

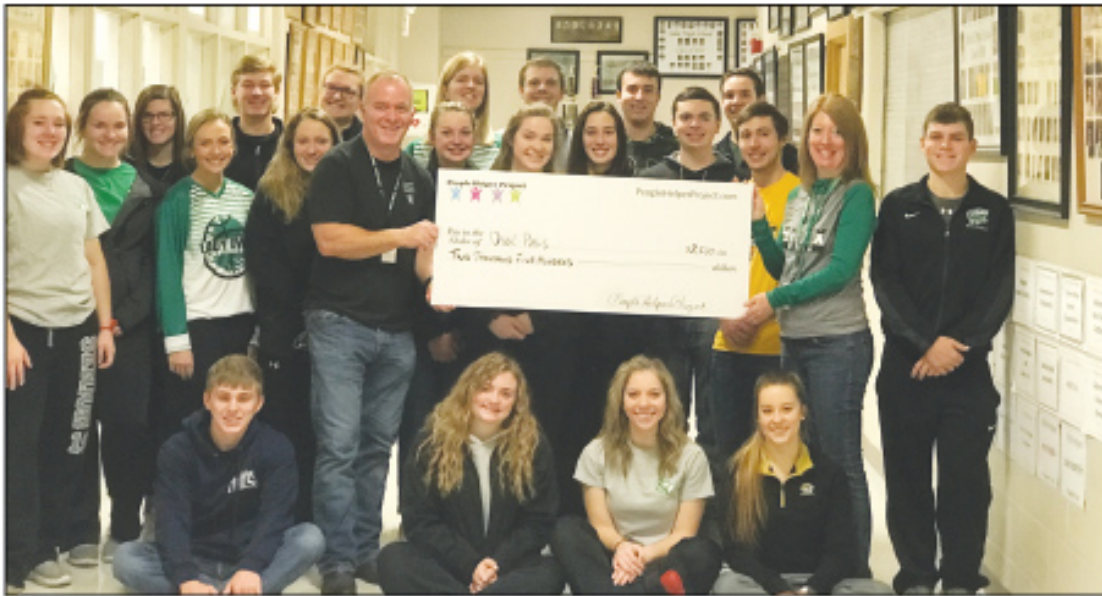


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Owl Pals Receives \$2,500 Donation

Silex NHS received an early Christmas present to help fund their Owls Pals program. Tim Randazzo with the People's Helpers Project presented NHS with a check for \$2,500. Owls Pals was introduced this year by NHS. Through generous donations, NHS is able to send home goody bags with food twice a month for those students who registered. "The program is for students in grades pre-k through eighth grade. Anyone can receive the Owls Pals bags. They just need to register," said Laura McDonald, NHS Sponsor. "The response from our community has been overwhelming. Now with the generous donation from People's Helpers Project, we will be able to better serve all our students," she added. For more information or to make a donation please contact Laura McDonald at lmcdonald@silex.k12.mo.us.

Pike County Commissioners Plan To Appoint Susie Oberdahlhoff To Serve As County Clerk

Pike County Commissioners have unanimously agreed to tap Susie Oberdahlhoff for the position of county clerk and plan to make the appointment official with a vote later this week.

"Susie is a highly-respected person and someone who is willing to work with everyone," noted Presiding Commissioner Chris Gamm. "We are looking out for the entire county."

Gamm said the commission has spent the past week going over candidates and also checking all of the legalities involved in the matter.

"This hasn't been an easy thing to deal with," Gamm remarked. "The political side of it has really been ugly."

He added the commission announced to all departments in the courthouse their intention to appoint Oberdahlhoff last week.

"We want to make sure we are communicating and looking out for stability," he said.

Oberdahlhoff has experience working in the county clerk's office previously and has served during elections for a number of years and is familiar with the process. Gamm noted that Oberdahlhoff also has terrific leadership skills.

That was also echoed by Western District Commissioner Bill Allen and Eastern District Commissioner Justin Sheppard.

"Susie has a very good work history with prior experience in the

clerk's office. It was part of why I believe she would be a great county clerk," Sheppard said. "Susie also is a very responsible and service-oriented person. I believe the clerk's office requires a person who has great customer service skills - which Susie has."

He added that she will be a tremendous asset for the county.

After the vote to appoint Oberdahlhoff to the position, it will be January when she is official sworn into office.

Michelle (Missy) Hunter Jaeger, a Republican, defeated incumbent Melissa Kempke, a Democrat, for the office in the election earlier this year.

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Van-Far R-I Board Hires Tony DeGrave To Serve As New Superintendent

The Van-Far R-I School Board of Education has named Tony DeGrave as the district's next superintendent.

DeGrave, who is currently the Superintendent at Marion County R-II, will replace Dr. Stephen Hunter, who will retire at the end of the school year.

He will begin his duties as superintendent on July 1, 2019.

DeGrave is a native of Monroe City. After graduating from Monroe City High School, he received a bachelor's degree from Culver-Stockett College in special education. He later earned a master's degree in building-level administration from Grand Canyon University and a specialist's degree in district-level administration from Arkansas State University.

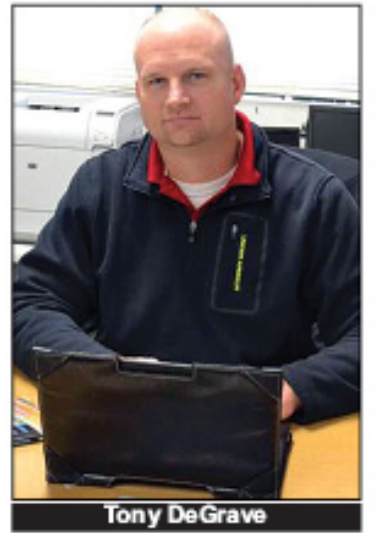
DeGrave worked 10 years for the Monroe City R-I School District as a special ed teacher. He also coached football for seven years at Monroe City before becoming K-12 principal at Marion County R-II where he served four years before becoming superintendent in 2016.

"I am truly honored to be selected to be a part of the Van-Far School District. The Board of Education has been extremely supportive of me and I look forward to working along with them to ensure that we continue to provide an exceptional learning

experience for all of our students. I am looking forward to getting to know the staff, students and communities that the Van-Far School District so proudly serves" DeGrave said.

He noted that growing up and having lived in rural areas made Van-Far attractive. He added the community is committed to the school and he's looking forward to getting started and building an even stronger school.

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Tony DeGrave

Center Man To Face Charges Following Vehicle Pursuit With Vandalia Police

A Center man fled from Vandalia Police in an incident over the weekend that ended in a crash on Route V in Pike County.

Officials report the chase took place on Saturday night. Jason Closser, 33, failed to pull over for officers and began fleeing at a high rate of speed.

Closser was traveling eastbound on Route V when the vehicle left the

roadway and crashed into a culvert on an embankment. The car went back across the roadway before overturning on the left side of the road.

According to the Highway Patrol, Closser reportedly sustained serious injuries and was transported to University Hospital in Columbia.

He is expected to face several charges for the episode.

Early Deadline - Early Delivery For Trib's Holiday Newspaper Editions

Due to the way the holidays fall this year, The People's Tribune will have early deadlines and early deliveries for the next two weeks.

The Christmas edition that is slated for Tuesday, Dec. 25 will actually appear on newsstands on Friday, Dec. 21.

Individuals who are interested in submitting news or advertising for the next edition must do so by this Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Please call 573-324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636 with any questions or con-

cerns. The Trib can also be reached by email at peopletribune@sbc-global.net.

The print edition will be available on Friday afternoon and the online edition will likely be updated that evening.

There will also be an early deadline and delivery for the New Year's edition of The People's Tribune as well this year.

While the print edition is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, the

paper will be available on newsstands on Monday, Dec. 31. The paper will be on newsstands by that afternoon and the print edition will also be updated online later that day as well.

The deadline for news and advertising submissions for that edition will be 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Please feel free to contact The People's Tribune with any questions. Our staff wishes our loyal readers a very happy holiday season.



Pike County Bicentennial

Liz O'Farrell discusses the book that she and Andy Young put together for the county's 200th anniversary at the Pike County Bicentennial Banquet. The dinner was held at Tivoli Hills Resort near Clarksville on Dec. 14, the actual day of the bicentennial. Also pictured is bicentennial committee secretary Karen Alico. The \$40 book can be ordered through the University Extension office at the Pike County Courthouse in Bowling Green.

First Impact Parent Program Coming To Bowling Green

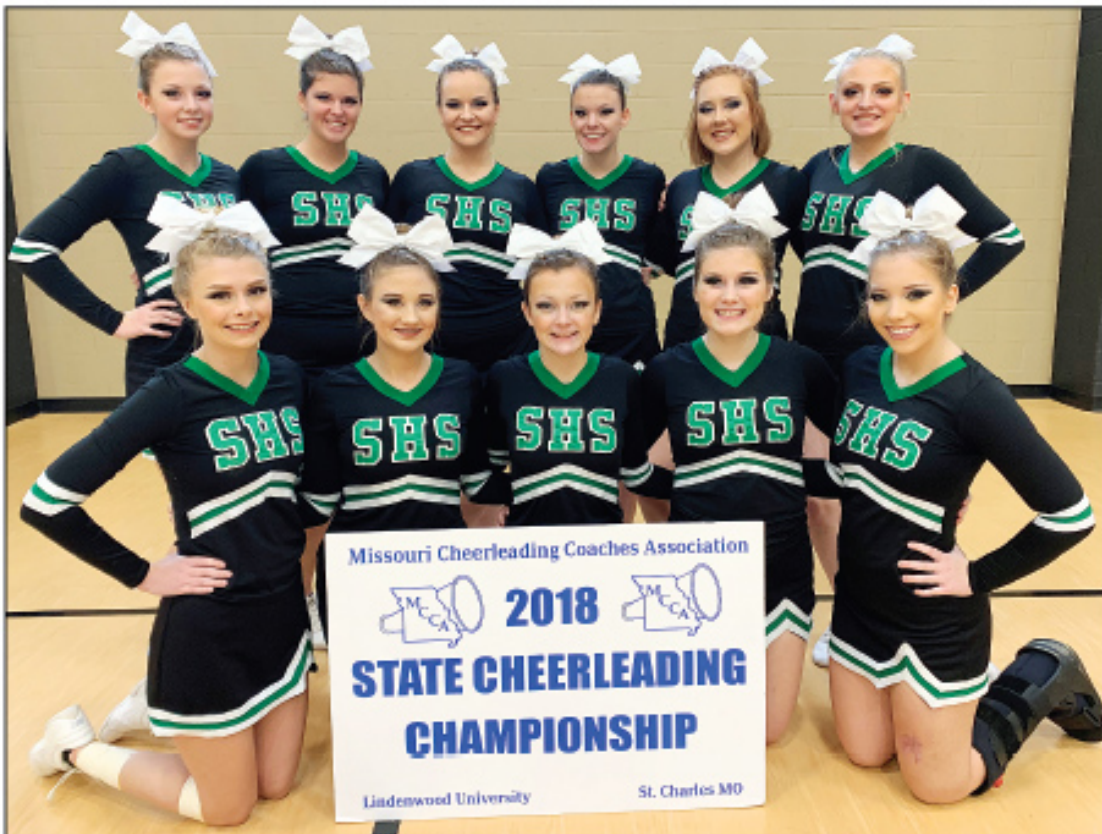
ThinkFirst Missouri, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic & Highway Safety Division, has developed an evidence-based, facilitated traffic safety parent program called First Impact.

First Impact is a 60-90 minute facilitated traffic safety parent program. The goal of First Impact is to reduce new driver crashes by increasing parental awareness and enforcement of Missouri's Graduated

Driver License (GDL) law. First Impact is bringing this free program to your area and invites you to this event.

It will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 4:30-6 p.m., at Bowling Green High School, 700 West Adams.

To register for one of these events, please visit <https://firstimpact.missouri.edu/events>, or for more information, you can contact First Impact Director, Deana Dothage, at 573-884-3463.



Silex Cheerleaders Take Fourth At State Championship

The Silex Owls cheerleading squad finished in fourth place at the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championships on Sunday, Dec. 2. The squad includes (front row, l-r): Emily Duetting, Harlee Olds, Kayle Engelmeier, Jenna Beckham, and Jaclyn Adams. Back row: Llie Isom, Kylee Williams, Cailyn Twelman, Kylie Coats, Abi McNulty, and Maddy Goos.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Calendar...

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On Dec. 27: There will be a meeting of the board of trustee's of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling

Green.
On Dec. 19: The Pike County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees meeting will take place at 10 a.m., second floor conference room of the hospital.

Be A Holiday Hero - Give Blood

Emergencies don't take a holiday. The American Red Cross urgently needs blood and platelet donors to make an appointment now to give and help ensure patients can get the treatment they need at a moment's notice.

The American Legion Post 349 of Clarksville will host a blood drive on Dec. 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at

504 S. 2nd St.
In November 2016, a 100-foot maple tree fell on Mike McMahon, causing life-threatening injuries. He needed 11 units of blood during emergency surgery and another seven units to treat complications after. Six weeks following the accident, McMahon was released from the hospital - just in time to spend the holidays with his family.

"I'm grateful for the donors who gave me such an amazing gift - the gift of life," said McMahon. "I was an occasional blood donor before the accident. Today, I donate as often as I can to help ensure others receive blood when they need it most."

Now is an important time to give blood and platelets. A seasonal decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. In addition, severe winter weather can cause blood drive cancellations and negatively affect the blood supply. Patients like McMahon can't afford for there to be a shortage of blood.

Give the gift of life - make an appointment to donate blood and platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party

American Legion Auxiliary, Louisiana Unit 370, held its annual Christmas party, Monday, Dec. 10 at the post home at 6:30 p.m. The evening began with a carry-in dinner enjoyed by 65 members and guests. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived and listened to the children's Christmas wishes. Each child was given a small gift from Santa and a bag of goodies provided by the auxiliary.

Grand Prairie Society, Children Of American Revolution Meet

Grand Prairie Society President Trent Maiden called the Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m., meeting to order at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Room.

There were five members and three senior leaders present. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given as well. The

group made decisions about the required donations for the year and planned the next meeting.

Christmas bingo was the game for the afternoon with nearly everyone winning a prize. Alec Adam won the attendance prize that was a Dairy Queen gift certificate. Christmas greetings were signed to send to

those not present.

The next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 13.

Society members present were Trent Maiden, Alec Adam, Trevor Miller, Paige Dameron and Kylie Dameron.

The senior leaders present were Ruth Miller, Teresa Wenzel and Joy Davis.

Winter Story Hour At Louisiana Library

The Friends of the Louisiana Library will sponsor the annual Winter Story Hour on Saturday, Dec. 29 from 10-11 a.m., at the library.

Children ages four-12 are invited to attend. There will be a read aloud, a craft, free books and small gifts for the youngsters. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact the library at 754-4491 for more information.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Keeping An Eye On Progress

The new Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana is past the halfway point to completion. Changes to the bridge are visible every day. All of the piers have been set and the steel girders are being put in place before the bridge's concrete deck is installed. The People's Tribune is including a photo every week as work continues until completion as a scrapbook to one of the biggest projects the area has seen. When finished the bridge will be more than twice the width it is now at 44-feet wide and will have a price tag of just over \$60 million.

Trib photo by April M. Florick

Rotary Obed Hall Scholarship Available For Pike Students

The Bowling Green Rotary Club is taking applications for the Obed Hall Vocational Service Scholarship. The scholarship is for \$500.

Applicants must be an adult, or be married, or have been married and have children. They must live within Pike County, have obvious financial need, and be receiving additional education to enhance their vocational skills, be enrolled in a program leading to certification or an associate's degree, be targeting a new career or change in career development, and be planning to work and/or live in Pike County.

The applicants will also be asked to provide a brief outline of their ed-

ucation, significant accomplishments, employment and educational goals.

Applications may be picked up at the financial aid office at the Pike/Lincoln Technical Center or downloaded from the Bowling Green Rotary Club's Facebook page. Applicants may also send an e-mail to ejmgem76@att.net requesting an application form be sent to them via e-mail. Application should be returned to: Bowling Green Rotary Club, P.O. Box 14, Bowling Green, Mo. 63334.

Filing deadline is Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019.

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Lincoln County Plat Books Available

The 2018 edition of the Lincoln County plat book is available at the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 116 Frenchman Bluff Rd., Troy. Lincoln County Assessor Kevin Bishop provided information for the book.

In addition to landowner information, each book has a political township map, school, fire, and road district maps, a voting precincts map, a state representatives districts map, a flood zones map, a Lincoln County road map, and maps for the municipalities of Chain of Rocks, Elsberry, Foley, Hawk Point, Moscow Mills, Old Monroe, Silex, Troy, Truxton, Whiteside, and Winfield. Each book contains easy-to-use owner, street, and subdivision indexes. The books included digital ortho imagery, a type of aerial photography.

For more information, call the Lincoln County SWCD at 636-528-4877, extension 3.

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Even though we may be small, we are a rare community service capable of great things.

Let the sight of a hummingbird remind you to enjoy life's simple pleasures and take time to enjoy yourself. Let it encourage you to open up your heart and expose yourself more to joy and love. Seeing this rare bird may be a reminder that it is time to show loved ones or people who are close to you how you feel. Its wisdom carries an invitation to enjoy life's sweetness, like you would drink the nectar of your own flower.
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211 Margaret Dr. Louisiana - 1 Story, bungalow home with great location next to school, parks, YMCA. 2 BR/1 BA, 1,190 Sq.ft. of living space. Eat-in kitchen and main floor laundry. Mostly hardwood flooring, unfinished basement and 2-car garage. Home will require some updating. Selling "as is", "where is". List Price: \$55,000


106 South Pearl St. Bowling Green - Adorable 2 BR/1 BA bungalow home located in nice neighborhood. Recently painted with light colors. Kitchen has new cabinets and light vinyl flooring. Large fenced in yard. Detached garage/shop has concrete floors. Many upgrades. List Price: \$73,500


316 Martella Dr. Louisiana - 1 story home with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Home has 4 BR/2 BA, 1897 Sq.ft. of living space. Full walk-out basement. Deck in back yard. Close to Parks, school, YMCA, and hospital. List Price: \$165,500

South 30th St. Louisiana - Great piece of commercial property, suitable for many types of businesses. Property has sewer, natural gas, and water available. List Price: \$8,650

15250 Pike 317 Bowling Green - 1 Story, Manufactured home sits on 3 acres. With 3 BR/2 BA, 1,152 Sq.Ft. lots of possibilities, comes with small shed, covered porch, and small pond. List Price: \$36,900

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OBITUARIES



Clarence Joseph Keeven

Clarence Joseph Keeven, 89, of Bowling Green died Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Friday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with the Rev. Jason T. Doke, S.T.L. officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., Friday.

Clarence was born May 10, 1929 in Florissant, the son of George and Anna Hartmann Keeven. He married Shirley Ann Claus Nov. 26, 1959. She preceded him in death Nov. 20, 2016.

Survivors include a son, Gary Keeven of Bowling Green; two daughters, Laurie Trower of Sevierville, Tenn., and Lisa Parrish of Hannibal; a sisters, Hilda Segreuber of Bellflower; a sister-in-law, Joan Lehmkuhl of Florissant; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents; and brother, Louis Keeven.

Clarence grew up in Florissant and moved to rural Bowling Green in 1959. He was a member of the St. Clement Catholic Church and served in the United States Army during Korean Conflict serving in Germany.

He was a Knights of Columbus member, enjoyed hauling tractors, hog houses, hay, going to auctions and liked to visit with people. He was always open to a good conversation.

Pallbearers were Alan Schriener, Carl Schriener, Mike Schumacher, Gary Purk, Harry Grote, and John Koester Jr.

Memorials may be made to St. Clement Cemetery.

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

Bonnie Woodward

Bonnie Woodward, 93, of Louisiana died Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Thursday at Dover Baptist Church near Clarksville. Burial will be in Dover Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m., Thursday at the church.

Bonnie Jean Guinn was born Jan. 8, 1925 to Charley A. and Lydia Cobb Guinn. At the age of 16, she eloped with the love of her life, William Marshall Woodward, on Sept. 9, 1941. The romance lasted until William's death in May 2017, having celebrated 75 years as man and wife.

William and Bonnie were blessed with one son, Jerry, who was the light of their lives. He wed Debby Sanderson and they gave Bonnie and Bill their only grandchild, Sheri, who was the second light in their world.

Bonnie worked hard alongside her husband, managing a farm, growing crops, milking dairy cows, raising pigs and chickens. They planted a large garden, preserving the produce. However, she also knew how to relax and have fun. She enjoyed sewing. Together they entertained friends and family, played Rook, fished and camped, attended many garage sales and of course, babysat their precious granddaughter.

Bonnie was a member of the Dover Baptist Church and active as a Sunday School teacher and holding other church offices until entering Maple Grove Nursing Home in 2015.

To Bonnie, the most important aspects of life was her faith, her family, and her friends.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Debby Woodward of Clarksville; a granddaughter, Sheri Lynn Gaunt and husband, Timothy of Nixa, and two great-granddaughters, Alexa Riley Gaunt and Kylie Grace Gaunt, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Woodward on May 11, 2017, her son, Jerry Woodward on Oct. 3, 2018, and three brothers, Glenn Vaughn, Charles Lee Guinn, and Mike Guinn.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Wayne Shaw, Gene Arens, David Clithero, and Darin Clithero. Pallbearers were Michael Guinn, Jeff Guinn, Wayne Guinn, Rick Guinn, Junior Vaughn, and Frank Vaughn.

Memorials may be made to the Dover Baptist Church or the Dover Cemetery.

William 'Bill' Matthew Boston Sr.

William "Bill" Mathew Boston Sr., 84, of Louisiana died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield.

A memorial service was held Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Elks Lodge #791 in Louisiana.

Bill was born Aug. 14, 1934, at his home in Mt. Olive, Ill., to Mat and Edna Martin Boston. He married Shirley Ann Robeza on Dec. 31, 1955. To this marriage they had three children, Kim Boston of Louisiana, Renee Boston Parsons of Sealy, Texas, and William "Billy" Boston, Jr of Louisiana.

Bill and Shirley moved to Louisiana in 1956 to manage the redi-mixed concrete plant. Bill worked for the plant for 51 years before retiring, due to some health issues.

Bill was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge #791 and enjoyed visiting the Trimble House to see his friends.

One passion in his life, was hunting with his son and grandsons. He also enjoyed sitting around the campfire and visiting friends, watching football games, and watching his favorite baseball team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, in 2004, his father, mother, an infant brother, nephew and three brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his children, Kim Boston, and Billy Boston and wife, Julie, all of Louisiana, and Renee Parsons and husband, Dale of Sealy, Texas. He is also survived by his grandchildren Danielle Anderson and husband, Judd of Kansas City, Rob Parsons and wife, Heather of Louisiana, Erin Casassa and husband, Matt of Cypress, Texas, Jessica Knesek and husband, David of Sealy, Texas, Joshua Boston and wife, Kristi of Wentzville, Jacob Boston and Hannah Franke of St. Peters, and Annie Gray and husband, Cary of St. Peters. He also had 16 great-grandchildren of which he adored.

Also surviving are his sister and brothers, Mary Jane Florek and James Boston and wife, Peggy of Mt. Olive, Ill., and Denis Boston and wife, Martha of Maryville, Ill.; and a sister-in-law, Betty Dragovich of Staunton, Ill., and many nieces and nephews.

Bill will be sadly missed by his family, friends and Trimble House friends.

Memorials may be made to the Trimble House Fund or donor's choice.

Collier Funeral Home, Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.



Esthol L. Emerick

Funeral services for Esthol Lawrence Emerick of O'Fallon were at 1 p.m., Friday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Floyd Gudde, pastor of the Elsberry United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in Elsberry City Cemetery near Elsberry.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of funeral services at 1 p.m., Friday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Mr. Emerick, 92, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 at Jonesburg Nursing and Rehab in Jonesburg. Born Nov. 7, 1926 in Hamburg, Ill., he was the son of Lawrence Richard and Goldie Z. Tolbert Emerick.

Esthol served his country in the United States Navy from Jan. 5, 1945 until he was honorably discharged on July 16, 1946; and again from Nov. 10, 1950-March 12, 1952. During his service, he was a fireman on Destroyer Escorts.

He was united in marriage on Aug. 3, 1946 in Elsberry to Laura Eleanor Damron. Esthol worked as an aircraft mechanic for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, retiring on Jan. 31, 1989. He was a member of IAM Local #837.

Esthol was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Goldie Emerick; his sister, Elsie Treece; and his beloved wife, Laura Damron-Emerick.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Rogers, Mike Rogers, Rick Beckman, Gerald Beckman, Steve Damron, and Jeff Damron.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice (or) the Alzheimer's Association, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street, Elsberry, MO 63343.

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

David L. Windmiller

David L. Windmiller, 84, of Quincy, formerly of Pleasant Hill, Ill., died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, at Blessing Hospital.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Lummis Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill. Burial, with military honors, were at Crescent Heights Cemetery, Pleasant Hill.

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

Arrangements were at Lummis Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill.

David was born Aug. 17, 1934, in Rockport, Ill., a son of Hubert and Martha Grimsley Windmiller. He married Connie L. Hoaglin on Sept. 2, 1956, in Pleasant Hill. Connie died May 2, 2008.

Survivors include a son, Russ Windmiller of Quincy; a daughter, Trish Hager and husband, Mitch of Slater; four grandchildren, Jennifer Windmiller of Rock Island, Ill., Janie Windmiller of Quincy, David Hager of Slater, and Dawnann Hager of Slater; a step-grandson, Kent Hager of Slater; a great-granddaughter, Emma Windmiller; a half-sister, Cora Lee Tuley and husband, Ron of Wentzville; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and a brother, Donald Windmiller.

David served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge from the Navy, he was employed by Douglas Aircraft Company in St. Louis. He then was employed by the Dundee Cement Plant in Clarksville for many years before retirement.

David served as mayor of Pleasant Hill in the late '70s and was active with the Pleasant Hill Lions Club and the Pleasant Hill Boy Scouts. He enjoyed playing cards, all types of puzzles and crosswords and looked forward to reading the newspaper every day from front to back.

David was a long time member of the former Pleasant Hill Church of Christ and attended the Quincy Church of Christ after his move to Quincy.

Memorials may be made to Crescent Heights Cemetery Association.



Lesa Farrell Raia

Lesa Farrell Raia, 58, of Slidell, La., died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018.

Funeral services were Tuesday (today) at 1 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Slidell, La. Interment was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Slidell, La.

Visitation was at the church Tuesday after 11 a.m., until funeral time. She is the daughter of the late James Levi Farrell and Katherine Howell Farrell.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Raia; one daughter, Erin Stodard and husband, Timothy, and two sons, William Ferrell and wife, Christalyn, and Mark Scott Raia's siblings, Linda Stock, Paralee Turner, Charlotte Wolfe, Katherine Corona and Howell Farrell.

Also survived by seven grandchildren, Taly N Stodard, Mara Jade Stodard, Jayson Stodard, Brody Stodard, Kylie Ferrell, McKensy Ferrell, Cassidy Ferrell and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, proud member of Come Lord Jesus, Legion of Mary, You Night Sisters and Women Warriors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, James Levi Farrell.

Donations may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, preferred, in lieu of flowers.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tri-County Saddle Club Elects Officers For 2019

The Tri-County Saddle Club held its monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Middletown Community Center.

The evening began with a Christmas dinner of barbecued pulled pork and Amish made bread supplied by the club with all members bringing a covered dish.

After the meal, a meeting was held with a total of 40 members present and four guests. They were very glad to have two of our lifetime members present: Betty Abington and Erma Lee Traynor, whose husband was one of the founding members of the club in 1961.

New officers were elected: Neil Gilbert, president; Jim Hester, vice president; Lori Jennings, secretary; Cindy Kohl, treasurer; and Beth Gilbert, reporter. The horse show committee will consist of Sara Hill, Danielle Crowder, and Beth Gilbert.

It was also voted on and passed with the saddle club would purchase a new club flag to be used for fun shows and parades. The flag was designed by Wes Nation.

Two new members were welcomed to the club and another family will be considered at the February meeting.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Jennings gave all the club members that had competed at the 2018 fun shows a scrapbook of them and family and friends that came to cheer them on.

Jennings also awarded plaques to two of the members for winning high point accumulations. The 13 and under winner was Weston Deters, who was not present. Accepting his award was his little sister, Braelon Deters. The 14 and over winner was Kaleb Turner.

After the meeting was adjourned, all those attending drew numbers for door prizes for both home and horse.

Special recognition to Neil and Beth Gilbert, Sara Hill, and Ernie and Kaleb Turner for setting up the hall and to all who donated, made or brought gifts.

The next meeting will be Feb. 2, 7 p.m., at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds.



Chamber Welcomes Bowling Green Medical Group

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Bowling Green Medical Group on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The business is located in the former Pike Medical Clinic building. Owner Denise Foster is pictured cutting the ribbon surrounded by fellow staff and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Jerry Hickson

VAN-FAR

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School board president Dana Keller said the district interviewed six candidates who all brought something great to the table. She noted it was DeGrave's proven track record and his commitment to students of all ages that sealed the deal for board members. She pointed out

that DeGrave has started several STEM-based programs and has a commitment to preparing students for transitioning out of high school whether that means college, trade school, employment, etc.

"We are really looking forward to getting him here and getting started."

DeGrave and his wife, Carrie have four kids, Waylon, 13; Wyatt, 10; Wes, 8 and Sydney, 6.

CLERK

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On Dec. 3 Jaeger informed commissioners by letter that it was with regret that she would not accept the position.

Once the appointment is made by commissioners Oberdahlhoff will be cleared to be sworn in. It will be an appointment by the governor that is official. The governor may opt for a different candidate, though it seems unlikely.

The appointment will last for two years, then the position will appear on the election ballot again as a two-year unexpired term.

The filing period for municipal

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Stumbaugh Recognized By NECAC

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Patrick, right, and Chief Deputy Director for Administrative Operations Dan Page, left, recognized NECAC IT Operations Director Kevin Stumbaugh for 35 years of service. The award was presented at the NECAC Employee Appreciation and Recognition Luncheon Dec. 7. NECAC is a 12-county area not-for-profit social service, community health and public housing agency with 96 full-time and more than 150 part-time employees that contracts with federal, state and local governments, private businesses and other not-for-profit organizations to operate and administer self-sufficiency programs for the low-income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged. The agency's Central Administration Executive Offices are located in Bowling Green, with NECAC Service Centers operated in each county.



Elaine Henderson Celebrates 40-Year Milestone

Elaine Henderson was honored at County Market Pharmacy in Bowling Green on Friday, Dec. 14. Henderson has been a pharmacy tech for 40 years. The milestone was marked with refreshments. Pictured, from left: LaCosta Hays, Donna Pederson, Henderson, Bob Martin, Kathy Oif, Cathy Dameron, and Ann Nemeayer-Glass.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Clopton Christmas Concerts



The Singing Hawk Christmas Choir performed its annual concert Thursday, Dec. 13. The concert was under the direction of Ryan Heyel, K-12th grade Clopton music instructor. The concert featured students in preschool through sixth grade performing five songs, including a community sing-along with "Silent Night". Pictured are various students performing their songs.



Clopton Winter Band Concert



Musical ability was on display at the annual winter band concert at Clopton High School held Dec. 11. The concert featured selections by the sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade band, seventh-12th grade band and high school band. The concert was under the direction of Ryan Heyel, music instructor at Clopton Schools. The Clopton Music Boosters also held their annual cake auction to support the Clopton music program. Donated funds will help support the high school band's annual trip to Chicago. Pictured above is the sixth grade band.



Pictured is the Clopton seventh-eighth grade band at the Winter Band Concert on Dec. 11.



Pictured is the Clopton seventh-12th grade band at the Winter Band Concert on Dec. 11.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am a very concerned voter and taxpayer in Pike County.

I read the article on the resignation of the newly elected county clerk of Pike County. It seems to voters and commissioners of Pike County are more concerned with the title Republican on an office than who is qualified for the job.

My opinion only - at the county level, there is nothing anyone can do to promote either party. The process is only to get two candidates for the job. After their election, any elected official should work for the best interests of the citizens of this county. The county workers are also citizens of the county and the best interests of all of them should also be addressed, not just some of them.

Before the election, I heard people saying "They've been in there too long". My questions - "Do they know the job?", and "Are they doing a good job?" Answers were - "Yes, but they've been there too long." What if that were your job? So, we put someone in office who is not qualified or leave someone in office who is not qualified or is not working for all the citizens of Pike

County. All this just because they are of a specific party. This county is not a place for partisan politics. It is a place to work for the best interests of the county's citizens and its citizen employees.

I am firmly convinced that the voters of this county have little to no idea of what goes on at the courthouse. You need to ask questions, not only of your elected officials, but of others who work with or around them to find out what is going on in this county where we all live. Or, better yet, go to the courthouse and see for yourself what is or is not going on.

Back to the subject, this lady who won the position of county clerk never attended a candidate forum, was not active in a parade, never knocked on your door, or advertised her candidacy in the media. What did that tell you about her abilities or especially her interest in the job she was running for? Why did you vote for her? -- Just Saying!!

Thanks -- a very informed and concerned citizen of this county.

Roberta Pointer
Louisiana

Dear Editor:

I picked up a copy of your paper yesterday and I was shocked to see that Missy Jaeger's letter to Chris Gamm had been printed in the paper.

In my opinion, making this community news was in really poor taste. Ms. Jaeger didn't deserve this. It was bad enough that she had to deal with health and other issues that led to her resignation.

Your story also implied that Jaeger was not qualified for this office. She had stated when interviewed before filing that she would need help from existing staff with election procedures. It is not true that she would need help because

"she was not familiar with the duties of the county clerk."

There is a legal procedure for handling situations like this and a lot of drama could have been avoided if it had been followed. Part of that procedure is making an effort for all parties involved to work together to find a suitable replacement. That has not happened.

This story should not have been released and it is unfortunate that it became front page news. Missy Jaeger deserves an apology.

Mary Nell Brueggen
Secretary Republican Central
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BOLA Donates To Louisiana Food Pantry

Throughout the month of November, Bank of Louisiana collected food items for the Louisiana Food Pantry. In addition, employees participated in "Jeans for a Cause" and wore blue jeans to work on Fridays in exchange for a monetary donation to the pantry. Bank of Louisiana President Jim Ross recently presented the grocery cart of food as well as employee monetary donations, which were matched by the bank, to Sarah Drummond of the Louisiana Food Pantry.

First Impact Parent Program Being Offered In Bowling Green

Do you have a child that is soon to be driver, or perhaps is a new driver now? Here is a FREE event that you are not going to want to miss! ThinkFirst Missouri has partnered with MoDOT Highway Safety & Traffic to bring you First Impact. This program is a 60-90 minute program that educates parents on the Missouri GDL law. If you have any questions about this event, or would like to register, you can call 573-884-3463.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Celebrate Safely This New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate. But for hundreds of people each year, the week between Christmas and New Year's Day proves fatal.

According to fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over the last five years an average of 300 people died in drunk driving fatalities between Christmas and New Year's Day. Holiday celebrations, and New Year's Eve festivities in particular, tend to include alcohol, raising the stakes during this festive yet too often fatal time of year.

The sobering statistics provided by the NHTSA don't have to prevent people from toasting a new year. In fact, there are many ways to have fun this New Year's Eve without putting yourself in harm's way.

Don't overindulge in alcohol. For many people, overindulging in alcohol is part and parcel during New Year's Eve celebrations. Such behavior puts everyone at risk, even people who don't drive. According to the National Institute on Alcohol

Abuse and Alcoholism, conservative estimates suggest that roughly one-half of sexual assaults on American women involve alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, victim or both. While alcohol and its relationship to traffic fatalities draw the bulk of the attention on New Year's Eve, even people who don't intend to drive should recognize the dangers of overindulging in alcohol and drink responsibly.

Arrange for transportation. If you need a car to get around on New Year's Eve and plan to drink alcohol, arrange for someone else to do your driving for you. Groups of friends should choose someone to be their designated driver or pool their money and hire a taxi or bus service for the night so no one who's been drinking gets behind the wheel. The NHTSA even offers a free app called SaferRide that is compatible with Apple and Android devices and enables users to call a taxi or a friend to be picked up.

Host responsibly. Even people who don't intend to leave their homes can take steps to make New

Year's Eve safer for everyone. If you're hosting a party at home, do so responsibly, making sure none of your guests overindulge and making the party less about drinking and more about having fun. Shift the focus from toasting drinks to games and activities that don't include alcohol. Make sure to have plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages on hand and encourage people who are drinking to eat full meals and drink water throughout the night. People who fill up on food and water during the party may feel full, which may discourage them from having extra drinks. While many people will expect to drink alcohol on New Year's Eve, don't stock up on too much alcohol, the availability of which may encourage guests to overindulge. Hosts also should keep the phone numbers of local taxi services handy just in case some guests cannot drive themselves home safely.

New Year's Eve should be as festive as possible. Celebrating responsibly can ensure everyone has a fun and safe time.



Williams Wins BOLA Grand Prize

Bank of Louisiana hosted its Annual Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, Nov. 30. Those that attended received gifts and enjoyed delicious refreshments. A drawing was also held for the chance to win several small gifts or the grand prize - a gift certificate to County Market. Bank of Louisiana President Jim Ross is pictured presenting the grand prize gift certificate to Camaleta Williams. Bank of Louisiana thanks everyone who stopped by to attend the Customer Appreciation Day.

Four Tips To Simplify Cooking For A Crowd This Holiday Season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a homecooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish. Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredi-

ents for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties. Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own homecooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat. Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't

have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early. If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

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Members Of Susanna Randolph DAR Chapter Meet On Dec. 6

Twelve members of the Susanna Randolph Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Room on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Regent Joy Davis called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Opening exercises included the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Star-Spangled Banner and American's Creed. Members read the President General's Message, Constitution Minute,

American Indian Minute, Conservation News, and DAR School News.

Committee reports included Veteran Patient Services, Friends and Family Night, Lincoln School Flagpole Dedication, Literacy Promotion including the "Little Lending Library" that has been installed at County Market and the Books and Breakfast program. A discussion was held regarding the American History essay contest. Members also discussed the DAR Good Citizen awards for 2019 which will be presented to a Van-Far and a Community R-6 student at the George Washington Birthday Celebration to be held in February. Delegates were chosen to attend the DAR State Conference in April.

Carolyn Ball gave the program on "Antiques Roadshow." Members brought rare and unique items to share with the membership. It was very educational and entertaining.

Hostesses for the meeting were Ann Carter and Elaine Dameron. Members attending were Carolyn Ball, Joy Brummitt, Ann Carter, Elaine Dameron, Joy Davis, Judy Flowers, Brenda Gower, Glee Hanson, Virginia Howdeshell, Ruth Miller, Teresa Wenzel, and Vicki Wright.

The next meeting is Jan. 3, 2019 at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Center. Glee Hanson was the winner of the door prize.



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SPORTS

Lady Owls Defeat Silex, Mexico; Fall To North Callaway

The Van-Far Lady Indians may have found their next three-point shooting threat in a 52-35 victory over Silex on Friday.

Freshman Devyn Keller sank five shots from outside the three-point stripe, including a half court shot to supplement a triple-double from senior Jayle Jennings who notched double-digits in points, rebounds and assists in the win.

Van-Far led 13-8 after the first quarter as Keller beat the buzzer from half court to end the frame.

As fouls mounted for Silex in the second quarter, the Lady Indians got hot from the free-throw line. Van-Far converted on 8 of 11 free-throw opportunities and built a 31-18 lead by the half.

Mollie Stanek scored four of her 14 points in the third quarter for Silex, but that was all the offense the Lady Owls could accrue in the frame as the Lady Indians extended their lead to 43-22 heading to the fourth.

Keller capped her night with a seven point final quarter as Van-Far won by 19 points.

The freshman captured her first Community State Bank TRiBCAST Player of the Game of the season with 22 points, leading all scorers.

Additional scoring for Van-Far: Jayle Jennings, 13; Hayley Baskett, 7; Panna Connaway, 5; Aubrey Bunge, 3; Alyse Jensen, 2.

Scoring for Silex: Mollie Stanek, 21; Izzy Sgroi, 3; Kate McDonald, 3; Halle Mueller, 2; Taylor Howard, 2.

The Lady Indians fell to North Callaway on Tuesday 56-47 on the road.

Van-Far felt the loss of senior Jordan Gamer who matches up well

with Lady T-Bird senior Kenzie Ausfahl who ended up scoring 23 points against the Lady Indians in the game.

North Callaway led Van-Far 19-13 after a quarter and 32-29 at the half.

The Lady T-Birds edged the Lady Indians in each of the final two quarters to put away Van-Far.

On Saturday the Lady Indians evened their record at 4-4 by beating the Mexico Lady Bulldogs 53-44.

The team scored evenly throughout four quarters with 12 in the first, 13 in the second and 14 points in each of the final two quarters.

Jennings led the way with 22, Baskett scored 20, Gamer and Alyse Jensen each netted four points and Keller put in three points.

Coach Kelly Borchert noted the team has been working on communicating better on both sides of the floor and being more aggressive.

"We are hoping these two good wins against Silex and Mexico will keep our momentum going through next week and into our three tournaments in January."

Van-Far will host Elsberry tonight (Tuesday). The game will be featured on TRiBCAST with pregame at 5:15 pm.



Van-Far and Silex squared off last week with the Indians coming away with the win, 83-63. Above: Silex's Trey Mudd attempts to move past the defense of Van-Far's Trey Miller. The game was featured on TRiBCAST and can be accessed, along with more photos, online at www.thepeoplestribune.com. Trib photo by Nancy Case



The Van-Far Lady Indians defeated Silex at home last week 52-35. Above: Silex's Mollie Stanek maneuvers to avoid a foul while guarding Van-Far's Jayle Jennings. The game was featured on TRiBCAST and can be accessed, along with more photos, online at www.thepeoplestribune.com. Trib photo by Nancy Case

Indians Down Silex; Drop Games Against Mexico, North Callaway

Looking for a spark after a double overtime loss at North Callaway, Van-Far Coach Pat Connaway went with a different approach to run past Silex 83-63 on Friday night.

The Indians coach rotated all 14 active players to push the tempo against the Owls.

"The starters really didn't get the memo," said Connaway "So they got a quick hook." The coach added the second group picked up the pace and set the tone.

"After coming out and playing a very sluggish game against North Callaway earlier in the week, we wanted to change things up and really be aggressive. We came out and played full court man to man and rotated guys in and out in waves of five. It was a lot like hockey when they have line changes. The kids really responded well and we probably played the best first half of basketball we can."

Verdell Johnson triggered that second group, scoring five of his 10 points in the quarter and Trevor Lower added a three for the Indians.

When the starters returned, the message was received as Verlyn Johnson and Trey Miller combined for 17 points and Van-Far led Silex 30-11 after the opening eight minutes.

Silex picked up their scoring in the second quarter when Tommy Grote netted nine points for the Owls, but the pace of play for slowed by sixteen fouls whistled during the quarter.

Despite the Owls offense, the Indians still won the quarter 25-19 behind nine more points from Miller for a 25-point halftime lead.

Caden Wilburn and Sam Middleton drained three pointers in the third quarter to again further the

lead to thirty points for Van-Far.

Silex played well in the final eight minutes to stave off the running clock, hitting 11 of 16 free throws, cutting ten from the Indian lead in the final eight minutes.

Trey Miller finished the night with twenty-one points to capture the Community State Bank/TriBCAST Player of the Game.

Additional Van-Far scoring: Verlyn Johnson, 15; Verdell Johnson, 10; Caden Wilburn, 7; Morgan Slaten, 6; Dillion Minor, 5; Trevor Lower, 5; Colin Wilburn, 4; Treyson Culwell, 4; Sam Middleton, 3; Aidan Lowrance, 2; Jamael Troy, 1.

Scoring for Silex: Trey Mudd, 13; Tommy Grote, 11; Charles Turbyville, 10; Scott Creech, 8; Justin Havlik, 6; Hunter Lavy, 4; Brian Henke, 4; Daniel Havlik, 3; Hank Kientzy, 2; Landon Harlan, 2.

The win came three days after a 54-51 Van-Far loss in double overtime at North Callaway on Tuesday.

The Indians were held to just 17 first half points as the game went to the locker room tied.

The second half was just as sluggish for the defending state champions, scoring just seven points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth as the Thunderbirds forced overtime.

In the first extra session neither team could pull ahead as the Indians and North Callaway scored nine points and the game went into a second overtime.

The Thunderbirds outscored Van-Far 10-7 in that period to beat the Indians by three.

Scoring for Van-Far: Trey Miller, 16; Treyson Culwell, 10; Verlyn Johnson, 9; Caden Wilburn, 7; Colin Wilburn, 6.

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Lady Cats Victorious Over Louisiana, Mark Twain

Louisiana Girls Come Up Just Short Of Win Against North Callaway

Three Bowling Green Lady Cats scored in double figures in a 47-21 win at Louisiana last week.

The Lady Cats jumped out to a 12-3 lead after the opening eight minutes and increased the lead to 14 points by halftime.

Bowling Green held the Lady Bulldogs under 10 points in each quarter while rolling to the cross-county victory by 26 points.

Scoring for Bowling Green: Caitlin Bilhartz, 18 points; Madeline Norton, 10 points; Gabi Deters, 10 points; Morgen Billings, 5 points; Kinley Charlton, 4 points.

Scoring for Louisiana: Caitlyn Gloe, 9 points; Kamara Combs, 5 points; Maria Gutierrez, 2 points; Faith Rule, 2 points; Ella Karttunen, 2 points; Mechia Campbell, 1 point.

The Lady Cats improved their record with a 59-28 drubbing of Mark Twain on Monday night.

The Lady Bulldogs just missed out on their first win of the season on Thursday, falling to North Callaway by a 34-31 score.

Louisiana trailed 10-2 after a quarter and were down 22-12 at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs cut into the T-

Bird lead in the third quarter, outscoring North Callaway 14-8 in the frame to cut the deficit to just four points, 30-26.

Louisiana pulled within three in the final eight minutes, but couldn't find the tying basket in a low scoring fourth quarter.

Scoring for Louisiana: Caitlyn Gloe, 10 points; Kamara Combs, 9 points; Mechia Campbell, 5 points; Michelle Watts, 4 points; Faith Rule, 3 points.

The Lady Bulldogs finish their pre-Christmas schedule at Monroe City on Thursday.

Bulldogs Leading Scorer Injured In Loss To Bobcats

Richards Injured; Bulldogs Fall To Bowling Green; North Callaway

Louisiana senior leader Derrick Richards scored just three points before leaving with an injury as the Bulldogs fell to Bowling Green 67-37 last Tuesday.

Bowling Green jumped out to a 13-9 lead after the first quarter and without Richards the Bulldogs fell further behind in the second.

The Bobcats outscored Louisiana 23-7 in the second quarter for a 36-16 lead at the half.

Bowling Green continued to pour it on in the second half, pushing the lead to thirty points by outscoring

Louisiana 31-21 in the final two quarters.

Scoring for Bowling Green: Kameron Worley, 16 points; Kaleo Dade, 12 points; Drew Bowen, 12 points; George Niemeyer, 9 points; Matt McDannold, 8 points; Michael Starks, 4 points; Austin Callahan, 2 points; Gavin Deters, 2 points; McCoy Thompson, 2 points.

Scoring for Louisiana: Remi Feldewerth, 11 points; Tramaine Chatman, 9 points; Ryan Capps, 6 points; Mason Washington, 6 points; Derek Richards, 3 points; Angel Ulloa, 2 points.

The Bobcats improved their record again on Monday as they

knocked off Mark Twain 60-34

The Bulldogs also fell on the road at North Callaway, 51-26, on Friday night.

Louisiana was held to just 11 first half points and only 15 total in the final two quarters as the search for scoring continued.

Scoring for the Bulldogs: Tramaine Chatman, 9 points; Remi Feldewerth, 7 points; Ryan Capps, 3 points; Tyler Pedersen, 3 points; Mason Washington, 2 points; Angel Ulloa, 2 points.

The Bulldogs play at Monroe City on Thursday in their final game before Christmas.

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SPORTS

Kuntz Hits 1,000th In Lady Hawks Win Over Wellsville

Senior Kaitlyn Kuntz scored 26 points, which included career point number 1,000, in a 53-24 win at Wellsville last Tuesday.

The milestone basket came on one of three three pointers Kuntz hit to lead the Lady Hawks to the win. Clopton ran to an 18-7 lead after a quarter and increased the advantage to 21 points by the half.

The second half started much the same as the Lady Hawks outscored Wellsville 16-5 in the quarter as Clopton cruised to a twenty-nine point win.

Scoring for Clopton: Kaitlyn Kuntz, 29; Jillian Lockard, 9; Madisyn Parrish, 6; Megan Harrelson, 4; Madison Horstmeier, 4; Caragan Lockard, 2.

The Lady Hawks returned home on Friday to beat Mark Twain 66-31.

Clopton led 37-19 by halftime and held the Lady Tigers to just 12 second half points in the win to improve to 7-1 this season.

Clopton will face Quincy High School on Thursday in their final game before Christmas.

Hawks Edge Mark Twain, Lose To Wellsville

The Clopton boys picked up their second win of the season with a 51-47 home win against Mark Twain.

The Hawks led 17-9 after a quarter, but let the Tigers back in the game in the second quarter to head to the locker room up 30-28.

Clopton increased the lead to six points after three quarters and held

on in the fourth for a four point win.

Dalton Strus scored 14 points, four rebounds, Zakk Eivins had 12 points, 10 rebounds and three assists, Daniel Harvey netted eight points and three blocks, and Shawn Yates had six points, four boards and five assists.

The Hawks fell to Wellsville on

Wednesday 62-53.

Yates led the way for Clopton with 17 points and three assists, Kennon Watts scored 12 points and six rebounds, and Zakk Eivins had nine points and eight rebounds.

The Hawks are 2-5 this season and will also face the Blue Devils at Quincy High School on Thursday.



Crowder Signs With Hannibal-LaGrange

Louisiana senior Kindell Crowder signed a letter of intent last week to continue her education and softball career at Hannibal-LaGrange University. Kindell was joined at the signing by her parents Walter and Michelle Crowder, her brother C.J. Crowder and nephew Rylen Charlton. Also present were Louisiana Coach Bill Capps and Hannibal-LaGrange Coach Dan Hurst. Trib photo by April M. Frorick

INDIANS

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On Saturday the Indians traveled to Mexico, where they were downed by the Bulldogs 64-53.

Slow starts to the first and second halves undid the Indians as Mexico outscored Van-Far 21-13 in the first and 15-12 in the third.

The teams played even in the second and fourth quarters.

Scoring for the Indians: Trey Miller, 21; Verlyn Johnson, 9; Verdell Johnson, 9; Caden Wilburn, 6; Colin Wilburn, 3; Sam Middleton, 2; Dillion Minor, 2; Treyson Culwell, 1.

The Indians will host Elsberry tonight (Tuesday) with TRBCAST coverage beginning before the girl's match-up at 5:15 p.m.

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