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The Rock

Retired Judge Recalls Gridiron Glory

Editor's note: Brent Engel of Louisiana wrote the following story about Rockne Calhoun for the Hometown Courier-Post on Oct. 1, 2010. Engel had several requests that it be published again in the wake of the former Pike County Judge's death on April 6.

They said he was too slow. They thought he was too short. They wondered why a major college would recruit him. But, as with so many others in later years, they greatly underestimated Rockne Calhoun. The Louisiana High School football star, prep coach, lawyer, prosecutor and associate judge has mellowed little in the 50 years since he was a part of pigskin perfection at the University of Missouri. The 1960 Tigers, who beat Navy in the Orange Bowl, were honored last weekend in Columbia. Calhoun was known to his teammates as The Rock. It was a tough name for a transactions kid who refused to be caged by perceptions. He offered proof of his talent beyond the lines, and those who doubted were convinced after they left, or were carried off the field.

In an era before computers and special teams, Calhoun played both offensive tackle, caught his breath for a play or two and went back in on defense without batting an eye. And though age and fate have taken their toll on his 71-year-old body, Calhoun's spirit is still as strong as Mizou's first time from a half-century ago.

"Never hang it up," he said. "If you do, you're lost."

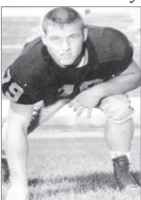
GOOD START
Calhoun was destined to lug the leather.

He was named for Notre Dame star and coach Knute Rockne, and played fullback for his hometown Louisiana Bulldogs.

The short, stocky kid was recruited by Mizou assistant Jim McKennis, who would go on to coach a year at Oklahoma before dying of a heart attack at age 37.

Calhoun made an early impression at what was then known as Memorial Stadium, later to be called Faurot Field.

Legendary coach Dan Devine took one look at the Pike County sparkplug and wondered aloud if



Rockne Calhoun in his playing days with Mizou.

Mizou had wasted a scholarship. "He didn't think I was the material," Calhoun recalled. Devine, who later would coach at Notre Dame and be portrayed rather unflatteringly in the 1993 movie "Rudy," was about to get an education.

When he wasn't bringing down the opposition, Calhoun could be counted on to clear a path for the rest of the Tigers.

After a 20-15 last-second road victory over Michigan on Sept. 26, 1959, the team left the cold, wet Ann Arbor field only to find itself stranded in a tunnel leading to the locker room.

When no one from Michigan would open the doors, Devine asked Calhoun and another lineman to do what they could. The barriers were promptly torn off at the hinges.

Devine was as much a father as he was a coach. He didn't let his players drink during the season or gamble at any time.

He also enforced curfews, including a policy that mandated players go to bed by 1 a.m. Saturdays on which they had a game.

Devine's opinion of Calhoun changed over time.

At a reunion in 2000, just two years before Devine's death, the coach's son-in-law told the Calhoun family that No. 79 was the most hard-nosed player Devine had encountered.

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Cruisin' In Martinsburg

Annual Car Show, Cruise Night Will Be April 26
April is here, the time is near, so get cruisin' in the streets. Yes, indeed it is time for the annual Martinsburg Car Show and Cruise Night. Martinsburg Area Community Betterment Council will town. Community Betterment hopes all might enjoy a visual and fun way to finally enjoy springtime.

A well-loved Friday night event.

Martinsburg Cruise Night is a casual gathering of community and car show fans. Fantastic looking rides will line First and Washington streets, with plenty of drivers and spectators hanging out to enjoy the night. Appreciate a variety of rides as there may be cars from many eras represented, with a random sam-

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Long Roads To Freedom

Missouri's

CIVIL WAR

The Missouri Humanities Council is pleased to announce the dedication of a new historical marker at the site of the first slave freed during the Civil War. The marker is located at the intersection of Olive and Cardinal Avenues in St. Louis. The ceremony will be held on April 18 at 10 a.m. at the Missouri Humanities Council.

The marker is a three-foot wide and two-foot tall. Funding came from the council and a grant by the Gertrude and William A. Bernoudy Foundation.

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Missouri's CIVIL WAR

MISSOURI HUMANITIES COUNCIL

1861 - 1865

An image of the "Long Roads to Freedom" marker featuring John Brooks Henderson and Mary Foote Henderson. The marker will be dedicated at a ceremony in St. Louis at 10 a.m. April 18. (Missouri Humanities Council)

Hendersons Part Of New Historical Marker

A former Pike County couple that made significant national contributions is being honored as part of a new historical marker. John Brooks Henderson and Mary Foote Henderson are recognized on the "Long Roads to Freedom" memorial, which will be dedicated April 18 in St. Louis.

The public ceremony is at 10 a.m. in J.B. "Jet" Banks Memorial Park at Olive and Cardinal Avenues on the north side of the Harris-Stowe University campus. The Missouri Humanities Council donated the \$1,500 tribute, which is three feet wide and two feet tall. Funding came from the council and a grant by the Gertrude and William A. Bernoudy Foundation.

Louisiana Food Pantry Has Busy First Quarter

The Louisiana Community Food Pantry has enjoyed a busy three months. During the first quarter of 2019 we have served 964 families for a total of 2506 individuals. This amounts to a distribution of approximately 10,550 (plus) pounds of food.

We are continuing to get much-needed food, personal care items, and monetary donations. Our facility is supported and used by families in eastern Pike County with a large concentration in and around Louisiana and Clarksville. A number of individuals make regular monthly donations of all types that help make our Pantry possible. We have also been the beneficiary of the generosity of a number of area businesses.

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Greg Wolk, Heritage Programs Coordinator for the Humanities Council, said there is "historic significance" to the site because it once featured a home owned by the Hendersons in the late 1860s and early 1870s. Also featured on the sign is Hiram Reed, a Union soldier who the first slave freed during the Civil War.

"The marker is being placed in a very prominent location on Olive Street in St. Louis, and the theme encompassed in 'Long Roads to Freedom' covers what is best known about John Henderson's life - his role in the drafting and passage of the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery," Wolk said. "Also high-

lighted is his role and Mary's family's role in the cause of women's suffrage. We believe that this marker will increase, exponentially, public awareness of the importance of the role of John B. Henderson and family in these, and other, remarkable adventures."

John Brooks Henderson was born in Virginia and moved with his family to Missouri at age six. Four years later, both his parents were dead. Henderson lived with a farm family until he could strike out on his own, first as a teacher and then as a lawyer. He served as a state lawmaker and as a bigger general in the Union army before being named to the U.S. Senate in 1862.

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Louisiana Citizen Of The Year

State Representative Jim Hansen presents a Missouri House Resolution recognizing Sara Drummond as the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Drummond was honored for her work with the Louisiana Community Food Pantry and other efforts. The award took place during the chamber's annual dinner meeting, which featured a luncheon. Find more highlights on page 8 of this week's edition.

SaveYour.Com Series Is April 24 At PCMH

The Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. will be presenting another SaveYour.Com video on Wednesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. The video showing will take place in the first floor conference room at Pike County Memorial Hospital.

"We had a small, but good turnout for the first video and some great ideas were passed around the room following the video," stated Diana Hucksap, Chairperson for LCBA. "Our main purpose in presenting these videos is to get community participation in how the residents see our community as a thriving and welcoming town as the future," stated Hucksap.

Small towns are making a great comeback all across Missouri as a result of the "Idea Friendly" sugges-

tions that are a part of these videos. The LCBA is very excited about the content and is hoping to help make a difference in how residents perceive the Louisiana community.

"We are valuing the people who see how now and what we all want to create together. All of us have ways of doing things, culture and things to share. We all want a thriving town with a future for generations. We thrive by doing more business together. We have everything we need. Real coverage moving forward when the outcome is uncertain," stated Diana Hucksap.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Diana Hucksap by email at: Imotion@myahoo.com or by calling 314-640-4420.



National Crime Victims Week

Pictured are offenders from MECC who built and painted this picnic table for National Crime Victims' Week celebrated April 7-13. The table was donated to the City of Louisiana. From left, Jacky Wong, Luke Scarmell, Michael Nalim, and Michael Campbell. Find more photos from the event on page 8 of this week's edition.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Calendar...

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On April 16-21: "Celebration of Life after the Journey to the Cross" spring revival will be held at Potosi Baptist Church located at 12682 Hwy. U. For info call Bro. Frank 573-470-8820.

On April 17: A kindergarten open house will be held at the Pike County Christian School located at 203 E. Maple, Curryville. For info call 324-2700 or 573-470-8820.

On April 18: There will be a Red Cross blood drive from 2-6:30 p.m. at the St. Clement Knights of Columbus hall, 14516 Hwy. J, Bowling Green. To make an appointment call Jim 324-3762 and leave a message or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KofC-SIClement to schedule an appointment.

On April 18: Pike County Democrat Club will hold an ice cream social at 6 p.m. in the Eolia Community center. Enjoy desserts, fellowship, and fun while listening to featured speakers from Missouri Healthcare for all and from the Pete Buttigieg campaign.

On April 22: Earth Day cleanup in the Bowling Green City Park

from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If interested in helping please bring rakes, shovels and gloves.

On April 26: All women are invited to gather at the Bowling Green High School Commons for CryOut, 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an evening of the Word, prayer, and praise for women of all denominations. The topic for this evening is Forgiveness, with guest speaker Rebecca Britain. Worship will be led by Debbie Ingram. There is no charge for the event. For more information, visit CryOutPikeMo on Facebook, contact cryoutpikemo@gmail.com, or call/Text Karen at 314-941-0210. Join us for a great evening of worship and prayer!

On April 28: The annual meeting of the Concord Cemetery Association will be held at 7 p.m. at the Bowling Green City Park pool side shelter house.

On May 3: First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual barbecue. Serving 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Carry-outs available - 324-2477. Serving pork steaks and pork burgers - sandwiches and meats. The church is located at 205 W. Centennial, Bowling Green.

Bowling Green Nazarene Church Celebrates Installation Service For New Pastor

The Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene held an installation service for the new pastor, Cole Branstetter on Sunday, April 7.

The installation service was led by the Missouri Church of the Nazarene Superintendent, Mike Palmer. Branstetter accepted the position earlier this year and officially started Sunday, March 17, 2019. The family is in the process of moving to the Bowling Green area.

Cole and wife, Rachelle, are no strangers to Bowling Green as Cole was born and raised here and Rachelle moved to the area when her dad accepted the position as senior pastor back in 1998 with the church.

After the service they celebrated with a carry-in luncheon and cake reception. The church is very excited as they look ahead to see what God has in store for them as a church to be a light in this community by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

They are planning a special Easter service on Sunday, April 21 starting with a breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by a church service at 10:30 a.m., and then immediately following there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Everyone welcome!



Pictured is new pastor Cole Branstetter holding Malachi, being sworn in by Missouri Church of the Nazarene Superintendent Mike Palmer. Also pictured are Rachelle Branstetter holding Evelyn, and Beau.



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VFW Post 5553 Auxiliary Plans Veteran's Appreciation Day

VFW Post 5553 Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the post home on Monday, April 1.

Election of officers for the auxiliary was held with most of the 2018 officer retaining their current offices. Installation will be held at the May meeting.

Department of Missouri State Convention will be held in Springfield in June and one of the members, Rowena Grigsby, is currently the senior vice president for the department and will be a candidate for Department of Missouri president. The auxiliary is very proud to have a member as a candidate for that office.

will be held at the post at the post home on Saturday, April 27 starting about 11 a.m. All veterans and their families are invited to come out to visit with members and learn about the programs that are supported by the post and auxiliary. A free light lunch of hot dogs or hamburgers will be served.

There will be a crappie fishing tournament on Saturday, May 4 at Mark Twain Lake sponsored by Department of Missouri VFW. Proceeds go to the state veteran's Service Office. For more information, contact: Tony Larson, Troy VFW Post Commander at 636-373-4266.

Plans were discussed for the second annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Memorial Day, May 27. They will meet on the square about 9-9:15 a.m., and proceed to the cemetery. The post and auxiliary members encourage everyone to come join the post and auxiliary in this effort.

Post and auxiliary members will hold "Buddy Poppy Day" on Friday, May 24. It is their way to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living." Buddy poppies are made by disabled veterans who receive very small pay for making them and proceeds are used to aid veterans and their families.

A Veteran's Appreciation Day

NOTICE

Annual meeting of
Concord Cemetery Association
Sunday, April 28
3 p.m. - Bowling Green City Park
pool side shelter house

ACCEPTING BIDS

VFW Post 5553 is accepting bids for mowing, weed eating, and spraying as needed. All bids need to be received by April 23, 2018. For more info please contact:
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Rules & information will be discussed

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Keeping An Eye On Progress

The new Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana is past the halfway point to completion. Changes to the bridge are visible every day. All of the piers have been set and the steel girders are being put in place before the bridge's concrete deck is installed. The People's Tribune is including a photo every week as work continues until completion as a scrapbook to one of the biggest projects the area has seen. When finished the bridge will be more than twice the width it is now at 44-feet wide and will have a price tag of just over \$50 million.

Photo by April M. Fries

Pike Pioneer Menu

Monday, April 22 - Sloppy Joe, oven fried potatoes, green beans, dessert.

Tuesday, April 23 - Ham and beans, cooked apples, slaw.

Wednesday, April 24 - Spaghetti, lima beans, dessert.

Thursday, April 25 - Closed.

Friday, April 26 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, dessert.

Rural North Lincoln County Churches To Host Easter Services

The churches of rural north Lincoln County will host Good Friday and Easter sunrise community services on Friday, April 19 and Sunday, 21.

The Good Friday service will be held at 7 p.m., at the Mill Creek Baptist Church and the Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m., at the Siletz Presbyterian Church.

Tri-County Saddle Club Holds Coggins Clinic

By Beth Traynor Gilbert
Tri-County Saddle Club Reporter

Saturday, April 6 Tri-County Saddle Club hosted its annual coggins clinic.

This nonprofit community event is held by order of and done by Veterinarian Nancy Roth. We could not have asked for better weather for the occasion. A total of 46 horses were drawn for coggins and vaccinated.

Following the vaccinations the monthly meeting was called to order by President, Neil Gilbert at 5 p.m. Trophies and leather creations for the 2019 show season were finalized. It was also decided that the club will host a trail ride and bonfire with dinner on May 18 instead of a horse show. Our shows will start off with the scheduled Youth Roundup. This show is set for June 8 at 1 p.m., and is a fun way for children (18 and under) to make friends and enjoy horsemanship. Our regular show date will kick off on June 15 at 1 p.m. and is open to all ages.

On May 4 at 2 p.m., the club will be tidying up the arena and hopefully making repairs to the cook shack. We plan to paint the building, barrels, and benches and clean up the grounds. The club will supply hot dogs and buns for a bonfire after all of the hard work is completed. Everyone bring a covered dish and spend the day with us.

Other business included making several improvements to the building this year. Options were given about insulation, roof sealer, and new doors for the entrance. There was discussion about ordering new club t-shirts as well. This has not been done in several years and would be a simple fundraiser to unify members at shows and community outings.



Celebrating Arbor Day

Clifton fourth grade students recently learned the importance of planting trees in celebration of Missouri Arbor Day. Holly Muffitt and Malise Keeser, members of the Clarksville Garden Club, shared information with the students about the trees, flowers and grasses of Pike County on Friday, April 5. Each student was also given a red Maple tree, donated by Forest Kooling Nursery in Elsberry, to plant in honor of Arbor Day. Pictured above, Muffitt and Keeser talk with students about how to take care of their trees.

Upcoming Activities At The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA

The Van-Far Ambulance District and the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA are teaming up to present a community wide Hoops for Hearts event on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m.-noon in the YMCA gymnasium.

Stop by and walk laps around the gym track or shoot free throws for an opportunity to learn basic CPR and AED from your ambulance team. Sign in for a chance to win door prizes. Snacks and beverages will be provided during the event.

Mark your calendar to stop by the YMCA on April 27 and learn valuable information from your local Van Far ambulance crew.

Youth Wellness Center certification registration is underway for current members who are between the ages of 12 and 14 years. The Wellness Center at the Y is only open to members who are 15 years of age and older.

However, members between the age of 12 and 14 may enroll in a certification class which would allow them to use the Wellness Center area prior to the age of 15 years once they pass the class.

There is a fee for the class and will be held May 1, 2019, from

3:30-5 p.m., at the Y. Parents must come to the Y Welcome Desk to enroll their child in the class. This certification is on the equipment only.

A pickleball instructional clinic plus games will be announced soon. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net.

Pickleball is currently available at the Y throughout most of the day and on the weekends at select times. Pickleball is a sport for all ages and athletic levels. Continue to check our Facebook page "Eastern Missouri Family YMCA" and local media for cost and scheduling.

The Y is looking for coaches and players who are interested in a four-week wiffle ball league for 3-4 year olds. Practices would be held at the end of May and games would be played in June at Tri-County Park, Vandata. Registration and fees will be available at the Y soon.

For more information on the upcoming activities, please contact the YMCA at 904-2208 and like and follow the Facebook page.

30 Sophomores Selected For 2019 MO Agribusiness Academy

Thirty high school sophomores were recently selected to participate in the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Missouri Agribusiness Academy. Students selected will spend the first week of June in the Springfield region exploring various segments of Missouri agriculture.

The most valuable thing we can do to develop the next generation of agricultural workforce is to share with them the wide variety of careers that may interest them," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chittim. "These young men and women have proven themselves to be some of the highest achieving students in agriculture. It is our hope that MABA will further develop their leadership skills and introduce them to their future in agriculture."

Since 1989, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has awarded more than 930 students through a competitive application and interview process. The 2019 MABA marks the program's 32nd year!

promoting careers in agriculture to high school students. To be eligible for the Missouri Agribusiness Academy, students must come from a farming family or be an active member of the National FFA Organization or 4-H.

Lexi Pachemeier of Sikeas was chosen as one of the 30 to attend the academy.

The MABA class will convene at the Missouri Department of Agriculture on June 3. After a Department overview and tour, the students will spend two Springfield for the week. During the 2019 Missouri Agribusiness Academy, the students will visit agriculture businesses and learn about career opportunities in agriculture, animal health, farming, ranching and more.

For additional details about the 2019 Missouri Agribusiness Academy, as well as more information on the Department of Agriculture, please visit the department online at Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret A. Dodd

Margaret A. Dodd, 75, of Hamblin died Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Hamblin Regional Hospital in Hamblin.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hamblin. The Rev. Michael Miller officiated. Burial was at Grand View Burial Park in Hamblin.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of services, Saturday at the funeral home.

Margaret was born Oct. 15, 1943, at McCune Station on Paul "Pat" and Hazel Spigal Patrick. She was married to Charles T. Dodd Sr., on Aug. 9, 1958 in Hamblin. He survives.

Other survivors include two children, Charles T. Dodd, Jr. and wife, Diane of Emden, and Steven L. Dodd of Hamblin; eight granddaughters, Lucy Mason and husband, Derek, Steven L. Dodd, Jr., Cade L. Dodd, Chazti L. Dodd, Donnyvan Dossier Dixon, David Fugate and Rebecca Fugate and 16 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Julie Ann Britschig, and Joyce Dodd, two brothers, Bill Patrick and Marion Dossier Patrick, two grandsons, James Innesgrove and Florence Ray and two brothers-in-law, Everett Dodd and William Leroy Dodd. Professionally Margaret graduated as a supervisor from the Swift Ecolink Company.

A wonderful grandmother, Margaret loved to spend time with her grandchildren. Fried chicken and pies of all kinds were specialties that Margaret enjoyed cooking for her family.

Going to movies, the music of Frank Sinatra and traveling were a few of Margaret's favorite activities, she simply enjoyed the moments she shared with family.

Margaret was a Christian by faith. Pallbearers were Donovan Dodd, Frank Riley, Derek Mason, Jay Frisley, Tommy Joe Rieck, and Paul Shannon. Honorary pallbearers were Anthony Lawber, Jimmy Ruby, Steven L. Dodd, Jr., Wayne Nelson, and Mark Lawber.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Grand River Honor Flight. Online condolences may be made, and video tribute may be viewed at www.jamesodonnellfuneralhome.com

Maggie May Heffner

Maggie May Heffner, 84, of Louisiana died Saturday, April 6, 2019 at her home.

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Mike Dallas officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Maggie was born July 18, 1934 in rural Louisiana to C.H. and Lucy Elizabeth Graves Corum. She was married to William G. Heffner on Feb. 7, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana. He survives.

She is also survived by two daughters, Diane Dixon and husband, Ronnie of Curryville and Robin Heffner of Louisiana; five grandchildren, Melissa "Maisy" Pitzer, Travis Dixon, Dustin Hawkins, Daniel Hawkins and wife, Heather, and Duane Hawkins and wife, Shelby; nine great-grandchildren, Amos Pitzer and wife, Ariel, Laynaye Velasco, Alicia Hawkins, Layne Hawkins, Annie Uterback, Bryanna Hawkins, Allison Hawkins, Madison Hawkins, and Remington Hawkins; three great-great-grandchildren, Hayden, Heidi, and Hayes Pitzer; a sister, Ruby Ward; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends, and very special friends, Ron and Cecil Madson and sons of Coffeyville, Kan.

She was preceded in death by a son, William G. Heffner II, her parents, C.H. and Lucy Corum, three brothers, Thomas Austin "Buster" Corum, Howard Russell "Stub" Corum, and Henry James Hawkins, and two sisters, Doris Virginia White, and Mary Jane Elliott.

From where used to be known as Little Africa north of town, Maggie moved to Louisiana when she was eight years old. She had attended Louisiana Grade School and High School.

Maggie loved to dance, especially the jitterbug. She loved cooking, sewing, going to auctions and garage sales, spending her time with family, and traveling.

Over the years she had worked at the Downtown Cafe, Logon's Cafe, and Ab's Cafe in Louisiana, as well as Bobbie Brooks in Vandalia, Bridal Originals in Bowling Green, and McDonald's in Louisiana.

Honorary pallbearers were Misty Pitzer, Hayden Pitzer, Lindsey VanLasco, Alicia Hawkins, Layne Hawkins, Bryanna Hawkins, and Annie Uterback. Pallbearers were Travis Dixon, Daniel Hawkins, Amos Pitzer, and Jason Luck.

Duane Michael Pilliard

Duane Michael Pilliard was born April 20, 1959 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Hamblin.

He was the third child of Dennis and Marjorie Pilliard. He had two brothers and five sisters. Dale Piliard of Bowling Green, and Randy Piliard of Washington and Lindy Dunlap of Vandalia.

Duane accepted Christ at a early age and was baptized at the Curryville Baptist Church.

Duane graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1977.

He joined the United States Navy following high school. He was a crew member aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Grading, while deployed his ship operated as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

He moved to California. He and Angela Miller, had two children, Angela Marie and Alexander.

Duane worked at Ali Security in Honolulu, Hawaii at the time of his death.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Saturday at Bibb-Voach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

He was an Air Force aviator. Burial was at Concord Cemetery in Bowling Green, with military rites being conducted by Missouri Military Honor and VFW Post #5553.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until the time of services at the funeral home.

George was born Oct. 2, 1933 in Leon, the son of Ralph and Cassie Double Miller. He married Doris Ann Panchob in Bowling Green June 6, 1959. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Mike Miller and wife, Megan of Hudson, Wis.; daughter, Mariana Schucklenock-Kalish and husband, John of O'Fallon, Marcia Luebrecht of Bowling Green, and Marilyn Behnman and husband, Roy of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Jennifer Lynn and husband, Misty Laebrecht; and wife, Brandy; Justin Laebrecht, Stephanie Butler and husband, Eric, Nicole Ganger and husband, Tim, Sara Behnman, Tyler Behnman, Maria Miller and Davis Miller; great-grandchildren, Jack, Molly, Maggie, Mike, Kyle Laebrecht; and wife, Katelyn; and two sons-in-law, George; a brother, Paul Miller of Potosi, Mich.; sisters, Lois Barton of Potosi, Mich. and Delores Freeman of Potosi, Ky.; nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn; a brother, Schucklenock; a grandson, Hunter Behnman; half sister, AnnaBelle Barker and two nephews.

George grew up in Potosi. He worked for General Motors until he was drafted into the United States Navy. After being honorably discharged George worked many jobs including driving for Valley Feed and working as a welder. He first met Doris at the home of Fred and Joann Johnson.

George also drove for Louisiana Pianos, Osheolin Freight Line and Feodos Grain and Supply. George and Doris owned Backhacks in the 1970's for a few years. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green. George was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Louisiana, as well as VFW Post #5553 in Bowling Green. He was also a member of the Frankford Lions Club where he enjoyed trail riding.

George enjoyed telling stories and giving everyone a hard time. He liked to attend cattle sales and ride horses. George also had many friends in Louisiana, as well as in rural Bowling Green and enjoyed spending time with them. Most of all, George enjoyed life and his family.

George is survived by his wife, Kyla Laebrecht, Justin Laebrecht, Tyler Behnman, Davis Miller, Mason Beutner, and Jake, as well as VFW Post #5553 in Bowling Green.

Memorials may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home, Pike County Home Health and Hospice Center in Bowling Green.

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

Clifford Holtsman

Clifford Holtsman, 69, of Bowling Green died Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Hamblin Regional Hospital.

A celebration of life will be held from 4-8 p.m., Saturday at Broken P Arena, 11077 Pike 405 Bowling Green.

Creation rites are being handled by Bibb-Voach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Clifford was born Aug. 5, 1958 in Louisiana, the son of Lloyd Paul and Opal Lovena Gann Holtsman. He lived in Louisiana until fifth grade when the family moved to Bowling Green.

Survivors include his father Lloyd Holtsman and step-mother, Louise Holtsman of Portageville; three daughters, Amy Deiers of Bowling Green, Mandy Jo Burnett and husband, Shawn of Bowling Green, and Megan Harton and husband, Casey of Stoutville; nine grandchildren, Gabrielle Deiers, Gavin Deiers, Grace Rose Deiers, Kayden Burnett, Kamden Burnett, Kannon Burnett, Gracie Jo Hatton, Gage Hatton, Grant Hatton; a brother, Ron Holtsman and wife, Jane of Halls Summit; one sister, Nadine Lawson of Bowling Green; a sister-in-law, Kelly Holtsman of Thompston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin H. and Ruth C. Grover, brother-in-law, William Trower; brother, Leslie Holtsman; and brother-in-law, Ray Lawson.

Clifford worked for Gunther-Nash, Gallopway Limestone and Wayne B. Smith. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, woodwork, and camp life with family and friends and most of all seeing his grandchildren.

Clifford loved traveling around the United States with Gunther-Nash. Any one who knew him well he liked to shoot the "bull" with everyone and never met a stranger.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Voach Funeral Home.

**Jerry Wayne Grover**

Jerry Wayne Grover, 63, of Clarksville died Saturday, April 13, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

A Celebration of Life service for Jerry will be held at the ELKS Lodge in Louisiana from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, April 20, 2019. Jerry enjoyed cooking, gardening, and fishing.

He is survived by sisters, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis LaBrier and husband, Dick, Janet Elliott; and sister-in-law, Rosanna Grover, brothers, Paul Grover and wife, Eugenia, and Gary Grover, children, Mikki Blair and husband, Nathan, Staci Brown, Stephanie McCormick and husband, Chuck, Lea Hart and husband, Dennis, Ben Grover and wife, Allison, Caleb Grover, Samantha Grover, Katie Simon, and Michael Simon; and many grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin H. and Ruth C. Grover, brothers, Donald M. Grover and wife Margaret, Robert L. Grover, Richard D. Grover, brother-in-law, Carmen Campbell, and nephews, Robert L. Grover, Jr. and Donald M. Grover, Jr.

Clifford's funeral home in Louisiana is in charge of arrangements.

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**Charles "Gene" Syster Jr.**

Charles Eugene "Gene" Syster Jr., 84, of Vandalia died Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at Southside Baptist Church of Vandalia. Pastor Mark Phelps will officiate along with Bro. Kenny Haddock. Gravestone with full military honors provided by the American Legion Post 510 of Vandalia will follow the funeral at Fivegreen Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home.

Charles was born July 21, 1934, in Bowling Green, the son of Charles Eugene Sr. and Jessie Mae Spicers Syster. He was united in marriage to Anna Louren Clark of Vandalia. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Deborah Ann Salois and husband, Joe of Curryville, and Lisa Louise McCallister and Lynn of Little Rock, Ark.; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Salois and wife, Gina of Louisiana, Matthew Salois of Kansas City, Kan., Charles T. West of Jacksonville, Ark., and Joshua West of Benton, Ark.; niece, Tammy Puffer; nephews, Philip Hyes and lots of other loved family and friends.

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The Road To No More Victims

By COLLEEN SHREEVEY-CHURCH
My son Dustin had unforgettable fiery red hair and a huge, goofy grin. He loved to make people laugh. One summer night shortly after graduating high school, Dustin got a ride with a 19-year-old driver who had alcohol and drugs in her system.

Seat-belt and sober, Dustin was riding in the back seat when the driver lost control of the car, ran into an embankment and launched the car into a river. The driver and front seat passenger escaped. Dustin could not, and was drowned.

As the immediate past president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), I represent hundreds of thousands of people like my whose lives have been tragically, irreversibly changed by someone else's decision to drive while impaired. To end impaired driving, we need to take action, and since April is Alcohol Awareness Month, there's no better time to have this discussion.

Impaired driving is a complex issue that grows more urgent by the day with the increasing prevalence of drug-impaired driving. Drugged driving is finding its way into evening news and morning headlines across the country as a growing number of Americans get high and sometimes even overdose behind the wheel. Even more troubling, these drivers often combine substances like alcohol, marijuana and opioids, which exponentially increase their impairment and the likelihood of causing a fatal crash.

Our response to this issue must be comprehensive. The United States has been successful over the past three decades in drastically reducing the number of impaired-driving fatalities through effective legislation, increased enforcement, technology education campaigns, changing societal norms and a greater recognition of the need for addiction treatment. Impaired-driving fatalities dropped for years but have recently begun to tick back up. Far too

many Americans—10,874 in 2017—lose their lives each year to completely preventable crimes.

DWI courts are uniquely positioned to have one of the greatest impacts on impaired driving in our communities because they specialize in targeting and treating the population that poses the greatest threat to our safety: repeat impaired drivers with a substance use disorder.

We know that the first arrest is usually the first time someone has driven impaired. In fact, studies estimate that an impaired driver has done so more than 80 times before getting caught. We also know that for many of these high-risk, high-need individuals, punishment alone simply will not change their behavior. DWI courts combine evidence-based treatment to address their substance use disorder with structure and strict accountability to change the behavior that attends it, including close supervision and tool like ignition interlock.

Research confirms that this approach significantly reduces impaired driving: participants in DWI courts are up to 60 percent less likely to reoffend than those sentenced to jail or standard probation. Unfortunately, there are just over 700 of these programs in the entire country, far too few to serve every eligible offender. The National Center for DWI Courts is committed to expanding DWI courts to make our roads and communities safer, and I'm honored to partner with them in this work.

As a nation, we must have a greater sense of urgency. We must wage an unrelenting battle on the devastating, 100-percent preventable crime of impaired driving on our roadways. Clearly, our work is far from finished. But together, with your help, we can create a world with no more victims.

Colleen Shreevey-Church is the immediate past National President of Mother's Against Drunk Driving



Clopton Elementary 'Conquerors'

Clopton Elementary teachers recently picked students from each grade who have gone above and beyond expectations in the classroom during the third quarter. They were each treated to a pizza lunch with Elementary Principal Linda Henderson. Pictured are those who were chosen as "Conquerors of the Quarter": front row (l-r): Lorita Stewart, Ava Cobart, Bryson VanBeebe, Brooklyn Carr, Parker Reuther, Emma Dunn, and Nidan Waller. Second row: Sophie Simmons, Kain Evans, Ava Bankhead, Lauren Blackwell, Ashlyn Noah, and Calum Waller. Not pictured are Anna Stewart and Marlee Dameron.

First PACT Spring Gospel Sing

With approximately 110 people in attendance, the first Spring Gospel Sing sponsored by Prayer and Action in Christ Together (PACT) was a wonderful afternoon of glorifying Jesus! People from more than 14 different churches gathered at the Pike County Fairgrounds and offered praise to the Lord. PACT extends thanks to all who participated and all who donated to make this afternoon a glory to Jesus.

Those singing or playing were Pastor Bill Hobbs of The Way Ministries, Charlotte Ingram of Second Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Neil Darrell of First Baptist Church Louisiana, Brother Lovell Thompson of Eolia Baptist Church, Julie Leverenz and Beverly Hood of Bowling Green First Presbyterian Church, Donna Grots of Second Baptist Church BG, Jo Ann Rancey of Immanuel Baptist Church Hannibal, Jon Miller and Praying Hands of Louisiana, Debbie Ingram of Second Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Karen Arico of the Refuge Church of Pike County, Marion Braesterter of New Harmony Christian Church, Second Baptist Church BG choir, and Pastor Richard Bagg of Elmwood Community Church. Ryne Ingram and Ethan Martin of Second Baptist operated the sound system. Rebecca Glenn of the First Christian Church BG served as emcee.

PACT has sponsored the annual Gospel Sing on the Sunday beginning Pike County Fair week for over twenty years. This was the first Spring Sing, and was in response to the many requests to have sings more frequently. With the success of the day, this is likely to become an annual event. PACT is an arm of the Bowling Green Ministerial Association. Members of PACT are Amy Lay of Peno Baptist Church, Brenda Haddock of First Christian Church Vandalia, Karen Arico of the Refuge Church, and Patti Crane of St. Clement Parish.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 21st for the annual Fair Week Gospel Sing!!! Also, National Day of Prayer is May 2. Watch the Prayer and Action in Christ Together - PACT Facebook page and this newspaper for details.



Pictured are those attending the first PACT spring gospel sing

MDC Reminds Missourians To Keep Wildlife Wild

As Missourians begin to head outdoors during the long-awaited spring season, they may encounter a variety of newborn animals. Though the young wildlife can pull on the best leathers, and sometimes are to be abandoned, that's usually not the case.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds residents to avoid interfering with newborn or young animals as it can do more harm than good.

"Young animals are rarely orphaned," said MDC State Wildlife Veterinarian Sherri Russell. "If the young is left alone, the parent will usually return. Parents are normally out searching for food and cannot constantly attend to their offspring."

Russell added that baby birds are a common newborn people want to help.

"If you see a chick on the ground hopping around and it has feathers, leave it alone and bring pet inside because it is a fledgling and the parents are nearby keeping an eye on it," she said. "Fledglings can spend up to 10 days hopping on the ground while learning to fly. If you find one that is featherless, you can return it to the nesting area if possible, as it probably fell out of the nest."

Dogs catching baby rabbits and lawn mowers running over nests are other common issues.

Rabbits seldom survive in captivity and can actually die of fright

from being handled," Russell said. "Even if the animal is injured, return it to the next because the mother will most likely return."

Despite what many think, wild mothers do not abandon their young because of a human scent, and most newborn animals do not survive in captivity.

While people have good intentions, the care and rehabilitation of wild animals requires special training, knowledge, facilities—and permission, she explained. "Without such care, wild animals will remain in poor health and could eventually die. And it is illegal to possess many wild animals without a valid state or federal permit."

Russell also noted that wildlife can become dangerous as they mature, and can also carry parasites, disease, and can damage property.

Native wildlife can carry mistletoes, ticks, lice, fleas, flukes, roundworms, tapeworms, rabies, distemper, tuberculosis, respiratory diseases, and skin diseases," Russell said. "Some of these can be transmitted to humans."

Although tempting to take them into homes, the best help people can offer wild animals is to leave them alone.

For more information on Missouri's many native wildlife species, visit the MDC online Field Guide at www.watara.mdc.mo.gov/discovers-nature/field-guide/search.

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Revenues:	
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Intergovernmental Revenue	\$215,524.15
Medicare/Medicaid/Third Party Revenues	\$1,386,640.28
Charges for services	\$183,365.23
Interest Income	\$3,891.53
Other/Grants/Donations	\$159,708.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,668,080.15
Expenses:	
Personnel/Benefits/Contracted Services	\$1,944,980.80
Office/Admin. Expenses/medical supplies/equipment	\$296,464.40
Travel/public education/grant expenses	\$73,857.01
Hospice expenses	\$194,159.29
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,509,461.50
Accrual basis adjustment	-\$292,158.89
Ending Cash Balance December 31, 2018	\$290,289.12

Respectfully submitted,

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NECC Marks Crime Victims Week



Pictured are representatives from AVENUES, from left, Stookie Ward and Deborah Roberts, who accepted a check from offenders at NECC for National Crime Victims Week on Friday April 12.

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Pictured are representatives from NECAAC, from left, Janice Robinson and Chandra Roberts, who accepted a check from offenders at NECC for National Crime Victims Week on Friday April 12.

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Pictured is Dan Riddington, NECC warden, giving the welcome for the 2019 National Crime Victims program.



Pictured is Lana Byram, National Crime Victims Awareness chairperson recognizing special guests and introducing various offenders who gave speeches and read poems.



Offenders from NECC who helped to raise money for AVENUES, NECAAC, and Bikers Against Child Abuse for the year and presented a check to the organizations during Crime Victims Week April 7-13. The check was for \$1,650. Pictured is the OOA Club, from left: Julian Jackson, Adam Wegner, Dan Valles, Rocky Rollins, and William Simmons.

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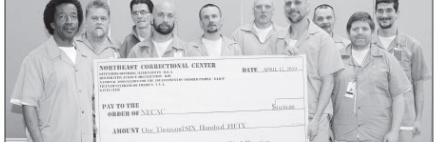
Offenders from NECC who helped to raise money for AVENUES, NECAAC, and Bikers Against Child Abuse for the year and presented a check to the organizations during Crime Victims Week April 7-13. The check was for \$1,650. Pictured is the NAACP from left: Bobby James, Joe Murchison Jr., Jackie Paysoal, Ernest Buckner, Kevin Staples, Jirmie McGe, and Joseph Wilson Sr.

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Pictured is the RJO Club holding a check donated to AVENUES, NECAAC, and Bikers Against Child Abuse, front row (l-r): David Simme, Kenneth Friend, Daniel Kille, and William Saigo. Second row: Roger E. Hicks, James D. Dixon, Joe Thompson, William Hargrove, Michael Swensay, Bobby James, and Jackie Paysoal.

Thank You

There are no words for how THANKFUL we are to God, our family, friends and our community during the loss we have endured from our house fire on March 19. We are so grateful for the generosity of the community and outpouring of love we have been shown. We would like to say thank you all so much!!!

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Four area students recently attended the Sophomore Pilgrimage Day in Jefferson City (from left): Brysidi Jones, Evan Lagaman, Evan Jones and Jacob Bowen.

Four Area Students Participate In Sophomore Pilgrimage Day

Four area students were among the 175 sophomores across the state of Missouri that had the opportunity to attend the 85th Annual Sophomore Pilgrimage day in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 9.

The event was sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri. Area students attending and their sponsoring club were Brysidi Jones of Elsbury High School, sponsored by the Elsbury DNC Club; Evan Lagaman of Clifton High School, sponsored by the Clarkville Chautauqua Club; Evan Jones of Louisiana High School, sponsored by the Clarkville Chautauqua Club; and Jacob Bowen of Bowling Green High School, sponsored by the Bowling Green Heir Study Club.

Students were chosen for this honor to attend by their respective school's faculty and peers for their citizenship, scholarship, leadership,

and service. Students and their chaperones toured the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion and then ended their experience at the First United Methodist Church of Jefferson City for lunch. During the luncheon everyone was honored to hear remarks from Governor Mike Parsons, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Attorney General Eric Schmitt, Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick and Clark of the Supreme Court Betsy Aubuchon.

A side note was that out of the elected officials, Aubuchon was the only prior Sophomore Pilgrimage attendee.

She said, "I was honored to be sitting in the same spot as you as an attendee years ago with my grandmother." The elected officials spoke about the reason they are in public service and that is to help others.

PLTC Students Compete In Missouri Skills USA Conference

Pike-Lincoln Technical Center students attended the Missouri Skills USA Leadership and Skills Conference at Lim State Technical College in Lima on April 4-6.

Students left from PLTC early Thursday morning and spent the next three days competing and representing our school in different contests.

On Saturday, the results were announced and we are excited about how well our students performed. Sasha Williams and Abi Jacynya, both Bowling Green High students, placed 1st in their 3D Animation Contest. Drew Puleo and Colby Jackson, both students from the Troy school district, placed 3rd in the same contest. Justin Smith, a Winfield High School senior, placed 1st in the First-Aid/CPR Contest. Sasha, Abi and Justin will be representing the State of Missouri at the National SkillsUSA Conference to be held this summer in Louisville, Kentucky.

We would like to thank Peoples Bank & Trust, RK Straman, and Ken and Janet Freeman and others for their support of our students. The generous assistance of our community partners helps make these events possible for our students.

SkillsUSA is a national organization of students, faculty, and community partners designed to help



Front row: Abi Jacynya and Sasha Williams. Back row: Drew Puleo, Colby Jackson, and Justin Smith.

students grow in their skilled trade. SkillsUSA promotes leadership, community involvement, and character growth. For more information about SkillsUSA, see their web site at www.skillsusa.org.



The Louisiana Elks #791 presented several Lodge and community awards on March 30. The Elks recognized Manha Gartson as Citizen of the Year.



The Louisiana Elks honored Joe Ray Asquith as the Elk of the Year.



The Louisiana Elks presented Danny Wood, Sr. with the Officer of the Year.



Final Clifton PTO Meeting

The final Clifton PTO meeting for the year was held April 11, featuring a presentation by kindergarten and first grade students. Upcoming events for the PTO include: Donuts for Dudes (April 26) and Muffins with Misses (May 6). These events, which promote sharing a breakfast with your student(s) before school starts, will be held in the Clifton cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. each day. The cost of breakfast will be paid by the PTO. RSVP forms have been sent home for these events. Everyone is welcome. Elementary Field Day (track and field events) will be held May 3 (rain date May 10). Students in kindergarten-third grade will have events in the morning, while afternoon events will be held for students in 4th-5th grades. PTO will provide snacks for the students during this event. Teacher Appreciation Day will be held May 7. PTO will provide breakfast goodies for teachers that day. Elementary Spring Concert is set for 7 p.m. May 9 in the Old Gym. Home-made cookie sales will be held before and after the concert. Donations of cookies need to be made by May 8. PTO donated \$200 toward the annual Walking Club field trip, to go towards t-shirts for all attending. Pictured are students performing a skit at the PTO meeting including, from left: Vivienne Woods, Ava Adams, Josie Walker, Rozco Lovelace, Bowen Cannon, Haley Lovell, Kyrenyia Holloway, and Haley Tawk.

NECAC Awarded NeighborWorks Grant For Home Upgrades

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has been awarded a \$66,666 grant to provide energy-efficient upgrades at the homes of five income-qualifying people in four Missouri counties.

The agency will take applications on a first-come, first-served basis. The program covers Marion, Monroe, Pike and Ralls counties. The grant comes from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation through NeighborWorks America, a Congressionally-chartered national organization that supports community development through grants and technical assistance.

The grant is part of the Safe and Sound Program, which was made possible with a national donation by the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation. NECAC will do the work through its Self-Help Housing Rehabilitation Program. It is the second such funding award NECAC has received in the last year.

"NECAC appreciates the chance to continue our commitment to quality, affordable housing in our region," said NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick. "The NECAC Self-Help Housing Program will use the funding to bring substandard rural homes up to state and federal housing codes through rehabilitation. Grant funds will be used to increase energy efficiency and stabilize affordable homeownership while increasing the opportunity for people to grow their assets."

NECAC received a \$159,000 USDA Rural Development grant last year to do Self-Help Housing renovations at 26 owner-occupied homes in the four counties. Income-qualifying participants work with a NECAC construction supervisor who provides one-on-one instruction on the skills they need to do the projects. Supplies are purchased by the program, but the labor is contributed by the families or individuals.

Also last year, NECAC received a \$45,500 Safe and Sound Program grant that was used to renovate homes in the four-county region.

"We are so pleased to again receive a Safe and Sound grant from NeighborWorks," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts. "We're very confident that this funding will help improve the lives of local residents and strengthen their communities by prolonging the life of existing homes."

To apply for the Safe and Sound Program or to find out more, call 573-324-6622 or visit one of the following NECAC Service Centers:

Marion County: 3518 Palmyra Road in Hannibal -- 573-221-7166.
Monroe County: 314 N. Washington in Paris -- 660-327-4110.
Pike County: 805 Bus. Hwy. 61 North in Bowling Green -- 573-324-2207.
Ralls County: 411 Main in New London -- 573-983-2411.



Robert Ringhausen was approved for Life Membership and received his 50-year membership pin.



Special commendations were presented to Danny Wood, Sr., Dorothy Brown and Mona Brown. Mona Brown is not pictured.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Louisiana Chamber Of Commerce Banquet

●●● Friday, April 12 ●●●



Louisiana Chamber Member Of The Year

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet on Friday, April 12th at the Biome. Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Krista Pitzer presents the Chamber Member of the Year Award to President Tim Jenkins.



Special Award

Former Louisiana Mayor Bart Niswander spoke for himself and current Mayor Marvin Brown when presenting a special award to three women who played key roles in the 2018 Louisiana Bicentennial celebration. Accepting the award, from left, are Michelle Niswander, Cindy Blaylock and Lori Lewis.



Community Betterment Awards

Diana Huckstep, left, of Louisiana Community Betterment recognized Susan and Melissa Fiegau for their work in chronicling Louisiana history. Their website is www.historic-la-mo.com.

OBITUARIES

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In addition to his parents, Mr. Sylar was preceded in death by a sister, Charlyne Hyle.

Charles attended school in Bowling Green before joining the United States Air Force in October of 1952. He proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict.

Charles worked various jobs in Bowling Green and Vandala area. He retired in 1996 from the Van-Par-R-I School District. He was an ordained deacon at Southside Baptist Church of Vandala where he taught

adult Sunday School for many years.

Charles had a passion for music especially southern gospel, bluegrass and country. He loved playing his guitar and played in a band named the Fender-Benders.

He loved watching NASCAR with other church members on Sunday afternoons. Charles was a huge support of the military especially the United States Air Force.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Southside Baptist Church of Vandala or SSM Home Health of Mexico, c/o Waters Funeral Home 500 S. Main St. P.O. Box 84 Vandala, MO 63422.

CRUISE

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planning of makes and models scattered throughout. Custom vehicles, mopeds, motorcycles, trucks, street rods, muscle cars, vintage eye-catchers, imports, exotics and modern muscle cars may round out the inclusive "everyone is welcome" vibe.

Uncover your "Pride and Joy," put a shine on it, and bring it to Martinsburg. Don't forget to register at the Old Jail, where a \$15 entry fee gets your vehicle a space in the car show and cruise. All classes of vehicles are invited to show and dad plaques will be presented to the first 100 registrants. 2019 show classes are: car, truck, motorcycle, neo car, roadster, street rod, muscle car, rat rod, antique car (pre 1949), antique truck (pre 1949) and boat of show. Trophies are to be presented prior to the Cruise.

Music and food are also a part of the evening's festivities. Musical entertainment will be provided by Music Express's mobile DJ service. A menu consisting of burgers, hot dogs, pork loin sandwiches, and fried waffles will be offered for sale by the sixteenth annual event from

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, April 26, 2019. The get-together is sure to shake off those Winter blues and invoke some Spring fever. Spectators are invited to stroll the downtown area or enjoy the view from the sidewalks as participants cruise through Community Betterment.

With the proceeds from the event, the Community Betterment organization hopes to continue their mission of "promoting good community relations in Martinsburg." Founded over 20 years ago, the Council sponsors Cruise Night as their major fundraising effort to meet expenses related to upkeep of the Martinsburg Community Room, Branch Library building, and various other community undertakings. In February 2019, Community Betterment committed to purchase a scoreboard for Martinsburg Athletic Association. They are also researching Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program/grant for recycled scrap for the playground at Martinsburg City Park.

So, come on down and enjoy an evening of cars, music, food, and cooperative spirit in this "Rain or Shine event." Admission is free for spectators. Rev up those engines and get cruising!

CALHOUN

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SEEING ORANGE

The 1960 season was magical. It started when the unnamed Tigers outlasted Southern Methodist 20-17 on Sept. 17.

Over the next eight weeks, the team easily rolled past opponents such as Penn State and Air Force and rivals such as Kansas State, Nebraska and Colorado.

On Nov. 12, Mizouo walloped Oklahoma 41-19, the team's first victory at Norman in almost a quarter-century. The win propelled the Tigers to the top ranking in the nation.

A week later, the despised Kansas Jayhawks came to Columbia for what would be the showdown of the national season.

Kansas won the game 23-7, but did not forfeit because it used an ineligible halfback named Bert Coon.

That coast Mizouo had a perfect record. Calhoun remembers the team was loaded with talent, including linemen Taylor, Dan LaRose, Paul Hensley, Jerry Wallach and Andy Russell.

"We were deep," he said.

The Tigers were invited to the Orange Bowl game in Miami on Jan. 1, 1961. It was the squad's second straight visit to Florida.

Missouri had lost the 1960 contest to a Georgia team led by future pro great Fran Tarkenton.

The 1961 game, attended by Navy veteran and president-elect J.F. Kennedy, seemed at first unlikely it would be like Missouri's six previous losing bowl appearances.

But the Tigers' defense dampened down, holding Navy to just one rushing yard in the first half and keeping All-American Joe Bellino in check.

Calhoun had a moment to forget when the Midshipmen sent an on-side kick. Calhoun recovered it, but fumbled the ball as he ran. He claimed he was only trying to impress the girls.

"That's why I picked it up and ran with it," he said with a grin.

Missou had won the game 21-14 and ended the season ranked as the nation's fifth-best team. Though Missouri was crowned the champion, many analysts thought the honor really belonged to Mizouo.

"We were tough," Calhoun said.

TATTLING TIME

After graduating from Mizouo with a degree in physical education, Calhoun spent most of the next decade coaching high school football in Illinois and Missouri.

"I had losing seasons right off the bat," he remembers.

In his first campaign at Grant City, Calhoun's team ended a 27-game losing streak. He wasn't a stoic coach.

"I was more hands-on," he said with a laugh, admitting the description was a polite way of saying he yelled a lot.

Calhoun vented his frustration in other ways, too.

"I broke clipboard — a three or four of them," he said. "As a manager, they gave me a clipboard I couldn't break. It was a sponge rubber."

Calhoun also coached at Nashville and in the late 1960s started the program at Bowling Green. He loved working with kids.

"To see somebody go from not knowing much about football to being a pretty damn good player" was fulfilling, he said.

With reluctance, Calhoun gave his white and sponge clipboard to attend law school. He did so because he wanted to earn more money.

It turned out to be a less-than-permanent vacation.

After getting his law degree from Missouri in 1971, Calhoun returned to coaching and had his best season in 1974 at Centralia. The Panthers went 10-1.

"Our motto was 'Pride, Poise and Dignity,'" Calhoun recalls. "It meant you never quit."

At failing to eventual state champion Country Day 9-6 in the semi-final, the coach had words of advice as his players boarded the bus for home.

"I made them promise me they wouldn't bring it back up because we lost," he said. "I said 'We're winners, not losers.'"

A DIFFERENT BEACH

Calhoun brought to the court-house the same never-say-die attitude he had on the football field.

"I liked the courtroom," he said. "It was competition. It was a competition between lawyers to convict a guy or let him go. It was the closest to coaching I could get."

In 1982, Calhoun was elected Pike County prosecuting attorney. Eight years later, voters chose him as an associate circuit judge.

"I was a demanding and, sometimes, difficult job, especially when one of his former students came before a court of interest."

"That was as tough as it can be," said Calhoun, who had to recuse himself from such cases to avoid a conflict of interest.

The judge had little patience for repeat offenders, saying they "didn't get into many chances." "If someone did have a softer side, especially when overseeing adoptions."

"That was the fun part," he said. The keys to success were the bench.



A ceremony was held to honor members of the 1960 Mizouo Tigers football team who had a stellar season and a trip to the Orange Bowl.

HENDERSON

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Henderson met regularly with President Abraham Lincoln, who wanted to keep Missouri from seceding. Though once a slave owner, he introduced the 13th Amendment on Jan. 11, 1864, and it was approved by Congress a year later. Though not required, Lincoln signed it as a show of support.

Henderson was one of seven Republicans who broke party lines and voted to acquit President Andrew Johnson of impeachment charges in 1868. It marked the end of his political career, and he left the Senate the next year.

The Whiskey Ring federal tax conspiracy trials brought Henderson back into the limelight in 1875, but he was fired as a special prosecutor by Republican President Ulysses S. Grant after challenging Grant's alleged interference with the case.

Mary Foote Henderson was 15 years younger than her husband. Born on a prominent family in upstate New York, her father was a lawyer and judge. Her mother was a scientist and social reformer. An uncle, Samuel Foote, was a U.S. Senator from Connecticut.

Mary met John on a trip to Washington, D.C., and they were married in June 1868. They first lived in Louisiana before moving to St. Louis and later Washington.

Mary Henderson wrote books on health and social activities, championed women's voting rights, became a real estate developer and was a strong temperance advocate. In

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Football remains a passion, as evidenced by the smile on his face upon visiting with more than 30 of his 1960 teammates at last weekend's reunion.

Calhoun always made sure his buddies served as a reminder to opponents of the days they faced Mizouo, and he can't stand to watch any of today's professional players go through the motions.

Football, as with life, is an all-or-nothing commitment.

"In my estimation, every player out there should be going strong," he said. "They've been blessed with gifts and they're goofing off. Some of them get in trouble. Some of them goof off and don't play their best."

Calhoun played both ways at tackle in an era when passing was not as common as it is today. Most teams batted it out on the ground.

"I like the starting game," Calhoun says. "I like to see a team that takes the ball and controls it on the ground."

One of Calhoun's sons, Joe, is coach of the Bowling Green Middle School football team.

"I probably threw the ball too much for you last night," Joe Calhoun admits to his father on a visit this week.

Calhoun's other children are Rich, Rande and Rannee, and he is adamant that they inherited at least one trait from him.

"I'm hard-headed," he said. "I passed that on to my kids, too."

ONE MORE THING

Remember how Calhoun claimed he was trying to impress the girls with that on-side kick recovery in the Orange Bowl?

Well, the judge has a grandson who is quite the gridiron guy.

A flir one of his multiple touchdowns at a recent game, the boy he asked Uncle Joe Calhoun if the announcer had said who scored.

He just wanted to make sure the judge heard his name, Joe Calhoun said.

That brought a grimace from the judge. Because Calhoun is convinced his grandson could be an All-American — if he'd just focus.

He needs to learn to quit looking at the girls," Calhoun said.

1906, she famously poured dozens of bottles of expensive wine from her husband's decades-long collection into the gutter outside their Washington home.

In addition, Mary worked on city beautification efforts in the Meridian Hill Park area, which was known for homes that served as embassies for foreign diplomats. She tried unsuccessfully to have a replacement for the White House built in the neighborhood.

John Henderson died at age 86 in 1913 and Mary Henderson passed at 88 in 1931. A book of John Henderson was dedicated during Louisiana's bicentennial celebration.

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SPORTS



Shelby McMorris Signs With Central Methodist

Bowling Green senior Shelby McMorris signed a letter of intent last week to continue her education and softball career at Central Methodist University. She was joined at the signing by her parents, Jeanne and Travis Stuckey, Coach Dean Steed and her fellow softball players.

Bowling Green Bests Mark Twain, Macon

Bowling Green Baseball beat Mark Twain and Macon, but were shut out by Montgomery and Canton in a busy seven day stretch.

On Tuesday the Bobcats fell 7-0 to the Montgomery County Wildcats in a conference road contest.

Dylan Huber had a hit in three at bats and Cooper Kid walked twice in the game for Bowling Green.

The Bobcats were off until Friday

when they played a make-up game with Mark Twain to start a three game run for four days stretch.

Bowling Green took it to the Tigers, beating Mark Twain 16-0.

Kiel Huber and Cody Poggan all had three RBI days for the Bobcats and all homered for Bowling Green.

Kameron Worley struck out six and earned the win in the Bobcat debut victory.

Saturday afternoon was also good to the Bobcats as Bowling Green

downed Canton 13-10 behind a Kaden Chandler grand slam.

Clay LaZear was 3 for 3 at the plate and Dylan Nimmeyer struck out five Tiger hitters for the win.

Huber came in to shut the door and get the save in the win.

Bowling Green fell to a game over .500 on Monday, suffering a 13-0 setback to Macon.

The Bobcats are 4-3 on the season and are scheduled to play at Silas on Tuesday.



Lagemann Earns Honor

Evan Lagemann, a sophomore at Clifton High School, recently earned a spot on the All-District Team for Quiz Bowl. The event was held recently in Louisiana. Lagemann is the son of Larry and Susan Lagemann.

Bulldogs Split Two Games

Louisiana baseball split two games last week and were postponed on Monday in their scheduled contest with Highland.

The game with the cougars is set to be played on Wednesday at Wallace Park.

The Bulldogs fell to Wright City 13-2 on Tuesday at home.

Ryan Capps collected two hits and drove in a run against the Wildcats.

Will Shepherd also drove in the win for the Bulldogs in the loss.

Both runs came in the bottom of the fourth after Louisiana fell behind 10-0.

The Wildcats added three in the top of the fifth to seal the win.

Shepherd and Remi Feldewerth split the pitching duties for the Bulldogs, allowing a combined eight hits, but striking out eight Wright City hitters.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-1 lead after two and lost MMA 9-3 on Friday.

The Cololids cut the Louisiana lead to 4-3 after five innings but the Bulldogs came back with four in the sixth and a run in the top of the seventh to win the road contest.

Faldewerth drove in five runs for Louisiana with a pair of hits in the win. Remi also scored three times in the Bulldog win.

Louisiana pounded out ten hits as Jordan Luck, Cole Martin and Tyler Pedersen picked up RBI hits in the game.

The win was the first of the season for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will play at Community R-VI on Tuesday to try to improve their 1-5 record on the season.

Clopton Hawks were shut out 13-0 by Montgomery County on Thursday in their only action last week.

Clopton fell to 1-5 this season and will travel to North Callaway on Wednesday for their next scheduled game.

Van-Far Golf Takes Second At Palmyra

The Van-Far golf team participated in the Palmyra Varsity Invitational on Wednesday, April 10.

There were nine teams participating: Clark County, Highland, Louisiana, Mexico, Monroe City, Montgomery County, Palmyra, South Shelby, and Van-Far.

Van-Far placed second with a score of 342.

Individual results include Rylee Hanson, third place tie 7; Zane Allen, 84; Ashton Garnett, 89; and Jayson Orr, 90.

First place team was Palmyra with a 337, and third place went to Highland, 355.

"We are very pleased with the outcome. Last year was the first year we had placed and it was third place. This year we went into the invitational wanting to better our team score and we did. We played against mostly class two teams and proved that we compete at their level."

"The conditions were not favorable with wind gusts exceeding over 20 mph. Each player left shots out on the course but are able to walk away knowing they came to compete and they will continue to improve from here, commented Van-Far Head Coach Melissa Orr.

Indians Hit Four Game Skid

Van-Far baseball was shut-out of the win column in four games last week, including a mixed double header on Thursday against Wellsville and Mark Twain.

The Indians were edged 5-4 on Tuesday at Elkhart to start their busy stretch of games.

Trying to make-up action, the Indians scheduled a double header Thursday.

In the opener Van-Far fell to

Mark Twain 14-5, then were shut-out by the Wellsville Tigers 10-0 in the night cap.

The Indians returned to the diamond on Monday, falling to Wright City 15-5 on the road.

With the losses, the Indians fell to 2-6 on the season.

Van-Far will play at Montgomery County on Tuesday in another road conference game.

Owls Get Conference Wins Over Mark Twain, Wright City

The Silas Owls took down Mark Twain and Wright City in back-to-back conference contests last Tuesday and Wednesday on the diamond.

The Owls downed the Tigers 8-3 on Tuesday in a road contest to start the two day swing.

The following day the Owls used a five run fifth inning to come back for a 9-6 win at Wright City.

The teams traded runs in the first, but the Wildcats scored a run in the second and two in the third for a 4-1 lead.

The Owls answered with the five run outburst in the top of the fifth, then added a three run seventh to

pad the lead.

The Wildcats came back with two in the bottom of the frame, but it wasn't enough to swing the game as Silas improved to 4-2 this season.

Brian Hanke was 4 for 4 at the plate and Dillon Magill drove in a pair of runs for the Owls.

Justin Havlik and Scott Creech also added RBIs for Silas in the win.

Hanke struck out five Wildcats in five innings on the mound in the win.

The Owls will host Bowling Green on Tuesday in their next scheduled conference game.

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Buyers' Guide To Financing A Vehicle



Develop A Vehicle Maintenance Schedule

The oft-studied expense of vehicle repairs can throw monthly budgets into disarray. Maintaining a routine service schedule is one way for drivers to keep repair costs down.

The online automotive resources Edmunds.com says many car owners do not adequately prepare for scheduled maintenance, and may not give maintenance a thought until it's too late. The first step drivers take upon purchasing a new or preowned vehicle should be to familiarize themselves with the vehicle's owner's manual, which is filled with valuable information and likely includes maintenance interval recommendations.

Next, drivers should learn about their vehicle, which is particularly relevant when buying a preowned vehicle. Getting to know how the car or truck rides, as well as any sounds it may make, can provide drivers with a solid foundation they can then use to keep their cars running strong.

Routine service typically includes tire rotation, oil changes and topping off of fluids. So just how long between service appointments can a car go? Here are some general estimates.

Oil change: Oil chemistry and engine technology have improved so much that most cars can go well beyond the once-recommended 3,000 mile interval between oil changes. Now many vehicle manufacturers recommend between 5,000 and 10,000 miles

between changes, advises Edmunds. Drivers should err on the side of caution if they do a lot of stop-and-go driving and short trips. Other drivers may want to invest in vehicles that have oil-change maintenance reminders built in. A light or countdown will come on the dashboard, indicating when the oil has reached the end of its usefulness.

Tire rotation: Rotating tires helps prolong the life of the tires and alleviates uneven tread and wear. During the rotation, each tire is removed and relocated to a different position to ensure that all the tires will wear evenly. Michelin Tires states that tires should be rotated every two to three months, or between 6,000 and 8,000 miles.

Vehicle fluids: Your best bet is to see what the manufacturer recommends in regard to fluids such as transmission fluid, differential oil, brake fluids, coolant, etc. Some transmissions need regular maintenance, while others can go 50,000 miles between changes, according to the vehicle information site The Drive. Coolant typically can last 100,000 miles. For these types of changes, it may be best to go to a mechanic or service center familiar with your make and model rather than a quick-lube center, as knowing how to drain and fill can be more complicated.

Service schedules can be designed to adhere to manufacturers' recommendations and drivers' personal preferences.

The price of the average car continues to rise. Analysts at Edmunds estimate the average transaction price of a new vehicle now hovers at roughly \$36,000. Few people can walk into a car dealership and pay such a price in cash, which means that savvy shoppers need to familiarize themselves with the financing process in order to get their dream rides.

In addition to finding the perfect car or truck, buyers must spend time researching the ideal way to pay for it. Car loans are key to the car-buying process. Too often shoppers wait until they're in the negotiating seat at the dealership before they even know what they can spend, and this can be a mistake. A poor financing deal hurts buyers over the long run and may lead to defaulting on the loan and dealing with the credit fallout that defaulting produces.

Vehicle financing is a step-by-step process that should begin long before consumers even pick out a car.

Examining your spending and saving. Start by looking at your finances and establish a budget. How much cash do you have on hand for a down payment? Also, how much can you comfortably devote to a new car payment and requisite auto insurance? You can use automotive loan calculators to get a rough idea of

what a particular car will cost you in terms of monthly payments.

Know your credit standing. Great credit will give you financing leverage. Understand your credit score and which factors may be bringing it down. Resolve any issues well before you apply for financing so a bad score will not hurt you.

Visit lenders. The financing deal offered by the dealership might not be the best price possible. You can get preapproved/prequalified for an auto loan the same way you do for a home mortgage at banks and credit unions. This helps you secure the best interest rate possible. It also provides negotiating power. A preapproval letter puts you in the position as a stronger "cash buyer," states the financial resource NextWallet.

Set a firm buying price. Preapprovals and working with a third-party lender gives you a specific amount of money you know you can borrow. Use this as a tool to keep the negotiated price low because you cannot exceed your preapproved amount. It also may be a way to push dealership finance managers to contact their own captive lenders to try to beat the rate offered by your existing lender.

Work it out. It's best to secure the best price on a new car, and that work begins long before visiting a dealership.



Tips For Staying Safe With Keyless Systems

Auto manufacturers have long embraced technology that can streamline the automotive experience for drivers. For example, several years ago keyless entry and ignition systems were introduced, initially on high-end vehicles before they became standard on many other models.

Keyless entry systems require a fob, which sends a signal to the receiver inside the vehicle. The fob transmits a low-frequency code to the car's internal computer system, which engages the locks and will allow the driver to push a button on the dashboard or console to start the vehicles. The fob can be stashed away in a pocket or purse and still send the signal, which makes it convenient for drivers. Drivers with arthritis or hand injuries also may find keyless systems an asset.

Because fobs work on wireless systems, hackers potentially can intercept the fob-to-car signal. That enables a thief to not only open the vehicle's doors, but also to potentially drive away as well. Even though the fobless security pairing is unique and can create billions of codes, researchers at Radboud University in the Netherlands and the University of Birmingham found that, by intercepting the wireless

signal just twice, they could narrow down the possible combinations from billions to just 200,000. After that, a computer can figure out the code in just half an hour and unlock the car. Potentially, a thief can gather car codes as drivers enter their vehicles during the day, then return later to steal a number of cars.

Thieves who purchase signal amplifiers also pose a threat. These amplifiers magnify the reach of the fob signal so that a vehicle owner can be in his or her house with the fob, but the thief can walk up to the car and open it - even if the fob is far enough away that it should not engage. One way to circumvent this is to buy a signal-blocking pouch that can hold the key fob. Also, an old-school steering wheel or gear shift lock is an effective way to provide another layer of protection.

Drivers also should be aware of their surroundings as they approach their vehicles. Thieves may count on keyless entry systems to be able to hop into a vehicle once the owner gets within range and drive away.

Vehicle technology thrives to make driving as convenient as possible, but some features also may make things more convenient for prospective thieves.

Unique Ways To Conserve Fuel

Defensive driving has long been touted not only as a safe way to operate a motor vehicle, but also a cost-effective one. When driving defensively, drivers are less likely to make sudden stops or accelerate quickly, each of which can waste fuel.

But even the most conservative motorists might want to do even more to conserve fuel. Fortunately, there are many unique and simple ways to conserve fuel and save money.

Park in the shade. According to Natural Resources Canada, using a vehicle's air conditioning system increases its fuel consumption more than any other auxiliary feature. In fact, NRC notes that air conditioning systems can increase fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent. That's because vehicle AC systems require engines to work extra hard, which in turn requires them to consume more fuel. By parking in the shade on hot days, drivers won't need to crank their AC systems in order to overcome the summer heat.

Listen to traffic reports. It's well known that idling greatly decreases fuel economy. Before leaving for work or to run errands around town, tune in to local traffic reports in the hopes that you can avoid potential traffic jams that contribute to the needless consumption of fuel. If there's no way to avoid traffic during your daily commute, consider investing in a

vehicle with stop-start technology, which shuts the engine off when your vehicle comes to a halt before restarting it once you take your foot off the brake. The Union of Concerned Scientists notes that this technology can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 5 percent.

Make sure your gas cap is tight. A loose gas cap can adversely affect fuel economy. According to NapaAuto, a loose gas cap is a common contributor to poor fuel economy. Loose gas caps allow fuel vapors to leak and that decreases your vehicle's fuel efficiency. After filling up at the pump, be sure to close the gas cap tightly. Many caps will indicate how many clicks it takes to make sure the cap is closed as tightly as possible. In addition, periodically inspect the cap for cracks or leaks, replacing it if necessary.

Drive distraction-free. Today's cars are technological marvels. But all those bells and whistles can be distracting, and distracted drivers are less likely to pay attention to how they're driving. That can make for unsafe and fuel-inefficient driving. When driving, do your best to minimize distractions, turning off your smartphone and directing all of your focus to the road and the way you're driving.

Conserving fuel is a goal for many drivers, and that goal can be achieved in a wide variety of ways.

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Major repairs to a vehicle can be expensive. When anticipated repairs are necessary, drivers' budgets can be thrown out of whack, potentially causing a domino effect that compromises their ability to pay their bills on time.

Whether your vehicle is brand new, a few years old or reaching milestones on its odometer with every mile driven, there are ways to care for the vehicle so you aren't caught off guard by costly repairs down the road.

Read your owner's manual. A vehicle owner's manual is a great resource that can help drivers keep their cars and trucks running strong for years. Every vehicle, whether it's purchased brand new from a dealership or procured from a pre-owned dealer or private citizen, should come with an owner's manual. Don't worry if you purchased a pre-owned vehicle from a private citizen who lost the manual, as many manufacturers have manuals available for free on their websites. Print manuals may cost some money.

Drivers may be able to find their manuals elsewhere online on a site such as Just-givenet.com, which has thousands of manuals from various automakers available. Once you have the manual in hand or on your computer, visit the maintenance section to familiarize yourself with the manufacturer's recommended maintenance guidelines. Adhering to those guidelines is a great way to keep your car running strong for years on end, and it might just save you from the hassle of sudden expensive repairs.

Protect the engine. The engine is arguably the most expensive part of your vehicle to replace, so protecting it should be a priority. Routine oil changes and oil filter replacement is a great way to protect the engine. Manufacturer guidelines vary in regard to oil change and oil filter replacement intervals, but such recommendations can be found in your manual.

Hone your DIY skills. Drivers also can save money on maintenance by doing some of their own minor vehicle repairs. YouTube is home to many DIY tutorials that can teach drivers how to change their own oil and replace the filters on their vehicles. Routine repairs are relatively easy, and many tutorials can walk you through them step-by-step. Depending on how much you drive, learning to do your own minor vehicle repairs may save you hundreds of dollars per year.

Perform routine inspections. Older vehicles may or may not alert drivers via noises or leaks that they're in need of repair. Routine inspections of hoses, brakes and tires, which should always be properly inflated, can let drivers know if their vehicles are experiencing problems before those problems grow and become something costly.

Vehicle maintenance costs tend to be most expensive when drivers ignore routine maintenance or miss signs that their cars and trucks might be struggling. By adhering to manufacturer maintenance guidelines and paying attention to their vehicles, drivers can reduce the cost of keeping their cars on the road.



If you must use your cell phone, do so only after pulling over to the shoulder or into a rest stop.

Despite the fact that automobiles are now designed with more safety features than ever before, the rate of traffic accidents and fatalities continue to rise. The National Safety Council says safety improvement like crash-avoidance technology hasn't reduced accidents, and driver error is still to blame for most crashes - with distractions behind the wheel and impaired driving leading the way.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving claimed 3,450 lives in 2016 alone. Distracted driving is defined as any activity that diverts attention from the road. This can include everything from talking to passengers to eating to fiddling with the car radio. However, distractions from technology have become especially alarming, particularly texting or reading phones while driving. During daylight hours, approximately 481,000 drivers typically use cell phones while driving. The NHTSA says that removing one's eyes from the road for a mere 5 seconds when traveling at 55 miles per hour is like driving the length

Reduce Distractions Behind The Wheel

of a football field with your eyes closed.

Reducing distractions should be a priority for all drivers. Here are some suggestions, courtesy of Geico insurance and AAA Exchange.

Secure loose gear and other items that can roll around away from the driver's seat so you are not tempted to reach for them.

Adjust mirrors, GPS maps, climate control, music, and more before you put the car in drive.

Use a mobile phone only for emergency purposes and only after pulling over to the side of the road. Avoid social conversations on the phone while driving.

Limit the number of passengers you allow inside your car. The more passengers, the more distractions. This is especially true for young drivers.

Eat food before getting in the car. Snacking while driving makes you less attentive to the road around you.

Secure children and pets accordingly. Both should wear harnesses and not be given free reign to roam around the car.

Try to focus only on driving while in the car. Leave the multitasking to when you're not behind the wheel.

Geico indicates that studies have shown people are limited in the amount of information they can process at any one time. Driving requires focus and an ability to react to a host of potential circumstances. Distractions compromise drivers' ability to focus. Reducing distractions can considerably cut down on the number of motor vehicle accidents each year.

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Explaining Your Used Car Warranty Options

Purchasing a previously owned vehicle requires a leap of faith. Even after relying on a test drive and a thorough inspection by a mechanic, it's impossible to know how the previous owner drove and maintained the vehicle and the wear and tear it may have endured. Drivers also cannot predict any issues that may crop up after signing a purchase contract. A certified pre-owned warranty from the dealership, an extended warranty or a different type of aftermarket warranty product can offer some peace of mind.

Navigating these warranties can take some savviness. Certified pre-owned warranties tend to be the smartest bet in the realm of used car warranties. This is because factory warranties are backing the product, and the vehicles that are given the CPO stamp have been properly vetted and are in great shape to be insured, according to IntelliChoice, a company that develops and distributes consumer automobile ownership data, ratings of vehicles based on their consumer value, leasing cost data, and Certified Pre-Owned Program analysis. Many car companies conduct small repairs to prepare a vehicle for CPO status, and cars are inspected thoroughly to ensure they are worthy of being backed by the factory warranty. This is a boon to buyers because they know they are likely getting a quality vehicle.

There are mixed reviews by automotive experts on other aftermarket warranties, often billed as "vehicle protection plans" and "ser-

vice contracts." Some people believe they can save a lot of money. Others feel that they aren't reduced enough to warrant the out-of-pocket cost, and that paying for repairs alone is more cost-effective.

AutoTrader, a vehicle value estimator and buying/selling tool, says that an extended warranty is rarely a good buy on a used car, but there are a few exceptions. If the car is notoriously unreliable (check J.D. Power reliability ratings), purchasing a warranty can be a smarter buy. Drivers should look for an exclusionary (bumper to bumper) warranty, which covers all items except for ones specifically excluded on a list. This type of warranty is more comprehensive, and there's less of a risk that a claim will be denied.

Other warranties include powertrain warranties, which only cover the vehicle's most important and expensive components. A WRAP warranty also may be attractive, as it will extend coverage to the few items that may no longer be covered by the original manufacturer's warranty.

Buyers also can try to negotiate a warranty, if the car is not CPO, into the purchase price as an incentive for buying the vehicle. Individuals can speak with the salesperson to find a deal - and coverage - that works for them. Warranties are an option that may help buyers feel a little more secure in their purchases.

4 Reasons To Skip Topping Off At The Filling Station

The familiar click of the nozzle when filling up at the gas station is recognizable to anyone with a few miles of driving under their belt. Once that nozzle clicks, just about every driver faces the decision of whether or not to squeeze a few extra cents' worth of gas into their vehicles or remove the nozzle from their vehicles, place it back where it belongs and head off on their way.

Such scenes play out every day across the globe, and it's likely that the majority of drivers try to squeeze a few extra drops into their tank. While topping off can seem like a financially savvy way to delay your next trip to the filling station, doing so may only cost drivers and the planet they call home. The following are four great reasons to skip topping off the next time you pull into a filling station.

1. Topping off costs you money. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, drivers who top off at the pump are likely paying for gas they're not getting. That's because gas station pumps have vapor recovery systems that feed gas vapors back into their tanks in an effort to decrease air pollution. So any gas that drivers try to pump into their tanks after the nozzle has clicked may only be drawn into the vapor line and fed back into the gas station's tanks and not your vehicle's fuel tank.
2. Topping off may damage your car. Topping off won't just hurt your pocketbook; it can potentially damage your vehicle as well. Fuel tanks need extra room inside

them so gas can expand while the car is being operated. Without room to expand, gas may evaporate into the vehicle's vapor collection system, which can damage the system and produce greater gas emissions, thereby harming the planet.

3. Topping off can affect the air you breathe. If you had a choice, would you pay extra for more air pollution? Likely not. But the EPA notes that this is precisely what many people are doing when they top off their gas tanks. When vehicles' fuel tanks are over-filled, gas vapors can escape into the air and produce toxic air pollutants. That adversely affects air quality, which ultimately affects your health as well.

4. Topping off can cost the gas station money. Many drivers may wonder why gas stations, who would seemingly benefit financially from topping off, post signs that forbid topping off. But the EPA notes that gas stations are likely to lose money due to drivers squeezing an extra few cents' worth of gas into their vehicles. That's because topping off can damage the station's vapor recovery systems, causing them to operate improperly and requiring potentially costly maintenance. Topping off at the filling station may seem like a savvy move. But drivers, their vehicle and the planet are best served by taking the pump handle out of the tanks at the familiar sound of the nozzle's click.

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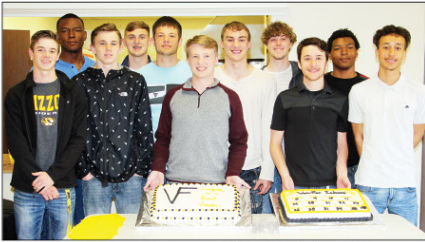


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Crew cab, 4x4, 6.6L Duramax diesel, heated & cooled leather seats, assist steps, 26,xxx miles - CERTIFIED • #18218A



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2016 GMC ACADIA SLT
Heated leather seats, sunroof, Navigation, lane departure warning, trailer package, 39,xxx miles - CERTIFIED • #523



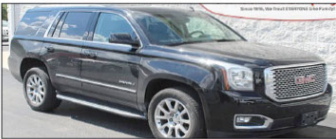
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7 passenger, 18" wheels, teen driver, apple car play & android auto, 15,xxx miles - CERTIFIED • #505



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