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LHS Inducts Four Players, Football Team Into Athletic Hall Of Fame On Friday

Jim York, Dexter Schraer, Greg Farris, David Cunningham & 1977 Football Team Is Inducted At 2nd Annual Event

Four former players and a foot- and was a member of the track

ball team were inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the second annual event on Friday, Feb. 8.

Those inducted included Jim York, Dexter Schraer, Greg Farris, David Cunningham and the 1977 Bulldogs football team. The evening started with a reception at 5 p.m. for inductees and their guests. The induction took place prior to the var-sity boy's basketball game against Montgomery County that evening.

The following information was presented about the inductees at the ceremony.

JIMYORK

Coach York graduated from LHS in 1960 where he played football

team. Coach York was a captain of the football team and earned All-Conference honors. Coach York then attended Missouri Valley College where he was a standout on the football field and track earning All-Conference honors. Because of his dominance on the football field and track, Coach York was part of a team that was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Hall of Fame in 2011. He started his teaching and coaching career at Lee's Summit and then made his way to Van-Far where he started the football program. He made his way back to his alma mater coaching all middle school sports in 1970-1971. He then

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Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Opens In Vandal

The Vandalia Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the opening of the new Eastern Missouri YMCA. Pictured, from left: Alan Winders, chairman of the Vandalia Recreational Corporation and Eastern Audrain Commissioner; Debbie Hopke, director of Eastern Missouri Family YMCA; Lori Brandow, director of the Mexico YMCA; and Brian Haeffner, Mexico YMCA board chairman. Find more on page 10.

Trib photo by Nancy Case



DISTRICT HOOPS START THIS WEEK!

Find more on the postseason inside and follow action on TRBCAST at www.thepeoplestribune.com

District Action Starts On Saturday For Area Teams

APRIL M. FRONICK • EDITOR april@thepeoplestribune.com It's hard to believe, but the regular basketball season comes to a close this week and the postseason

is set to start on Saturday, Feb. 16. The People's Tribune and TRIB-Cast will be following action at the Class 3 District 8 tournament at Montgomery County High School where Bowling Green teams will be competing, and Class 2 District 5 at Elsberry High School where Clopton, Louisiana, Silex and Van-Far

teams will be competing.
CLASS 3 DISTRICT 8

The Bowling Green Lady Cats will get things going in the opening round of the Class 3 District 8 tournament on Saturday, Feb. 16. The

Lady Cats are seeded third and will face (6) Christian at 5 p.m., the final game of the day. If Bowling Green wins, they will advance to the semifinal on Tuesday, Feb. 19 where they will take on the winner of the (2) Hermann and (7) Wright City opening round game. The semifinal will be at 7:30 p.m.

If the Lady Cats win they will advance to the championship game which is slated for Friday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Lutheran St. Charles is the top seed in the tournament and has an opening round bye.

Coach Craig Smith said he was not surprised by the seeding and noted the season has been a learning experience for everyone.

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Above, YMCA board member Rusty Strother talks to Debbie Woodall while providing a tour of the Max Kennen Wellness Center during the event on Friday evening. Find more highlights on page 10 of this week's edition.

Louisiana Community Bettern To Host Photo Exhibit On Feb. 23

ment will be holding a photo exhibit on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Twin Pike YMCA. Doors open at 4 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

Photos are entered from all levels of skill and categories. All photos are of people, places or things that are relative to Louisiana and surrounding areas. With the permission of the photographer, some photos will be offered for sale the night of the exhibit. A top prize of \$100 will go to the best in show, along with four other \$25 prizes.

Entries will be accepted up until

the Louisiana Public Library. The library is located at 121 North 3rd. St. in Louisiana. Applications and rules are available at the library or by email at: lmofarmersmkt@ yahoo.com or by calling Diana Huckstep, chairperson of LCBA at: 314-640-4420.

"Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The photos from the last three exhibitions have been absolutely wonderful." stated Huckstep. "Sometimes we just don't see the beauty around us until someone else shows it to us," said Huckstep.

Champagne Toast, Ribbon Cutting Kick Off

With what started as a request from Fred Kohl, a life-time Vandalia resident, to the Vandalia Board of Aldermen in the early 2000s the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA in Vandalia opened its doors on Monday, Feb. 11.

The opening was kicked off on Friday, Feb. 8 with a champagne toast at 7 p.m., in the new facility. Approximately 170 YMCA donors attended and were invited to tour the YMCA following cupcakes and punch being served.

Before the toast Alan Winders, chairman of the Vandalia Recreational Corporation, emcee for the evening, welcomed everyone and spoke of Vandalia citizens who instead of asking why ... asked, "why

The \$1.8 million spent on the new YMCA is an investment into the community, Winders added.

Jamie Franke, minister of the First Christian Church in Vandalia offered the invocation for the

evening. Winders introduced Dana Keller, Eastern Missouri Family YMCA president, who spoke of how well the board for the Y is represented with members from Laddonia, Center, Vandalia, and Perry. She remarked, "we are excited to get people of all ages in here."

Winders went on to tell of following Kohl's suggestion for a YMCA

that former mayor, Ramon Barnes, spoke with Sherry Medley, Mexico YMCA director at the time, Following that meeting Winders met with Roger Young, Rual Morris Foundation board member, to discuss who would be a good candidate to spearhead the idea and fund-raising efforts.

Young approached Felicity Goodpasture-Culwell, she accepted the challenge with true passion and hit the floor running. Those who have toured and worked out at the Y have seen the Felicity Goodpasture-Culwell Gymnasium which was named in her honor following her sudden death in December 2017.

Next to the podium was Lori Brandow, executive director of the Mexico YMCA who told the crowd she was a bit scared in the beginning but then she visualized what it would do for Vandalia and the surrounding area.

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Louisiana Chamber Holds Annual Celebrity Waiter Night

Louisiana City Councilwoman Kiffany Ardeneaux refills a drink during the Chamber of Commerce's annual Celebrity Waiter Night on Thursday, Feb. 7 at KC's Place restaurant. Diners enjoyed a special KC's buffet featuring items such as stuffed mush-rooms, potato skins, toasted ravioli and mozzarella sticks. More than \$580 in proceeds from tips will be used to support chamber programs such as the annual Colorfest celebration. Ken Lane of Stark Brothers Nurseries pulled in the most tips with \$191.34. Other participating waiters were Mayor Marvin Brown, Chamber President Tim Jenkins, Elliott Auto Repair co-owner Sylvia Elliott, Pike County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Perkins and NECAC Public Relations Officer Brent Engel.

Four New Bridges Are Included In Pike Budget

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Pike County Commissioners are proud of the work that has been done to secure the construction of four new bridges out of the budget .

A clarification to the article last week, the money for the bridges comes from the road and bridge budget of under \$3 million and not the general revenue funds from where the commissioners were able to provide raises to most county employees this year. The overall budget for the county is just under \$7 mil-

Western District Commissioner Bill Allen noted that bridges and infrastructure are expensive and often

difficult to provide, but that the commission opted against some equipment purchases and worked with other counties in the state to make sure pressing road and bridge needs could be met.

The county will have two softmatch bridges. One is on Pike County Road 135 (Waddell Lane) and the other is at Pike County Road 48. Upon completion, the county gets an 80 percent match.

The county will also have two large bridges done by the BRO (bridge replacement off) system. Those bridges will be located at Pike County Road 323 (Touchette) and also at Pike County Road 135.

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Moberly Area Community College 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List

Moberly Area Community Col-lege recently announced the fall 2018 dean's lists.

During the fall 2018 semester, 274 students were named to the

To qualify for the dean's list, 274 students obtained between a 3,50 and a 3,99 grade point average in 12 or more semester hours for the sum-

Area students named to the list in-

Bowling Green: Heather Laren-

Clarksville: Katie McCrory. Curryville: Kacey McCollum. Eolia: LeighAnna Colbert and

Ashtyn Lagemann, Vandalia: Reaghan Case.



Johnny Picone Is Selected To State Trap Shooting Tea

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The process for selection compares all registered shooter scores for the previous season. The top shooters for each age division residing in the state comprise the teams.

When asked about making the state team Johnny said, "It surprised having a good season but I don't re-ally watch that stuff too close. I just like to shoot and see if I can do bet-ter each time," Picone remarked. "Sometimes I'll get lucky and win a trophy or a medal or something and

School and is the son of Dr. John and Daloris Picone.





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Pike County Farm Bureau Marks 'Thank A Farmer' Week

Jim Allen, of Pike County Farm Bureau, helped celebrated "Thank A Farmer" Week by requesting a resolution from the Pike County Commission. Allen (second from left) is joined by Pike County Presiding Commissioner Chris Gamm, Eastern District Commissioner Justin Sheppard and Western District Commissioner Bill Allen.

Trib photo by April M. Franck

Skills Session Class To Be Offered nter Education

A hunter education skills session is being offered in Bowling Green

on Saturday, March 30, 2019.
The class is being held at the
VFW hall on VFW Road in Bowing Green. The class will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The class is limited to 50 and pre-registration is required.

Participants must be at least 11 years old and must preregister by March 29. To register, go online to www.mdc.mo.gov and click on Hunter Education, and then click on Find A Hunter Ed Class. For questions, or if you do not have internet access, call the Hannibal office at

Certification will be for those who are age eleven (11) years old and older. Proof of age (ie. birth certificate/copy) should be brought to the class for those who are under age 16. Other information needed to register on line will be your social security number, county you live in, eye color, hair color and your con-

In order to attend the class the student must bring with them either a certificate of completion showing they completed the online Hunter Ed class room portion, or have with them a hunter ed booklet with the chapter reviews completed. Without

one of these two items you will not be allowed to attend the class.

The four-hour course will include the following: gun safety, information about firearms and ammunition, the role of the hunter and hunting in wildlife management and conservation, responsibilities of the outdoors person, outdoor ethics, hunter preparedness and hands on demonstra-

Those who successfully complete this course will receive a temporary hunter education certification and a

conservation permit card (formerly called the Heritage Card). Such certification is mandatory before a hunter can purchase a hunting permit in many states and Canadian Provinces. In Missouri, everyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, must have this certification in order to purchase a hunting permit of any kind with the exception of archery permits. The Missouri certification is valid for life, and is recognized by all other states and provinces with mandatory Hunter Education re-

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Annual Catch-And-Keep Season At Trout Parks Coming Up March 1

Friday, March 1, marks the opening of catch-and-keep trout fishing in Missouri at the state's four trout parks: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Licking, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, and Maramec Spring Park near St. James. The catch-and-keep season at the trout parks runs through Oct. 31.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) operates trout hatcheries at all four parks. To help predict angler turnout on opening day, hatchery staff rely on permit records going back more than 80 years. Records show that good weather and opening days that fall on weekends tend to attract more an-

With this year's opening day falling on a Friday, hatchery staff at Montauk, Bennett Spring, and Roaring River expect crowds of about 2,300 anglers at each location opening day. Maramec Spring staff are planning for a crowd of about 1,600.

Based on these predictions, hatchery staff will stock three rainbow trout per expected angler on opening day for a total of more than 21,000 fish averaging around a foot in length. The hatcheries will also stock a mix of "lunkers" ranging from three to 10 pounds.

We have plenty of fish for this year's trout season," said MDC Fisheries Division Chief Brian Canaday.

Trout anglers will need a daily trout tag to fish in Missouri's trout parks. Daily trout tags can only be purchased at each of the four trout parks, Missouri residents 16 through

64 and nonresidents 16 and older need a fishing permit in addition to the daily tag.

Buy Missouri fishing permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buyper-mits, 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.

Trout hatcheries are just one way that conservation pays in Missouri. MDC staff stock more than 800,000 trout annually at the state's four trout parks and approximately 1.5 million trout annually statewide. Trout anglers spend more than \$100 million each year in the Show-Me-State, which generates more than \$180 million in business activity, supports more than 2,300 jobs, and creates more than \$70 million dollars in wages. About 30 percent of Missouri trout anglers come from other states, so a substantial portion of trout fishing expenditures is "new money" for the state's economy.

For more information on trout fishing in Missouri, http://bit.ly/1QJI6Nk.

REMINDER TO TROUT AN-GLERS: To prevent the spread of the invasive alga called didymo or "rock snot," the use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles of felt, matted or woven fibrous material is prohibited at all trout parks, trout streams, Lake Taneycomo, and buffer areas. Get more information at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/protect-missouri-fishing/dont-spreaddidymo.



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The Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary held their regular meetings on Monday, Feb. 4, with Commander Herbert Everett and Mary Tarpein presiding

It was a well-attended meeting. Everett and Tarpein gave reports from the Council Of Administration meetings held in Jefferson City.

Quartermaster Robert La also attended the meetings that was held on Saturday, Feb. 2. Tarpein attended the Voice Of Democracy

banquet that was held that evening. The Post and Auxiliary also

Poppy Display Contest. Discussion was held concerning roof relplacement. Bids are being

Auxiliary member Jeremy Tipp was there and gave a presentation of Mary Tarpein at 573-795-3584.

the use of the "Square" - which will make the Post able to take debit or credit cards during fundraisers, all agreed it would be nice to have.

Other discussion was held conceming a National VFW Auxiliary project, "Freedom Family Festival Community Activity, A date will be set for this at the next meeting along with other fundraiser ideas

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Members are asked to attend and bring ideas to have another great year.

onated food for the food drive that was held and entry for the Buddy the meeting. Individuals who are between six to 18 years-old and would like to join the youth group are urged to contact Joanne Hammuck at 573-847-2266, or Commander Herbert Everett at 573- 754-3436 or

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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. Franick

First Impact **Parent Program Coming To**

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 pro-gram. 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.

The program will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Palmyra R-I High School, 1703 South Main Street, Palmyra,

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

On Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 offender William Loggins #524741, confined at the Northeast Correctional Center, was pronounced dead at Transitional Care Unit at the Jefferson City Correctional Center in Jefferson City.

Loggins was a 59-year-old male

serving a 10-year sentence for firstdegree burglary and stealing - third offense from Saline County. He was received in the Missouri Department of Corrections on May 6, 2014.

Loggins died of apparent natural

NOTICE

Pike County Senate Bill 40 (PCSB 40), 900 Independence Dr., Bowling Green, MO 63334 provides notice that it intends to apply to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for a federal grant to serve the transpotation needs of perseons with developmental disabilities in Pike County MO. PCSB 40 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or the provisions of transportation and other services for persons with developmental disabilities. Persons wishing to comment on this proposed project are requested to do so within 30 days by writing our agency and MoDOT - Multimodal Operations, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.



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Sue Ann Elliott

Sue Ann Elliott, 70, of Frankforddied suddenly Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at her residence.

Memorial services were at 6 p.m., Friday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Visitation was from 2-6 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Sue was born Oct. 2, 1948 in Owosso, Mich., the daughter of Samuel and Betty Jane Eilber Hickman. She married James Elliott Aug. 15, 1981 at the Ashburn Methodist Church, He survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Robert Porter and wife, Stacy of O'Fallon, Craig Porter of Gainesville, Fla., and Kevin Porter and wife, Tommilyn of O'Fallon; a daughter, Alyson Efnor and husband, Justin of Frankford; grandchildren, Abby Porter, Lily Porter, CJ Porter, Caleb Porter, Samuel Porter, Gabriel Porter, Sadie Efnor, Auroara Efnor, James Efnor, Michael Efnor and Sarah Efnor, a brother, Joe Hickman of Ferndale, Mich.; halfsister, Sherry Vose-Higgins of the state of New York; and special sister-in-law, Phyllis Nelson of Hannibal.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sue was born in Owosso, Mich., and moved to Bowling Green in 1981. She worked for Moore-Pike Nursing Home as a dietary supervisor for over 20 years.

She loved cooking and baking, shopping, and being with her best friend and sister-in-law Phyllis. She enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and was a loving wife, mother and friend.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral

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

George E. Sidwell

George E. Sidwell, 88, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal.

His wishes were to be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born March 9, 1930 in Pike County to William and Stella McCune Sidwell, He was married to Cordelia Barber, She preceded him in death in 2010.

He is survived by two sons, Charles Sidwell and wife, Tina of Bowling Green, and David Sidwell of Louisiana; two daughters, Suzanne Martin and Sally Norton, both of Bowling Green; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, J.R. Sidwell and

a sister, Louise Huckstep. George had a love for baseball, football, dancing, and going to country music shows.

He was employed by Hercules, Inc. in Louisiana for 37 years until he retired in 1995. He was a veteran of the National Guard serving in the early 1950's. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Soci-

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of cremation rites.



Donna Lee Bradley

Donna Lee Barnum Bradley, 74, of Louisiana went to be with her Lord and Savior at her daughter's home in Hamilton, Ala., Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Bill Maupin officiated. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m.,

Sunday at the funeral home. Alunch was served at the First Baptist Church (basement) in Louisiana following the service for family and

Donna was born Sept. 7, 1944 in Louisiana to Charles Lee and Doris Maxine Patterson Barnum. She was married to Charles L. Bradley, Sr. on April 2, 1966 in Pleasant Hill, Ill. He preceded her in death on July 1. 1991.

She is survived by two daughters, Shari Kyzar and husband, Gary of Louisiana, and Doris Cox of Hamilton, Ala.; two sons, Michael Kent Bradley and Charles L. Bradley, Jr.; two brothers, John and Eddie Barnum and wife, Cheryl of Illinois, 14 grandchildren, and 32 great-grand-

She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Charles L. Bradley, Sr., her parents, Charles and Doris Barnum, a son, Charles Edward "Eddie" Bradley, and a grandchild, Matthew Bradlev.

Donna had attended and graduated from Quincy High School in Quincy, Ill., with the class of 1962.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Kyzar, Jr. and Gary Kyzar III. Pallbearers were Mateo Salvador, James Bryant, Tommy Reed, Doug Berkey, Mark Helms, and Will Butler.

Memorials may be made to charity of donor's choice, c/o the funeral

Wayne Henry Klinnel

Wayne Henry Klippel, 67, of Louisiana died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at his home.

A private service will be held at a later date.

He was born in St. Charles to Oscar and Barbara Pickering Klippel. After attending the local schools along with his eight siblings, Wayne graduated from high school.

Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. He enrolled in the police academy and was then employed at Wentzville Police Dept and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Wayne and Glenda were married on Dec. 12, 1989 in Wright City.

He is survived by his wife Glenda Klippel of Louisiana; two sons, Clinton Hembree and Matthew Lee, both of Branson; many grandchil-dren; six siblings Harold Klippel and wife, Donna, Lydia Schuster and Dee, Mary Klippel, Herman Klippel and wife, Carla, Homer Klippel and wife, Cindy, Fred Klippel and wife, Lori; and many other relatives and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Roger and Wally Klippel.

Memorials may be made to the Klippel family, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh com



Thelma Allman

Thelma Allman, 87, of Vandalia died Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m., Monday at the funeral home.

Thelma was born Oct. 21, 1931 in Medford, Mass., the daughter of Kenneth Farrell and Clara Kenyon Newmiller Kaye. She married Lee Bergee. He preceded her in death. She then married George Allman. He also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Eric Bergee and wife, Nicole of New Berlin, Ill., Michael Bergee and wife, Laura of Festus; two daughters, Cheryl Clifford and husband, James of Gamoliel, Ark., and Lynda Anderson and husband, Neil of Ashburn; four grandchildren, Amy Ebeling, David Bergee, Brandon Bergee

and Allison Bergee; two greatgrandchildren, Mason Ippolito and Ella Ippolito.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, brothers, Bruce Kaye and David Kaye; and a sister, Eleanor McLaughlin.

Thelma grew up in the Massachusetts and New York area.

She was a member of the non-denominational church that follows Jesus Christ

Thelma loved to clean and was known for her cleaning. She was a great cook and was a good pie maker and known for her three-day spaghetti dish. Thelma loved babies and people but above all else she loved her Lord. God's truth changed

Memorials may be made to Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

On-line condolences maybe left at www.bibbveach.com.



Maudean Ruebling

Maudean Lee, 67, of Troy died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 at Progress West Hospital.

Funeral service was Saturday at 10 a.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy with the Rev. Richie Rhea officiating. Interment followed in Troy City

Visitation was Friday from 5-9 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

She was born Oct. 7, 1951 in St. Louis to Ralph and Ruth Crouch Ruebling.

Maudean attended the local schools along with her two siblings. She obtained her master's degree in teaching from Central Missouri State University. Her first job was working at Vandalia School District and then later at Crocker School District, Maudean worked for 23 years at the Lincoln County R-III School District as a counselor, until her retirement.

Maudean and Don were married on Nov. 23, 1996 at First Baptist Church in Troy. She loved music, especially southern gospel. She was talented at crafting, playing piano and loved traveling. Don and Maudean enjoyed eagle watching together and attending St. Louis ardinal baseball games.

She is survived by her husband, Don Lee of Troy; step-children, Jill Rios and husband, Steve of St. Louis, Jamie Lee of Bridgeton, Bret Lee of Denton, Texas; step-grandchildren, Tyson, Anna, Ivana, Breonna, Aseeyah, step-great-grandchildren, Aiden and Stella; brother, Norman Ruebling and wife, Connie of Columbia; a sister, Vitula Renee Skillman and husband, Charles of Wentzville: nieces and nephews, Jason Skillman, Corey Skillman, Andrea Lasater, Keegan Ruebling, McKenzie Ballou; greatgrand-nieces and nephews, Alex Skillman, Nathan Skillman, Logan Skillman, Audrey Skillman, Remington Lasater, Wesley Lasater; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Rosenthal, Dan Rosenthal, Jay Stockham, Dale Kelley, Jim Reeds, Charlie Smith

Memorials may be made to Race for the Cure (Breast Cancer Awareness), c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379

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Issues relating to the heart affect both men and women, and an estimated 15 million adults in the U.S. have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease. And heart disease is not exclusive to the United States, as the Heart Research Institute says that every seven minutes in Canada someone dies from heart disease or stroke.

Such statistics are disconcerting, but they can serve as a wake-up call that compels people to prioritize heart health. Fortunately, heart disease is often preventable and people can employ various strategies to reduce their risk.

*Stop smoking right now. One of the best things to do to protect the heart is to stop smoking. The Heart Foundation indicates that smoking reduces oxygen in the blood and damages blood vessel walls. It also contributes to atherosclerosis, or a narrowing and clogging of the arter-

·Eat healthy fats. When eating, choose polyunsaturated and unsaturated fats and avoid trans fats as much as possible. Trans fats increase ones risk of developing heart disease by clogging arteries and raising LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. Read food labels before buying anything at the

 Keep your mouth clean. Studies show that bacteria in the mouth involved in the development of gum disease can travel to the bloodstream

protein, a marker for blood vessel inflammation. Brush and floss twice daily, and be sure to schedule routine dental cleanings.

Get adequate shut-eye. Ensuring adequate sleep can improve heart health. One study found that young and middle-age adults who regularly slept seven hours a night had less calcium in their arteries (a sign of early heart disease) compared to those who slept five hours or less or those who slept nine hours or more.

·Adopt healthy eating habits. Changes to diet, including eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, can help you lose and maintain a healthy weight, improve cholesterol levels and reduce blood pressure leading to a healthier heart.

*Embrace physical activity. Regular moderate exercise is great for the heart. It can occur at the gym, playing with the kids or even taking the stairs at work.

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Separate Facts From Fiction For Organ Donations

Organ donation is overwhelmingly supported by the adult population of the United States, According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 95 percent of adults in the United States support organ donation. In spite of that, the DHHS notes that only 54 percent of U.S. adults are signed up as organ donors. That gap only highlights the need for education in regard to organ donation. Separating the facts and fiction surrounding organ donation might compel more people to sign up as donors, saving untold numbers of lives as a result.

*People with medical conditions can still be organ donors. Many people mistakenly assume that an existing medical condition precludes them from being organ donors. However, the DHHS notes that very few medical conditions would prevent people from becoming organ donors. Such conditions include HIV and active cancer. Transplant teams determine at the time of death if a donation is possible, so even prospective donors who have doubts

can still sign up. *There is no age limit for organ donors. The health and condition of the organs, and not their age, is what matters. In fact, the DHHS notes that the oldest donor in the United States

was 93 at the time of donation.

 Religions do not prohibit organ donation. The DHHS notes that most major religion support organ donation, considering it a final act of love and generosity. Prospective donors who are uncertain if their religion supports organ donation can visit https://www.organdonor.gov/ about/donors/religion.html for more information.

 Celebrity status, race or financial well-being do not dictate who receives organs. In the United States, a nationwide computer system matches donated organs to recipients. Blood type, geographic location and time on the waiting list are just some of the factors used to match donated organs to recipients. Race, celebrity status or financial well-being are never considered.

 Medical personnel will try to save organ donors' lives. Some people fear that signing up as a donor might compel medical personnel to abandon lifesaving methods if they become ill or injured. But thats not the case. Donation is not possible until all lifesaving methods have failed.

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desserts and drink.

Along with the dinner a minicheer camp and pink-out night as the Lady Hawks and Hawks teams play the last home game of the season against the Van-Far Indians.



Van-Far Speech Team Receives Honor

Van-Far High School Speech Team students received top honors Saturday, Feb. 9 by advancing to finals at Rock Bridge Tournament in Columbia. Pictured from left: Harley Young placed fifth in storytelling; Kiera Hayden was the tournament champion in prose; Alayna Bryan placed sixth in prose; and Cameron Jones placed third in radio speaking.

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NECAC Partners With Local Banks On Home Ownership

Homeownership Programs Director Marsha Signoracci of the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) met Feb. 6 with Pike County bank representatives to discuss strengthening homeownership partnerships. Participants included US Bank, Community State Bank, Bank of Louisiana and The Mercantile Bank of Louisiana. The agency is asking financial institutions to contribute \$2,000 each to cover costs of the effort. In exchange, NECAC will provide comprehensive training and work directly with banks in making sure more people are prepared for homeownership and can avoid defaults. The goal is to sign up 50 banks in the agency's 12-county service area. The first to get on board is the Mercantile Bank of Palmyra. NECAC offers homeownership classes that can prepare participants on subjects such as financing, obstades to homeownership, record-keeping, understanding credit, cash flow, getting a loan, taxes and other topics. More information is available by calling NECAC at 573-324-6622.

Local Students Earn Spot On Moberly Area Community College

Moberly Area Community College recently announced the fall 2018 president's list, During the fall 2018 semester, 191 students ob-tained a 4.00 grade point average in twelve or more semester hours and qualify for the president's list.

Area students named to the president's list are:

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Louisiana Kindergarten Celebrates 100 Days Of School

Louisiana kindergarten students showed school spirit recently celebrating 100 days of school on Friday, Feb. 1. Students had the option to dress up like they were 100 years old and flash forward to the year 2119. The class enjoyed many activities throughout the day celebrating #100. Pictured above: (front row, I-r) Ava Branstetter, Anabela Silva and Khloe Smith. Back row: Gabriela Santiago, Avery Mey, Ka'Liyah Griffith, Katie Harrison, Amanda Morganti, and Drea Griffith. Pictured below: Jayce Johnson, Jordan Easter, Trayvon Chatman, and Rowan Wilson.



Biscuits For A Good Cause This Rise & Shine Friday



North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) Property Management Director Anita Lemke accepts a donation at the Bowling Green Hardee's as part of last year's Rise & Shine Heat Up St. Louis fund-raiser. This year's event is from 6 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Hardee's locations in Bowling Green and Louisiana. Customers will be able to donate or buy breakfast sausage or egg biscuits for \$1. All proceeds collected in Louisiana and Bowling Green will stay in Pike County to help disadvantaged residents with heating bills. In 2018, Pike County received \$5,000 from Heat Up St. Louis, which covers more than 20 counties in Missouri and Illinois. NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Chandra Roberts has information about utility assistance. For more information, call her at the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 North in Bowling Green, at 573-324-2207.

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BUDGET

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Eastern District Commissioner Justin Sheppard noted the county had been told they couldn't do a BRO bridge for five years due to being in the hole. However, the county had built up the soft-match funds, so the commissioners went to work exchanging credits - dollar for dollar - to ensure badly-needed bridge work could be done.

Sheppard added that since he's been on the commission the county has already done four bridge projects and that he's pleased so much can be accomplished this year as

Presiding Commissioner Chris

Gamm pointed out that a couple of areas were getting to the point that school busses and emergency vehicles could not get through so the projects were given a high priority with the commission.

Sheppard added the commission has been ambitious and has found ways to get projects accomplished while also identifying new revenue streams such as the new landfill fees the county will be getting this year that will result in over \$80,000 being added to the general revenue budget.

Allen added he's appreciative of the counties and entities that have been willing to trade bridge credits with Pike County which includes the City of St. Louis and St. Louis



Koelling Has Winning Heifer

Alexis Koeling of Curryville had a winning heifer at the 2019 National Western Stock Show's Junior Angus Show on Thursday, Jan. 17 in Denver, Colo. Koelling is a freshman at Bowling Green High School and is the daughter of Brock and

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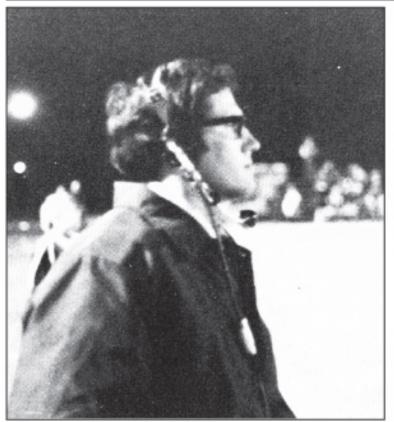


Photo of Coach Jim York on the Hall of Fame plaque.

INDUCTEES

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became the head coach at the high school and has a career record of 26-3-1. His 1972 team made it to the state semifinal game and his 1973 team won the first Clarence Cannon Conference Championship in football since the 1949 team. Coach York has also served as LMS Principal, LHS Principal and as a member of the Louisiana R-2 School Board Coach York is married to his wife Peggy and they have two kids

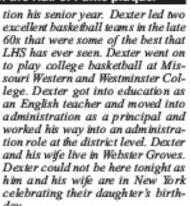
and five grandsons.

DEXTER SCHRAER

Dexter is a 1969 graduate of LHS. Dexter is known as the one of the best basketball players in school history. He was an outstanding outside shooter and excellent rebounder. Dexter was an All-State, All-District, All-Conference and Prep All American Honorable Men-

GREG FARRIS

Greg is a 1972 graduate of LHS. Greg was a three-sport athlete at LHS playing football and basketball and running track. Greg was an outstanding All-Conference running back for the Bulldogs. Greg attended Missouri Valley College and was an All-Conference, All-District and honorable mention All-American running back. At Valley he set



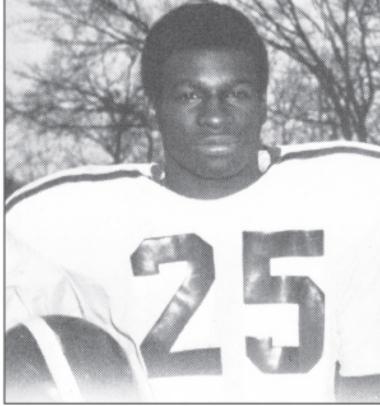


Photo of Greg Farris used on the Hall of Fame plaque

several school records including career rushing yards, career points, and career touchdowns. Because of his outstanding football career Greg was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. He served his country in the U.S. Army and retired in 1994. Greg now works for the St. Charles County Department of Corrections as a case worker. He is married to his wife Keiko and has four children

and four grandchildren.
DAVID CUNNINGHAM

David is a 1977 graduate of LHS. David was an All-Conference, All-District and All-State running back for the football team. He was a member of the basketball team and a member of the track team with his specialty being pole vault. David attended William Jewel College where he became the school's leading rusher for career yards. Due to his success on the football field David was inducted into the William Jewel College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. After college David signed a game in school history. free-agent deal to play for the Kansas City Chiefs but a shoulder injury ended his time there. David

since retired from education. David and his wife Kim have a son. Christopher

1977 L'HS FOOTBALL TEAM

The Bulldogs dropped the first game of the year to Pike County rivals - the Bowling Green Bobcats. Coach Viehman and Coach Gschwender would get the Bulldogs turned around in week two to beat Pittsfield and then run through the Clarence Cannon Conference gauntlet and come out unscathed. This earned them a conference championship and district championship which propelled them to the playoffs. The Bulldogs hammered California, 48-8, in the Class 2 Quarterfinals. The Bulldogs handily beat Country Day in the Semifinals by a score of 31-8 and won their 10th game in a row. The Bulldogs would take on Monett in the Class 2 State Championship game and lose a heartbreaker 21-19. This was the first Louisiana football team to make it the State Championship

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on the Hall of Fame plaque.



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Chilson Returns From Boot Camp

Alexander Chilson recently returned from boot camp in San Diego, Calif. following 13 weeks of training. The 2018 graduate of Bowling Green High School is a member of the United State Marine Corps. Following a brief stint back home he will return to California for two months of specialized training. Chilson is the son of Mark and Kena Chilson and the grandson of Kenny and Vivian Lee. Chilson is pictured above with his grandfather Kenny Loo. tured above with his grandfather, Kenny Lee.

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The family of the late Felicity Goodpasture-Culwell gathered for a photo cutside of the gymnasium named in her honor. Without her efforts, it's difficult to imagine the Eastern Missouri YMCAfacility becoming a reality. Family members include her mother, Charlene Goodpasture and sister Leticia Hulse, her childred Reece Culwell, Treyson Culwell and Analynn Culwell and her sister Greta Hopke. Find more photos online at www.thepeople.stribune.com. Trib photo by Nancy Case



A great crowd turned out for the ribbon-cutting event on Saturday. Above, April Wills signs the guest bookat the Eastern Missouri YMCA facility. Willis will be serving as a yoga instructor. Trib photo by Nancy Case



including in the Max Kennen Wellness Center. Trib photo by Nancy Case

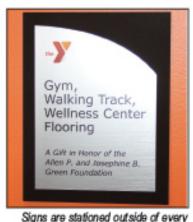


Melissa Gooch and Natalie Gibson enjoy delicious cupcakes and other refreshments at the event on Friday evening. Trib photo by Nancy Case



The children's room in the new Eastern Missouri YMCA is bright and cheerful and ready for action. Trib photo by Nancy Case





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Eastern Missouri YMCA Director Debbie Hopke offers a speech during the champagne toast event on Friday night to celebrate the opening of the new facility including the many donors who made the vision a reality in Van-Trib photo by Nancy Case



those attending and wished the best of luck to the Eastern Missouri Family Y MCA. Director Hopke then cut the ribbon to officially open the Y

for tours. The open house was held from 10 a.m.-noon with approximately 180 attending.

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Brandow announced that following a membership drive in January the board was pleased to announce they are half way to the goal before the doors were open. Lots of challenges were thrown out and the volunteers kept going with all their

She told patrons, "The YMCA is the hub of this community - it's more than a gym or basketball court, and that she is extremely proud to be a part of this endeavor.

Steve Hobbs on behalf of Jeanie Riddle and Kent Haden, remarked that something needed to be done differently to get kids back in the community and to sustain and foster the quality of life in Vandalia.

Winders went on to say, "without you as donors it would not have been possible and we have done everything to make this facility the best we can. This facility will be the best thing for the area economically since the opening of WERDCC. We needed to give people a reason to live here."

"This is a physical demonstration that we can do things as a community - it's a place for everyone to play a positive role in the community and to take advantage of."

Debbie Hopke, executive director of the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA, addressed the crowd telling them "what is in my heart - celebrating heros. You are heros, a dream has become a reality, even in the toughest of times you kept marching forward and didn't look back."

She thanked them for not giving up and doing what was right. She recognized the Rual Morris Foundation for its donation and Max Kennen who has pledged an endowment to the facility

With that Hopke raised her champagne glass high and toasted the opening and future success of the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA! RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY/OPEN HOUSE

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"I'm getting used to the girls who will be here for the next several years and will be building a stronger foundation for the future of the Lady Cats program, I could not have asked for more from the seniors, Gabi Deters and Caitlin Bilhartz, They have been asked to do a lot by leading this team on most nights. I couldn't be any more proud of how they have taken an active role in leaving their legacy on the younger players. They have helped convey my thoughts and ideas in a way that undrelassmen understand," Smith remarked. "Coach Chinn has been a tremendous help with her basketball IQ and just being there for the girls when they are frustrated with the new concepts I am throwing at them. I believe everyone should be excited about Lady Cats basketball and the future. If we can get our female athletes to take an active role and get involved with all sports - softball, cross country, basketball, track, etc. - the sky is the limit. To help with that Coach Chinn and I will be evaluating the program as a whole and set a vision for the future.

The Bowling Green boys will open postseason play on Monday, Feb. 18. They are also seeded third in the Class 3 District 8 tournament and will take on (6) Winfield in the opening round at 7:30 p.m.

If they win, the Bobcats will face the winner of the (2) Hermann and (7) Wright City opening round game in the semifinal on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The championship game is slated for Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:45 p.m.

Coach Brandon McCann said the season has gone as he had expected and was not surprised by the number three seed in the district tournament.

We have a pretty good district with some private schools. It will be competitive and we have to play our best game every night of districts to win. Every team plays a different level during district time and so do we. It's been a long season and districts is a time to see what kind of team you have and if they have been mentally tough all year leading into districts," McCann explained. He added that the team lost some games during the regular season they should have won, but was pleased overall with the team's performance. "They adjusted well to a new system and played every game with effort and determination."

District games will be featured live and archived on TRBCAST - online at www.thepeoplestribune.com.

CLASS 2 DISTRICT 5

Action in the Class 2 District 5 tournament will begin with the girl's bracket on Saturday, Feb. 16. The Clopton Lady Hawks secured the top seed in the tournament and will square off with the (8) Louisiana Lady Bulldogs at 1:30 p.m.

The winning team will advance to the semifinal to take on the winner of the (4) Van-Far and (5) Mark Twain opening round game on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Clopton Coach Deaven Streed said she is happy with how the team has performed all season, noting the team has faced a number of tough teams, some on multiple occassions.

"We played a big school in Quincy High which was really good for us before Christmas. We competed with an athletic Elsberry team three times this year, each time having to adjust and be productive in different ways. We took a big loss to Bowling Green the second game of season which opened our eyes to how hard we need to be playing each night. The Clopton tournament allowed us to play a tough Monroe City team where we dug ourselves a nine-point deficit early in the third quarter only to pick up our defensive pressure to erase and go up by five points to begin the fourth, Streed pointed out, "We battled through a few injuries and some younger kids were given opportunities to step up and show what they had and all of them did in big ways. We went to overtime with a Unity Mendon team out of Illinois who recently won their regional championship giving us some late game pressure experience."

Streed added the season did what it was designed to do in preparing

the Lady Hawks for the postseason. "Although we are very happy with our current record and standings, we know that the end result is really the most important part. We have a pretty competitive district with teams like Van-Far, Mark Twain, Elsberry, and a very good Paris team. It will take grit and determination to survive and advance - as it should. We are a senior-led team so we are relying on their leadership and drive to help determine our success down the stretch. I'm very anxious to see how our girls perform and have very high expectations," Streed concluded.

Louisiana Coach Derrick Branstetter pointed out the district is extremely top-heavy this year with Clopton and Paris as clear favorites

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and Elsberry playing well and may be a surprise winner.

"We knew there would be some struggles this year, considering we were replacing almost 80 percent of our offense from last season. While we've done some good things defensively, we've really struggled to score and you just aren't going to win many games in the 20s." Branstetter remarked. "As far as the future goes, it will all depend on how much commitment is made in the offseason. I told the girls last Spring that we lacked skill and desperately needed to get in the gym over the Summer, but frankly, there was very little participation in our Summer program, Basketball is a game of skill and our current skill level isn't sufficient to be competitive at the high school level. Hopefully, our returning players will put in the offseason work going for-

The Van-Far Lady Indians are seeded fourth in the Class 2 District 5 tournament and will kick off the opening round against (5) Mark Twain on Saturday at noon (the first game of the day). The winner will take on either (1) Clopton or (8) Louisiana in the semifinal on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the semifinal at 5:30 p.m.

Coach Kelly Borchert pointed out the team is very young this season and is led by two seniors so a lot has been asked of younger firls this year.

"At times we are doing some really great things that this program has never done and we are hoping that these things are firing on all cylinders going into districts."

The Silex Lady Owls are seeded seventh in the Class 2 District 5 tournament and will take on (2) Paris in the opening round on Saturday at 3 p.m. If Silex wins, they will advance to face the winner of the (3) Elsberry and (6) New Haven opening round game in the semifinal on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

The girl's district championship game is slated to take place on Friday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

The boy's bracket will begin action in the Class 2 District 5 tournament on Monday, Feb. 18.

The returning district and state champion Van-Far Indians drew the top seed in the tournament and will take on (8) Louisiana in the opening round at 5 p.m.

The winning team will advance to see the victor of the (4) Mark Twain and (5) Paris opening round game in the semifinal on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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Mitchell, Deters Receive More Training

Brock Mitchell and Bill Deters, with Advance Physical Therapy in Bowling Green, recently attended a continuing education conference in Ouincy

The course was titled, "Clinical Approach to Treatment of Biomechanical Dysfunction of the Pelvis, Sacrum, and Lumbar Spine." The course was taught by Suzanne Joseph, DPT from Chicago.

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Coach Pat Connaway said the season has been another solid one for the Indians and that the team is starting to play some of their best basketball at just the right time.

"Going into tonight we are 16-6 overall and 7-1 in the EMO Conference," Connaway explained. "Our first goal is to win the EMO and if we win both games this week we will get at least a share of the title. Our second goal is to win district. Our district is very tough this year and we'll have to play excellent basketball if we want to have a shot to win it. We also need to get healthy. We have a couple kids fighting injuries and a couple battling illness right now. Elsberry, the host school, is the three-seed and anyone who faces them will have the task of trying to beat them on their home court which is very difficult to do. New Haven is a very solid club that we haven't seen this year and they are the number two seed and a sleeper team sitting in the six spot is Clopton. Clopton is a young team that keeps getting better and will be a tough out in the tournament. There won't be a lot of secrets when it comes to match-ups when you have six EMO Conference teams in this district."

Connaway said the team is going to enter the tournament knowing the season could end on any given night, but will have the mindset of trying to play seven more games.

"We want to make a valiant effort to defend our Class 2 title and we are going to rely on our big game experience to help guide us through the tough ball games. The winner of our district will more than likely face an undefeated Milan team in the Sectional game at Hannibal and

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the winner of that game very well could be headed to Springfield."

Louisiana Coach Matt Smith pointed out that starting the district against Van-Far is tough as they have played them three times already this season and have been handled each time.

"I do believe over the course of the three games that we have im-proved. Van Far has the experience and size to beat anyone so they will be looking to repeat. The season overall has been a struggle, but I'm happy with the improvements. I think this upcoming summer will be huge in order to get the team competing back where we have been accustomed. I'm extremely excited about the future, but I know it's going to take a lot of work from our

The Clopton Hawks are seeded sixth in the Class 2 District 5 tournament and will face the host school (3) Elsberry in the opening round at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18. If Clopton wins they will take on the winner of the opening round game between (2) New Haven and (7) Silex in the semifinal on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Coach Tony Francis said the team is excited for postseason play but they are aware that facing a host school will be a challenge in and of

"Our goal throughout this last week of the regular season is to continue to find that confidence level found in championship teams. Wins in the post-season favors those players/teams who are tough in adversity and have the confidence to out-hustle their mistakes. You have to be fundamentally sound with the ball, control the boards, and find ways to get points at the free-throw line."

Francis added that while the win column for the regular season may not show it, the team has made great strides in areas the average fan can't

"The laying of a foundation is difficult and is far from glamorous. These men have showed up everyday and have been willing to accept the many challenges I have thrown at them. Regardless what happens the remainder of this season, I am proud of their 'buy-in' to this new culture and am excited to see them reap the rewards of their hard-work in the years to come," Francis con-

The Silex Owls are seeded seventh in the Class 2 District 5 tournament and will take on (2) New Haven in the opening round on Monday at 6:30 p.m. If the Owls win they will face the winner of the

ing round game in the semifinal on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Coach Aaron Henke pointed out the team has improved a lot over the course of the season and has had some success.

"The boys have worked very hard and given everything they have each day. The future of the program is looking up as we will return five juniors next year and a few more underclassman to continue and build from. We are preparing to play a good New Haven team that plays very hard. We have made some adjustments as we go into the post-season that will hopefully put us over

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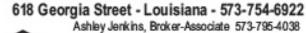
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