



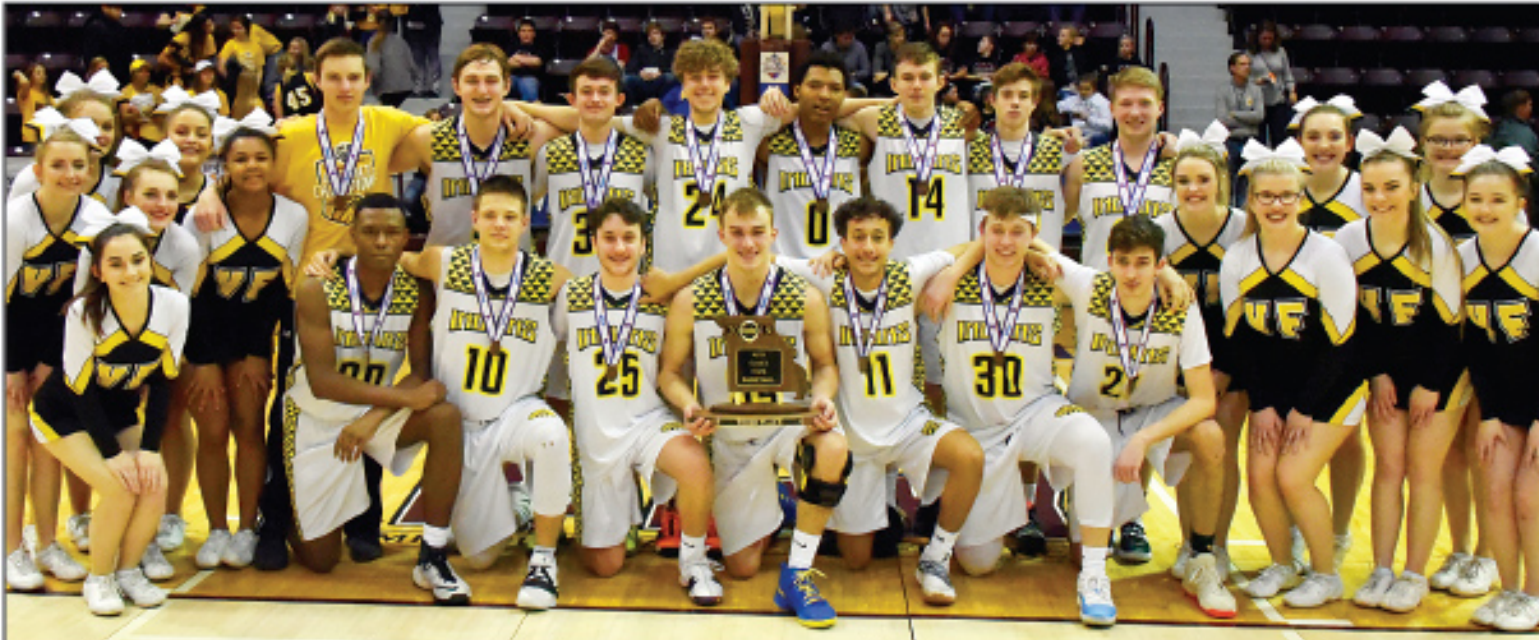
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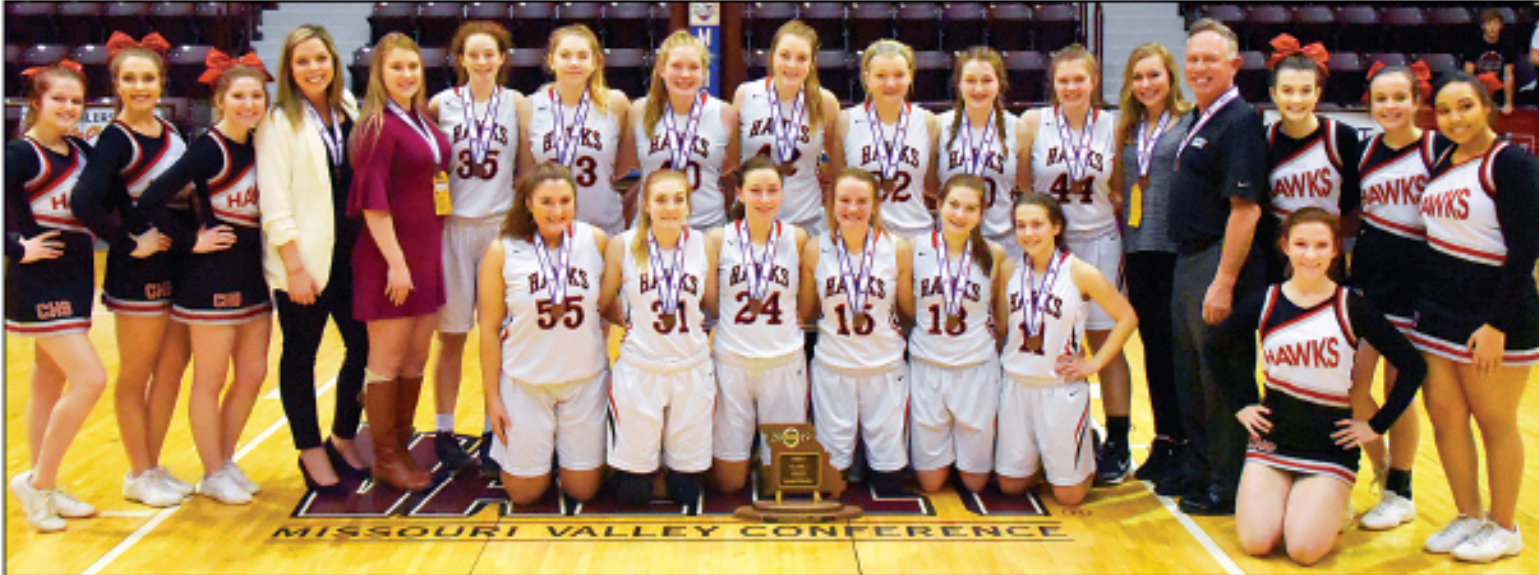
Van-Far Wins Third; Clopton Takes Fourth At MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown In Springfield



Indians Throttle Plattsburg In Third Place Game

The Van-Far Indians gave the high-powered Oran Eagles a run in the Class 2 Semifinal on Friday morning, but was ultimately defeated by the 2017 champions 58-40. The Indians bounced back in the third place game against Plattsburg and dominated in a 56-34 victory. Find photo highlights and more on pages 6-9 plus read complete details about the games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. The games can be accessed in the TribCast archive. Video highlights of each game and more photos are available on the Trib's Facebook page.

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Lady Hawks Narrowly Edged In Two Tough Battles

The Clopton Lady Hawks turned in a pair of strong performances in the MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown, but came up just short in the Class 2 Semifinal and Third Place games. Clopton fell to Thayer in the semifinal 48-43 and to Hartville in the third place match 60-55. Find photo highlights and more on pages 6-9 plus read complete details about the games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. The games can be accessed in the TribCast archive. Video highlights of each game and more photos are available on the Trib's Facebook page.

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The area continues to turn out great basketball teams year after year and 2019 is no different as the Van-Far Indians won third place and the Clopton Lady Hawks collected fourth place at the MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown at Missouri State University in Springfield.

The defending state champion Indians squared off with the 2017 champion Oran Eagles in the Class 2 Semifinal on Friday morning. Van-Far got off to a good start and led by one point after the first quarter, but was stymied by their full-court press. That combined with a storm of three-pointers by Oran's sharp-shooter found the Indians down seven at halftime.

Van-Far came out determined in the third quarter and battled back to within one point, but Oran quickly adjusted and pushed the lead back to seven within 30 seconds of the comeback.

The Eagles hit their free throws in the final stanza to collect the win and send Van-Far to the third place round.

Van-Far bounced back for the third place game on Saturday morning against Plattsburg. The Indians got the lead early and held on throughout for a 56-34 drubbing and the third place hardware.

The Clopton Lady Hawks squared off with Thayer in the semifinal in a game that went back and forth throughout. Clopton led by as many as six a few times but went cold at the end to fall by five points.

Clopton had a similar game with Hartville in the third place game on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Hawks battled back from an early deficit and foul trouble, but Hartville adjusted and was able to edge out Clopton by five, 60-55.

All four games were featured on TribCast and can be accessed in the online archive. Video is not allowed on Final Four games, the Trib has video highlight packages for each game on our Facebook page, along with more photo highlights.

Check out pages 6-9 of this week's edition and find complete game details in articles on the Trib's website this week.

Familiar Faces Are Welcomed To Bowling Green Church Of The Nazarene As Senior Pastor, Family

The Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene is excited to announce Cole Branstetter as the new senior pastor.

Cole was born and raised in Bowling Green and graduated from Bowling Green High School and then went on to earn his BA degree

and majored in ministry with a focus in youth and family at Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kan. Cole filled a position with the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene as associate pastor with emphasis on youth and families and served for two and one half years.

Cole and Rachelle moved to the Wentzville area after a calling of missional church planting. He served as a lead pastor of Project II for the past six years along with his wife, Rachelle, who was also raised in Bowling Green, graduated from Bowling Green High School and earning a BA degree from Mid America Nazarene University with a mass communication major. The couple has three children, Beau, Malachi, and Evelyn.

Cole will be returning to his roots with much excitement from fellow church members, family, and friends. Cole's first Sunday as lead pastor will be Sunday, March 17.

The Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene welcomes all to come and join them in God's house on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for worship services. The church also has Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., and has adult, children, and teen ministries every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join them in their mission: To reach the lost, love the hurting and make Christ-like disciples. They are thankful and excited to see what God has in store for the church and community.



Pictured is the new lead pastor at the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene, from left: Rachelle Branstetter holding Evelyn, Beau Branstetter, and Cole Branstetter holding Malachi.

Pike Democratic Club To Host 911 Board Candidate Forum

The Pike County Democratic Club will be hosting a forum to introduce the 911 Board candidates to the voters at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21.

The forum will be held in the third floor courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse. This forum is open to the public, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Each candidate will have five minutes to present their case for election. The floor will be open for questions for each candidate.

Currently there are 17 candidates listed on the ballot, 16 of whom are actively seeking election, running for seven open seats. The voters of Pike County will be electing one member for the at-large position, one for a four-year term for each of the districts, eastern and western, and two for a two-year term for each

of the districts, eastern and western. Since this is the first election of board members, the two-year terms will allow for staggered elections in the future, so that there will not be a wholesale turnover of the members of the board in any election.

The at-large position will fill the position of chairman of the board. The other members will then select officers for the board by nomination and vote of the board. The newly elected members will be taking over the duties currently filled by the interim board appointed by the Pike County commissioners.

The Pike County Democratic Club wishes to assure the public that this is a non-partisan forum that is open to the public at large. Everyone is invited to attend, to learn about the candidates and their vision for the future of the new 911 system.

Louisiana Lions To Hold Pancake, Sausage Day On Saturday, March 16

The Louisiana Lions Club is hosting its 32nd annual Pancake and Sausage Day fund-raiser March 16.

All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage will be served from 7 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pike Pioneers Senior Center, 521 Georgia in downtown Louisiana.

Tickets are available from Lions members or at the door, and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 and younger. The prices haven't changed in more than 20 years.

"This is one of our major fund-raisers for our eye and hearing services," said Lions President Tim Reeve. "We do a lot of work locally for people in need, and we appreciate all of the support we've received in the past. We look forward to con-

tinuing to serve the community."

Proceeds will benefit a variety of projects and people. The club makes donations to local groups and organizations, and contributes to Lions' Leader Dog for the Blind training school, Mid-South Lions medical research, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and the Missouri Lions Hearing Committee.

In addition, the club often pays for eyeglasses for needy local residents, and continues to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Reeve said Lions always has its door open for new members. "Anyone who is interested in joining our group and helping the community should talk to one of us at Pancake Day," he said.

Two Clopton Board Members Speak Out On District's Financial Woes
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Calendar...

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On March 17: The Frankford Rural Fire Department will host its third annual spaghetti dinner served with garlic bread, lettuce salad, homemade desserts, tea and coffee in the Frankford First Christian Church basement from 11 a.m.-7. A good will offering will be accepted to help offset expenses.

On March 23-24 & March 30-31: The Changelings theatre of the Raintree Arts Council presents "Little Shop of Horrors". Call 817-300-9796 for tickets and info. Saturdays begins at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

On April 6: Clarksville Library Plant Swap with door prizes. Bring a plant, garden items, boots, books etc., to swap with neighbors and friends. Free.

On April 6: Encore – music and dinner show sponsored by the Raintree Arts Council. Get ready to "put your hippie on." Doors will open at 6 p.m. Another fabulous evening featuring dinner, music of the era provided by Encore Cast members and again a silent auction. Prizes will be awarded to our best "Hippie" dressed guy and gal. For Reservations call before March 27, 754-5522 Louisiana Flowers & Gifts. Tickets on sale now. Dinner catered by Louisiana Flowers and Gifts.

On March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12 & 19: Fish fry, American Legion Post 349, Clarksville, 5:30-8 p.m., or until sold out.

BGHS FBLA Drive 4 UR School Is March 23

You are invited to join your community in raising money for Bowling Green High School Future Business Leaders of America at an event that is sure to cause some excitement – Drive 4 UR School!

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event, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to BGHS FBLA. In total, as much as \$6,000 could be raised.

At this event, all funds will go toward BGHS FBLA for contests and conferences. By taking a simple, free test-drive, you can support these programs and help your school in a

meaningful way!

Please mark your calendars and invite family, friends and neighbors to join in supporting BGHS FBLA and your local community on Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Bowling Green High School parking lot located at 700 W. Adams St.



Pictured is the 2018-19 BGHS Scholar Bowl team includes, from left: Brianna Walker, Madison Pruitt, Michael Maier, Billy Graver, Taylor Grimsley, Team Captain Trevor Pruitt, Abi Jacyna, Kaysey Clark, Samantha Smith, and Amanda Wilkinson. Other team members not pictured include Austin Horton, Dillon Burbridge, Kellen Schneider, Reno Hays, and Ethan Martin. BGHS teacher Emily Woodall is the sponsor. At the EMO Conference meet, teammates took a moment to celebrate senior members Billy Graver, Taylor Grimsley, Trevor Pruitt, and Abi Jacyna.

Everett To Be Honored For Birthday With Free Lunch At Clarksville VFW

A celebration with a lunch honoring the birthday of Clarksville VFW Commander Herbert Everett will be held at the Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 on Saturday, March 16 from noon-4 p.m.

The meal is free and is being cooked by his wife, "North Carolina barbecue", baked beans, cole slaw,

dessert and drink will be served.

Those attending may make a donation if you chose to the post repair fund. If a large donation is given you will receive a receipt for tax purpose if needed.

Please join them for some good social activity, friendship and food. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Austin Horton



Logan Sutton



Team captain and senior member Trevor Pruitt medaled second overall during the EMO Conference meet.

Pike-Lincoln Tech Center Students Of The Month

Pike-Lincoln Tech Center students have been doing amazing things throughout this school year.

From prosthetic devices to competitions, PLTC students add so much to communities. While all of our students excel in so many different ways, they recognize two students each month as our students of the month.

For February, PLTC is proud to recognize Austin Horton and Logan Sutton as students of the month. Austin is a Bowling Green High School student in computer networking program, while Logan is a Clopton High School student in the law enforcement program.

Both students are leaders in their classroom and are setting the standard for behavior and skill in their programs. Austin is also one of a few select students participating in our internship program this year. Both of these students will be eligible to apply for the PLTC student of the year scholarship during their senior year.

For more information about PLTC, visit on the web at www.pltc.edu, find us on Facebook, or just stop by and visit the school. We are located in Eolia. Look for them next to the water tower with their name on it.

Bethel AME, Paynesville To Hold Third Annual Banquet-Fashion Show

Bethel AME Church, Paynesville make plans to hold its third annual Banquet/Fashion Show on Saturday, April 13 at Clopton High School

Two new stores have been added this year, Ann Layne Boutique and Gypsy Soul from Bowling Green, The Rocking Horse of Clarksville and Elegance Made Simple of Troy will return again this year along with models from St. Louis and the area.

They will have adults, female, male and youth modeling for us.

A meal will be served that is planned and cooked by the ladies of the church.

The doors will open at 5 p.m., meal at 6 p.m., and fashion show and entertainment at 7 p.m.

There will also be attendance prizes given.

For more information and ticket prices you may contact Joanne Hammuck 573-847-2266 or Virginia Starks 573-253-3109.

They are hoping everyone can come and share the evening with them. Everyone is welcome.

BGHS Scholar Bowl Team Places Fourth In EMO Meet

Captain Trevor Pruitt Medals Second

Bowling Green High School's Scholar Bowl team attended the EMO Conference meet on Monday, March 4, where 10 schools participated at host North Callaway High School.

BGHS placed fourth overall and entered semi-final rounds, falling to Louisiana High School.

Team captain Trevor Pruitt earned

accolades as the second highest individual scorer of the evening, earning a conference medal.

The team will participate in its final meet of the year at the annual District Tournament on Saturday, April 6, where they will compete at Clark County High School in Kahoka.

Pike Farm Bureau To Present Ag, Livestock Market Outlook

The Pike County Farm Bureau is presenting a Program on Missouri Agriculture and Livestock Market Outlook on Tuesday, March 19.

The keynote speaker for the evening is Dr. Scott Brown. Dr. Brown is the director of strategic partnerships for the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR).

In this role, Brown is committed to establishing and building upon partnerships with Missouri commodity groups, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau, the state and federal legislatures, and the University of Missouri and UM System government relations teams. Dr. Brown has worked with the

U.S. Congress over the past two decades in determining the quantitative effects of changes in dairy and livestock policies and has testified regarding livestock policy issues before the U.S. House and Senate Agriculture committees. He also works with the Missouri Legislature on the economic effects of state policy on Missouri agriculture.

The program will start at 7 p.m., and be held in the community room located at Pike/Lincoln Technical Center at 342 Vo Tech Road in Eolia. Park in back for easy access to the community room. No costs and no RSVP needed.

For any questions, please contact Mike McCrory 573-754-2202.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cox Promoted To NECAC Personnel Officer



Cody Cox

Don Patrick, President and Chief Executive Officer of the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC), has announced the promotion of Employee Benefits Specialist Cody Cox of Hannibal to the position of agency personnel officer and assistant deputy director.

NECAC, as a 12-county area social service, community health and public housing agency, has approximately 100 full-time and more than 150 part-time employees throughout its multi-county service area.

Patrick said the move will now allow Chief Deputy Director Dan Page more flexibility to directly oversee and supervise all agency program and administrative operations. As included in his overall duties, Page had been serving as the agency's personnel officer since 2012.

As the new personnel officer, Cox will also continue to manage and oversee the agency's health insurance and employee benefit pro-

grams as the two duties of personnel officer and employee benefits specialist are being combined into one office.

"NECAC is a great agency to be a part of," Cox said. "More importantly, its employees are a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside. The role of personnel officer, along with maintaining the benefit specialist duties, is a challenge I have looked forward to for quite some time."

Cox joined NECAC as the employee benefits specialist in January 2017, bringing with him an extensive background and training in military and civilian service. He is a Louisiana native, graduating from Louisiana High School in 2005. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force from 2010 to 2014, obtaining the rank of senior airman with duties of an operations manager.

While in the Air Force, Cox earned a bachelor's degree in human resource management from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa.

Before joining NECAC, Cox was previously self-employed in retail management, worked at True Manufacturing in O'Fallon and at the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia. In his spare time, he likes to shoot guns and is an avid reader.

NECAC contracts with over 30 different federal, state and local governments, private businesses and other not-for-profit organizations as funding sources to operate and administer over 60 programs for the low-income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged population. The agency's Central Administration Offices are located in Bowling Green, with NECAC Service Centers operated in each county.



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.

Tri photo by April M. Franck

Bethany Cemetery Holding Donation Drive For 2019

Bethany Cemetery Donation Drive has started for 2019. As you know the cemetery care depends largely on donations to cover the maintenance expenses. Neil Anderson has agreed to mow again for 2019.

As in 2018, donations can be left at the Mercantile Bank at 222 Georgia Street, or mailed to the Mercan-

tile Bank at P.O. Box 509, Louisiana, MO 63353. Make your check payable to "Bethany Cemetery Association Fund checking account".

Donations were received from the following families: Kathy Wyble, Sharon Love, Jeff Givens, Ann and Ron Kooker, Sandra Buchanan, Audrey and John Roberts, Bess Gamm,

Vivian Moore, Jamie Tomek, Beverly Worthen, Joy Conner, Jerry Boots, Boots Family Reunion, Janice and Ken Conner, and Carolyn and Don Puskas.

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OBITUARIES



Karen Murray

Karen Christian Murray, 62, of Bowling Green died peacefully in her home Monday, March 4, 2019.

A celebration of life was held from 4-7 p.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with a service being held at 7 p.m., with the Rev. Jason T. Duke, S.T.L. officiating.

Karen was born April 30, 1956 to John and Nadene Christian of Vandalia.

Survivors include her children, Elisha Koening and husband, Clay of Bowling Green, and Reed Murray and wife, Ednita of Columbia; grandsons, Maxwell, Zachary, and Johnathan Koening; granddaughter, (expected in May 2019), Adalea Murray; brothers, Harlon Christian and wife, Linda of Bowling Green, and Jim Christian of Curryville; and nephew, Brian Christian and wife, Angie; and great-nephew, Josiah Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Nadene Christian.

Karen was a graduate of Van-Far High School and Patricia Stevens School of Fashion.

She loved fashion, warm summer days, gardening, and anything sweet. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends.

Memorials can be made to St. Clement School.



Betty Jane Allen

Betty Jane Conrad Allen, 90, of Louisiana died Monday, March 4, 2019.

A Celebration of Life was at noon Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Dr. Earl Wood officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Visitation was from 9:30 a.m., until time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Betty was born March 28, 1928 to John Frank and Jane Stephens Conrad in the Dover neighborhood of rural Clarksville. She grew up on the family farm, attending elementary school in Clarksville and graduating from Louisiana High School in 1946.

She attended the University of Missouri where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, serving in several sorority offices, as well as serving as secretary of the university student body her senior year. She graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1950 and went to work as associate editor of the Maytag Company newsletter in Newton, Iowa.

On July 29, 1951, Betty married Walter G. "Boe" Allen in the front yard of the family farm. They moved to St. Louis where she accepted a job with the Pet Milk Company writing and editing their newsletter. When Boe entered the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia, Betty once again used her journalism background working for the Stephens College News Bureau.

After returning to Pike County in 1957, she became an integral part of the Williamson and Allen Veterinary Clinic, fielding calls, manning the radio, and keeping the books.

While raising sons John and Stephen, Betty was active in many school related and civic organizations including the Louisiana PTA, Louisiana R-II School Board, Library Board, and Friends of the Library. Later, she earned her real estate broker's license and started Allen Realty combining her love of Louisiana's Historic old homes with her enjoyment of meeting new people. She also continued her civic involvement, becoming a 20 plus year member of the Louisiana Rotary Club, as well as serving on numerous other local committees and boards, and volunteering at the Louisiana Primary School.

A lifelong reader, writer, and

lover of words, Betty was a special correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat and contributed articles to Missouri Life Magazine dealing with Louisiana and Pike County. She was especially interested in promoting local history, and in 2012 co-authored a pictorial history of Louisiana. Genealogy and Pike County cemeteries were also important to her, and she enjoyed researching and sharing "tidbits" of the past through conversations, notes, and programs.

Throughout her 90 years, Betty found much joy in helping others. She made and delivered countless baked goods in honor of special days, as thank you gifts, or just because. She wrote countless notes to friends and family - many of which survive today as cherished possessions. She always had two or three books going at a time, several research projects in the works, and often two phone lines ringing at once. Never a dull moment at the Allen House! She usually had a cross-stitch or knitting project underway as well, knitting over 600 Christmas stockings for several generations of family and friends. In later years, she loved sitting on the patio in the early morning or late afternoon sipping coffee and watching "her birds".

She is survived by her two sons, John H. Allen of Columbia, and friend Janet Guthrie, and Stephen W. Allen and wife, Carolyn of rural Louisiana; a brother, Bob Conrad and wife, Annette of Eolia; many nieces, nephews, several "adopted" daughters, numerous close friends, and countless wonderful nurses and caregivers - all of whom she cherished!

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Dr. Walter G. "Boe" Allen, her parents, brothers-in-law, Dr. Louis A. Allen, and Dr. James H. Allen, sisters-in-law, Martha and Jane Allen, and many special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of the Library, Pike Pioneer Nutrition Center, Louisiana Rotary Scholarship Fund, Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association, Heartland Hospice, or any other charity of choice.



Robert Alexander Smith

Robert Alexander Smith, 86, of Frankford died Monday, March 4, 2019 at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

Graveside services were at 4 p.m., Wednesday at Frankford Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Gail Aurand officiating.

Robert was born April 30, 1932 in Philadelphia, Penn., the son of Sidney Alexander and Emma Brearey Smith. He married Yolanda Corbone in St. Louis on March 20, 1975. She preceded him in death on Jan. 7, 1988.

He is survived by several nieces and a host of friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, wife, three brothers and two sisters.

He lived in Philadelphia, moved to New Jersey where he met his wife. They moved to St. Louis in 1975 and then moved to Frankford in January 1976.

Robert was a member of the Frankford First Christian Church. He was a 25 year resident in the Frankford Elderly Housing also known as Ford Manor.

He worked for the Kurz, Kurz and Kelly farm taking care of their livestock and he also worked for several dog kennels in the Frankford area. Robert loved animals and would help anyone who needed help.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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



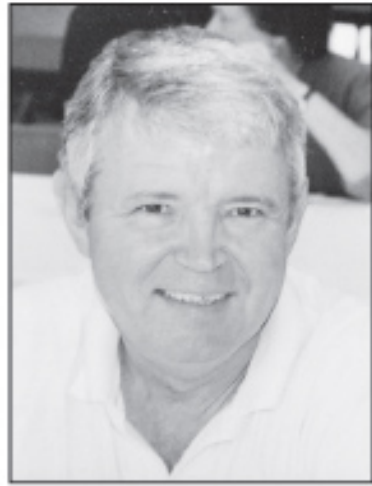
Shirley Hamm

Shirley Hamm, 86, of Memphis died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019, at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

Cremation rites were accorded. The daughter of Ellis and Anna M. Utterback Rudy, she was born Jan. 23, 1933, in Pike County.

As per her wishes she will be taken back by the family and a private inurnment will be held at a later date in the Frankford Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Payne Funeral Chapel in Memphis.



James Edward 'Jim' Grimes

James Edward (Jim) Grimes, 72, died Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Sugar Creek Assisted Living at the Arbors.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Lay Minister Greg Wyble officiating. Burial was in Eolia Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home.

James Edward Grimes was the fourth of five children born to the late Thomas and Florence Evering Grimes on Dec. 20, 1946.

Jim is survived by his wife, Martha Frances "Fran" Grimes of Eolia; a daughter, Ashley Elizabeth Engler and husband, Clinton of St. Clair; a son, Drew Allen Grimes and wife, Stephanie of Eolia; grandchildren; siblings, Joyce Owens of Palmyra, Les and Bonnie Grimes of O'Fallon; a brother-in-law, Kevin Hurd of Lake St. Louis; nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothe, Tom Grimes and wife, Nell, brother-in-law, Roy Owens and sister, Sandi Hurd.

After attending elementary at the public school in Eolia, he went on to finish his education at Clopton. Following graduation, Jim went on to continue his education at Hannibal-LaGrange College and enlisted as a member of the United States Navy Reserves where he was placed on active duty.

In 1971, he met his bride and married Martha Frances Houston on June 23, 1973. While Jim and Fran built two of their homes, owned and operated businesses, and enjoyed going to auctions to find antiques; their greatest joy was their children.

In 1981, Jim became a father to Ashley Elizabeth Grimes. Throughout Ashley's adolescent years you would find the duo playing pitch and catch when he wasn't coaching a team. Jim was adamant on making Ashley the best pitcher she could be. In the spring they always enjoyed mushroom hunting.

In 1985, Jim and Fran added to their family with Drew Allen Grimes. Jim and Drew spent countless hours hunting and fishing. Jim thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to call a turkey in for Drew to shoot.

In 2009, Jim's family continued to grow as Drew and Stephanie were joined in marriage, proceeded by Ashley to Clinton Engler the following year. In 2012, Jim found a love that he had never experienced, becoming a grandfather. Brooke Elizabeth Engler, Luke James Grimes, and Aubrey Elizabeth Grimes were the light of his life who could do no wrong. Jim also had a bonus-granddaughter, Maylee, who he loved dearly and always enjoyed spending time with her.

Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing, wood working, listening to music, especially Elvis, playing pool, cards and ping-pong. He was a hard worker. Jim worked in maintenance at Holcim as well as owned and operated a car wash and laundromat from 1987 until 2017. Most of

all, Jim loved his grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Joey Akers, Tom White, Donnie Tucker, Mitchell Houston, Zakk Eivins, and Dan Brown.

Memorials may be made to the Clopton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund or the Eolia Cemetery.

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



Jeffrey Scott Sutton

Jeffrey Scott Sutton, 59, of Vandalia died Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at SSM St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by the Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.

Scott's family will hold a memorial service at a later date in April.

Scott was born in Hannibal Aug. 05, 1959 to Charles Thomas and Ann Bobbeth Welbom Sutton of Vandalia.

Survivors include his son, Christopher Sutton of St. Ann; daughters, Jennifer Sutton of Columbia, and Kaelyn Sutton of Milan; a brother, Patrick Sutton and wife Erin of Jefferson City; five grandchildren and other family and friends.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a graduate from Van-Far High School and was Baptist by faith.

Scott worked as a phone and data contractor for RF Fisher Electrical of Kansas City prior to his retirement. He enjoyed flying remote control helicopters and airplanes, he was an avid lifelong Kansas City Chiefs fan. Scott enjoyed gardening and had an extreme love for dogs especially his dog, Jake.

Memorial donations may be given to the Northeast Missouri Humane Society, c/o Waters Funeral Home, 500 S. Main St. P.O. Box 84 Vandalia, MO 63382.



Clayton Edward Boley

Funeral services for Clayton Edward Boley, 64, of rural Louisiana were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Cyrene Baptist Church near Bowling Green.

A celebration of Clay's life was led by Don Amelung and Ken Mathes. Burial was at Grandview in Hannibal.

Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m., Monday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

He died Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Evelyn's House, a BJC in-house hospice facility in Creve Coeur.

Clay was born Oct. 12, 1954 to Charles and Ruth Yocom Boley of Brookfield. He graduated from Brookfield High School in 1972 and entered Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville that fall as a sophomore; having tested out of his freshman year. He graduated during the summer of 1975 and took a job at the Kirksville Daily Express working as a reporter. In the fall of 1976, he began his study at Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he received his masters of divinity in 1979.

In 1977 he married "his treasure" as he would call her, Anna Marie Griffith. They would have been married 42 years in June. Clay and Anna had two children giving them the perfect family. James was born Feb. 14, 1983 (adding Kim Shaw to his life in 2009 and giving Clay and Anna their first grandchild in 2015 - Abigail Faith - a true joy to Pappy) and Jessica was born Jan. 6, 1986 (adding Jeff Brink to her life in 2017). Their children brought joy and laughter to their home.

Although Clay had pastorates during college, his first pastorate after he graduated seminary was New Hope Baptist Church outside of Elsberry. They made Elsberry home and fell in love with their New Hope family.

Around 1997 Clay became the pastor of Cyrene Baptist Church. Once again God blessed them with dear friends who soon became like family to them. He preached there until January of this year. Clay also worked at Walmart in both Troy and Bowling Green for over twenty years. He loved talking to the customers and took pride in his job. Clay was a man with many interests. He loved being outdoors especially at his mother-in-law and father-in-law's farm. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his early hunting partner and friend Jim Tom.

Later he loved talking about guns with James as well as swapping hunting stories. Clay also enjoyed and took great pride in the remodeling he did of the "farmhouse".

His mother-in-law, Mary, always said Clay could do anything and he did because he believed her words. Clay was preceded in death by his father, Charles Boley and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jim Tom and Mary Griffith. He is survived by his wife, Anna, his children and their families, James, Kim and Abbi Boley of Cape Girardeau, and Jessica and Jeff Brink of New York City; his mother, Ruth Boley of Brookfield; sisters, Leanna Leake (Gayle), Sarah and Rachel Boley and brother Cliff Boley and wife, Jean of Charles City, Iowa, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Jim Griffith Jr., Kurt Boehm, Charles Chapuis, Gary Herren, Kenny Senchenbaugh, and Taylor Sinclair. Honorary pallbearers were his best friends, Ron Hilton and the men of Cyrene Baptist Church and men from New Hope Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Evelyn's House, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 S. 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hannibal Regional Welcomes General, Breast Surgeon

Hannibal Regional Medical Group is pleased to announce the addition of Vaishali Patel, DO to their team.

Dr. Patel is board certified in general surgery by the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and completed a Breast Oncology fellowship at Cleveland Clinic Akron General. Dr. Patel has a special interest in breast disease and is looking forward to serving the community at Hannibal Regional Medical Group.

Dr. Patel shares, "I was initially drawn to breast oncology because it allowed me to be involved in a patient's care as a whole rather than just the surgical side. The multidisciplinary approach needed to care for oncology patients best aligns with how disease affects the body-as a whole, not just in a one-dimensional way. I also chose this field because it gave me a chance to develop relationships with my patients." Surgical oncology uses surgery to assist in treating cancer and can be used alone or in conjunction with other treatments. Not all cancers can be treated with surgery, but surgery can help a medical team diagnose a can-

cer, stage of cancer or plan other needed treatment. "My priority is helping patients understand their conditions so that they can make well informed decisions regarding their care, surgical or otherwise. I aim to treat every patient the way I would want my own family members treated," says Dr. Patel.

When asked why she chose to join Hannibal Regional Medical Group, Dr. Patel says, "Hannibal Regional has a reputation for compassionate care as well as that of philanthropy. It was important to me to work for an institution that is generous to not only its patients but also to its surrounding community."

Dr. Patel is now seeing patients at Hannibal Regional Medical Group, to contact her office call 573-629-3500.

As part of Hannibal Regional, the Hannibal Regional Medical Group (HRMG) is a growing multi-specialty physician group continuing to expand primary and specialty care services to meet the health needs of northeast Missouri residents. HRMG family and specialty physicians deliver a range of acute,



Vaishali Patel DO

chronic and preventive medical care services. In addition to diagnosing and treating illness, they also provide preventive care, including routine checkups, health-risk assessments, immunizations, screening tests and personalized counseling on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Hannibal Regional Medical Group has locations in Bowling Green, Canton, Hannibal, Louisiana, Monroe City, and Shelbina.



Proposition S Program At Rotary

Bob Kirkpatrick spoke to the Bowling Green Rotary Club on Tuesday, March 5 regarding Bowling Green R-I School District's Proposition S supporting safety and security, stewardship and students.

'Art On The Move' At BGHS On April 2

The University of Missouri's School of Visual Studies (SVS) Art on the Move (AOM) Outreach Program presents SVS Director, Dr. Jo Stealey in Bowling Green on Tuesday, April 2.

Dr. Stealey will meet with students and teachers to share stories of outstanding SVS students and alumni, their art, their educational path at MIZZOU, and ensuing art careers. Dr. Stealey is Director of the MU School of Visual Studies and a nationally known artist working in mixed-media sculptures and collages using handmade paper, as well as a recognized authority on contemporary fiber and American basketry.

Joining Dr. Stealey will be Doris C. Agwu, the new Director of Engagement for MU's College of Arts and Science. In her new position, Ms. Agwu will oversee existing programs like AOM; she will work closely with MU Extension and Engagement to develop new programming to promote community engagement and an inclusive culture. An exhibition of artworks by MU alumna, Samantha Edwards will be on display and open to the public in the Bowling Green Middle School Art Room from noon-1 p.m., on Monday, April 2.

Samantha received a BFA with an emphasis in drawing from the University of Missouri and a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from San Jose State University. Samantha is an emerging children's book illustrator and author. Established in 2017, the MU School of Visual Studies merges four disciplines: art, art history, film studies, and digital storytelling.

This dynamic program aims to

graduate future generations of outstanding critical thinkers, inventive problem solvers, and makers of conscientious, well-crafted art while preparing them for professional careers in the contemporary art world. Art on the Move provides real-life experiences for SVS students and alumni, providing hands-on professional career building opportunities by returning them to their Missouri hometowns or other Missouri communities to share their art and art careers. AOM plays an instrumental role in recruiting the next generation of SVS students. The School of Visual Studies brings the academic resources of the University to communities across the state through collaborative engagements such as the Art on the Move Outreach Program

that include MU students, faculty and alumni creating mutually beneficial learning outcomes with Missouri communities.

The exhibit and presentation are brought to you by MU School of Visual Studies, University of Missouri Extension and Bowling Green R I School District.

Frankford Fire Department To Host Spaghetti Dinner

The Frankford Rural Fire Department will host its third annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 17.

The luncheon will take place in the fellowship hall at the Frankford First Christian Church in the Frank-

ford. The dinner will feature spaghetti served in a rich meat sauce, garlic bread, lettuce salad and homemade desserts will top off the menu. Tea and coffee will also be served. Serving will begin at 11 a.m.-7.

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Harry Earns Medal

Alyssa Harry, junior at Clopton High School, recently earned seventh place and a medal in district speech competition held in Mexico. She competed in the category of prose. She is pictured with her medal from districts and her medal from the EMO speech tournament.

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To schedule an appointment please call the Louisiana Elementary School at 573-754-6904.

SPORTS



A reception was held on Sunday to celebrate the return of the Clopton Lady Hawks. Several players have fathers who played with for the Hawks in the 1980s and visited the Final Four. Pictured from left: Caragan Lockard, Clint Lockard and Calynn Lockard, Rob Hall and Logan Hall, Jillian Lockard and Clay Lockard, Madsyn Parish and Scott Parrish.



The Clopton student section was loud and proud as the Lady Hawks competed in the MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown on Friday and Saturday in Springfield. The Indians defeated Plattsburg to collect the hardware. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Team members on the Clopton bench celebrate a big play and cheer on the girls on the floor. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Members of the Clopton cheerleading squad pose for a picture. The Indians defeated Plattsburg to collect the hardware. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Megan Harrelson knuckles down defensive pressure on an opponent. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Taylor Akers works her way around the defense. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Coach Deaven Streed shouts instructions to her troops as Assistant Coach Robert Omahundro looks on. Catch the archived TRiBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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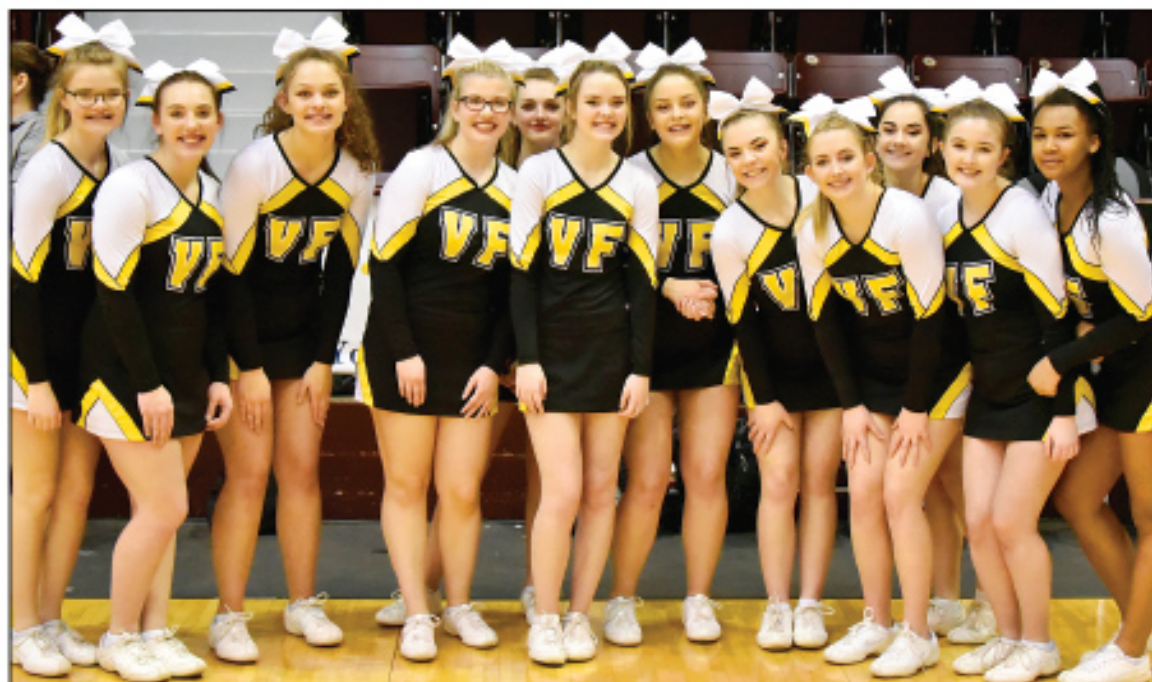
Van-Far senior Treyson Culwell puts up a shot during the third place game. He ended the game with four points and three rebounds as the Indians captured the trophy. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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The victorious Van-Far Indians raise the third place trophy after defeating Plattsburg in dominating fashion, 56-34. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Members of the Van-Far cheerleading squad share a smile with the camera during the Class 2 Third Place game at Hammon Student Center on Saturday morning. The Indians defeated Plattsburg to collect the hardware. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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The Van-Far Indians discuss their third place win with media following the 56-34 victory. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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The Van-Far student section reacts to a call during the semifinal game against Oran on Friday morning. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Coach Pat Connaway and team members celebrate a basket on the sidelines during the third place game on Saturday morning. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Sam Middleton dribbles around an opponent and surveys the floor during the third place game on Saturday morning. Catch the archived TRACASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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Colin Wilburn looks for an open teammate during the third place game against Plattsburg on Saturday.

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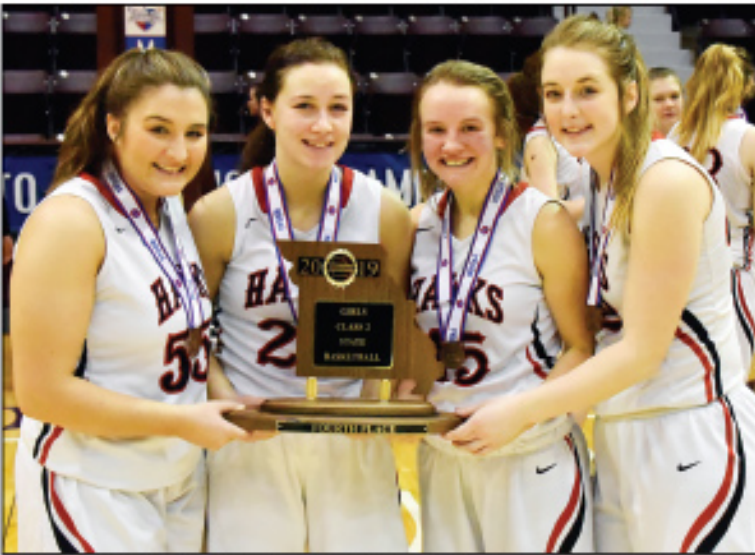
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 Clopton 12-14-18-11 - 55



Clopton seniors Allis on Hunter, Jillian Lockard, Kaitlyn Kuntz and Calynn Lockard share a smile with their state medals and the fourth place trophy on Saturday at the Hammons Student Center in Springfield. Catch the archived TRBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

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ALLISON HUNTER

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior.

Coming into this season I was known as the injured player on the bench, not knowing if I'd get to play. I had surgery on Nov. 21 to fix my thumb, and the doctors told me I wouldn't be ready to do anything until the end of March. Everyone was behind my decision, especially my teammates, coaches, but most importantly my seniors. After hearing I wouldn't be back until March I was kind of awestruck, knowing my senior basketball season I'd be spending it cheering my girls instead of playing with my girls. Don't worry I remember every game, especially the championship game from the Clopton Tournament. The experience of spending half my season next to the manager was fun, but I wanted to be able to play. But I never knew that I would be released to start activity in January. Hearing this I was excited and in tears. Being able to finish my senior season next to my girls was the best feeling. The bond we had is indescribable and the best part was experiencing state as a senior with all of my girls. Even though the feeling didn't settle in until we started warming up for our first game. The team that knew we had a goal of making it to the Final Four was actually there, and honestly it still doesn't seem real. Most importantly, I want to thank everyone who has made this season great such as my coaches, teammates, and our community. We wouldn't be able to have such a great experience without you guys.



CALYNN LOCKARD

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior and your favorite memories from throughout the year.

This year was one of the most memorable years throughout my high school career. There are many things to be grateful for and I do my best to thank God for all of the blessings and opportunities he has granted my teammates and me. From joyous and successful game days to upsetting tough losses, my teammates continued to take our experiences and use them bond more and more throughout the season. We found ways take the little things and emphasize them making every memory count.

We were very blessed to have two amazing coaches to lead us to the Final Four. Coach O, Robert and their family are the most generous caring people I have ever met. Coach O and Robert spend more time working one on one, and spending quality time with the girls than any coach I have ever played for. They are two extraordinary people and we couldn't be more thankful to have them as our coaches. My team is very special to me, but what I think made this years experience even more special was that I was able to play my last high school basketball games with my cousin and sister by my side. To me it's not the wins, or qualifying for state that made this year stand out. It's the bus rides to the games, the team bonding trips, and the second family I receive that have made this year unforgettable. I am blessed to be apart of this years Clopton Lady Hawks Basketball Team and cannot wait to follow their success in the future!

Calynn Lockard drives past a Thayer opponent in the Class 2 Semifinal game on Friday evening at JQH Arena.



Clopton senior Kaitlyn Kuntz puts up a shot. Catch the archived TRBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

KAITLYN KUNTZ

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior.

This season has definitely had it's up and downs. I have never really fit in the role of a leader, but I try to lead others in how hard I play and never giving up. I realized this year that the other seniors and I were the oldest and we really needed to guide our team. I knew this was going to be hard especially for me but it had to be done. The younger players on the team really stood up a lot this year, obtained more confidence, and got rid of most nerves that they had last year. I definitely could tell our team had grown in such a short year from last year to this year. I'm so extremely proud of my team and all the support we got from our community. We are truly blessed!

State was an incredible experience. I couldn't have been happier to end my senior season at state especially with the wonderful group of girls and coaches that we had this year. We might not have ended how we wanted to but I know my girls and I fought as hard as we could and didn't give up. We kept a close game in both games and I would love to replay them to hopefully have a different outcome but I have confidence that these girls will get it done next year and will do great things in the future.

Trib: What are your favorite memories from this season?

I would say my favorite memory definitely would have been the Bowling Green Tournament Championship game. The gym was packed from both communities and we didn't let the nerves get the best of us. We battled that game and it made us stronger. Taylor Akers making a buzzer-beater really set everyone off with so many emotions and happiness. I truly believe it made our team stronger at that point and made us closer as a team. From then on, I knew we could do anything, and I had a lot of confidence after that game. Winning the quarterfinal game also brought a lot of emotion. We wanted it so badly and I had confidence in our team that we could do it. Even after two of our starters had fouled out I tried to give the rest of the players in the court confidence because we could do it, and we did. Running to my team after that buzzer went off was the greatest feeling a high school basketball player could ever experience. It's a moment that I will cherish with me forever. I love those girls and I can't wait to watch them do great things next year!

JILLIAN LOCKARD

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior.

This last season has been one of the most eventful seasons of my high school career. Being a senior leader can come with some challenges. You are responsible for looking after your teammates and making sure that no one gets down on themselves and I think that myself and the other seniors did a great job in this. During a game if a teammate was upset over a call, I would always try and pick them up and make sure they didn't react. It was important for me to be there for my teammates when they needed me. Even when I was unable to play for awhile, I was making sure that everyone was pumped up and made sure they weren't giving up on themselves even if I couldn't help them on the court.

Trib: What are your favorite memories from the season?

My favorite memory from this season was winning the Quarterfinal game. As soon as the buzzer went off and I jumped into Coach Streed's arms not thinking it would make as big of a deal as it did. A saying that we now use quite frequently, "Don't jump on the pregnant lady!" At the time that was not on my mind. All that was on my mind was STATE!!

I think we surprised many people by making it to state. It was such a remarkable experience that I had dreamed about since I was a little girl. There is no better feeling than being one of the top four teams in the state. Even though we came up short and it's hard for me to think that it is such a great accomplishment because we ended up with fourth. I still am very proud of what we accomplished this season. Every girl on the team played such an im-



Clopton senior Jillian Lockard makes a strong move to the inside during the Class 2 Third Place game on Saturday at Hammons Student Center against Hartville. Lockard put up 14 points in the narrow loss as Clopton captured fourth place overall. Catch the archived TRBCASTS of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeopletribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page.

portant role even if they didn't get the minutes they wanted. Each and every one of my teammates had my back the entire season and I had theirs. Which made our team so special and I am going to miss playing with them next year.

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Class 2 State Third Place Game
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 Plattsburg 10-9-9-6 - 34



Van-Far senior Caden Wilburn blows past a Plattsburg opponent during the Class 2 Third Place game on Saturday at the Hammons Student Center in Springfield. Wilburn finished the game with 10 points, three rebounds and a couple of assists. Catch the archived TribCASTs of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeoplestribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page. Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson

CADEN WILBURN

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior

Coming into this season there was some pressure on if we could handle the hype from last season. People said because of graduating Josh and Lathyn that we would struggle to win games and wouldn't make it out of districts. The season started off bumpy had some ugly losses and ugly wins on the road. But we got it figured out at the right time. The guys depended on me and Trey to step up into the roles of scoring that Lathyn and Josh had last year and others stepped up into the roles we had. Being a senior we wanted to beat everyone one last time before we would hang our jerseys up for good. We accomplished that for the most part.

Trib: What is your favorite memory from the season?

My favorite memory from this entire season was checking out of my final game as an Indian. Me and my teammates got one of the biggest ovations that I had ever witnessed. I enjoyed being able to sit and reflect with my friends while the final few minutes rolled off the clock. While we reflected we were able to just watch the underclassmen succeed on the court as well. It was exactly like mark talked about witnessing a beautiful moment of the seniors passing the torch to the junior class.



Van-Far senior Trey Miller eyes the basket as slips in a couple of points during the Class 2 Third Place game against Plattsburg at Hammons Student Center on Saturday morning. Miller ended his career with 17 points, nine rebounds and a couple of assists. Catch the archived TribCASTs of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeoplestribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page. Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson

TREY MILLER

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior

This season was one to remember. We had our ups and downs. Starting at the beginning Of the season facing adversity and learning from our losses to turning into a family and going to Springfield for the final four. It felt like it went by fast being a senior. You have to grasp each moment you can and try and cherish it as much as you can.

Trib: What are your favorite memories as an Indian?

Some of my favorite memories were the practices at the school playing with the guys and the long bus ride jokes and laughs we had.



Van-Far senior Verlyn Johnson flies over Oran's Todd Priggel to snag a rebound for the Indians in the Class 2 Semifinal game at JQH Arena on Friday morning. Johnson had seven points, four rebounds, three steals and a block against the tough Eagles team. Catch the archived TribCASTs of the Class 2 semifinal and third place games online at www.thepeoplestribune.com. Find video and photo highlights from the games on The People's Tribune Facebook page. Trib photo by Jerry Hickerson



VERLYN JOHNSON

Trib: Describe your experience this season as a senior.

I think this season we started out a little bumpy with a loss from Monroe. I think that was a wake up call and made us work just that much harder. I think we slowly built chemistry as a team and grew together.

Trib: What is your favorite memory from the season?

My favorite memory is Coach Brett Reading telling funny stories and jokes!

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SPORTS

Denslow Signs With Mineral Area College



Clopton R-III senior Donovan Denslow signed with Mineral Area College located in Park Hills to run cross country. Pictured front row (l-r): Matt Cannon, Clopton athletic director; Denslow; and Mineral Area College Coach Steve Davis. Second row: Bruce and Ann Denslow, parents of Donovan. Not pictured is Colleen O'Brien, Clopton cross country coach.



Louisiana Police Fundraiser

Sgt. Corey Anderson of the Louisiana Police Department fixes patties as part of the department's Pancake and Sausage Day fund-raiser March 9. A good crowd braved rainy weather to attend the event at American Legion Post 370. Proceeds will be used to buy police equipment.

Annual Louisiana Elks Youth Fishing Derby Is Saturday, March 23

The annual Louisiana Elks Youth Fishing derby will be held March 23 and is open to all local youths aged 4-13.

Prior registration is required and the deadline for registration is March 12.

All information may be found on the Elks facebook page facebook.com/ElksLodge791 by email to elkslodge791@gmail.com or at the office of local Elementary Schools.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Evan Jones, Marin Powers, Rachel Beard, Brandy Farmer, Michael Powers, and Coach Malia Jolly



Hunter Hobbs, Jerry Perez, Michael Powers, Marin Powers, Evan Jones, Brandy Farmer, Rachel Beard, and Samantha Kilby.

LHS Quizbowl Wins EMO Conference

The LHS Quizbowl team traveled to North Callaway High School on Monday, March 4th to end their Conference season with the EMO Conference Tournament.

Louisiana was 5-0 in the tournament defeating Wellsville-Middletown 620-220 in Round 1, Wright City 670-50 in Round 2, Montgomery County 630-260 in Round 3, Bowling Green 510-200 in the Semi-Final, and Wellsville-Middletown 660-60 in the Final to become EMO Conference Champions. Michael Powers led the Bulldogs, placing first overall individually and earned 1st team All-Conference honors with 53 total tossups. Evan Jones answered 4 tossups, Brandy Farmer answered 2 tossups, and Marin Powers and Rachel Beard answered 1 tossup each.

Quizbowl team competed in the NAQT Missouri Qualifier hosted by the Missouri Quizbowl Alliance at Columbia College. The Bulldogs were 8-3 on the day with wins against St. Pius X A 350-65, Fort Osage B 330-130, Hallsville B 315-135, Christian B 455-30, Christian Brothers College 320-150, Hickman A 340-215, North Kansas City 415-95, and Eldon 255-140. The team lost to St. Joseph Central A 140-280, Ladue A 160-450, and Hallsville A 165-175, ending up 4th overall in the 36 team tournament and 1st in the Very Small School Division. Michael Powers led the scoring with 101.36 points per game and was 2nd overall individually. Evan Jones answered 3 tossups, 1 for "power" and Brandy Farmer answered a tossup.

On Saturday, March 2nd the LHS

Additionally, the Missouri

Quizbowl Alliance presented the "Values Award" to Michael Powers of Louisiana and Samuel Lockwood of Hallsville. Missouri Quizbowl Alliance members and tournament co-directors Jeffrey Hill and Matt Chadbourne quoted that the award was for "exemplifying the core values of sportsmanship, fairness, and integrity by being supportive friends while frequently competing against each other in some of quizbowl's most pressure-intensive situations." Congratulations to both Michael and Samuel and to the entire LHS Quizbowl team for a great season thus far. LHS Quizbowl will next be in action on March 30th at the Ladue Invitational Spring Tournament and will host the Class 2 District 12 Scholar Bowl Tournament here at Louisiana High School on Saturday, April 6th.

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DAR Awards Books To Students For Literacy Day

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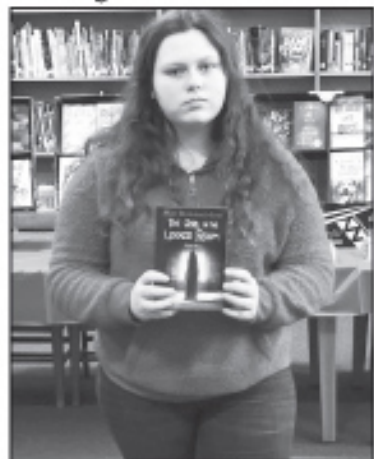
A drawing was held and two students from each grade were given the opportunity to pick out a new book from the book fair.

Sixth grade student winners were

Larry Ambrocio and Jeseca Moore. Seventh grade winners were Joanna Prebble and Tanner Rue. Eighth grade winners were Cassidy Kemry and Lizzy Hughes.



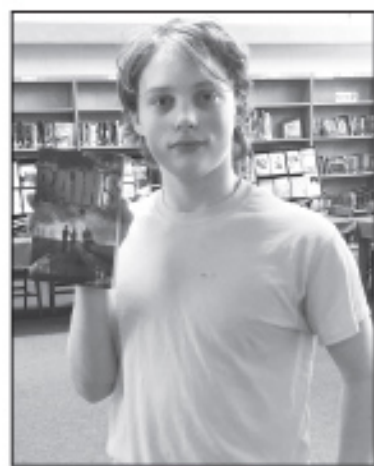
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DAR member Liz Wallace presents a check to Louisiana Middle School Librarian Becky Henderson for the free books.

Gamm Honored For 25 Years



Pike County Mutual Insurance agent Kathy Gamm was honored on Friday, March 8 for her 25 years of service to the company. She was given a bouquet of flowers and a cake was served to commemorate the anniversary.

OBITUARIES

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Virginia Ruth Brocksmith

Virginia Ruth Brocksmith, 91, of Louisiana died Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Maple Grove Lodge nursing home in Louisiana.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Robert Rue will officiate. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation will be from noon until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born on March 10, 1927 in New London to Riley Eugene and Sarah Ethel Hiles Anderson. She was married to Roscoe Ayers in August 1948 in Ashburn. He preceded her in death in July 1975. She later married Perry Brocksmith in December 1985 in Hannibal. He preceded her in death in July 2000.

Ruth is survived by three children, John Ayers Sr., Golda Turner and husband, Robert, and Eavelyn Rue and husband, Robert, all of Louisiana; a sister, Nell Pafford of Hannibal; 10 grandchildren, John Ayers Jr., Richard Ayers, Phillip Ayers, Scott Turner, James Turner, Margaret Herring, Debbie Holland, Lori Rosenkravz, Gayle Williams, and Ralph Rue; 18 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Brock, seven brothers, Curtis Anderson, George Anderson, Grover Anderson, Leonard Anderson, Mason Anderson, John Anderson, and Joseph Anderson, and a grandson, Robert Turner.

Ruth enjoyed doing embroidery, and gardening. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Bowling Green.

Pallbearers will be John Ayers Jr., Richard Ayers, Phillip Ayers, James Turner, Jimmy Turner, Nick Ayers, and Ralph Rue.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Richard 'Rick' Gale Stinnett

Richard "Rick" Gale Stinnett, 48, of Vandalia died Friday, March 8, 2019, at his home.

A celebration of Rick's life was at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Jamie Franke officiated.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of the service Tuesday (today) at Waters Funeral Home.

Rick was born July 1, 1970, in

Mexico, the son of Jack Patton and Helen Berniece Smith Stinnett.

Survivors include his daughter, Aubrianna Stinnett of Vandalia; a son, Corben Dorris of Vandalia; brothers, Terry Stinnett of Vandalia, Scott Stinnett and wife, Roberta of Mexico, Bo Stinnett and wife, Gayla of Curryville, and Archie Stinnett of Orlando, Fla.; sisters, Sue Johnson and husband, Tom of Maryville, Tenn., Debby Stinnett of Vandalia, Jane Hannaford of Vandalia, and Lisa Clayton and husband, Mike of Las Vegas, Nev.; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents.

Rick graduated from Van-Far High School in 1988. He followed his fathers foot steps and went to work as a truck driver for Gully Transportation.

He loved being outdoors enjoying God's creation. When not working, Rick enjoyed piddling in his shop, helping family and friends with projects and gardening. Listening to Country Gold on KWWR 95.7 on Saturday nights and watching music videos on YouTube were a few of the simple things in life Rick enjoyed.

Family was Rick's biggest treasure. He cherished spending time with his family and had had unconditional love for his children.

Richard was a Christian by faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Aubrianna Stinnett Trust Fund, c/o Waters Funeral Home 500 S. Main Street Vandalia, MO 63382.



Mary Helen Hubert

Mary Helen Hubert, 78, of rural Curryville went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at her home.

Visitation will be held at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with visitation on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m., at the Curryville Baptist Church with Bro. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial will be at Curryville Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 15, 1940 in Dover to Harry and Emma Lucille Johnson. She was married to Jim Hubert on Oct. 4, 1958 at Southside Baptist Church, Vandalia.

Mary is survived by one son, Daniel Hubert and wife, Tina of Bowling Green and their children, Denise Hoag and husband, Lance and their children, Alexis and Macy of Hannibal, Luke Hubert of Bowling Green and Chrisanne Poor and husband, Cody of Hannibal and their children Gayvn and Weston. She is also survived by a daughter, Marilyn Hubert and Brian Berghager of Curryville and children, Brian Worthington and wife, Heather of Curryville and their children, Jaycob, Ashton and Cooper, Justin Wor-

thington and wife, Michelle of Bowling Green and their children, Rylee and Myla, Ashleigh Schoneboom and husband, Clayton of Rush Hill and their children, Layla, Emma and Audrey and Steven Alexander and wife, Danielle of Curryville. Mary has one brother Edward Johnson and wife, JoAnna of Louisiana who survives. She is also survived by brother and sisters-in-law, Marie Baker, Wayne and Mary Glaspie and Jr and Dorothy Hubert. She also has many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, father and mother in-law, Kennedy and Goldie Hubert; brother-in-law, Melvin Baker; and nephew, Wayne Baker; and other aunts and uncles.

Mary graduated from Van-Far High School in 1958. Soon after graduation she was married to Jim Hubert. She worked at the Bobbie Brooks Garment Factory until Jim was drafted into the United States Army.

They lived in Arlington, Vir., for two years and six months and she worked at Lerner's Department Store in Washington D.C. during this time. After their Army years they returned to their farm in Curryville where they continued to reside. Together they built their farm where Mary would work right alongside her husband. She also worked at Pike County Memorial Hospital for a brief time in the medical records department.

Mary was a very devoted Christian and was a member of the Curryville Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing and she made many quilts to give to each of her grandchildren, crocheting, embroidery, yard sales, writing, reading, playing cards and visiting with friends and family. She also loved to draw and write short stories and several were published in the happiness TV guide. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren immensely.

She never knew a stranger and had a very kind heart. She will be missed by all.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be Daniel Hubert, Edward Johnson, Neil Beatty, JC Bufford, Jr. Riffle, Tom Prior, Chuck Wankel, and Ellis and Mary Fife.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice, St. Jude Hospital, or the American Cancer Society.



Pauline Gibbs

Pauline Gibbs, 80, of Frankford died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m.,

Tuesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Pauline was born Nov. 14, 1938 in Louisiana, the daughter of Frank E. and Emma Ehlers Brown. March 17, 1957 she married Albert "Trigger" Gibbs at the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green. He preceded her in death on March 9, 1980.

Survivors include a son, Gary Gibbs of Frankford; a daughter, Gail Lipsey and husband, Todd of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Tristen Gibbs, Farrel Jennings and Ben Kelly, Harlan Jennings, Logan Jennings; a great-grandchild, Rowan Kelly; a sister, Gertie Orf of Bowling Green; many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Marie Orf, Rachel Henderson; and brothers, Fritz, Roy, Sonny, Ernest and Jr. Brown.

Pauline grew up in Bowling Green and after marriage moved to Frankford. She was a member of the Frankford Presbyterian Church, Haw Creek Club, life time member of the VFW Women's Auxillary where she had served as past President. Pauline worked at Gillums Restaurant, A&P Grocery Store, JGA, and recently as a school cook at the Bowling Green School.

She loved cooking and always had food to give you. Pauline loved outdoor work, tending to all her flowers and enjoyed feeding her hummingbirds which she had a lot.

Pallbearers will be Harlan Jennings, Logan Jennings, Tristen Gibbs, John Piereoall, Russell Schindler and James Schindler.

Memorials may be made to the Frankford Presbyterian Church or VFW Post #5553.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pike County 4-H Achievement Night Held Feb. 18

Pike County 4-H members participated in Achievement Night on Friday, Feb. 18. Events held during the evening included personal development, table setting, public speaking, demonstrations, collections and photography. Some of the life skills the members practice when participating in the different events are: communication, stress management, social skills, decision-making, planning/organizing, self-responsibility and self-motivation.

In personal development, participants are judged on how appropriately they are dressed for the occasion they have chosen. Other elements of judging are how well an individual presents him or herself and their knowledge of self-care. The older division, 14 years of age and older youth, were judged on a simulated job interview. The clover kids participating were Josephine Harrelson, Sadie Richmond and Juliana Sick. Participating in the eight to 10 years of age category were Landon Burnett, Braden Benn, Dominic Scherder, Mary Bridget Sick, Alexa Smith, Mara Robb and Caramia Harrelson. In the 11-13 years of age category, participants were Faith Brown, Leila Niemeyer, Emma Niemeyer, Theresa Sick, Jordan Johnson and Andrew Sick. In the 14 years of age and older category, participants were Abby Wad-

dell, Emily Collins, Madison Horstmeier, Lexi Robb, Samantha Smith, Charity Johnson, Ivy Johnson, Enoch Brown and Ryan Miller. Table setting is open to all 4-H members to participate. It involves choosing an occasion and then creating the appropriate atmosphere with a place setting. The 4-H member must choose proper dishes, decorations, and a menu to fit the occasion. Participating in the eight-10 years of age division were Phoebe Hayden, Bristol Doggett, Mary Bridget Sick, Alexa Smith and Dominic Scherder. Theresa Sick was in the 11-13 years of age division. Emily Collins, Madison Horstmeier and Samantha Smith were in the 14 years of age and older category.

Public speaking is also open to all 4-H members. Samantha Smith presented in the prepared speech category. In the extemporaneous speech division, eight to 10 year olds division, Bradley Doggett participated. In the 14 years of age and over participants were Enoch Brown, Madison Horstmeier and Caleigh Grote. Madison was selected for state competition. In the business pitch category, Jate McCollum participated.

Presenting a demonstration was clover kid Jocoe Mahar. The following presented general demonstrations: Enoch Brown and Faith Brown. Presenting a honey demonstration was Abby Haas. Jate Mc-

Collum and Caleigh Grote presented horse demonstrations. Faith, Abby, Jate, Enoch and Caleigh were chosen to go to the state fair.

In the collections contest members had to creatively display their collection and answer questions about it from the judge. Participants were Zane Ingram, Jocoe Mahar, Cody Aslin, Lucas Aslin, Jackson Hayden, Aurora Ingram, Dominic Scherder, Faith Brown, Sophia Hartwig, Andrew Sick, Trenton Haas and Ryan Miller.

In the photography contest, the members did not have to be enrolled in the project. Their picture had to be taken after August 1 and entered in one of three categories. The categories were: animal, landscape, and people. The entries were judged on focus, exposure, lighting, print quality, subject, composition, and uniqueness. In the clover kids category, Jocoe Mahar participated. In the eight-10 years of age category in photography were Cody Aslin, Lucas Aslin, Braden Benn, Phoebe Hayden, Aurora Ingram, Mary Bridget Sick and Alexa Smith. Participants in the 11-13 years of age category were Sophia Hartwig, Leila Niemeyer, Abby Haas, Andrew Sick, and Emma Niemeyer. In the 14 years of age and over category were Emily Collins, Trenton Haas, Theresa Sick and Ryan Miller.



Pictured above are the 4-H members ages five-10 years of age that participated in the Achievement Night, front row (l-r): Zane Ingram, Sadie Richmond, Josephine Harrelson, and Phoebe Hayden. Second row: Mary Bridget Sick, Juliana Sick, Jocoe Mahar, Alexa Smith, Braden Benn and Jackson Hayden. Third row: Cody Aslin, Dominic Scherder, Mara Robb, Aurora Ingram, Landon Burnett, Bristol Doggett, Caramia Harrelson, and Bradley Doggett.



4-H members 11-13 years of age that participated in the Achievement Night, pictured, front row (l-r): Andrew Sick, Luke Aslin, Sophia Hartwig, and Leila Niemeyer. Second row: Theresa Sick, Emma Niemeyer, Jordan Johnson, Jate McCollum, Abby Haas, and Faith Brown.



Members of 4-H who are 14 years of age and older that participated in Achievement Night include, front row (l-r): Lexi Robb, Emily Collins, Abby Waddell, and Ryan Miller. Second row: Trenton Haas, Caleigh Grote, Charity Johnson, Ivy Johnson, Madison Horstmeier, and Enoch Brown.

Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor:

My name is Clay Lockard and I serve on the Pike County R-III (Clopton) School Board. I am writing this letter to clear up some misinformation and inform the public of the real reason our school district is in the financial situation it's in. I would also like to shed light on some actions the board took which I feel to be very problematic.

Many people may not realize that the loss of Holcim's funding and the lack of student enrollment do not really constitute the reasons why we are in this financial predicament.

While it's true that huge financial stress was created when Holcim left the district 10 years ago, the board was able to take steps to recover from that. One of these steps included implementing a freeze on the teachers' salary steps. In fact, the Pike County R-III School district was on a very good path of recovery. So much so that around three years ago, after our annual audit, the board was told we had too much money in the reserves and we needed to start deficit spending.

Based on the Superintendent's recommendations, the board released the freeze on the teachers' salary steps and then gave the teachers a substantial raise. This was followed up the next year with another substantial raise. With all three actions, the board asked if the district could afford these expenses and the superintendent assured the board the district could. Following this, the board then implemented a health-savings benefit package for the teachers, upon the recommendation of the superintendent. While a few one-time expenses were also made, all of the above expenses occur annually and I believe this caused the district to deficit spend in excess of \$900,000.

In less than a year after the board approved the latest of these salary benefits, the superintendent informed the board that if the district continued to deficit spend at this rate, we would soon spend all of our reserves. We were told immediate cuts had to be made in personnel, as this is where 80 percent of our expenditures occur. In response to this new and unexpected information, the board halted the teachers' health-savings benefit package, cut several teaching positions, and implemented a four-day school week. We're still trying to figure out where more cuts can be made.

Some think a tax increase is the answer. I strongly oppose a tax increase as a solution to our financial crisis. We haven't been good stewards of our money, not to mention taxpayers in the Clopton district already pay more school taxes than any other surrounding districts by a long shot. How can we ask them to trust us with even more of their money?

In addition, the board took some recent problematic actions regarding the superintendent's contract renewal:

1. The district's policy requires the board to conduct a formal review of the superintendent at the end of every year, however, this policy was not followed before the board approved the superintendent's two-year contract extension. This

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 24, Pike County R-III (Clopton) School Board member myself, Greg Talbert, was informed from the School Board that I could no longer serve on the board due to consecutive unexcused absences. However, I was previously led to believe that I was excused by the Board from the meetings I missed.

A letter from the Clopton Board of Education Secretary stated that my dismissal was because I failed to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the board and "the board did not excuse Director Talbert from any of these meetings and Director Talbert did not request to be excused," citing board policy BBD and section 162.303 of Missouri Revised Statutes. However, the statute reads: "Any member of the school board of a seven-director district, including urban districts, failing to attend the meetings of the board for three consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by the board for reasons satisfactory to the board, shall be deemed to have vacated the seat; and the secretary of the board shall certify that fact to the board. The vacancy shall be filled as other vacancies occurring in the board." (emphasis added)

I missed the meetings because I was coaching the Clopton girls JH basketball team. During the September 2018 meeting, the board had approached me and asked me if I would be willing to donate my time to coach. The board had knowledge that asking me to coach would mean that I would have to miss some meetings. Both the athletic schedule and the board meeting schedules were approved by the board before the start of the academic year.

I agreed to coach the team, rearranging my work schedule and donating 10-15 hours of my time each week, along with four of his vacation days from my job, to give back to the community by coaching the junior high team. The coaching position was unpaid since I am also on the board. I missed the October and January meetings because I had to rearrange my work schedule in order to meet the new requirements as a basketball coach. I missed the November and December meetings because basketball games were those same nights.

I reminded the Superintendent Mark Harvey that we had basketball games on the same nights as board meetings in November and December by texting him.

is a very important policy and has always been followed since I have been on the board. Given the circumstances we are in, it seems it would be even more crucial, as the Superintendent is responsible for providing the board with the budget and is our chief financial officer. It seems to me that the board would want to review the performance of the superintendent and ask him for a plan moving forward before extending his contract.

2. On the board's agenda for the January 2019 meeting, there was no specific listing of the superintendent's contract being discussed. Instead, it was simply placed on the agenda as "personnel," which is almost always listed on the agenda. It should have been clearly placed on the agenda so that all of the board members and the public could have been aware that the contract renewal would be a discussion topic.

In addition, the board president recently instructed the board secretary to notify the board that Greg Talbert vacated his position on the board. I believe Greg was not treated fairly. Section 162.303 of the Missouri Revised Statutes states, "Any member of the school board of a seven-director district, including urban districts, failing to attend the meetings of the board for three consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by the board for reasons satisfactory to the board, shall be deemed to have vacated the seat; and the secretary of the board shall certify that fact to the board. The vacancy shall be filled as other vacancies occurring in the board." (emphasis added)

I believe it was understood Greg's absences would be excused. Greg missed those meetings because he was coaching the Clopton girls JH basketball team. Greg had been asked by the board at the September meeting to take on that coaching position, and I believe the board led Greg to think he was excused from the meetings that conflicted with his coaching schedule. The November and December meetings were on the same nights as basketball games. Greg missed the October and January meetings because he had to rearrange his work schedule in order to meet his new coaching requirements for the girls. In addition, I believe Greg communicated directly with the superintendent in each of his absences and received a response confirming that it would not be an issue.

To wrap this letter up, I want to say that we have made so many cuts in our teaching staff that I don't know how we can make any more without crippling the education of our students. It is vital that the board and the public be given strong, accurate information on our financial standing.

I personally do not feel confident about the financial numbers we've been given and I'm not sure how any board member could. I encourage the public to come to board meetings, educate yourselves, and give constructive input. The board should and does welcome public participation. Remember, this is a public school; it is your school. Your input is not only welcome, but it is crucial.

Clay Lockard

Plus I texted him about the January meeting letting him know that I had to work late. Harvey always texted me back with a positive response indicating there was no problem whatsoever. There was never any request for further documentation or approval for these school-related absences."

I had believed that my absences were excused by the board for "reasons satisfactory" to them (coaching basketball). My absences were never addressed as problematic in any Board meetings until after the February meeting. During the open session in the February meeting, I voiced opposition to the process the board took in renewing Harvey's two-year contract extension, which was voted on during the January 2019 meeting. I stated the board president did not follow the district's requirement of conducting a formal review of the superintendent before taking a vote to renew his contract.

On top of that, if the board truly believes that they did not excuse me from those meetings, as they stated in my dismissal letter, then according to the Missouri State Statute mentioned above, the board should have stated the seat as vacated after the third consecutive missed meeting, which was December 2018. That would have allowed my seat to have been posted as open for the upcoming April elections, as Jan. 15 was the cut-off line for signups.

As it currently stands, the board now has the control to handpick any person they choose to fill my position, leading some to feel as though underhanded games are being played to keep a pro-superintendent board.

I have been an active board member during the past couple of years and I greatly understand the importance of the position. I do not take it lightly. My goal is to serve the community and help further our Clopton children's education. This is why I missed the board meetings by helping the Clopton kids.

I am now requesting the board to rule as a body whether or not my absences were excused and to vote on reinstating me to the Clopton School Board. If the board will not or cannot vote on this, I am requesting to be able to address the board in open session at the next board meeting on March 18.

Greg Talbert
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The Pike County Christian School in Curryville will host a family fun day. The event will be held Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the school located at 203 E. Maple, Curryville. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be games, food and a silent auction!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Resurfacing, Sidewalk Projects In Audrain, Pike Counties To Begin Late March

Work is expected to begin later this month to resurface nearly 39 miles of U.S. Route 54 between Basinger Corner (Route 54, 19, and J intersection) in Audrain County and Louisiana.

Included in the project is sidewalk and parking area upgrades through Vandalia in partnership with the City of Vandalia. In addition, Routes F and W in Vandalia will also be resurfaced out to city limits.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

awarded the project to Magruder Paving for \$9,897,643 in three separate projects to include:

•U.S. Route 54 resurfacing from Missouri Route 19 north junction (Basinger Corner) to 0.10 mile east of Route U near Curryville

•U.S. Route 54 resurfacing from 0.10 mile east of Pike County Route U near Curryville to Dougherty Pike in Louisiana

•U.S. Route 54 sidewalk upgrades (ADA) in Vandalia and Curryville, plus sidewalk upgrades along Route F and W in Vandalia

Work is scheduled to begin with pavement repairs near Basinger Corner on U.S. 54 as early as March 18, weather permitting, with an expected completion date of November 1, 2019. MoDOT will alert the public about updates on the projects through signs, news releases and social media.

For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636). You can also visit us online at www.modot.mo.gov/northeast

Community Health Needs Assessment Town Hall Meeting To Be Held On April 2

Pike County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) invites area residents to participate in a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Town Hall roundtable on Tuesday, April 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the PCMH 1st Floor Conference Room at PCMH. A light lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m.

Please RSVP here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeCo_CHNA2019_RSVP

This event is being held to identify and prioritize the health needs of Pike County residents. Feedback from the event will also serve to fulfill both federal and state mandates. Vince Vandelaar, principal consultant at VVV Consultants LLC, from Olathe, Kansas, has been hired to facilitate this meeting.

"This Community Health Needs Assessment will be an opportunity to review our communities' health

needs, obtain our patients' experiences and make suggestions to improve healthcare delivery within our service area," said Tylie Mills PCMH's CEO.

If you seek any additional information or have any questions regarding this assessment, please contact Sherry Grote at sgrote@pcmhmo.org or call (573)754-5531.

Local Man Graduates US Marine Corps Training

PFC Zachary Perrine, 19, of Louisiana graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on October 5, 2018. PFC Perrine successfully completed 13

weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego, Calif.

While in recruit training PFC Perrine earned Expert Qualification in Rifle Marksmanship. Following ten days home on leave, he reported to

Camp Pendleton, CA for one month at Military Combat Training, then transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for his Military Occupation Specialty training as a Motor Transport Operator.

While in training, PFC Perrine was promoted from Private to Private First Class. PFC Perrine will be stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC following graduation on February 27, 2019.



Haw Creek Club Holds

Pot Luck Meal At Monthly Meeting

The Haw Creek Club met Wednesday, March 6 with a Pot Luck meal.

Members were glad to see each other but sadness was present. The death of Ceara Perkins and Pauline Gibbs was a loss that members felt deep in their hearts. They were both energetic and fun loving people, always ready to help when needed. Their hearts go out to their loved ones and families. They will be missed.

Members able to attend the meeting were Brenda Cook, Mary Helen Elder, Frankie Epperson, Marge Gilliland, Lola Jennings and

Dorothy Flowers. Mary Helen read the devotional, "Tough Love" Thank you cards were read.

Announcements were read, Frankford Volunteer Fire Department is having a spaghetti supper Sunday, March 17. They are also having a Quarter Madness evening on April 5.

Dorothy Flowers gave the program, "Words to Live By" A Weather Game was played with Brenda Cook as winner, everyone received a small gift.

Next month's meeting will be held at Hannibal Nutrition center with Mary Helen as hostess.

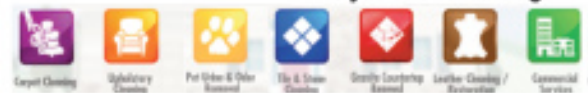
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