pike Family YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program on November 17th. She is a 2016 graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill. where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Psychology. Karina and her husband, Tanner relocated to Bowling Green this fall from Overland Park, Kan. Tanner is an engineer with Massman Construction Co., who is building the new Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana. Karina is excited to be

a part of this new community and the Bowling Green YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program.

All five YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool sites have been busy with family Christmas activities this month in addition to their regular schedule. Our Afterschool Programs offer a daily healthy snack, homework and physical activity time. They also offer weekly or by monthly enrichment activities in STEM, Food and Fun, Math, Technology, Crafts, Character Ed, Multicultural Ed, College and Career Readiness, and Service Learning. All sites at BONCL, Bowling Green, Clopton, Frankford, and Louisiana Elementary Schools have openings for enrollment at this time.

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Karina Genenbacher & Noveta Shepherd

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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently announced that 653,428 acres of state land have been certified to one of the world's most recognized, independent, third-party forest management certification standards, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard.

"Certification to SFI considers all aspects of our forest management process - from our actions taken in the woods to the paperwork we keep in our files," said MDC State Forester Lisa Allen. "We are extremely proud to achieve this certification, which means we have outside validation that we are properly managing our forest resources to assure their health and sustainability."

SFI's 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard is based upon principles, goals and performance measures that were developed nationally by professional foresters, conservationists and others with the intention of promoting sustainable forest management in North America. SFI and its many partners work together to balance environmental, economic and social objectives such as conservation of wildlife habitat and biodiversity, harvesting forest products, protecting water quality, providing forest industry jobs and developing recreational opportunities. The SFI Forest Management Standard is also the only standard that requires participants to support forestry research.

"The Missouri Department of Conservation joins other progressive organizations that are demonstrating their leadership and transparency by certifying their lands to the SFI Forest Management Standard," said Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI Inc. "It is especially important to differentiate the responsible actors who are managing forests to maintain conservation values, sustain communities, and support responsible supply chains given that forest products are traded internationally. In other nations there are high risks of illegal logging and forest products are coming under increasing scrutiny."

Successfully achieving certification to the SFI Standard positions MDC as a sustainability leader because certification provides assurances of responsible practices across the forest products supply chain. Working together, SFI and

MDC can make connections between sustainable forestry work and important conservation outcomes including clean water and biodiversity. Broadening the practice of responsible forestry and expanding the understanding and connection between forests and communities helps make the link between well-managed forests and the public benefits that affect all of us every day.

As part of its certification, MDC will be required to undergo annual surveillance audits as well as full certification to the SFI Forest Management Standard every five years. The audits are conducted by an independent, accredited third-party certification body, and audit summaries are posted on the SFI website at sfiprogram.org/forest_certification_audits_reports.cfm.

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OBITUARIES

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Sandra Jane Larimore

Sandra Jane Larimore Barton, 77, of rural Vandalia died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services were Sunday at 3 p.m., at First Christian Church in Vandalia with the Rev. Jamie Franke officiating. Music was provided by Barbara Elzea - organist.

Visitation was Sunday from 1 p.m., until service time at the First Christian Church in Vandalia.

Born: September 30, 1940 in Hammond, Illinois the daughter of Elmer and Olive (Tish) Larimore. Married: Charles L. Barton in Bement, Illinois on November 15, 1959; he survives at the home.

Survivors include her husband, Charles of rural Vandalia; three daughters, Heather A. Noe and husband, Kendall of Columbia, Andrea L. Rose and husband, Paul of Olathe, Kan., and Amber M. Hawk and husband, Brandon of Sheridan; two brothers, Thurman Larimore and Paul Larimore; two sisters, Linda Wagner and Kay Norman; six grandchildren, Esther, Abby and Sam Rose, JoLynn, Jane and J.C. Hawk; also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Dean Larimore, Wayne Fair, Floyd Larimore; and three sisters, Violet Buoy, Marie Goldsberry and Waneta Springman.

She graduated from Bement Township High School in 1958. After her marriage to Charles, she worked as a bookkeeper at the Farm Services office in Bowling Green. She later worked for several years at the Hillebrand Insurance agency in Vandalia. During this time she had also been a full time homemaker on the family's farm south of Vandalia. Sandra was a long time and very active member of the First Christian Church where she had served on the church mission committee and was a Sunday School teacher. She was the Chaplain of the Ladies Gideon's Auxiliary.

She volunteered with the PATCH program at WERDCC to help children stay connected with their mothers while they were separated. She volunteered her time for service projects and helping students at the Christian Campus House. She enjoyed baking, cooking, traveling, and visiting with friends and family. She showed Christ's love to others by helping others whenever she could.

Pallbearers were Scott Barton, Kendall Noe, Paul Rose, Brandon Hawk, Tony Owens and Tim Embree. Honorary pallbearers were Al Wortman, Jim Elzea, H. E. Libby, Paul Gore, Vaughn Hamlett, Don Hoover, Wayne Lynn, Dean Baker, Donald Ray Morris, and Boyd Haddock.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Mizzou Christian Campus House, 704 College Avenue, Columbia, MO 65201.



Poinsett's Legacy Lives On In Christmas Flower

By Tom Emery

Some say it just isn't Christmas without the poinsettia, a colorful addition to the holiday season. Outside of his native state, the flower's namesake has been lost to history.

The plant is named for Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first American ambassador to Mexico, who distributed cuttings of the flower he found during a diplomatic excursion. Botany was one of many interests for Poinsett, a renaissance man ahead of his time.

Born on March 2, 1779 in Charleston, S.C., Poinsett was educated in England and spoke six languages. One scholar described him as "socially skilled, well-connected, and... a gracious host."

Extensive travel in Europe as a young man brought him in contact with many European dignitaries. Poinsett then spent 1810-1815 in South America upon appointment of President Madison, who sent him to determine which nations in rebellion with Spain were interested in treaties with America.

After a stint in the South Carolina legislature, Poinsett was elected to three terms in the U.S. House as a Democrat. He resigned during his third term in 1825 to accept an appointment by President Monroe as the first U.S. Minister to Mexico.

He held the position until 1829 and was often at the center of controversy, particularly over Texas annexation. Poinsett unsuccessfully attempted to broker a \$5 million deal to acquire Texas, and his relations with the Mexican government were strained.

While in Mexico, Poinsett became fascinated with a red flower called Flor de Noche Buena, or the Christmas Eve Flower. In 1828, he shipped cuttings of the flower to friends, and one made its way to the Royal Botanic Garden in Scotland.

Despite the turmoil surrounding his time in Mexico, Poinsett had scattered support as a Presidential candidate. Elected to another term in the South Carolina house in 1830, he earned a spot in President Van Buren's Cabinet as Secretary of War in 1837.

During his term, Poinsett advocated exploration of the American West and played a key role in the creation of the National Institution for the Promotion of Science, now the Smithsonian

Institution. He also hired Robert Mills, another South Carolina resident, to create what became the National Mall in Washington.

For much of the 1830s and 1840s, Poinsett spent time at his fine home near Greenville, S.C., which featured a scenic garden that he designed. He remained politically active after leaving the Cabinet in 1841 and opposed both the Mexican War and his state's secession movement.

Poinsett died near Statesburg, S.C. on Dec. 12, 1851 and is buried in the Episcopal Cemetery there.

The day of his death has been designated National Poinsettia Day in the United States, a holiday that, like Poinsett himself, is largely obscure.

However, he remains a stalwart of South Carolina history. A state park and electronic combat range for military training south of Sumter both bear

his name, while in Greenville, a bridge, highway, and hotel all are named for him. A statue of Poinsett is also a Greenville attraction.

The poinsettia has become a \$250 million industry in the United States, largely due to the efforts of Albert Ecke, a German immigrant in southern California at the turn of the century who shared Poinsett's fascination with the flower. His son, Paul Sr., created a grafting technique to aid production, while his grandson, Paul Jr., helped launch the poinsettia into an American holiday fixture.

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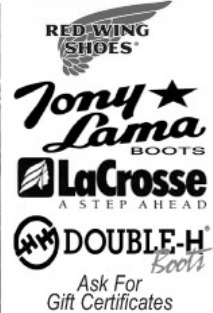
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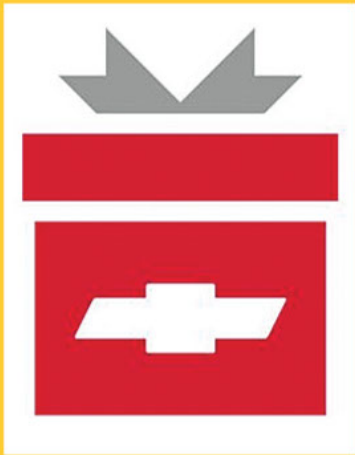
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