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Pike County voters recently decided to consolidate the county's 911 efforts which had been split between operations in the Sheriff's Department and a satellite station in the Louisiana Police Department. Jim Porter (left) was recently named the Pike County 911 Director and he's wasted no time getting the operation up and going. The 911 operation will be housed completely in a trailer behind the Sheriff's Department. Work continues on the facility, but it is anticipated that dispatchers will move in to the new location within a month. Porter is also working to completely update the 911 mapping system and improve communications with all emergency branches such as law enforcement, fire and medical. Porter is pictured looking at a map of Pike County with Sheriff Stephen Korts.

Trib photo by April M. Fronick

## Three Pike County Century Farms Recognized Recently

Three farms in Pike County were recognized as being Century Farms. They were: Henson family, McBeth family and Waddell family.

The Henson family farm owners are Anna Henson, Robert Henson, Michael Henson, Kevin Henson, Phillip Henson and Thomas Henson. They have 55 acres that were acquired in 1916.

The McBeth family farm is owned by Sara Grimes McBeth. It consists of 132 acres that were acquired in 1912.

The Waddell family farm is owned by Elinor Waddell. It consists of 240 acres that were acquired in 1851.

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## Community State Bank Breaks Ground For New Facility To Be In Bowling Green Town Center

Community State Bank of Missouri held a groundbreaking ceremony for their newest banking facility on Tuesday, March 12.

Community State Bank is a locally-owned and operated financial institution that was founded in 1887 as the Bank of Curryville. It was founded on solid business principles and good management.

The bank operated in Curryville until 1945 when John McIlroy Sr., Sen. Edward Long, and a group of investors bought it and moved it to Bowling Green. The bank's facility located on the square will continue to serve as the main banking facility. A branch was opened in Troy in 1998.

The new location in Bowling Green Town Center will serve as the bank's second branch and third location.

The bank has grown from humble beginnings of \$10,000 to the current footings of \$237 million.

The board of directors currently includes John M. McIlroy Jr., chairman of the board; William C. McIlroy, president; Margaret M. Goodin, secretary; Paul B. Hill, and Mark A. Goodin. The board of directors is

comprised of local individuals who are directly interested in the growth of our community.

Community State Bank receives deposits from local individuals and companies that do business in the community. The board is proud to be reinvesting their money in the local community with this expansion.

The expansion will offer old time traditional values with modern up-to-date training and equipment.

Interactive teller machines (ITM) will be located in the traditional drive-up area of the bank and will serve as the drive through teller. The ITM will serve as an ATM machine and a teller.

Customers can expect to receive the same great customer service they have offered through the years.

The building will have a traditional design as shown on the artist's rendering. The bank has hired Federal Construction to oversee the construction of the new facility.

The goal is to provide better banking services for all.

Community State Bank of Missouri is proud of their heritage and proud to have served the local community for more than 130 years.

## Pike County 911 Operation Prepares For Move Into New Facility Behind Sheriff's Department

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Jim Porter has set up 911 operations before, most recently for Washington County, and says that the consolidation and enhancement efforts for Pike County's operation are going quickly and smoothly.

Voters recently decided to consolidate 911 efforts in Pike County. For years previously, the efforts have been within the Pike County Sheriff's Department with a satellite station in the Louisiana Police

Department. Everything will soon be housed in a trailer directly behind the Pike County Sheriff's Department. Porter said it will be about another month and then dispatchers will be moved into the facility.

The trailer has a security system and features a dispatch area with three complete stations, a training area, a conference room (where all future 911 meetings will be held), a breakroom/employee lounge, and offices for the 911 director and an

assistant. Porter noted it is perfect for Pike County's operation.

Porter has been working to improve the 911 mapping system and to better streamline communications with all of the emergency branches such as law enforcement, fire and medical services.

Watch next week's edition for an in-depth review of the work that has been done and what residents can expect to see in the future. See more highlights of the facility on page 11 of this week's edition.

## Antioch Presbyterian Church To Hold 200-Year Celebration

Event To Be Held On May 26 With Two Services

Five families from the Cumberland River Valley in Kentucky settled in Pike County at the waters of Buffalo Creek and was called Scott's Spring after one of the families.

In 1819 the Rev. Robert D. Morrow arrived in the frontier at the double log cabin home of John Scott and Robert Fullerton and organized Antioch Presbyterian Church, the first Cumberland Presbytery Church, west of the Mississippi.

In May 1820 the Presbytery of McGee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized. In 1821 the first camp meeting was held north of Cyrene. Antioch built a log church and moved from Scott's Spring to this location in 1823.

Camp meetings continued at irregular intervals and locations

around the county before becoming a fixture at Antioch every August. It drew large crowds of people from hundreds of miles. Many were converted and went back to their homes to form the nucleus for many churches in Pike, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Ralls counties. Hence, Antioch became known as the "Mother of Churches" within the bounds of Salt River Presbytery.

Just after the Civil War the present building was erected in 1867.

A total of twenty four pastors have served Antioch in a formal capacity and there have been many more who filled in. The church history contains over 1,200 communicants who have helped to keep the faith strong serving God.

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Community State Bank broke ground on Tuesday, March 12 on a new facility to be constructed in the Bowling Green Town Center. Pictured are the board of directors of Community State Bank of Missouri along with employees at the groundbreaking event last week. A rendering shows what the facility will look like upon completion as a second location for the bank in town.

## MU School Of Visual Studies 'Art On The Move' Coming To Bowling Green Middle School 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 12-1 p.m., .

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 R1 School District.



## Preparing For The Worst - Hoping For The Best

Business owner Bud Garrison climbs from a bulldozer that was being used to help build a seven-foot barrier Monday along First Street in Clarksville in preparation for anticipated high water. The river stage Monday afternoon was almost four feet above flood stage and a crest of more than six feet above flood stage was expected sometime in the next week. The Mississippi was lapping at the edge of Riverfront Park just to the right across the railroad tracks. The earthen dam will be covered with plastic and sandbags and will stretch for more than a block. Mayor Jo Anne Smiley said volunteers are needed to help sandbag. They should drop by City Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 111 Howard a half-block east of the street's intersection with Highway 79. More information is available by calling 573-242-3336. Sandbaggers Monday included Clopton school students on spring break and inmates from the women's prison in Vandalia. Clarksville shops and businesses remained open. The Missouri Department of Transportation reported Monday that Route P in extreme southeast Pike County was closed due to flooding -- the only one in the immediate area. Find more photos on page 10 of this week's edition.

Watch next week's edition for the Trib's Spring Home Improvement Guide!

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**On March 23:** Seniors and Friends dance, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Hall, Martinsburg. Music by Country Plus Band.

**On March 25:** The Van-Far Teachers Association will host a school board candidate forum at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public and will be held in the cafeteria.

**On March 28:** There will be a meeting of the board of trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

**On March 25:** Clopton CTA will

sponsor Meet the Candidates Night at 6 p.m., at the Family Resource Center in Edgewood. Questions generated by Clopton faculty/staff only will be given to the candidates in advance. They feel that in the current volatile climate shadowing the board and district, they have chosen to not open questioning by the public. The public is invited to attend, however, there will not be an open forum.

**On March 21:** 911 candidates will speak at 6:30 p.m., in the third floor courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear the candidates.



## Van-Far High School Holds NHS Induction

The Van-Far High School National Honor Society induction was held Wednesday, March 13. There were 18 new members who joined the 31 existing members. These students meet the criteria determined by Van-Far R-I School District and the national organization.

## MDC, CFM Appreciate Deer Hunters, Meat Processors For Share The Harvest

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) recognize the thousands of Missouri deer hunters who donated 259,414 pounds of venison to the state's Share the Harvest program this past deer season, including 4,855 whole deer.

Also the more than 100 participating meat processors throughout the state who grind the donated deer meat into ready-to-use packages.

The donated deer meat goes to local food banks and food pantries to help feed hungry Missourians all around the state. To get Share the Harvest venison, contact local food banks or food pantries.

Since the program was started in 1992, Share the Harvest has provided more than four million pounds of lean, healthy venison to help feed hungry Missourians, including this past season's donations and 289,292 pounds of venison donated the year before.

The National Institutes of Health state that children need protein in their diets for proper growth and development, and adults need it to maintain good health. Yet many Missourians can't afford or can't get to good sources of protein. Through Share the Harvest, Missouri hunters can help provide those in need with high-quality protein in the form of naturally lean, locally harvested deer meat.

"Hunters started Share the Harvest because they saw a need in their communities and hunters remain the driving force behind this popular program that helps feed our fellow Missourians who are in need," said MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley. "We sincerely thank the thousands of deer hunters who support Share the Harvest, along with the many

participating meat processors and sponsors who help make it possible."

Processing fees are covered entirely or in part by numerous local sponsors, along with statewide sponsors that include: MDC, CFM, Shelter Insurance, Bass Pro Shops, Missouri Chapter White-tails Unlimited, Missouri Chapter Safari Club International, Missouri Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, Drury Hotels, Midway USA Inc., Missouri Deer Hunters Association, and Missouri Food Banks Association.

Share the Harvest is coordinated by MDC and CFM. For more information on Share the Harvest, visit <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Zoz>.

## Bridge Work Planned For Lincoln County Rt. E Near Silex

Weather permitting, March 18-21, MoDOT will have traffic reduced to one lane on Lincoln County Route E near Silex at the North Fork of Cuivre River Bridge. Bridge work will be completed from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., each day with the lane opening up each evening.

Please use caution if you will be traveling through this area. Remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel, and put down your cell phone to help eliminate distractions. Again, this work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled or delayed. For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Free Skin Cancer Screenings Provided By Dr. Schuyler Metlis



Dr. Schuyler Metlis

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Over the past few decades, more people have been diagnosed with a form of skin cancer than all other cancers combined and nearly five million people are treated for skin cancer each year in the United States.

Some risk factors for skin cancer include a lighter natural skin color, reddish hair, family history of skin cancer, history of indoor tanning, history of sunburns (especially early in life), and skin that burns, freckles, or reddens easily. "If you have any of these risk factors, you should see a doctor for a skin cancer screening at least once a year," says Dr. Schuyler Metlis with Hannibal Regional Medical Group. "Catching cancer early often allows for more treatment options, and if you have

skin cancer, finding it early is the best way to make sure it can be treated with success."

Beginning in March and going through May, Dr. Metlis will be hosting free skin cancer screenings throughout the region. The screenings are free, however space is limited and an appointment is required. Dr. Metlis will be available for screenings on the following dates and times:

- Hannibal: March 20 - 4-7 p.m., or March 29 - 9-11:30 a.m. Call (573) 629-3500 to schedule.
- Louisiana: May 20 - 9-11 a.m. Call 754-5555 to schedule.
- Bowling Green: May 20 - 1-3 p.m. Call 324-2241 to schedule.

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, 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, as well as two Express Care clinics in Hannibal.



## 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

## Clarksville Garden Club To Present Lecture On March 28 Being A Bluebird Champion

Clarksville Garden Club will present a short lecture on Bluebirding 101 on Thursday, March 28 at 1 p.m., at the New Life Christian Church, 213 N. Main St., Eolia sponsored by the Missouri Bluebird Society (MOBS) and supported by the North American Bluebird Society (NABS).

They hope you will fall in love with the Eastern Bluebird and other cavity nesters in your own backyard the more you learn. Joe and Linda have discovered so much about attracting and keeping bluebirds safe and happy that they can't keep it for

themselves any longer.

Bluebird monitors get a front row seat on the life of bluebirds while helping them thrive. With some guidance and tools, you can be a bluebird monitor, too.

Hosted by the Clarksville Garden Club, members, Joe and Linda Pridgeon are welcoming back the bluebirds' nesting season. Please spend some time with them. Refreshments will be served. They will answer your questions or direct you to local experts. Plenty of free handouts available and sample birding displays to see.



## Southern Pike Inter-Church Council To Hold Pre-Easter Service

The Southern Pike Interchurch Council will hold pre-Easter service and prayer service on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Clarksville Christian Church.

Pastors from the area churches will give short messages about Easter and will have congregational singing led by Pastor Nathan Adams, after which special prayer will be given concerning the flood, that is expected to be hitting the area and for Clopton School and anything else in the community.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Bowling Green DAR Meets For February

The Bowling Green Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Methodist Church on Friday, Feb. 22.

Regent Christy Wendel called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The 107th anniversary of Bowling Green Chapter, George Washington birthday

Welcome was given by Regent Wendel.

Regent Wendel also gave remarks about George Washington and Bowling Green Chapter's 107th Birthday.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charlene McCune, and American's Creed was led by Regent Wendel.

Chaplain Georgia Gamm gave the devotional.

Regent Wendel Introduction of special guest speaker - Alan Hiles AKA Champ Clark. Hiles gave a program on Champ Clark - Speaker of the House

Daughter's pledge to the flag was led by Jane Quade.

The minutes from the January meeting were read by Secretary Fuerst. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Quade gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Regent Wendel passed a jar around the table for Project Patriot for donations by the members. The funds collected will be used to help our troops overseas.

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting will be March 28 at 1 p.m. Program will be national defense and speaker will be Marlene Kut.

March hostesses are Margie Jamieson, Mona Grote, and Waylene Hiles.

February hostesses were Georgia Gamm, Marilyn Gamm, and Lori Smith.

Those in attendance at the meeting: Lori Fuerst, Georgia Gamm, Marjorie Jamieson, Charlene McCune, Elaine Niemeyer, Jane Quade, and Christy Wendel.

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# OBITUARIES

## GESS International To Build New Plant In Audrain County

GESS International's Missouri Biogas Projects GESS International, a highly experienced and globally established renewable energy service company, is expanding with four new Green Energy Biogas Plants across Missouri.

The plants will bring more than \$145 million in investment into communities in Miller and Audrain counties, and are expected to create 84 new jobs. "Investing into renewable energy projects provides opportunities to simultaneously generate significant financial returns, while mitigating or addressing societal and environmental challenges," said Olga Bryzhan, the Director of GESS International. These plants are expected to utilize 170,000 tons of Swine waste, and 80,000 tons of green biomass, to produce 550,000 MMBtu annually worth of Renewable Natural Gas, equivalent of 6,800 homes energy usage.

All four plants are expected to start construction in Q3 of 2019 and become fully operational by Q4 of 2020. "We're always excited about the prospect of adding value and increasing opportunities for Missouri's pork producers" said Don Nikodim, Executive Director of the Missouri Pork Association.

"GESS is developing a renewable energy project that is inclusive of local communities by creating a new waste to energy revenue stream for farmers," said Seth Daugherty, Grant Coordinator at GESS International. "Along this journey, we will pay area farmers for their waste product and provide good jobs, while also helping mitigate the environmental issues associated with

hog farming. We look forward to contributing to Missouri's bright future." Dennis Patterson with Northview co-op, LLC states "the use of our livestock manure along with local crops to produce renewable energy while improving the tax base for Miller County and Tuscumbia school District is a perfect solution to the many concerns of our local farmers. We are excited to enter into this agreement with GESS International and our neighboring farmers".

Tom Wright, who is a part of the Miller County Commissioners states "We're very excited for the county and the Patterson family to have company like GESS International select Miller county for their biogas facility. We look forward to working with them and seeing the progress it brings to our area. This is the first such business to come to Miller County since we became designated AgriReady." "We are excited to welcome GESS International to Missouri," said Missouri Partnership Interim CEO Subash Alias. "This was a project that required coordination at all levels across multiple communities in the state, and the joint effort of everyone involved was excellent. GESS will be a wonderful addition to Missouri's booming agriculture industry." Steve Hobbs, one of the County Commissioners of Audrain County, states "The Audrain County Commission is proud to have local entrepreneurs joining together to add value to their products. We wish them every success."

Dennis Clark, the President of East Central Missouri Biogas Group LLC in Audrain County is excited to announce our intention to enter into an

agreement with GESS International and other Partners to construct up to three biogas plants in East Central Missouri. The major goals of East Central Missouri Biogas Group LLC follow: 1. Partner with GESS International which will create new jobs in our community. 2. Offer a minority ownership to potential shareholders with a positive ROI. 3. Improve the tax base to our local school districts and counties. 4. Improve income to area row crop farmers with a new market. 5. Improve income to area livestock farmers with a manure market. 6. Improve the carbon foot print and environment within our area.

East Central Missouri Biogas Group LLC will be scheduling public investor/informational meetings for potential investors. Our group wishes to own a minority share of the projects locally. If you are interested in attending a meeting please send an email to Dennisclark91@hotmail.com with a subject line of Biogas Meeting or contact Andrew S. Garnett Law Office in Mexico, Mo at 573-582-7968.

About GESS International GESS is a highly experienced and globally established renewable energy service company. With over 350 completed projects worldwide, GESS, Inc. has over 19 years of expertise in providing energy efficient solutions using co-generation and renewable energy resources such as solar and biogas. From consulting to managing operations of our completed projects, GESS, Inc. offers design and implementation solutions with direct economic impact for its customers and their communities



### Linda Lorene DeShasier

Linda Lorene DeShasier, 66 of Louisiana and formerly of White Hall, Ill., died Monday, March 4, 2019 at St. Louis University Hospital.

A celebration of life service was held at 10 a.m., Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church in White Hall, Ill. Private burial will be held at a later date.

She was born Aug. 14, 1952 in White Hall, Ill., the daughter of Leroy and Wanita Isham Bunch.

She is survived by a daughter, Belinda and husband, Dale Sr. of Louisiana; a son, Thomas Niffen of Lawrence, Kan.; six grandchildren, Seth Beavers, Skylar Niffen, Cody Niffen, D.J. Resor Jr., Matthew Resor, and Shawnee Turner; seven great-grandchildren, Saxton Resor, Hannah Resor, Robert Hunter Wayne Resor, Naomi Turner, Kyleigh Beavers, Michael Logan Beavers, and Wade Beavers; three sisters, Pansy Powell, Hazel "Tiny" Mitchell, and Brenda Monroe, all of White Hall, Ill.; two brothers, Bud Bunch of Crawfordville, Fla., and William "Willie" Bunch of White Hall, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Robert H. Resor, and a brother, David Bunch.

Linda worked for 23 years at Bunn-O-Matic in White Hall, Ill. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Airman-Hires Funeral Home in White Hall assisted the family.

Condolences may be left online at [www.airman-hires.com](http://www.airman-hires.com).



### Thelma C. Hecht Griffith Gibbs

Thelma C. Hecht Griffith Gibbs of New London, formerly of Hannibal died peacefully at her home Thursday, March 14.

Visitation and funeral will be held Saturday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., with a funeral to follow at 11 a.m. Tom Day of the New London Christian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal. Attendees are encouraged to wear a touch of pink in honor of Thelma's favorite color.

Thelma was born to Nick and Anna Woidtke Hecht on a farm near Frankford. Her mother died when Thelma was three years old and she was raised by her father and older siblings. She attended Haw Creek School in rural Frankford and graduated from Louisiana High School in 1942.

Her first job was working in the office at Stark Bros. Nurseries in Louisiana. Thelma worked there for three years and resigned right before marrying Pearley Eugene Griffith. They resided in Hannibal until his death at age 30 on Sept. 10, 1947. Thelma was also employed at one time for the International Shoe Company in Hannibal.

She married W. Ray Gibbs of New London on Nov. 24, 1949. When he was drafted into the United States Marine Corp. They were stationed in San Diego, Calif.; and later in Santa Ana, Calif. Thelma worked for Singer Sewing Center during this time.

After her husband's discharge from the Marines in 1954, they moved back to Hannibal where Thelma went to work at Standard Printing Company while Ray owned and operated the Phillips 66 Service Station on Mark Twain Avenue. Later they owned and operated the Bargain Mart Furniture store in East Hannibal for 12 years. After selling the Bargain Mart, Thelma went to

work for Kilham's Dress Shop in Hannibal while Ray worked for W.T. Grant in Quincy, Ill.

Later while Ray worked for Harris Chevrolet and Mark Twain Jeep Eagle, Thelma stayed home and cared for one of her sisters who raised her. Thelma and her husband lived in Hannibal for 41 years before moving to New London in 1991.

Thelma and Ray joined the Moose Lodge No. 1542 in Hannibal and Thelma was a member of "The Women of the Moose." She and her husband were active members and Ray served as governor of the Moose for nine years. The couple enjoyed dancing every Saturday night at the Moose.

Thelma and her husband traveled throughout the U.S. with their close friends, Nolan and Betty Newman, the late Sam and Ruth Lomax and Nancy Walterscheid and the late Dr. Jon Walterscheid. They all went on numerous trips together, enjoyed dancing and spent lots of time at the Lake of the Ozarks. Thelma and Ray enjoyed staying at the historic Golden Door hotel while at the lake. Their close friends, Nolan and Betty Newman, were frequent companions and enjoyed dinners out together for over 40 years. They had many memorable trips to St. Louis and attended the Grand Ole Opry performances when it was in town.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Hannibal for many years. In recent years she had attended the First Christian Church of New London.

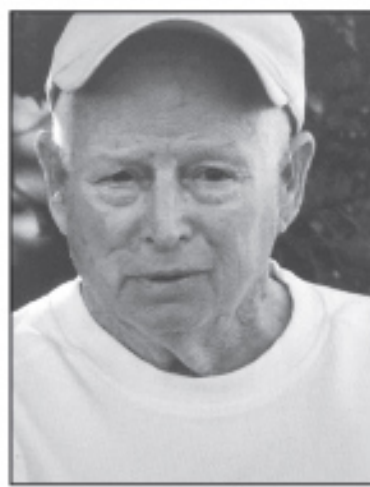
Survivors include nieces, nephews and several good friends. In addition, she is survived by her cat, Smokey, who Thelma claimed was smarter than she was.

Thelma was preceded in death by both husbands. Thelma and Ray were married for 51 years. Ray died on Sept. 8, 2001. Also preceding her in death were her parents, three brothers, Edward Hecht, Leo Hecht and wife, Gladys, and Clarence Hecht; four sisters, Edna Benn, Elsie Kurz and husband, John, Rosie Strode and husband, Edward, and Loretta Wright and husband, Elliott. Her in-laws, Everett and Marie Gibbs, Robie and Wanda Dietle and Linda Fogle song also preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to the Northeast Missouri Humane Society in Hannibal.

Serving as pallbearers will be Robert Caleb Colbert, Jacob Roger Colbert, Roger Colbert, Tim Kurz, John Kurz, and Michael Kaden. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Dietle, Everett Dietle, Ethan Colbert, Andre Khal, Wayne Kurz, Gordon Scranton, Wayne Kaden, Larry Kaden, James Griffith, David Leake, Nolan Newman, Dean Hamilton, and Brad Tonkinson.

Online condolences may be made and video tribute may be viewed at [www.jamesodonnellfuneralhome.com](http://www.jamesodonnellfuneralhome.com)



### Samuel Thomas 'Tommy' Sisson

Samuel Thomas "Tommy" Sisson, 88, of Churchville, Va., formerly of Bowling Green died Friday, March 15, 2019, at Birch Gardens Assisted Living.

See OBITUARIES page 7

## Republicans Of Pike County Meet In Louisiana

Republicans of Pike County met Thursday, March 7 at Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana. Betty Evans led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Everyone enjoyed soup, salads, sandwiches and dessert.

President Gale Frolos called the meeting to order. She announced dues were being accepted. Everyone is welcome but payment of dues gives you the opportunity to make motions and vote. She also announced because of the number of speakers minutes and treasurer reports were available but would not be read and also business matters would be suspended until the next meeting.

President Frolos introduced Joe Orwerth from Missouri Family Policy Council, a nonprofit, pro life, conservative group. Orwerth works at the Capitol as a lobbyist for pro life issues. He stated we live in a civilized nation but is it right to let a newborn die? He cited the recent legislation in New York and Virginia who allow that sanctity of life is

very unimportant.

He also spoke of MO HB 126 which has passed in the House and is now in the Senate as very broad and may suffer backlash. Orwerth praised President Trump for his support of the pro life movement. He asked us to pray about this issue, pray for our legislators and for

the Lord's wisdom to prevail.

Also speaking were 12 candidates for the 911 board who gave their views and qualifications and ask for our vote.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## UM Extension Council Of Pike County Celebrates

Volunteers, David Gordy and Mary Dockery were recognized for their service to University of Missouri Extension in Pike County. David and Mary both served on the council for four years. They knew about extension when they started but their knowledge has grown since then to become champions of our programs. They both have been willing to give of their time to help serve on committees or judge events.

The Leaders Honor Roll Award was presented to both at the University of Missouri Extension Council of Pike County annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 25 at the Pike-Lincoln Technical Center in Eolia.

Members were also recognized for the M&M Award (most meetings) and received various size bags

of M&Ms. Mike McCrory had perfect attendance and received a large bag. A slightly smaller bag was presented to Mary Dockery, Nancy Cox, Sheri Grote, and Eric Merritt for attending eight meetings. Then an even smaller bag to Bill Unsell, Jeffrey Shaw, Angie Waddell and Sandy Scherder for attending seven out of nine meetings.

Newly elected members to the UM Extension Council are: Marion Branstetter, Roger Colbert, Tim Jenkins and Pam Todd-Watts from District I and Susan Lagemann from District III. Re-elected members included Sandy Scherder, Sheri Grote and Eric Merritt. They will each serve a two-year term.

Newly appointed members were: Mike McCrory, Farm Bureau; Jim

Moore, City of Bowling Green; Evan Lagemann, youth representative and Evan Meyer, youth representative.

Members having completed four years of service were: Frank Becker, Mary Dockery, Ethan Colbert, David Gordy, Tonya Sheppard and Bill Unsell. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all retiring members.

Officers for the new year are: Chairman – Mike McCrory, Vice Chairman – Bill Allen, Secretary – Sheri Grote and Treasurer – Nancy Cox.

The program for the evening was presented by 4-H members who had attended the Equine Tour and the 4-H Chicago Trip.



New members to the UM Extension Council of Pike County are pictured above. They are Evan Lagemann, Susan Lagemann, Roger Colbert, Pam Todd-Watts, Marion Branstetter, and Evan Meyer.



Leaders Honor Roll awardees at the UM Extension Council of Pike County annual meeting were David Gordy and Mary Dockery who are pictured above.



UM Extension Council of Pike County members receiving the Most Meetings (M&M) Award are pictured above. They are Bill Unsell, Mike McCrory, Eric Merritt, Angie Waddell, Nancy Cox, Mary Dockery, Jeffrey Shaw, Sandy Scherder and Sheri Grote.



Members of Pike County 4-H who presented the program at the UM Extension Council of Pike County annual meeting were: Abby Robb, Kyle Martin, Trenton Haas, Connor Shannon, Callie Bailey, Caleigh Grote, Abbie Waddell and Michael Maier.

## Pike County Chapter NSDAR To Honor Local Vietnam Veterans

National Vietnam Veterans Day is established as March 29 each year, but in 2019 Pike County Chapter will honor local veterans on Saturday, March 30 with a special day. At the chapter's March 2 meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana, plans were completed for the event. It will begin at 11:30 a.m., with Vietnam veterans and their spouses invited for the recognition program.

The chapter will provide a light lunch for everyone and a representative from the Mexico Veterans Home will speak at 12:45 p.m. Service to veterans continues to be one of the chapter's projects and many items have been donated to the home.

The chapter will continue to recognize the service of the local Louisiana Police Department and the firemen and first responders of the Buffalo, Louisiana, Clarksville and Eolia fire departments in March. Members will attend the department's meetings to express appreci-

ation and provide refreshments.

Chapter Regent Marilyn Johnson led the opening ritual assisted by Chaplain Lois Stark. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were given. Stark gave a Constitution Minute and Johnson spoke about Bacone College, a Native American college in Muskogee, Oklahoma which is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Community Classroom chairman Liz Wallace reported that the spring semester of the Junior Achievement classes being taught by chapter members began on Feb. 20.

Eighth grade students will receive lessons from "It's My Future" which focuses on career choices and employment. Completion of the classes is April 3 when they will receive certificates and refreshments will be served by the chapter. The regular April meeting will be held in the commons area that afternoon. Wallace also reported on the recent Literacy project when funds were provided for six middle school stu-

dents to receive free books at the book fair.

Regent Johnson and Vice-regent Louise Sitton will attend the Stated Conference in April. They will assemble a basket of Pike County produced items to be donated for the Silent Auction at the conference in Columbia. Johnson said that Derek Richards, who was selected as the DAR Good Citizen from Louisiana High School had recently received a college scholarship. The chapter welcomed Derek, his parents and several other relatives at the February meeting when he spoke about college plans. Cindy Blaylock presented him with the Good Citizen certificate and pin. He will receive a monetary award at the LHS Recognition Night in May.

Treasurer Orf entertained the group with an explanation of the origins of the many symbols on our one dollar bill. Doughnuts and coffee were served by the regent at the 9 a.m., meeting.

## Weather Forces Extended Closure At Ranacker

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has temporarily closed access to the north part of Ranacker Conservation Area, including access to the shooting range, to allow for construction of a new bridge. Inclement weather this winter has caused delays to the bridge project. The shooting range and access to the conservation area from Missouri Highway RA will remain closed until at least mid- to late April, barring any further weather delays.

Construction crews are working to replace a low-water crossing with a new bridge that will carry the north access road over Peno Creek. The road closure cuts off access to the area's shooting range. Area users may continue to access the property on its south and southeast sides via county roads 48 and 50. These access points offer parking, camping, and an ADA-accessible privy. However, the shooting range will remain inaccessible until the bridge project is complete.

"This project will improve access for area users," said MDC Wildlife Management Biologist and Ranacker Conservation Area Manager Mike Flaspohler. "During high flows on Peno Creek, access to the range and the north part of the conservation area is cut off. The new bridge will provide more dependable access to the area, especially during heavy rains when the creek rises rapidly."

Additionally, replacing the low-water crossing with a bridge structure will allow for better passage of sediment and aquatic organisms within Peno Creek.

"Home to 40 fish species, Peno Creek is one of the highest quality streams in north-east Missouri," said MDC Fisheries Management Biologist Chris Williamson. "By removing artificial barriers [such as the existing low-water crossing], fish are able to complete their natural upstream and downstream movements, ensuring sustainability of their populations. Natural movement of sediment ensures quality in-stream habitats and stream function are maintained."

Ranacker Conservation Area consists of more than 1,800 acres of timber, grasslands, agricultural lands, and old fields characterized by narrow valleys with numerous rock overhangs. Peno Creek traverses the northern portion of the area, providing more than a mile of stream frontage. The area marks a point where river hills break away from prairie and is home to a variety of wildlife, including deer, turkey, and bobwhite

quail. Management of the area focuses on providing wildlife habitat by maintaining timber edges and old fields, prescribed timber harvest, and rotating agricultural crops.

The area also offers an unstaffed rifle and pistol shooting range which will reopen upon the completion of bridge construction.

Statewide, MDC conservation areas cover almost one million public acres for the purpose of restoring and conserving forest, fish, and wildlife resources, and for providing opportunities for all citizens to use, enjoy, and learn about these resources. Most Missourians are within a 30-minute drive of an MDC conservation area.

MDC appreciates area users for their patience during the installation of this important infrastructure improvement.

For more info about area access, contact Flaspohler at Mike.Flaspohler@mdc.mo.gov, or 248-2530.

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### Card Of Thanks

The family of Virginia Ruth Brocksmith wishes to thank everyone for the flowers, acts of kindness shown during her illness and death.

Special thanks to Dr. Pitney and Dr. Miller, Joanne, PCMH, EMTs, Maple Grove Lodge nursing staff for the caring for her, Robert Rue for officiating, Faith Baptist Church, Pastor John Davis and members for the wonderful meal served, Collier Funeral Home, Mark Capstick and Ryan Bibb for all the acts of kindness, music, and mom's funeral arrangements, the pallbearers, Louisiana Flowers & Gifts for all the beautiful arrangements, phone calls, and to friends and family who attended visitation, funeral who expressed love and concern for the family.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Ecumenical Women's Breakfast Group Holds First Meeting Of The Year

The Ecumenical Women's Breakfast group met at Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana with the ladies of Calumet Presbyterian as co-hostesses on Tuesday, March 12. There were 27 in attendance



Pictured is the guest speaker, Rebekka Thornton, R.T., director of radiology at PCMH, performing a bone density scan on Judy Allely, president of Ecumenical Women's Breakfast Group.

from seven area churches.

A program was given by Rebekka Thornton, R.T., Director of Radiology at Pike County Memorial Hospital on Women's Bone Health and Risk of Developing Osteoporosis, which is often called a "silent" disease.

Fifty four million Americans already have osteoporosis or low bone mass. One out of two women will break a bone due to osteoporosis (hip, spine, wrist). 80 percent of older Americans who suffer bone breaks are not tested or treated for osteoporosis.

Men also get osteoporosis. Men over 75 should have a bone density screening. Some risk factors for women are: Over age 50; low body weight; family history of osteoporosis; and, Caucasian and Asian women are a higher risk. Experts recommend four types of exercise: Strength training two days a week; balance exercise every day; posture awareness every day; and aerobic physical activity two and one half hours per week.

However, before exercising for healthy bones, talk to your Physician.

During the business meeting, the group voted to split the money donated for the breakfast between PICO and Options for Women organization. Officers for 2019 are Judy Allely, president; Peggy Meyer, vice-president; Linda Shade, treasurer; and Diane Moore, secretary.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11 at First Christian Church. The group is open to all women of faith.



## Music As Medicine

Professional musicians Patrick Joyce of St. Louis, left, and Jerry Epperson of Clarksville entertained an audience during the Raintree Arts Council's "Winter Blues Sweet Cures" concert March 10 in the Ludwig Theatre at the Apple Shed in Clarksville. The duo performed jazz, classic and pop hits, and also featured Pike County talents Debbie Ingram on "Cocktails for Two" and "Hey, Good Lookin'" and Donna Grote on "Blue Bayou." Joyce's always-welcomed version of "(Smoke, Smoke, Smoke) That Cigarette" brought laughs from the crowd and Epperson drew applause for his playing on the ragtime hit "That's a Plenty." Raintree is a not-for-profit, multi-disciplinary arts organization that receives partial financial assistance from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

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Bowling Green Elementary School

Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Appointments may be scheduled by calling Bowling Green Elementary at 573-324-2042. You will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, and proof of residency. Please allow 60 minutes for your child's screening; which includes vision, hearing, gross motor, fine motor, general concepts, language, and parent/guardian information you provide.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Missouri Department Of Conservation Forecasts Challenger Turkey Season

Missouri turkey hunters can expect a challenging spring season according to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The spring turkey hunting season starts with a youth-only weekend April 6-7. The regular spring season runs April 15-May 5.

Although the good hatches of 2011, 2012, and 2014 helped bolster turkey numbers in much of Missouri from a low point during the late 2000s, poor production in recent years will have an adverse effect on the 2019 spring turkey season.

"A great deal of what makes for a good spring turkey season depends on the hatch two years prior because it affects the number of two-year-old gobblers on the landscape," MDC Turkey Biologist Jason Isabelle said. "These young gobblers are not associated with hens as often as older, dominate birds and are more likely to respond to hunters' calls."

Unfortunately, poor production throughout the state during 2017 will result in fewer two-year-old gobblers during this year's spring hunting season. Isabelle added that poor production in 2016 and last year will also contribute to this year's challenging conditions.

"We've had three years of very poor production," said Isabelle. "When that happens, you're going to see the effects on turkey harvest for several years until production and turkey numbers rebound."

Considering the prospects for the 2019 spring season, hunters should be prepared to put in a bit more effort to be successful this year.

"When turkey numbers are down, it becomes even more important to do your homework," said Isabelle. "Hunters should get out to their hunting areas as much as possible before the season to listen for birds gobbling at daybreak."

Isabelle noted that it gives hunters an advantage to know where turkeys are spending most of their time after they fly down.

"Using binoculars to spot turkeys feeding in open areas or looking for signs of where turkeys have been feeding in the timber can help hunters be in the right area when the hunting season gets here," he said.

Although the prospects for this year's spring season aren't encouraging, this isn't the first time poor turkey production has reduced turkey numbers in Missouri. After reaching a population peak in the early-to-mid 2000s, Missouri's turkey population experienced four years of poor production from 2007-2010, causing the population to decline. However, Isabelle noted that turkey numbers rebounded following several years of improved



production. "In much of the state, production rebounded in 2011, 2012, and 2014," said Isabelle. "As a result, turkey numbers increased, and hunters generally had better hunting seasons in the years that followed. The variability of turkey production can result in wide fluctuations in turkey numbers."

**GET MORE INFORMATION**  
Get detailed information on spring turkey hunting from MDC's 2019 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available from MDC offices and nature centers, other places where permits are sold, and online at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/spring-turkey-hunting-regulations-and-information](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/spring-turkey-hunting-regulations-and-information).

For more information about spring turkey hunting, visit MDC's website at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey)

**HUNTER SAFETY**  
Isabelle stressed that hunters can easily avoid the main cause of turkey-hunting incidents —mistaking or being mistaken by another hunter for wild game.

"Each year, most turkey hunting incidents typically involve hunters who fail to positively identify their targets," said Isabelle. "Unless you are absolutely certain that what

you're looking at is a wild turkey, remember that any movement you see or any sounds you hear while you're hunting could be another hunter."

He also advised hunters to wear some hunter-orange clothing when moving through the woods or fields, particularly when hunting public land.

"Bringing along an orange hat is an easy way to stay safe", said Isabelle. "Wear it when you're moving and switch it for your camouflaged hat when you sit down to work a bird."

Isabelle also noted that many turkey hunting incidents involve members of the same hunting party.

"If you're hunting with someone else and you split up, be certain you know where your hunting partner will be at all times," he advised.

**BRAG A BIT**  
MDC hunting certificates are great ways to memorialize a hunter's first turkey harvest. To create free MDC commemorative certificates, go online to [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/trophies-certificates/certificates](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/trophies-certificates/certificates).

Hunters can share photos of their harvests through MDC's Hunting Bragging Board by using #mdcbragboard when posting pictures to their social media accounts. Learn more at [mdc.mo.gov/huntingbragboard](http://mdc.mo.gov/huntingbragboard).



### Poetry, Readers' Theatre Performances

Clopton second and third grade students entertained at a recent Clopton Elementary PTO meeting. Students in second grade recited Shel Silverstein poems to the audience, while students in third grade presented a readers' theatre on "The True Story of The Three Little Pigs." Pictured, second grade students, from left Blake Lucas, Beau Beauchamp, Blaine Reeve, and Bailey Land perform their poem.



Pictured, third grade students, from left: Nolan Wäler, Jillian Chier, and Hazel Becker perform the readers' theatre.

## OBITUARIES

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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at the St. Clement Catholic Church with the Rev. Jason T. Doke, S.T.L. officiating. Interment will be at the St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Born Aug. 3, 1930 in Curryville, Tommy was the son of Samuel "Sam" Sisson and Naomi Scranton Sisson. On Aug. 18, 1956 in St. Clement. He was united in marriage to Eunice Mary Geujen. She preceded him in death in 2002.

Tommy is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Bill Digham of Churchville, Va.; two granddaughters, Shelby and Sydney Digham of Churchville, Va.; and a half-sister, Debbie Dameron of Bowling Green.

His parents, his brother, Glen and half-brother, David and half-sister, Josephine preceded Tommy in death.

Tommy lived most of his adult life in Bowling Green. He was a member of the United States Marine Corp and served in the Korean War. After his service he returned to Missouri and was employed at Valley Steel in Louisiana, Missouri. He then joined the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department in Bowling Green and retired in 1990 after 29 years of service.

Upon the death of his wife in 2002, Tommy moved to Kirksville and lived with his daughter and family. He very much enjoyed collecting coins and old International Farmall Cub tractors.

In 2007 Tommy moved with the family to Virginia where he often said he enjoyed the more seasonal weather and sunshine of the Shenandoah Valley.

Tommy was able to live with his family and watch his granddaughters grow up which was a joy to him.

Memorial can be made to the Glaucoma Foundation or St. Clement Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com).

### It's Time To Apply For CYCLE Program

Are you a leader in your community and school? Do you want to learn more about state government?

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is looking to send six high school sophomores to the Missouri Electric Cooperative CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience) program this summer.

The annual contest is open to high school sophomores who live and attend school in Cuivre River's general service area, or who have Cuivre River electric service in their homes. Local teachers are invited to nominate sophomore students to serve as CYCLE delegates, or students may apply independently.

As part of the application process, sophomore students are asked to submit a narrative about their school activities and community service. Applications are available at [www.cuivre.com](http://www.cuivre.com), at Cuivre River offices in Troy and Lake Saint Louis, and at participating high schools.

The application deadline is April 17. A panel of judges will select six CYCLE delegates, and the names will be announced on May 10.

CYCLE delegates will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Jefferson City, July 17-19, to participate in the CYCLE program conducted by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC).

The conference provides an action-filled experience for the students, offering them opportunities to learn what it's like to be involved in politics, community

service, today's pressing issues, the cooperative form of business and being a leader. Delegates will have the opportunity to tour the Missouri State Capitol and learn the process of local, state and national government.

"Missouri cooperatives are committed to developing our next generation of citizens," said Tim Schmidt, who coordinates Cuivre River Electric's participation in the program. "The CYCLE conference is a great opportunity for students to get an inside look at state government, learn leadership skills, hear interesting speakers and meet new friends. Students should return home with a positive outlook about public service."

The CYCLE program is in its 16th year and is a past recipient of the National Community Youth Service award for the top youth program among all electric cooperatives in the country. Since 2004, Cuivre River has sponsored and provided more than 60 students with a continued focus on youth leadership and educational opportunities at CYCLE. For more information about the CYCLE program, contact Tim Schmidt at 636-695-4837 or by email at [tschmidt@cuivre.com](mailto:tschmidt@cuivre.com).

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest member-owned electric distribution cooperative in Missouri. It provides service to more than 65,000 residential, business, commercial, industrial and agricultural members in Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles and Warren counties.



## Silex Elementary Students Of The Month

Pictured are the Silex Elementary School students of the month, front row (l-r): Allison Creech and Isabel Groff. Second row: Principal Rod Hamlett, Michael Fernau, Kylee Dameron, Halsey Mueller, Justin Havlik, and Delaney Brockman.

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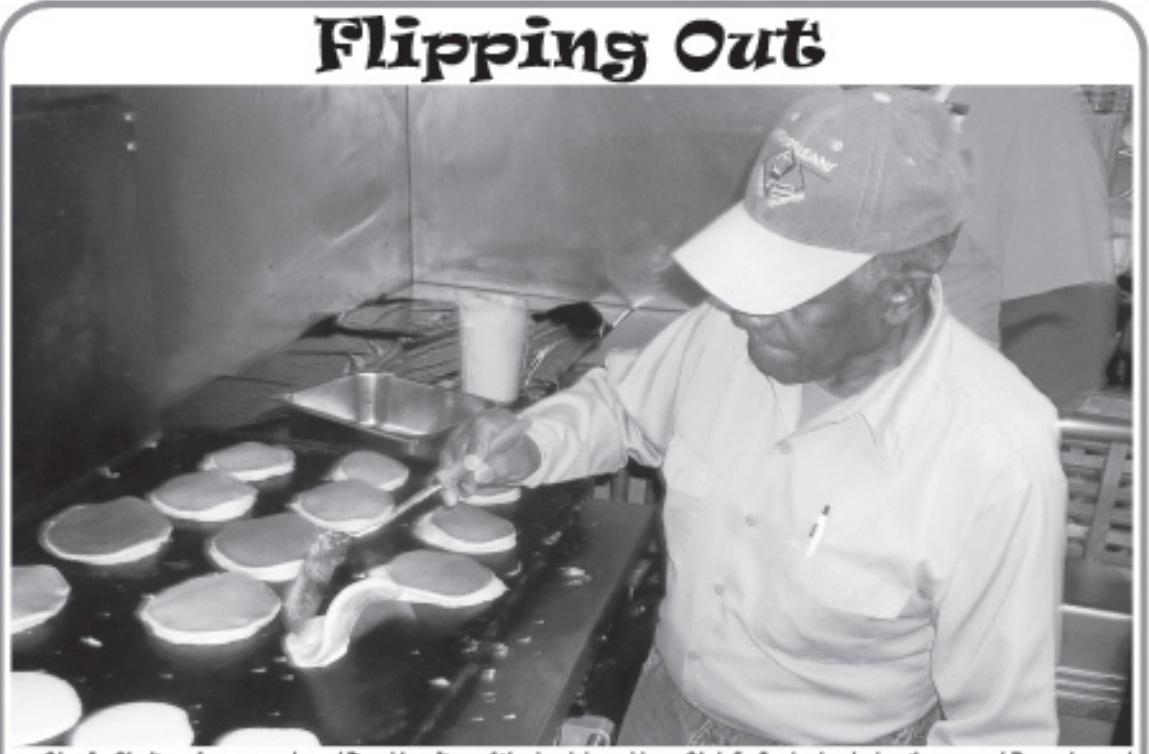
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## National Technical Honor Society

Van-Far juniors Jade Young and Dylan Hunter were named to the National Technical Honor Society induction on Monday, March 11 at the Davis Hart Technical Center in Mexico.



## Flipping Out

Charlie Shelton, foreground, and Don Hamilton of the Louisiana Lions Club fix flapjacks during the annual Pancake and Sausage Day fund-raiser March 16 at the Pike Pioneers Senior Center in downtown Louisiana. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club local sight and hearing services and projects.

## NECAC Turns \$1 Million Grant Into \$52 Million For Housing Efforts

Irene Hausgen is just one of the many people who have benefitted from home ownership and housing rehabilitation efforts of the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC).

A new report from NECAC funding partner NeighWorks America shows that in the last four years, NECAC has taken an initial start-up grant of \$1 million and leveraged an additional \$52.8 million.

NECAC has invested that money in programs that help people buy homes, renovate existing houses and offer counseling about the homeownership process.

Hausgen is retired and says she could not have otherwise afforded the weatherization upgrades that dramatically cut her utility bills.

"Thanks to your programs and your dedicated workers," Hausgen said. "I am confident that my home is secure and won't require any major work the rest of my life."

The numbers speak for themselves. With the \$1,032,200 in NeighborWorks grants received during the last four years, NECAC has leveraged \$52,813,987 in additional dollars for housing efforts. Among other projects, the money was used to:

- Help 295 families become homeowners.
- Upgrade the homes of 712 people.
- Build or preserve 78 rental homes.
- Provide counseling to 1,855 people.

NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts said the report shows reinvested housing funding is helping clients.

"These dollars translate into new houses, new communities and brighter tomorrows," she said. "We are helping communities increase their tax bases. Nothing could be better than helping someone make their housing dreams come true, and we've been able to do that on an increasing basis. We continue to grow."

"This is pretty amazing," Potts said. "To leverage those kinds of dollars is really good for a rural agency."

NeighborWorks is a Congressionally-chartered non-profit organization that assists communities with development efforts.

NECAC has been heavily involved in housing programs for more than 20 years. The agency is nationally recognized for being at the forefront of housing and homeownership opportunities.

Since 1997, NECAC has been a partner in the construction, renovation, management or planned development of 1,300 homes and apartments for the elderly, families, the disabled and veterans.

Homeownership classes teach participants about financing, mortgages, understanding credit, record-keeping, meeting with financial institutions and other topics. NECAC also continues to take and process USDA Rural Development 502 Direct Home Loan Program applications.

"The bottom line is we're here to help," Potts said. "We will do everything we can to make our clients successful homeowners."

More information about NECAC homeownership and rehabilitation programs is available by calling 324-6622.

## NECAC Promotes Blackwell To Housing Supervisor



Mark Blackwell

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick has announced that Mark Blackwell of Hannibal has been promoted from contract maintenance technician to supervisor of the NECAC Self-Help Housing Home Rehabilitation program.

NECAC is a 12-county area not-for-profit social service, community health and public housing Community Action Agency that serves the low-income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged. The agency's Central Administration Offices are located in Bowling Green, with NECAC Service Centers operated in each county.

Under the Self-Help program, NECAC was awarded a \$159,000 USDA Rural Development grant to finance renovation work at 26 owner-occupied homes in Marion, Pike and Ralls counties. The program also now covers Monroe County. Blackwell is working with income-qualifying people to provide one-on-one instruction on the skills they need to do the renovation work. Supplies are purchased by the program, but labor is contributed by families or individuals.

"I like working at NECAC because I like that we are helping people," Blackwell said. "It's a great satisfaction when we can help someone who needs a hand up."

Blackwell is a 1996 graduate of Quincy, Ill., Senior High School and has more than 20 years of experience in construction. He also has auto mechanics training. He and his wife, Brandi, have two children. Blackwell's hobbies include boating, camping and meeting people.

For more information about the Self-Help program, call Blackwell at 324-2251.



## World Day Of Prayer Held At First Christian Church

The annual World Day of Prayer observance that is observed locally in a different church each year was held this year at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Louisiana on March 1.

Joining with men, women and children in more than 170 countries around the globe, 30 people representing 12 churches in the area gathered for an informative program, worship, songs, prayer and a meal featuring recipes from Slovenia.

The program this year was actually written by the women of Slove-

nia and focused on Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner in Luke 14:15-24. The title was "Come - Everything Is Ready" and it focused on intergenerational traditions and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christians in many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Elmwood Community Church in Louisiana will host the event in 2020.



## Nacke Speaks To Lions Club

Shelly Nacke spoke to the Bowling Green Lions Club about a new program called Anne's Anchor starting in Bowling Green. She and Carie Capps along with Paulette Bruch are heading the new program of opening a transition house. This project is to give women a stable place to rebuild their lives. They also shared about some of their experiences.

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## Wilburn To Attend HYPE

Van-Far junior Colin Wilburn was selected as one of the top 30 juniors in state to attend the HYPE Academy this summer. The HYPE Academy is for FFA members to receive hands-on experiences to prepare them to communicate, lead and advocate for the Agricultural Industry. In addition, they will gain strategies to continue strengthening their knowledge base in agricultural issues, sharpen their written and verbal communication skills and spark potential career interests. Colin is the son of Jay and Tracy Wilburn of Laddonia.

## Estate AUCTION

**Saturday, March 30** TIME: 10 a.m.

**LOCATION: 26165 Pike 247 - Clarksville**

**Tractors & Equipment:** Ford 8N tractor has been redone, John Deere 5210 with front wheel assist has 1092 hours and 540 Loader, John Deere 8650 four wheel drive tractor has 7300 hours, these tractors are in great condition, Dearborn 3pt 2 bottom plow, hay rake, Allis Chalmers 444 Hay Baler, New Holland 488 Hay Bine Mower conditioner, New Holland 846 Auto wrap round baler, International 950 Grinder mixer, Ford 3pt. 3 bottom plow, Bush hog 3 pt. 7 mower, Bale forks, Sickle mower 3pt. 6' 3 pt. blade, 3 pt. hitch, Manure spreader, Hay elevator, Hay rake, International 370 - 12ft Disc, 14 ft bumper hitch stock trailer, Great Plains Center Pivot Hitch 1500 Drill, 3pt. seeder.

**Tools & Collectibles:** Water tanks, 26' Aluminum extension ladder, Galvanized tubs and buckets, Air tank, Battery Charger, Lincoln 225 welder, Chain Hoist, lot hand Tools, Bolt Cutters, Riveter for sickle mower teeth, Angle Iron, Sledge hammers, Chains, 2 wheel dolly, Tractor tire chains, Fence stretchers, Fence charger, Creep feeder, Gates, Hay ring, Red brand Woven wire, Rakes, Hoos, Post hole diggers, Shovels, Potato Forks, Hay cutter, Mole traps, Vector XLC push mower, Western Flyer wagon, Nail kegs, Wooden Crates, Patio Chairs, Metal Buckets, Metal stool, 6' Wooden ladder, Croquet set, Child's wheel barrow, Old granite light fixture, Rods and reels, Tackle, Craftsman 12 hp. Riding mower, Push garden planter with the plates, Old well pump, Grass spreader, Boat motor no title, Montgomery Ward 3 hp. Tiller, Old Chest and so much more.

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### GARAGE SALES

**CRAFT/YARD/ FLEA MARKET** - Louisiana American Legion Auxiliary. Saturday, April 6. To reserve vendor space and information call Bert, 573-754-6522. (x3-22)

**ART'S FLEA MARKET** - Furniture, tools, misc., Bus. 54 W., Bowling Green, 573-470-6837. Open Monday-Saturday, 9-4; Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

**YARD SALE** - 416 S. Court, B.G. Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Costume jewelry, \$1.50 ea. pc., or 10 pcs. for \$10. Also watches, \$5 & \$2 ea.

**LITTLE BIT OF HOME** - Country/primitive home decor, 201 W. Church, B.G., inside Ann Layne Boutique. Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. [www.facebook.com/littlebitofhomedecor](http://www.facebook.com/littlebitofhomedecor). (c6-22)

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## TAKING APPLICATIONS

Bowling Green Housing Authority is currently taking applications for 1-2 bedroom apartments at the High Rise. Appliances and some utilities furnished. Rent is income-based for those who qualify. Call 324-5203.



## Help Wanted

### Part-Time Truck Driver

The MFA AgriService in Vandalia, Mo is seeking a Part Time Truck Driver. This position requires a Class A CDL. Candidates must be able to pass a DOT drug test and be qualified to drive per DOT regulations. Must have good oral and written communication skills as well as basic math skills. Must have strength and agility to maneuver equipment and be able to lift 50-100 pounds. Please apply online by visiting: <http://mfa-inc.com/about/careers> or visit the AgriService for more information.

## HELP WANTED

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Walker Signs With Central Methodist



Clopton senior Damian Walker has signed his letter of intent to play football and further his education at Central Methodist University. Damian Walker played football for the Clopton-Elsberry IndianHawks. Walker was joined at the signing by his parents Erica Walker and Devlon Walker (seated) in addition to (standing, l-r) Riley Walker, Clopton Athletic Director Matt Cannon, and coaches Mike Schiebel, Butch Wolanski, and Nick Gremaud.

## CHURCH

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If we could only know how many people attended the camp meetings or walked through these doors and the lives that were touched by exposure to God's message.

Antioch, on Sunday, May 26 in

celebration of 200 years, will hold a preaching service at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Bertie Rose and a special program at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Ann Collins Wasson giving the anniversary message. Many artifacts, photos, and memories will be shared.

All are welcome to attend the services and refreshments after the second program.



Pictured is the Antioch Presbyterian Church located at 21013 Pike 309. The church will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sunday, May 26.

## Clarksville Prepares For Flooding



Volunteers Jeff Stahlschmidt and Bud Garrison discuss the construction of a temporary levy in downtown Clarksville on Friday. Work has progressed and sandbagging efforts are also underway to protect the town. Trib photo by April M. Frerick



Love & Sons helped to bring in loads of sand starting last week to help construct the seven-foot temporary levy along First Street in Clarksville as the town prepares for predicted flooding. Trib photo by April M. Frerick

## FARMS

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To qualify, farms must meet the following guidelines. The same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years or more. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, or nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The present farm shall consist of no less than 40 acres of the original land and shall make a financial contribution

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"It is important to honor and respect our history," said Patty Fisher, County Engagement Specialist in 4-H Youth Development. "These farms represent both Missouri's cultural heritage and the good stewardship that our farmers strive for."

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Sand is dumped on Washington Street at the corner of First Street where a seven-foot barrier has been constructed to help protect downtown Clarksville from predicted flooding. Trib photo by April M. Frerick

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Pike County 911 Director Jim Porter sits at one of the new stations inside the trailer behind the Sheriff's Department that has been designated for 911 operations. Porter displays the mapping system and all of the communication channels on two of the four monitors at each dispatcher station. The trailer will have three complete stations when work wraps up in the trailer in the next month. Trib photo by April M. Frorick



The county commissioned construction of a secure building behind the Pike County Sheriff's Office, next to the 911 trailer, that houses all of the servers, recording equipment and other technology. Dispatchers can be moved into the building to operate if a new facility is constructed in the future. Trib photo by April M. Frorick



Operations for Pike County 911 will soon be housed completely in this trailer located directly behind the Pike County Sheriff's Department. For many years the operation was split with dispatchers operating out of the Sheriff's Department in addition to a satellite station in the Louisiana Police Department out of city hall. Voters recently opted to combine and vastly improve 911 operations. The trailer has been transformed to include a dispatch area with three stations, a training room, break room, conference room (where future 911 meetings will take place) and offices for the 911 director and an assistant. It is currently planned to have dispatchers moved into the trailer within the next month. Trib photo by April M. Frorick



Pike County Sheriff Stephen Koite discusses how the dispatcher stations are set up. The county now has two dispatchers on duty at all times. Work continues on streamlining calls so that everything is dispatched out of the 911 center. It is currently consolidated with the exception of ambulances which continue to be dispatched by Pike County Memorial Hospital. It is hoped that will be moved over to the county 911 operation within the next month. The 911 Board that was appointed by Pike County Commissioners has worked hard to get the operation on its feet before a board is elected in April. Trib photo by April M. Frorick



Computer monitors at each dispatch station has enhanced maps to help guide emergency personnel where they need to go. The county is currently having the mapping system upgraded. That work should be done within the next month as dispatchers move to the new facility. Trib photo by April M. Frorick



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Watch next week's edition for the Trib's annual Spring Home Improvement Guide!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## WWII Vet, Former Teacher Celebrates 99th Birthday At Cary Cancer Center

Bill Mallory is an inspiration to all, especially cancer patients, as he recently celebrated his 99th birthday at the James E. Cary Cancer Center.

His fighting spirit and positive attitude are what keeps him going through radiation treatments after recently being diagnosed with cancer.

Mallory is a pillar of the community. He is a World War II veter-

eran and has been a Mason for over 75 years. Mallory was an agriculture teacher at Bowling Green High School for 41 years has made an impact on countless lives over the years.

"If you want to stay young - stay healthy," Mallory remarked.

Advice that everyone should all take to heart.



Former Bowling Green High School ag teacher Bill Mallory celebrated his 99th birthday last week on Wednesday. A group at Hannibal Regional and James E. Cary Cancer Center helped to mark the occasion with a party.



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