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Gina Harris Named Silex Elementary Principal



Gina Harris

Silex R-1 School District has announced Gina Harris will be the new principal of Silex Elementary. Harris will take over for the 2020-21 school year. She is not a stranger to the district, Harris graduated from Silex High School in 1996.

"We are proud to have a former graduate who came back to Silex to teach and is now hired to be our new elementary principal. We expect that with Mrs. Harris already in the district, her transition will be smooth, and the students and staff will benefit from her passion for them and the school," said Board of Education President, Ben Henke.

Harris has nine years experience with Silex Elementary. She also taught in the Troy School District for seven years. While in the Troy School District, Harris served as summer school principal and assistant principal interim at Boone Elementary. Harris attended Lindenwood University where she obtained three master's degrees. Those degrees include elementary administration, education, and business administration.

"It is an honor to be selected as the next Silex Elementary Principal. Having graduated from Silex, I have a special connection, and sense of loyalty and dedication to this amazing school district. I am excited to work with the students, staff, parents, and community members as we continue to strive for even greater success," stated Harris.

Rod Hamlett, who takes over as superintendent next school year, shared his thoughts on Mrs. Harris's appointment as Silex Elementary Principal. "We are very excited to have Mrs. Harris move into her new role in our district. Over the years, Mrs. Harris has shown herself to be someone who values high level instruction and has a great love for her students. We are looking forward to her taking those attributes from teacher to principal. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Harris joining our administrative team and I can't wait to see how she makes Silex Elementary an even better place for our students."

Harris is replacing Suzie Plackemeier who is retiring at the end of the school year after eleven years as Elementary Principal. "I have truly enjoyed my time in the Silex School District. I am very proud of the success we have achieved in the elementary and as a district. Silex Elementary School earned 100 percent on the previous APR for eight years in a row," stated Mrs. Plackemeier. While Silex will always be near and dear to Mrs. Plackemeier's heart, her plans include spending more time with her family.

"I would like to thank Mrs. Plackemeier for her service to the Silex School District. Her dedication and love for the students and community is evident in everything that she does and she will be missed. We wish her the best in her next endeavor," concluded Hamlett.



SMSgt. Austin Winegardner received his plaque on Friday, March 6. Pictured, from left: Brigadier General Joel Carey, (S)MSgt. Austin Winegardner, Grayson Winegardner, Kelsey Winegardner, Lillian Winegardner, and CMSgt Jessica Bender.

Winegardner Makes Second Highest Enlisted Rank In United States Air Force

Receiving the rank of Senior Master Sergeant is a huge milestone in the United States Air Force being the second highest rank of those enlisted.

(S)MSgt. Austin Winegardner, 2006 graduate of Van-Far High School, was bestowed this honor on Friday, March 6.

Winegardner who is now stationed in Okinawa, Japan entered the United States Air Force in December 2007.

3.74 years and time in service was 18.08 years.

Congress also limits it to only allowing 2.5 percent of the Air Force to hold this rank. This year was particularly hard as they only selected 7.62 percent of those eligible. Out of 15,544, the air force only selected 1,184. Winegardner was fortunate to be the 1,182 select.

The average overall score for those selected was 407.06. Selectees' average time in grade was

Those selected will be promoted beginning April 1, according to their promotion sequence number.

Austin is the grandson of Claudie and Donna Tipton of Farber. He is the son of Kimberly Tipton Marty and husband, Marvin and Vince and Linda Winegardner. He is married to the former Kelsey Hays of Vandalia.

Pike County Senate Bill 40 Celebrates 50 Years With 50 Success Stories



Mike Hager

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome" Booker T. Washington

This is the very first post on the new Pike County Senate Bill 40 "50@50" blog. The agency is celebrating its 50 year anniversary of supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in 2020.

Throughout each week in 2020, they will post a different "success story" featuring persons served with IDD, and how they have succeeded in life. They will also post video interviews throughout 2020 with both persons served, as well as former staff, board members, and others.

They are excited to celebrate their 50th year of making a difference in the lives of Pike County persons with IDD. They hope you follow the blog throughout 2020.

Success Story #1: Mike Hager

According to a recent Career Builder survey, the seven most common qualities of good employees are:

1. Strong work ethic;
2. Dependable;
3. Positive attitude;
4. Self motivated;
5. Team oriented;
6. Good communicator; and
7. Flexible

The people at Career Builder may as well have been describing a gentleman by the name of Mike Hager. Mike has been employed as a custodian with Pike County Connections (PCC) for the past 12 years. Mike's positive attitude shines through in many ways; if you should happen to say something that is generally accepted as the unvarnished truth, Mike will heartily exclaim, "that's right!"

Mike's primary responsibilities with PCC include cleaning the employment services and community inclusion offices with the Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities (PCADD). This includes the staff offices, conference room, and restroom. Because all

PCC employees are paid at or above the minimum wage, Mike brings home a decent paycheck every couple of weeks. At the end of his shift each day, Mike walks over to the PCADD administrative offices, where his favorite administrative staff are treated to hugs, and then he gets the PCADD mail before heading home.

Mike resides in a nice home with supports provided by Ruth Jensen Village (RJV). With assistance from his RJV support staff, Mike is actively engaged in the greater Bowling Green community, and enjoys going out to eat and attending church at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Mike is also on the Special Olympics bowling team, and once bowled a 150!

Mike's dream is to one day travel to Hawaii. This blog writer would like to be the first to volunteer to personally accompany Mike on this trip should it happen.

When asked what he is most proud of, Mike says this is being employed at PCC for the past 12 years.

When it's all said and done, Mike has a lot going for him... he is employed in a job that he likes making a good wage; he lives in a very nice home; he is actively engaged in the greater community; he has a network of valued friends; and he has hopes and dreams like anyone else. In short, you could say that Mike is a success story by anyone's standard.

Success Story #2: John Hinten

John Hinten probably has the single most important job within the PCSB 40/PCADD administrative offices... keeping the soda machine stocked.

If it weren't for John, staff would not get their regular caffeine boost, and productivity would grind to a halt. Payroll wouldn't get done, bills wouldn't get paid, reports wouldn't be completed... ok, maybe a slight exaggeration, but you get the picture.

Keeping the soda machine well stocked is something that John is good at and takes pride in, but it is just one of the many things he does that makes him a success in life. During the summer months, John volunteers at Cancer Memorial Park in Bowling Green, helping the keep the fountain full of water. With the support he receives from PCADD's Community Inclusion program, John is an active and contributing member of the greater Bowl-

ing Green and Pike County community. Some of the things that John likes to do with his support staff include going to the YMCA in Louisiana, hanging out at the library, shopping, and eating out at restaurants.

According to his support staff Marcia L., one of John's greatest achievements over the years has been learning



John Hinten

to communicate using picture cards. Although he does not communicate verbally, John has absolutely no trouble whatsoever in getting his point across and letting others know what he wants, and the picture cards have helped him tremendously with this.

John ALWAYS wears a smile, and his fun-loving and mischievous demeanor can brighten anyone's day. John also has a great collection of t-shirts that he likes to show off; his favorite designs include American flags, St. Louis Cardinals shirts, and deer shirts. John has many passions and hobbies that include airplanes, tractors, school buses, watches, and bikes.

John has a collection of t-shirts; above he shows off one of his St. Louis Cardinals t-shirts

John Hinten is a success in life for many reasons... he has overcome significant barriers in communicating with others that he once faced, he volunteers his time doing things he wants, he uplifts the spirits of others, and he is an active and contributing member of the greater community. The fact that he is indirectly responsible for the high productivity level of our staff is just icing on the cake!

MO Attorney Files Suit, Shuts Down Pike County Dog Breeder

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt announced his office has filed a lawsuit, citing violations of the Animal Care Facilities Act (ACFA), and obtained a temporary restraining order against Cornerstone Farms, a dog breeding company operated by Debra Ritter and located in Curryville.

This case was referred to the Attorney General's Office by the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA). The lawsuit was filed on Feb. 25 and the temporary restraining order was granted on Friday, Feb. 28.

Inspectors with MDA conducted an unannounced inspection of Cornerstone Farms on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, and law enforcement served Ritter with both the temporary restraining order and the lawsuit, which bars her from selling or acquiring dogs. MDA inspectors also took an inventory of the dogs in Ritter's possession.

During the March 3 inspection, MDA found 152 adult dogs and 63 puppies on site and found dirty water bowls containing feces, dogs requiring treatment for skin conditions, and animals in stacked cages without an impervious barrier between the levels.

According to multiple previous inspections conducted by MDA, problems with the facility included inadequate documentation; dogs with reddened skin, hair loss, and thin bodies; issues with whelping room conditions; and more. While certain issues were corrected in re-inspections, other issues persisted throughout multiple inspections.

"Inadequate record keeping, injured dogs, improper facilities, and continued excuses to avoid inspection show that Cornerstone Farms cannot responsibly breed dogs in the state of Missouri, and that's why we moved to shut this breeder down. Breeders who cannot follow the law put the health and welfare of animals at risk, and cast responsible breeders in a bad light," said Attorney General Schmitt. "I appreciate the Department of Agriculture's diligent work in inspecting and documenting

the conditions at Cornerstone Farms and look forward to continuing to work with them on Animal Care Facilities Act enforcement in the future."

According to MDA, inspection attempts were frequently stymied by Ritter. An official letter of warning was issued in late March 2019.

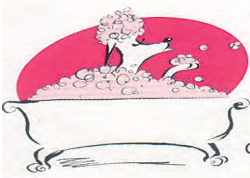
In an inspection on Jan. 20, 2020, several dogs appeared to have alopecia, hair loss, reddened skin, or other signs of irritation. Wet bedding was also observed in some enclosures, an accumulation of feces was found under one outdoor enclosure, blood (but no visible injuries) was found in another enclosure, and one Labradoodle had an ear hematoma.

MDA officials interviewed Ritter's former veterinarian, Dr. Jim Foster, obtaining a sworn affidavit that Ritter failed to follow his advice and observed dogs in poor health while making inspections of Cornerstone Farms. The affidavit, which can be found here https://ago.mo.gov/docs/default-source/press-releases/2019/ac00122y-affidavit-of-jim-foster-02-19-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=b8542482_2, states that hands-on examinations occurring in July 2018 had to be cancelled because "too many of the dogs were lacking proper identification, a basic tenet of proper husbandry records."

Additionally, Dr. Foster states Ritter failed to follow his instructions to eradicate disease from her kennel. Dr. Foster also noted that he had received phone calls and emails from consumers stating that dogs they bought from Ritter and examined by Foster had canine parvovirus, and some consumers alleged they received a different dog than that which was discussed.

A court hearing was scheduled for Tuesday (today) at 10:30 a.m., at the Pike County Courthouse in Bowling Green.

This is the fourth Animal Care Facilities Act lawsuit that Attorney General Schmitt has filed since taking office.



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Wilburn Is DAR Good Citizen

Van-Far senior Colin Wilburn was honored Thursday, March 5 at the DAR Susanna Randolph Chapter meeting in recognition of being named the Van-Far DAR Good Citizen. He was also informed of his selection as the first place male by the Missouri State DAR Good Citizen Contest and will be awarded a \$500 scholarship from the MO State Society. His entry has been further submitted for judging to the South Central Division, which includes Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Louisiana. Colin will be honored for these achievements in April at the Missouri MSSDAR State Conference in Columbia. He is the son of Jay and Tracy Wilburn.

Four Scholarships Awarded By Sara Straube Anders Scholarship

Four \$500 scholarships have been awarded by the Sara Straube Anders Elementary Teaching Scholarship to local Bowling Green students.

Those receiving a scholarship include: Taylor McGaugh, daughter of Donnie and Melaney McGaugh. She is attending Moberal Area Community College.

Kathryn Wilkinson, daughter of Rich and Lynn Wilkinson. She is attending Hannibal LaGrange University.

Meredith Martinson, daughter of Ed and Geneva Martinson. She is attending Missouri Baptist University.

Gabi Deters, daughter of David

Deters and Amy Deters. She is attending University of Kentucky.

Applicants must be a graduate of Bowling Green High School and enrolled in second semester of college in elementary education or a graduate of the following high schools: Bowling Green, Mark Twain, Clifton, Hannibal, and Van-Far. Applicants must be doing their practice teaching or in their first semester as a teacher to qualify for the scholarship.

The schools listed should have the applications on file or you may call Vickie Straube, 573-267-3797 to receive one by mail.

Family Fun Day Planned At Pike County Christian School

Pike County Christian School will host family fun day on Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The fun day will be held at the school located at 203 E. Maple, Cur-

ryville. Everyone is invited to the fun day that will include cake walk, jail house, prize table, bingo, food, games, fellowship and a silent auction. For info call 324-2700

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C Lockard Cattle Co, Eolia is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph.

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The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members to advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

Scheduling A Ride With OATS Transit

OATS Transit, a Missouri-based transportation provider, is in the process of rolling out new procedures designed to make scheduling trips and dispatching buses more efficient. For the last 49 years, local residents and drivers have dedicated hundreds of hours answering phones and taking reservations for trips.

Beginning April 6, anyone needing to schedule a ride must call the OATS Transit office to schedule a trip. Individuals in Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Warren counties should call 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287 to schedule a ride.

Rides must be scheduled in advance, including all en-route stops. You can find the full schedule for your area on the company website at www.oatstransit.org, then, click on Bus Schedules to find your county. You can also call the local office for a complete schedule. In rural Missouri, OATS Transit serves anyone of any age, and also contracts with a number of agencies and individuals to provide their transportation. Schedules vary in each county de-

pending on available funding sources to cover the service.

The goal is to increase productivity, improve efficiencies in service, handle more riders with better routing of buses, and provide better reporting mechanisms. "We will forever be grateful to all of our Volunteers who took the time to ensure local residents had a ride and our buses were full," said Dorothy Yeager, OATS Transit Executive Director. "As we move forward with our new dispatching and scheduling procedure, the need for Volunteers will continue, just in a different capacity. They have been an integral part of our history and ensuring their local community knows about our services," added Yeager.

OATS Transit provides more than 1.4 million trips annually in 87 Missouri counties. The company is a 501(c)(3) organization with a staff of more than 700 employees statewide. For more information, please visit the website at www.oatstransit.org, follow us at Facebook.com/oatstransit for the latest news. OATS Transit is the largest rural transit provider in the state, and one of the largest transit providers in the entire nation.

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Bowling Green FBLA District Contest Results



Pictured are the District 7 FBLA officers: President Jacob Bowen; Vice President of Membership Haylee Chandler; Vice President of FBLA-PBL Relations Jonah Jones; Vice President of Communications Tristan Charlton; Secretary: Jade Meier; and Parliamentarian Evan Meyer.

The Bowling Green FBLA members recently competed at the FBLA District Contest.

BGHS students placing at districts include:

Accounting 1: *Michael Maier – first place.

Advertising: *Izzy Truelove – second place; Korynn Stevens – eighth place.

Agribusiness: *Adam Twellman – first place; *Evan Meyer – third place; *Will Twellman – fifth place; and *Jeffrey Lovell – wild card.

Business Calculations: *Jacob Bowen – fourth place; and Tristan Charlton – eighth place.

Business Communication: *Sylvia Wagner – first place.

Business Law: *Evan Meyer – first place.

Entrepreneurship: Blake Morton and Braden Perez – second place.

Healthcare Administration: *Kinley Charlton – third place; and *Jade Meier – fifth place.

Hospitality Management: *Cheyann Oshia and Korynn Stevens – first place.

Introduction to Business: *Lily Dameron – second place; *Andrea Korte – third place; Hannah Fox – sixth place; Charlie Bowen – ninth place; and Brylie

Sparks – 10th place.

Introduction to Business Communication: *Chloe Kroencke – first place; *Andrea Korte – second place; and; Tanner Turner – eighth place.

Introduction to Business Procedures: *Hailey Prater – third place; and *Marissa Kinglesy – fifth place; *Zoe Brandenburger – sixth place (one of top five dropped).

Introduction to FBLA: Sabrina Reese – sixth place; Aleece Walker – seventh place; and Haley McGlas-

son – 10th place.

Introduction to Financial Math: Bobby Perry – sixth place.

Introduction to Parli Pro:

*Megan Niemeyer – second place.

Journalism: *Kimmy Niemeyer – third place; *Chloe Kroencke – fourth place; and Bre Kroencke – 10th place.

Networking Concepts: *Cody Wilkinson – third place.

Organizational Leadership: *Blake Martin – third place.

Personal Finance: *Ben Walker – third place.

Political Science: Shay Butler – ninth place.

Securities and Investments: Camden Burnett – ninth place.

Social Media Campaign: *Quinn Grote, Bre Kroencke, and Madeline Norton – first place.

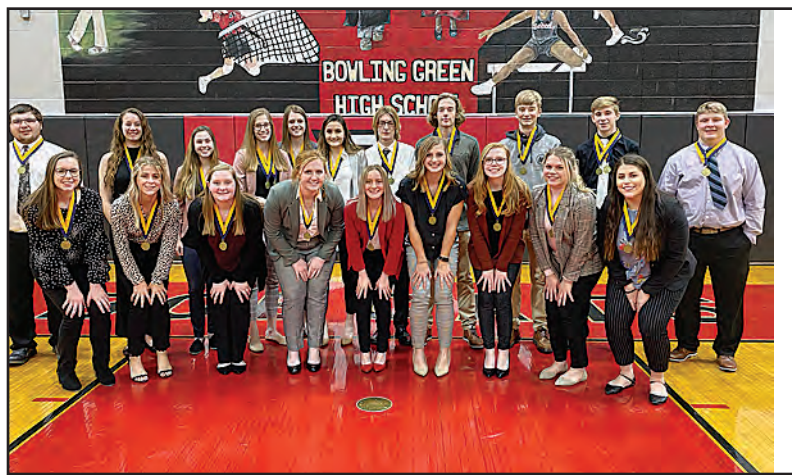
Sports and Entertainment Management: Kaden Chandler, Jacob Grote, and Cody Pogue – third place.

Spreadsheet Applications: *Ben Walker – second place.

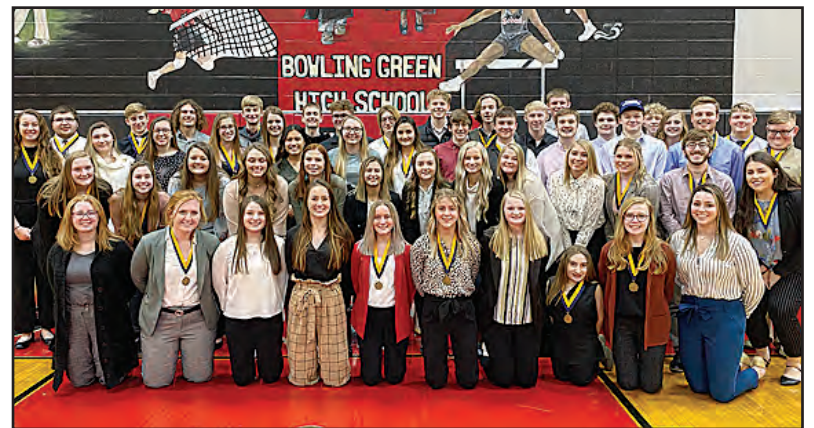
Voting delegates and student ambassadors: *Ashton Schneidler, Olivia Niemeyer, Jonah Jones, Drew Bowen, McCoy Thompson, Cale Shotton, and Kaden Chandler.

Straight to State Event Computer Game and Simulation Program: *Samantha Smith.

*Denotes state bound



Pictured is the 2020 state bound members who will be competing at state contest.



The 2020 FBLA District Contest picture is of those attended (minus a few) that attended Hannibal LaGrange University on Feb. 4.

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Carol Sue Wells

Carol Sue Wells, 72, of Silex, died at her home, Silex Residential Home on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020.

She was born March 24, 1947 at Malcolm Bliss State Hospital. Her mother has died and she never knew her father.

She has no biological family, her family are the staff and their families and other residents. Carol Sue moved into Silex Residential Home on July 23, 1993, almost 27 years.

She was known as the Queen Bee and jokester around Silex Residential Home. Every single resident and staff loved and adored her. Everyone catered to her. She loved to color and liked to even color on her designated dining room table surface. She loved to shop at Walmart and get a "happy meal" at McDonald's.

Anytime she knew a resident or staff member was going into Troy, Carol would ask them to stop by McDonald's to get her food. Carol Sue always had that little sparkle in her eye, and no one could say "no".

Carol loved to purchase White Castles out of the kitchen. According to her roommates of 10 plus years, Carol had an unusual tendency to get up in the middle of the night, take out all of her clothes in her dresser, refold the clothes, and then put them back in the drawers.

She participated in all activities and functions, outings, fishing, zoo, swimming, shopping, circus, pumpkin patch, Christmas lights tour, Knights of Columbus meal at Christmas, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis History Museum, and road trips.

Carol Sue loved bingo and many residents took turns assisting Carol Sue with her bingo card. She especially liked dressing up for Halloween with her clown hat. She loved wearing her Christmas hat around Christmas time and she loved coloring Easter eggs during Easter. She also loved the sparklers on the 4th of July.

The tribute above was written by Lamona Price, Adm., at Silex Residential LLC

Memorial Service were held Friday at 2:30 p.m., at Silex Residential Care Silex. The Rev. Mark Spence is graciously donated his services to officiate.

Memorials may be made to Silex Residential LL Activity Fund, c/o the funeral home.

Rita Willer

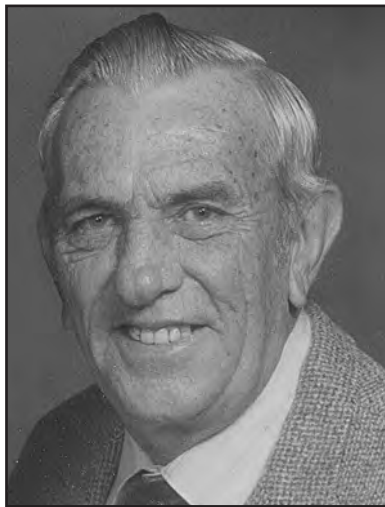
Rita Willer, 96, of Camdenton, formerly of Troy and Silex, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 at Lake Parke Senior Living Center, Camdenton.

Services will be held April 18 for immediate family in Camdenton.

Survivors include her two daughters, Joan Cope and husband, Paul of Macks Creek, and Georgia Mittelbuscher and husband, Dale of St. Charles; her son, George "Buddy" Willer and wife, Connie of Silex; eight grandchildren, Mary Whitman, Deana Atkinson, Kelly Faulkner, Aaron Mittelbuscher, Adam Mittelbuscher, Andrew Mittelbuscher, Andrea McDonald, and Kim Mustin; 17 great-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Willer became a teacher and taught for many years for the Troy School District, and was the elementary principal at the Hawk Point school for a period.

She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 65 years, George J. Willer.



Robert 'Bob' Gene Woods

Robert "Bob" Gene Woods, 92, of Louisiana went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Visitation was from 1-3 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home

in Louisiana.

Funeral services followed at 3 p.m., The Rev. Bill Maupin officiated. Burial with military honors was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Bob was born Nov. 12, 1927 to Roland and Lola Strother Woods. He married Marian Edith Hallows Woods on Dec. 5, 1949. Marian preceded him in death on Dec. 30, 2005. Together they had two sons, David Eugene Woods and Kenneth Lee Woods. Kenneth preceded his father in death on Sept. 11, 2016.

Bob was drafted into the United States Army in 1946 and served in Korea until 1948. He was very proud to earn the rank of Sergeant and serve his country. Bob worked for Stark Bro's Nursery and later worked for Hercules, Inc. for 35 years before retiring early to hunt, trap and travel with his late wife, Marian.

During his years at Hercules, Bob was very involved in the OCAW 5713 Union, serving as vice president.

When Bob and Marian's grandchildren were young, they enjoyed spending time with them and often served as chauffeurs, picking them up from school and running them to all of their different activities and friends' homes. Bob was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, mushroom hunting, and riding around on his four-wheeler and ranger with his sons, and a dear friend, Gary Branham.

Bob also enjoyed teaching a special nephew, Tylier, how to hunt and trap. They also spent a lot of time riding around on his acreage in Lincoln County, which was a very special place for him. Bob was very thankful for a special niece, Julie Richardson, who spent so much time caring for him in his last few months. Bob was a member of the First Baptist Church of Louisiana.

He is survived by his son, David Woods and wife, Marilyn; his daughter-in-law, Donna Jenkins Woods, all of Louisiana; his granddaughters, Heather Durbin and husband, Steven of Osage Beach, and Whitney Lee and husband, Kris of O'Fallon; his great-grandchildren, Laura, Wade, Bennett, and Evelyn Durbin of Osage Beach; two sisters-in-law, Louise Carlberg, and Jayne Woods, both of Louisiana; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob was also preceded in death by three sisters, Evelyn Stumbaugh, Floretta Crow, and Martha Lou Harrelson; one brother, Roy Woods; and his granddaughter, Laura Lee Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Laura Lee Woods Scholarship Fund, Heartland Hospice, or the First Baptist Church of Louisiana, c/o Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO 63353.



Cris Gualberto

Cris Gualberto, 23, of Ballwin, formerly of Vandalia died Thursday, March 5, 2020.

A memorial service was at 3 p.m., Sunday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. The Rev. Louis E. Dorn officiated.

Visitation celebrating Cris's life was held at noon until the time of the service, Sunday, at the Waters Funeral Home.

Cris was born March 27, 1996 in Hannibal.

Survivors included his parents, Dr. Crisanto and Thelma Gualberto of Vandalia, and Lisa Meyers; a brother, Gary Gualberto of Solana Beach, Calif.; sisters, Tina Gualberto of Ponte Vedra, Fla., Eilla Guenzler and husband, Mike of Ponte Vedra, Fla., Diana Penn and husband, Cory of Ballwin, Heather Harness and husband, Alex of Bowling Green, Kristen McPike of Wentzville, and Gina Gualberto of Ballwin; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He graduated from Van-Far High School in the class of 2014.

Cris was very kind hearted and always put his family and friends first. He enjoyed learning at his own pace, exploring new places, and always being in the company of his friends. Cris's biggest love was his family (and pets) and the time they spent together, especially during special occasions.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vandalia. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Cris's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Patricia Ann Graver

Patricia Ann Graver, 86, of Bowling Green died Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Tuesday (today) at 1 p.m., at the Smyrna Cemetery in New Hartford with Jonathan Hiles officiating.

Patricia was born to Glenn Richard and Clareta Woodson Van Arsdel on Aug. 30, 1933 in Marling. On June 8, 1953 she married Gordon Frank Graver in New London. He survives.

Patricia grew up in Estes. She attended school in a one room school house. She later graduated from Bowling Green High School. After graduating high school, Patricia worked as a telephone operator in Bowling Green. At the birth of her first daughter, she retired to stay home and raise her family. She was a loving mother and wife.

Patricia is survived by her husband; her children: Rick L. Graver and wife, Cindy of Springfield, Rita R. Blair of Bowling Green, Randall E. Graver and wife, Renata of Springfield, Robert G. Graver and wife, Robin of Bowling Green, and Rodney W. Graver and wife, Brittanee of New Hartford; grandchildren, Adam Graver, Sarah Graver-Mayfield, Joshua Blair, Christopher Graver, Douglas Graver, Nicholas Graver, Dustin Graver, Alex Graver, Morgan Graver, and Megan Graver; great-grandchildren, Madilyn Mayfield, Olivia Mayfield, Marlaina Mayfield, Ryker Aberle, Kaden Graver, and Hayden Graver; a sister, Ann Marie Hiles and husband, Jim of Quincy, Ill.; dear family friend, Pamela Jo Kirkwood; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, William Richard Van Arsdel, infant sister, Mary Jane Van Arsdel; and great-grandson, Hayden Graver.

Memorials may be made to Smyrna Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to www.bibbveach.com.



Gary Francis 'Doc' Barckley

Gary Francis (Doc) Barckley, 70, of Curryville died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020 at Ashland Healthcare in Ashland.

Everyone is to come celebrate Gary's life at the Curryville Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 15.

He is survived by three brothers, Mark Chilson, Steven Chilson, and Dennis Chilson, one sister, Kathy Polites; and countless nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Chilson, his father, Arthur Chilson, and two great-nephews, Jesse Potter and Ryan Parris.

Although Gary did not marry and had no biological children of his own, he saw all his nieces and nephews as his own.

He taught a lot of them to throw their first ball, ride their first bikes, mowing their first lawn and most of all taught them to love and honor their families.

Gary took pride in every job he did from changing a car battery to helping bring in the groceries. He was a blessing to his family and to his friends. He touched not only our families lives but the lives of his community. He will be greatly missed.



Read Across America

Students in Mrs. Wilkinson's second grade classroom at Bowling Green Elementary School had fun celebrating Read Across America for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Everyone wore pajamas, brought pillows and blankets, and some students even brought flashlights so they could cozy up and read.



Morris Wins Essay Contest

Silex Elementary fourth grader Emily Morris won first place in the Lincoln County Family and Community Education Essay Contest. Emily is the daughter of Timothy and Austina Morris.



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To schedule an appointment please call BONCL R-X School at 573-754-5412.

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Alliance Water Resources has 2 openings for a Utility Worker I position in Bowling Green, MO. This position is manual work involving the maintenance and repair relating to water and/or wastewater facilities and equipment, streets, parks and/or other public works functions. The work is generally performed under direct supervision. If you are interested in learning more about this opening and would like to apply please visit the careers page of our website at www.alliancewater.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Culvert Replacements Will Impact Traffic In Lincoln, Pike Counties

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be doing the following work in Lincoln and Pike County. Please see the locations and dates below. All work will be completed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Pike County Route D - Mar. 16, road will be closed from Second Street to South Main Street in Eolia for a culvert replacement.

Lincoln County Route NN - Mar. 17, road will be closed from 1.2 miles north of Lincoln County Route B to 1 mile north of Route B for a culvert replacement.

Lincoln County Route NN - Mar. 17, road will be closed from 1.1 miles north of Route B to 0.90 mile north of Route B for a culvert replacement.

Lincoln County Route NN - Mar. 18, road will be closed from Route B to 0.20 mile north of Route B for a culvert replacement.

Lincoln County Route W - Mar. 19, road will be closed from Lincoln

County Route JJ to 0.50 mile south of Route JJ for a culvert replacement.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes during these times. Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel, and put down your cell phone to help eliminate distractions.

This work is weather dependent and could be rescheduled or delayed. For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). All roadwork is posted on the traveler information map. You can also visit us online at www.modot.org/northeast.

Spring is just around the corner and work zones will be popping up. Before you travel, check out MoDOT's online traveler information map at www.modot.org. Never drive impaired, make sure everyone in the car is buckled up, and please avoid distractions.

Grazing School To Be Held April 6-8

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Kameron Worley

Worley Named CSB Senior Of The Month

Kameron Worley has been named Community State Bank of Missouri's January senior of the Month.

His character trait is cooperation. "Kameron is always willing to do what he is asked, even if it means stepping outside his comfort zone. He is always ready to work with others to accomplish a task and does it with a smile on his face. You can always count on him to be courteous and polite in all situations," said one of Kameron's teachers.

Another remarked, "Kameron Worley is the epitome of cooperation. He is agreeable, courteous personality and willingness to volunteer his time to worthwhile activities embody services to the community. Kameron is the type of student who steps forward to volunteer with local Special Olympics teams, our "Give Respect Get Respect" mentorship program, and leads our school sports teams. He always wears a smile and take adversity in stride. Kameron is always willing to assist others by lending a helping hand and will surely continue to serve others in the future".

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The cost of the two day school is \$95 per person (guests are additional \$45). This fee covers the cost of a speaker and lunch for three days.

Other speakers and materials are provided through a NRCS grant. Please register by March 27. This event is sponsored by the NRCS, Lincoln County SWCD, and Missouri University Extension.

This school is limited to the first 25 paid participants and is an approved school for the DSP-3 cost share practice. If you are interested in receiving more information contact the Lincoln County SWCD office at 636-528-4877 ext.3.

If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Tammy Teeter at 573.564.3715 ext 3, or by e-mail at tammy.teeter@usda.gov by March 20, 2020. The USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Provider and Lender.

Shoulder Work Schedule To Temporarily Close Route C In Pike County

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews have scheduled brush cutting operations in Pike County.

Pike County Route C - March 17, the road will be closed from Pike County Road 7 to Pike County Road 2 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Pike County Route C - March 18-19, the road will be closed from Pike County Road 1 to Pike County Road 2 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Pike County Missouri Route 79 - March 20, the road will be reduced to one lane from Buffalo Street in Louisiana to Pike County Route D between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes during these times.

To The Editor:

I am 82 years old and have difficulty dealing with change. I want things like they used to be. I do not want windmills, electric cars, and I do not even like big combines. When I was 12 years old, I took pride of being able to drive a team of horses and load a bundle wagon. that was so exciting driving in next to the threshing machine and tossing bundles in and the hum of the machine was so great. If I had a good buddy on the other side we would try to choke down the machine. The big dinners I cannot even describe and how great they were.

I live south of Hannibal, but I have seven rental houses in Vandalia and I am very interested in this community. I take pride in my rentals. I do not have a rental that I would not live in myself. I

Letter To The Editor

paid my pledge to the new Y and I support other activities. I want Vandalia to thrive, and I know things are not going to go back to yesterday. I do try to read and keep up.

I just read Yale and Harvard are not going to invest any of their endowment millions in fossil fuels. General Motors now has a plant shut down so it can be retooled to build electric cars. It is forecast by 2030, the number of internal combustion engines will be greatly reduced. All the future is predicted to be in green energy. Progress in battery technology is making great improvements. Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, plans to make a road tractor, capable of hauling 80,000 pounds gross 500 miles on one charge.

The surrounding areas of Ralls and Audrain counties have an opportunity to

take part in the exciting technology of renewable green energy.

I have bet with Tenasha and I have been impressed with their sincere honest and attitude to work with the community.

I must realize my thrashing machine is not going to return, my big V-8 engine is headed for the museum. The future is going to continue to change. Scientists tell us the dinosaur did not survive because he was not strong, but because he failed to change.

Let us not think about ourselves, but rather about our young people and what is best for our community. Let us be fair and reasonable in our decision concerning wind energy.

Bill Northcutt

Republicans Of Pike County Meet For March

Republicans of Pike County met Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana for their monthly meeting.

President Kathy Gamm welcomed everyone. Paul Lewis led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Everyone enjoyed a carry-in meal.

The speaker was Associate Judge Milan Berry. He told of his efforts to work with addicts and persons with mental problems to keep them out of jail by using other methods such as treatment or finding needed help. He would like to see a coordinated effort to centralize different facilities to work together in Pike County instead of sending them to treatment centers out of the county where transportation and other issues are involved. He asked everyone to fill out a survey which might help him.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Tickets for the Lincoln-Reagan Day event were distributed to sell. Everyone is to report their sales to President Gamm by March 28. President Gamm also announced Karen Leverenz will cater the meal and Bill Unsell will auction items. Items for auction are needed.

The club voted to participate with a booth at the Pike County Fair.

Gale Frolos, chair of the central committee, explained that our scholarship pays for the applicant for second year of college but the school had sent the applicant a letter saying we would pay for second semester. Therefore the club voted to pay at this time since an error had been made.

A card was signed for member Paul Akin who is hospitalized.

Those filing for office this year introduced themselves. They were Woodrow Poulson for state representative, Chad Perkins for state representative, Ron Staggs for state representative, Tracy Foster for collector, Laura Stumbaugh for county clerk, Tommy Wallace for eastern commissioner and Steve Korte for sheriff. Gale Frolos explained the duties of the county central committee who is seeking candidates for each township.

Elected officials present were associate judge Milan Berry, presiding commissioner Chris Gamm, eastern commissioner Justin Shepard, recorder Kim Martin Luebrecht and sheriff Steve, Korte.

The next meeting will be April 2 at 6:30 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana.

American Legion Auxiliary Meets To Plan Activities

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 370 had a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 10.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by President Roberta Pointer, at the American Legion Post with eight members present.

The opening prayer was given by Kati Traynor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. Minutes from the January meeting was read by Bette Garrison and approved, the financial report was read by Kathleen Branham and filed for audit. Communications from the district newsletter was, also read. Thank you notes have been sent to all that donated to Girl's State.

The craft/yard sale/flea market for

April 11 was discussed and flyers were handed out to everyone, so they could be posted in various locations, to invite the public to the upcoming craft/yard sale/flea market or to participate as a vendor. The amount made from the ALA sales will be divided between scholarships and Girl's State funds.

Pointer along with other committee members interviewed delegates for Missouri Girl's State. The girls were from Bowling Green and Louisiana high schools. They choose seven delegates and one alternate; two girls were from

Area Students

Graduate From MO State

Missouri State University-Springfield conferred more than 1,500 degrees to students in fall 2019.

Past the standard expectations, the university recognized 22 students for their work with a more rigorous curriculum in Missouri State's Honors College.

Area graduates include: Kambrin Hartsell of Vandalia, graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in interior design.

Mikayla Mattingly of Eolia, graduated with a bachelor of science in biology.

Ashley Corbin of Louisiana, graduated with a bachelor of science in public relations.

Bowling Green and all the other girls were from Louisiana.

Plans and preparations for the upcoming March 8 district meeting at the American Legion Post 370 were discussed, along with the menu.

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O MOST BEAUTIFUL Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times).

Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. This prayer must be published.

L.S.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Theodore "Tee" Grote Jr., wishes to express gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of love and support with cards, calls, food, memorial donations, and prayer. A special thanks to Lynn's Heritage House and Pike County Hospice for their compassionate care.

Also, St. Clement Ladies Sodality and Knights of Columbus for helping with meal and hall use.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Van-Far Speech Team Wins Districts!

On Saturday, March 7 the Van-Far Speech Team placed first as a team out of 17 schools at the District 2 speech tournament, beating out larger programs such as Columbia schools, Moberly, and Mexico. This is the first time Van-Far was won a district championship as a team. This is the second year in a row that the entire team made finals and medaled. This year Van-Far is sending a record five students to state in April at Missouri State University-Springfield. State qualifiers include Trevor Winders - district champion in Original Oratory; Cameron Jones - district champion in radio speaking; Harley Young and Kiera Hayden - district champions in duo interp; Parker Hull and Trevor Winders - district champions in duet acting; and Kiera Hayden - second All-District in prose reading. Hayden and Winders are the first Van-Far students to advance to state in multiple events and Young is advancing to state for a record third time. All-District finishers from Van-Far include: Georgia Coomer, fourth, poetry; Harley Young - fourth, storytelling; Layla Ogden - sixth, humorous interpretation. Van-Far speech coach, Tyler Oesch commented, "I heard nothing but great comments about these kids from other coaches and competitors on Saturday. They represent their school and community well, both in work ethic and positive attitudes. Great things can happen with just a few kids that have the desire to succeed." Pictured, at left, is the Van-Far Speech Team with their first place plaque.

Van-Far Indians Lose In Sectional Play



Van-Far seniors, from left, Verdell Johnson, Sam Middleton, and Morgan Slatten are pictured holding off a strong Milan offense on Wednesday, March 4 in the Class 2 sectionals. The Indians lost 61-44.



Van-Far senior Rylee Hanson puts up a shot during the Class 2 sectionals on Wednesday, March 4.



Van-Far senior Colin Wilburn looks to make a shot in the Class 2 sectionals on Wednesday, March 7 in Hannibal.



Latrell Wright is pictured putting up a free throw Wednesday, March 7 during sectional play at Hannibal High School.

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Class 3 District 8 All District Athletes

Members of the 2019-20 Class 3 District 8 boy's basketball team include:

Roddy Alexander, Christian; Carson Parks, Montgomery County; Trent Anderson, Hermann; Collin Parker, Montgomery County; Kameron Worley, Bowling Green; Gabe Cash, North Callaway; Frankie May, Lutheran St. Charles; Kristian Davis, Kalin Black, Christian; and Kannon Schutte, Winfield.

Coach of the year: Adam Glenville, Christian.

CLASS 3 DISTRICT 8 GIRL TEAM

Quincy Erickson, Hermann; Taylor Flake, Montgomery County; Jada Lindesmith, Jenna Grsekowiak, Lutheran St. Charles; Gracie Winkelmann, Hermann; Jasmin Simpson, Wright City; Kinley Charlton, Bowling Green; Sam Queathem, Montgomery County; Daelyn Schmauch, North Callaway; Mahya Lindesmith, Lutheran St. Charles.

Coach of the year: Erin Luttschwager, Lutheran St. Charles.

Class 2, District 5 All District Teams

Members of the 2019-20 Class 2 District 5 boy's basketball team include:

Verdell Johnson, Van-Far; Zakk Eivins, Clopton; Colin Wilburn, Van-Far; Maleek McPike, Clopton; Konnor Heitmeyer, Paris; Sam Middleton, Van-Far; Preston Eckler, Mark Twain; Mason Washington, Louisiana; Chris Ebbsmeyer, Paris; Cole Mitchell, South Shelby.

Coach of the year: Pat Connaway,

Van-Far.

CLASS 2 DISTRICT 5 GIRL TEAM

Tori Hamilton, Paris; Caragan Lockard, Clopton, Megan Harrelson, Clopton; Nicole Skinner, Paris; Kaylee Gaines, South Shelby; Malory Wood, South Shelby; Emma Ross, Mark Twain; Lexi Plackemeier, Silex; Taylor Akers, Clopton; Tyra Henderson, Elsberry.

Coach of the year: Garrett Thomas, Paris.

EMO All-Conference Teams Announced

Members of the 2019-20 EMO All-Conference team include:

BOYS FIRST TEAM

Kameron Worley, Bowling Green*; Gabe Cash, North Callaway*; Verdell Johnson, Van-Far*; Colin Wilburn, Van-Far*; Carson Parker, Montgomery County*; Collin Parker, Montgomery County*; Clayton Ebers, Wellsville; Cody Cash, North Callaway; Zakk Eivins, Clopton; Dillon Seabaugh, Wright City.

BOYS SECOND TEAM

George Niemeyer, Bowling Green; Mason Washington, Louisiana; Keaton Mayes, Wellsville; Sam Middleton, Van-Far; Maleek McPike, Clopton; Daniel Harvey, Clopton; Jake Rimel, Elsberry; Tommy Grote, Silex; JJ McRoberts, Wright City; Preston Eckler, Mark Twain.

EMO Coach Of The Year: Scott

Kroeger, Montgomery County.

GIRLS FIRST TEAM

Kinley Charlton, Bowling Green*; Caragan Lockard, Clopton*; Emma Ross, Mark Twain*; Taylor Flake, Montgomery County*; Megan Harrelson, Clopton; Renee Finke, Montgomery County; Daelyn Schmauch, North Callaway; Lexi Plackemeier, Silex; Jasmin Simpson, Wright City; Sam Queathem, Montgomery County.

GIRLS SECOND TEAM

Grace Deters, Bowling Green; Taylor Akerse, Clopton; Kylie Kinsler, Elsberry; Tyra Henderson, Elsberry; Faith Rule, Louisiana; Mackenzie Ogle, Mark Twain; Elizabeth Trower, Mark Twain; Brooke Oden, Montgomery County; Panna Connaway, Van-Far; Morgan Bryant, Wellsville.

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A group of people are gathered in a room with wood-paneled walls and a large, patterned rug. On the left, a woman with short red hair and glasses is wearing a black and white patterned shawl with a fringe. In the center, a man with a beard is wearing a light blue shirt and a grey vest, holding a small black object. To his right, a young man in a dark shirt and a woman in a black jacket and blue jeans are standing. On the far right, a man in a white suit and a white hat is gesturing with his hands. The room has a large window with a decorative glass pane and a framed portrait on the wall.

A group of nine people, including several seniors, are posing outdoors in front of a white house. They are gathered around a large, round cake decorated with red and blue ribbons. A sign in the background reads "Happy Birthday Jean".



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