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June History Nuggets

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A SPELLING 'ORGIE'

The Pike County Chronicle of June 26, 1896, was so maddened by a loud weekend party that it misspelled orgy. "A lot of men and a keg of beer desecrated the Lord's Day by making it a drunken orgie on the creek last Sunday."

DRUNK & BROKEN

The Clarksville Sentinel reported on June 18, 1891, that Clum Ray claimed to have broken "14 or 15 ribs on one side" when falling off a train. The doctor didn't bother with an anatomy lesson, which would have shown people generally have 24 ribs - 12 on each side. However, he found Clum had "broken his bottle into 14 or 15 pieces."

CROOKS' COTERIE

The thieves of Louisiana apparently had standards when it came to looking good. The Fulton Daily Sun-Gazette reported on June 27, 1891, that a group of Fulton and Mexico residents

who were on their way to Hannibal met up with "the toughs of Louisiana." The rogues "snatched off several of their hats and jerked umbrellas from the hands of a number of the party and ran off with them."

TISK, TUSK

The Clarksville Piker complained in June 1906 that ladies' hats had become "more and more inexplicably chaotic concoctions." Of course, the dudes weren't left out, with the paper saying men's summer hats "look as though they had been stepped on by an elephant."

LIVING ON THE EDGE

In June 1916, the Bowling Green Times had an observation upon hearing that at least 16 people were operation patients at area hospitals. "Very few go through this life without being 'sliced.'"

VANES IN VAIN

In June 1891, the Clarksville Sentinel tried to warn readers about fraudulent

lighting rod salesmen. It seems families were being taken for what would today be anywhere from \$6,800 to \$13,000. "How many other suckers were taken on their hooks we do not know, but no doubt there are some who were defrauded who prefer to suffer in silence."

NOTHING FISHY HERE

The Louisiana Press-Journal reported in June 1906 that two game wardens and a policeman "dragged Salt River Saturday for many miles looking for fish nets and other illegal tackle." As with so many anglers, they "failed to locate anything."

JUST DESSERTS

The Bowling Green Times editorialized in June 1906 about an election that set the length of term for county offices at four years each. "It was not because of incompetency or failure to perform duty that the landslide occurred. The people determined to 'pass the pie.' It was passed."

Area Athletes Shine At MSHSAA State Track Championship



Beau Beauchamp
BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Area athletes turned in several impressive performances during the MSHSAA State Track and Field Championships held May 22-23 at Adkins Stadium in Jefferson City, highlighted by stand-out performances from Bowling Green's Alli Hustedde and Clopton freshman Beau Beauchamp.

"Alli had an incredible state meet earning four individual all state honors in the 100, 200, 400, and Long Jump," Head Track Coach and Bowling Green Athletic Director, Matt Chance told the Tribune. "It was a very demanding two-day meet, but Alli was up to the challenge and finished off a historic season."

Hustedde capped one of the most successful state meets in Bowling Green history by earning All-State honors in four events. The junior placed fifth in the Class 3 long jump with a leap of 5.26 meters, sixth in the 100-meter dash in 12.58 seconds, third in the 400-meter dash in 58.60 seconds, and sixth in the 200-meter dash with a school-record time of 25.39 seconds.

The 200-meter performance broke the school record she had set earlier at sectionals, which had previously stood since 1986. Hustedde finished the meet with four All-State medals and four individual state event appearances.

Clopton High School's Track and Field team also had an impressive showing with freshman Beau Beauchamp delivering a memorable performance, earning All-State honors in two events and nearly capturing a state title. That's all the more remarkable considering this is Beauchamp's freshman year running for the program.

She placed third in the Class 1 girls 800-meter run with a personal-best time of 2:25.44 before finishing runner-up in the 400-meter dash in another personal-best effort of 57.80 seconds.

The 400-meter time marked the third time this season, Beauchamp lowered the Clopton school record in the event. The freshman concluded her debut high school season as one of the state's top Class 1 middle-distance runners.

In Louisiana, the girls 4x100 relay team earned the highest finish among Bulldog athletes.

"While we didn't come away with as much hardware as we would have liked, the kids competed really well, setting multiple PR's for the season on the biggest stage," Louisiana Head Track Coach, Tommy Fallert told the Tribune. "Our girls 4x100m relay was our only group to reach the podium, taking 4th place. They came into the meet ranked 10th but improved on their best time by nearly a full second and a well-deserved final placing."

They placed fourth in

Class 2 competition with a time of 50.57 seconds. Team members included Karishma Clark, Trinity Chatman, Michela Lesley and Alysia Gschwender.

Other Bowling Green athletes performed well at the state competition. Nathan Schellman placed 12th in the Class 3 300-meter hurdles.

"Nathan had a great season and competed very well at state," Matt Chance added. "He was one of the best hurdlers in the area and it was nice to see him go out running one of his best times of his career in the 300 hurdles."

Jakarri Clark finished 13th in shot put and 16th in discus, while Elyzabeth Icke placed 14th in discus.

"Jakarri had an incredible career for Bowling Green Track and I know that state didn't end the way he wanted it to, but he has been a great leader in our program and we are proud of his success the past 4 years," Matt Chance said.

Louisiana also received strong performances from Braden Taylor, who placed ninth in the boys 800-meter run with a personal-best time of 2:00.12, and AJ Gschwender, who tied for 12th in the high jump. The Bulldogs' boys 4x100 relay team of Aspen Patterson, Troy McDaniel, Tyler Norvell and Javon Ries finished 11th.

Other Louisiana state qualifiers included the girls 4x800 relay team of Reece Wommack, Mayiera Hutt, Sophie Griffin and Scarlett Fite-Karmel, which finished 16th. Alivia Perrine placed 13th in discus and Payten Anderson finished 13th in javelin.

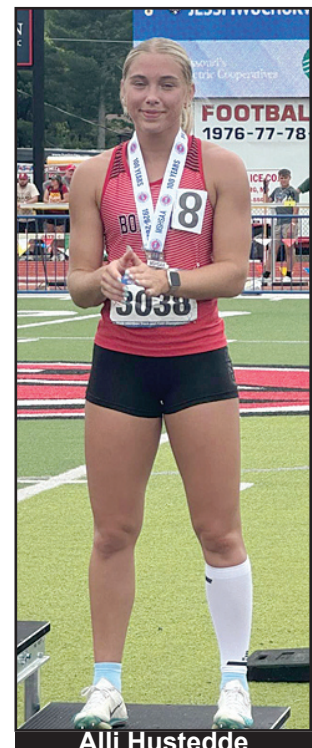
"Braden Taylor finished with yet another big PR in the open 800 for the boys, finishing just outside of podium contention in 9th place," Coach Fallert added. "We were really pleased with the effort we got for the kids, thankfully for the seniors, and really looking forward to what our 13 returning state qualifiers can

do moving forward."

Silex athletes also represented the area well at the state meet.

Joseph Noxon placed 13th in the Class 1 boys 1600-meter run with a personal-best time of 4:51.57. Rylen Jensen earned All-State honors with an eighth-place finish in the girls high jump at 1.50 meters and added a 13th-place finish in triple jump.

Clopton's Jason Hoffman finished 15th in the Class 1 boys 3200-meter run with a time of 10:53.45. Josi Ma-



Alli Hustedde

gruder recorded a personal-best vault of 8 feet, 4 inches to place 11th in the girls pole vault competition.

Van-Far junior Garrett Hopke rounded out the area's state competitors, placing 12th in the Class 2 boys 3200-meter run with a time of 10:17.64.

Area athletes have plenty to celebrate from All-State honors to competing at the state championships. For many, the Jefferson City meet marked the culmination of months and years of hard work. And for others, it's only the beginning of their high school athletic career.

Soldier's Letter Chronicles Civil War Battle



Henry Stark Carroll
BY BRENT ENGEL
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On the 87th anniversary of American independence, a Clarksville soldier described a battle that embodied a divided nation.

Henry Stark Carroll was a sergeant with the 33rd Missouri Volunteer Infantry, one of 4,100 Union men ordered to defend Fort Curtis in the Mississippi River town of Helena, Ark, on July 4, 1863.

It turned out to be a monumental date. The Battle of Helena could not compare to victories that day at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, but it was a significant step toward Union triumph almost two years later. Details are found in a letter Carroll wrote to his mother the following day.

"I have just been over the battlefield and no language can describe its horrors," he wrote. "It was a scene I shall never forget. Men were torn and mutilated in every possible manner."

Carroll was the son of Elias Llewellyn and Elizabeth Jane Stark Carroll, two Pike County pioneers who came from huge families. His mother - a daughter of Stark Brothers Nurseries founder James Hart Stark - was one of 15 children and his father was one of 10. Henry, who was born June 25, 1844, had an older sister and eight younger siblings.

Carroll joined the 33rd when it formed in September 1862 at Benton Barracks in St. Louis under Col. Clinton Fisk. The non-sense commander urged his men to strike the rebels swiftly, take no prisoners and "kill the villains wherever caught in their hellish practices."

Most of the men came from Northeast Missouri. At least 17 besides Carroll in Company D were from Pike County. Many of the Con-

federates also were from Missouri.

Union forces had held Helena for a year, but the Confederates wanted to take it back in hopes of relieving Union pressure on the besieged Vicksburg 175 miles downstream. Topography made Helena the perfect place to bottle up Northern resupply efforts.

"Everything was calm and serene, and we began to think the rebs had concluded not to attack us," Carroll said. "I divided the men into gun squads and scarcely had the men taken their posts (when) an officer rode up and ordered us to fire an alarm gun, which we did."

The Union was outnumbered almost two-to-one. The Confederate attack under Lt. Gen. Theophilus Holmes began just before sunrise. Major Gen. Sterling Price and Brigadier Gen. John Marmaduke led two columns.

"I think the rebels had their whole force engaged," Carroll recalled.

Fog lifted just in time for the Pike County soldier to make a patriotic request.

"I asked the captain if I could give them a Fourth of July salute," he said. "He replied to give it to them, and thus opened the most murderous fire from our guns that ever men withstood. But nothing seemed to daunt the foolhardiness of the rebels."

The Confederates continued to fire at the batteries, forcing Union cannoners to back away for a time.

"They seemed to think they had gained the day, but they were woefully mistaken," Carroll said.

The rebels formed a line and began a downhill sweep over 700 yards of open ground - hauntingly similar to the disastrously unsuccessful mile-long charge led by Gen. George Pickett at Gettysburg the previous day.

"They seemed as they intended to take us at the bayonet point," Carroll noted. "They advanced steadily and briskly while six heavy guns from one fort and also several companies of infantry that had been driven in from the outer works were mowing them down under this murderous fire."

The Confederates made it a little more than halfway across the field.

"At this distance, we poured in a double charge of grape (shot) that made them reel and stagger," Carroll said. "Their officers waved their swords and tried to urge the men forward, but it was of no use. It was not human to stand it."

The rebels began withdrawing, and quickly became easy targets. The uphill retreat left them vulnerable.

"They started up a road and I trained my gun upon it, as also did two other gunners in the fort," Carroll reported. "We all fired at once and when the smoke cleared away, not a man was to be seen within a rod of the place. Dead, dying and wounded were strewn thickly on the ground."

The Confederates surrendered, with the Union taking 1,000 prisoners. The battle had lasted about seven hours. Carroll was covered in black powder after firing what he counted as 103 rifle shots.

"Every one of our company behaved nobly - we are all heroes," he said. "Old Pike may well be proud of her representatives here yesterday."

None of the Pike County soldiers were hurt, but the carnage lay all around them.

The "enemy were slaughtered," Carroll said. "We find (bodies) behind logs and stumps and in hollows. Everyone seems to think that there are at least four hundred of their dead on the field."

The overall Confederate attack had been planned well, but the execution was marred by miscommunication, poor timing and bad luck. The Union would control Helena for the rest of the war.

During his service, Carroll wrote at least 31 other letters to his mother and a sister, Edna. He lost three toes on his left foot when a shell exploded at the Battle of Lake Chicot in Arkansas on June 6, 1864. A partial amputation was done, but Carroll returned to duty and served until his discharge on Aug. 10, 1865.

Returning to Clarksville, Carroll married Lucinda Pepper "Lucy" Clifford in 1872. The couple had two sons, Harry and Irvine. He served as president of Clifford Banking Co., was treasurer of Imperial Mill Co. and Clarksville Paper Co., a partner in Clarksville Vinegar Works and a big promoter of highways and railroads.

The Clarksville Piker newspaper said Carroll was "generous to a fault" and for years "was prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of our city." He died at 62 on Nov. 20, 1906, and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Carroll was portrayed as part of a Clarksville Library walking tour and dinner fund-raiser on May 30.

Louisiana, Clopton Good Citizens

The Pike County Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) gives a monetary award, certificate, and lapel pin to one outstanding student from each of the area high schools, Louisiana and Clopton, each year. The "Good Citizen" award is a prestigious honor that recognizes outstanding high school seniors who exemplify four core qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. The "Good Citizen" award was presented to Gwendolynn "Gwen" Rain Reed at the Louisiana R-II High School Awards Assembly by DAR Vice Regent Cindy Blaylock. Gwen is the daughter of Tommy and Amber Reed of Louisiana. Her college plan is to study in her chosen field of dental hygiene.



The "Good Citizen" award was presented by Regent Sandy Orf to Gracey Rose MacLaughlin at the Clopton Awards Assembly. Gracey is the daughter of Joe and Wendy MacLaughlin of Clarksville. She plans to swim for the University of Nebraska-Omaha, while pursuing her chosen field of physical therapy.

Community News

Frankford Elementary End Of Year Awards

100 Percent Attendance Award: Pretty Adams, Eleanor Smith.
 97 Percent Senate Attendance Award: Lovely Adams, Pretty Adams, Benson Akright, Aksel Austin, Aversyn Barlow, Jackson Cook, Lillian Cook, Hope Dameron, Roxie Delgman, Skylar Frieden, Tyler Frieden, Coy Hamilton, Grace Hart, Jace Hart, Julian Henderson, Lena Henderson, Crosby Hickerson, Katie Ince, Lillie Jo Jackson, Shyla Jennings, Waylon Jennings, Roanan Lang, Emma Maxson, Matthew McCarthy, Olivia McCarthy, Henley Miller, Easton Moiser, Jakelynn Nelson, Isabella Norton, Karma Palmer, Ken J. Palmer, Remi Palmer, McKenzie Rhine, Sabrina Rhine, Leo Robeen, Ashton Rozier, Eleanor Smith, Izabell Smith, Coleston Splain, Luke Trower, James Virden, Brantley Waelder, LouAnn Wood.
 President's Gold Education Award (A honor roll all 4 terms)
 4th Grade - Crosby Hickerson, Dallas Scherder, Bo Turner, LouAnn Wood
 5th Grade - Coy Hamilton, Sterling Schmidt
 Presidents Silver Education Award (B Honor Roll All 4 Terms)
 3rd Grade - Sophie Akright, Collyns Brandenburger, Jackson Cook, Rory Sparks
 4th Grade - Aversyn Barlow, Harper Jackson, Lillie Jo Jackson, Genore Grant, Clane Mahar, Emma Maxson, Easton Moiser
 5th Grade - Pretty Adams, Ty Perkins, Callie Scherder, Trip Turner

Roanan Lang, Beau Mount, Jakelynn Nelson, Ken J Palmer, Audrey Schoneboom, Rory Sparks, Brantlee Virden, Annaliese Weatherby, Boone Wilson.
 Most STAR Reading and STAR Math Growth - Sophie Akright.
 Science and Social Studies Award - Sophie Akright.
 All 4 Quarters AR Goal - Sophie Akright, Rory Sparks.
 All 4 Quarters AR Goal and Mrs Bird's AR Goal - Collyns Brandenburger.
 Highest STAR Math Score - Sophie Akright, Beau Mount.
 Multiplication Sweets Award - Sophie Akright, Aksel Austin, Collyns Brandenburger, McKinley Edmond, Roanan Lang, Beau Mount, Rory Sparks, Brantlee Virden, Boone Wilson.
 Improvement Award for Star Reading and Star Math - Sophie Akright, Aksel Austin, Collyns Brandenburger, Beau Mount, Ken J Palmer, Audrey Schoneboom, Rory Sparks, Brantlee Virden.
 Outstanding Attendance Award - Aksel Austin, Jackson Cook, Roanan Lang, Jakelynn Nelson, Boone Wilson.
 Improvement Award for STAR Reading - Noah Baker, Jackson Cook, Abraham Gordon.
 Extra Math Completion Award - Collyns Brandenburger.
 Writing, Grammar and Math Award - Collyns Brandenburger.
 Highest AR Accuracy - Collyns Brandenburger, Jackson Cook.
 Most Blue Ribbons in Math and Reading Study Island - Collyns Brandenburger.
 Citizenship Award - Jackson Cook, Rory Sparks.
 Improvement Award for STAR Math - McKinley Edmond, Roanan Lang, Annaliese Weatherby, Boone Wilson.
 Most Growth in STAR Reading - Abraham Gordon, Ken J. Palmer.
 Highest STAR Reading Score - Abraham Gordon.
 Most Blue Ribbons in Math Study Island - Roanan Lang, Beau Mount, Boone Wilson.
 Most AR Points All Year - Beau Mount.
 Most Growth in STAR Math - Boone Wilson.

Dallas Scherder, Emma Schoneboom, Ayla Smith, Bo Turner, Aleigha Weatherby, LouAnn Wood.
 AR Goal All 4 Quarters - Skylar Frieden, Crosby Hickerson, Harper Jackson, Dallas Scherder, Ayla Smith.
 AR Goal and Mrs Bird's AR Goal All 4 Quarters - Easton Moiser, Bo Turner, Aleigha Weatherby.
 Addition Master - Aleigha Weatherby.
 Multiplication Master - Skylar Frieden, Tyler Frieden, Genore Grant, Remi Hawkins, Crosby Hickerson, Harper Jackson, Lillie Jo Jackson, Sylas Kirk, Clane Mahar, Emma Maxson, Easton Moiser, Dallas Scherder, Emma Schoneboom, Ayla Smith, Bo Turner.
 Division Master - Tyler Frieden, Genore Grant, Crosby Hickerson, Harper Jackson, Lillie Jo Jackson, Easton Moiser, Bo Turner.
 Highest Science/Social Studies % - Harper Jackson.
 Highest AR Accuracy 97% - Harper Jackson, LouAnn Wood.
 Highest Reading % - Easton Moiser.
 Most AR points (577) - Easton Moiser.
 Highest Grammar/Writing % - Dallas Scherder.
 Highest Math % - Bo Turner.
 Overall Math Study Island Award - Easton Moiser.
 Overall Reading Study Island Award - Dallas Scherder.

FIFTH GRADE
 Most AR Points (154) - Pretty Adams.
 Mrs Bird's AR Goal All 4 Quarters - Pretty Adams.
 No Late Assignments - Pretty Adams, Coy Hamilton, Wade Luebrecht, Callie Scherder, Sterling Schmidt.
 Top Reading Grade Award - Pretty Adams, Callie Scherder.
 Reading Circle Certificate - Pretty Adams, Coy Hamilton, Julian Henderson, Olivia McCarthy, Conrad Niemeyer, Isabella Norton, Ty Perkins, Callie Scherder, Sterling Schmidt, Jase Steele, Brantley Waelder.
 Outstanding Attendance Award - Pretty Adams, Coy Hamilton, Julian Henderson, Olivia McCarthy, Isabella Norton, Callie Scherder, Brantley Waelder.
 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award - Pretty Adams, Ty Perkins, Callie Scherder.
 Top Social Studies Grade (over 100) - Coy Hamilton.
 More than 2 Years Growth on STAR Reading - Coy Hamilton, Ty Perkins, Sterling Schmidt.
 Growth on STAR Math - Coy Hamilton (2.8 Years), Darius Henderson (2.9 Years).
 Top Math Student Award - Coy Hamilton.
 Outstanding Excellence Achievement Award - Coy Hamilton, Sterling Schmidt.
 5th Grade Citizenship Award - Wade Luebrecht, Callie Scherder.
 Math Drops Magician - Conrad Niemeyer, Brantley Waelder.
 Excellence in Science Award - Sterling Schmidt.
 Top Grammar Award - Sterling Schmidt.
 Top Art Student Award - Sterling Schmidt.
 More than 2 years of Growth on Star Math - Jase Steele, Brantley Waelder.

FOURTH GRADE
 Citizenship Award - Ayla Smith, Bo Turner.
 STAR Math Growth - Aversyn Barlow, Tyler Frieden, Genore Grant, Remi Hawkins (3 years), Crosby Hickerson, Lillie Jo Jackson, Sylas Kirk (3.6 years), Clane Mahar, Matthew McCarthy, Easton Moiser, Dallas Scherder, Emma Schoneboom, Ayla Smith, Bo Turner, Aleigha Weatherby.
 STAR Reading Growth - Skylar Frieden (1.7 years), Genore Grant, Remi Hawkins, Crosby Hickerson, Harper Jackson (1.7 years), Sylas Kirk, Clane Mahar, Easton Moiser (3.6 years), Dallas Scherder, Emma Schoneboom, Bo Turner, Aleigha Weatherby (1.7 years).
 Reading Circle Certificate - Skylar Frieden, Tyler Frieden, Genore Grant, Remi Hawkins, Crosby Hickerson, Harper Jackson, Lillie Jo Jackson, Sylas Kirk, Clane Mahar, Emma Maxson, Easton Moiser,

THIRD GRADE
 Art Award - Sophie Akright.
 Reading Award - Rory Sparks.
 Reading Circle Certificate - Sophie Akright, Aksel Austin, Noah Baker, Collyns Brandenburger, Jackson Cook, McKinley Edmond, Abraham Gordon,
 Citizenship - Beckett Fischer, Jenson Jacyna.
 Top Math Grade - Jenson Jacyna.
 Reading All-Star and Awesome Artist - Cole Koniczny.
 Art Award - Sophie Akright.
 Reading Award - Rory Sparks.
 Reading Circle Certificate - Sophie Akright, Aksel Austin, Noah Baker, Collyns Brandenburger, Jackson Cook, McKinley Edmond, Abraham Gordon,

SECOND GRADE
 All 4 Quarters AR Goal and Mrs. Bird's AR Goal - Emery Adkison, Hope Dameron, Roxie Delgman, Ella Edmond, Beckett Fischer, Jenson Jacyna, Cole Koniczny, Jaxon Stewart.
 All 4 Quarters AR Goal - Jace Hart, Bennett Jackson, Henley Miller, Karma Palmer, Sabrina Rhine, Hazlee Virden.
 Citizenship - Beckett Fischer, Jenson Jacyna.
 Top Math Grade - Jenson Jacyna.
 Reading All-Star and Awesome Artist - Cole Koniczny.
 Art Award - Sophie Akright.
 Reading Award - Rory Sparks.
 Reading Circle Certificate - Sophie Akright, Aksel Austin, Noah Baker, Collyns Brandenburger, Jackson Cook, McKinley Edmond, Abraham Gordon,

KINDERGARTEN
 Counting and Writing to 100: Lovely Adams, Bentley Adkison, Graison Boss, Chevelle Clarkson, Lillian Cook, Ashton Darr, Jameson Emerick, Grace Hart, Gabe Havens, Myra Havens, Ronan Morrison, Remi Palmer, George Pelaez, Zoey Penrod, McKenzie Rhine, Kyle Rosen, Lincoln Rouse-Ruby, Ellie Smith, Henry Smith, Aryah Weatherby.
 Writing to 100: Shyla Jennings.
 Reads All Kindergarten Sight Words: Lovely Adams, Lillian Cook, Gabe Havens, Myra Havens, Remi Palmer, George Pelaez, Zoey Penrod, McKenzie Rhine, Leo Robeen, Kyle Rosen, Ellie Smith.
 Art Award: Myra Havens.



Lindley Receives Award

Members of the Louisiana Community Betterment Association presented Blake Lindley with the "Kids Doing the Right Thing" award on Monday, May 18, 2026. Miss Lindley was not only nominated by a member of LCBA, but was also noted for her efforts by the Louisiana High School officials for her efforts to pick up trash after a basketball game that was held in the high school gym. "Miss Lindley felt that it was the right thing for her to do, to pitch in and help clean up when so many attendees had left their trash behind, instead of putting it in the trash receptacle," stated Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson. If you know of a youth in our community that you feel deserves to be recognized for their efforts to "Do the Right Thing" please contact Huckstep at 314-640-4420. Pictured front row, left: Diana Huckstep, LCBA chairperson, Blake Lindley, recipient, and Carter Lindley. Second row, David Miller, LCBA committee member, Brandy Grover, mother, and Tamra Grover, grandmother.

Photo by Walter Logan, LCBA committee member

Poppy: A Tribute To Fallen Heroes

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row" So begins "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by John McCrae, a Canadian poet and military physician.
 More than a century later, the poppy is still used to honor our fallen military heroes.
 The poppy referred to by McCrae is known today as the corn poppy or Flanders poppy (Papaver rhoeas), a common flower native to Europe, Trinklein says. Its seeds often lie dormant for years and spring to life when the soil is disturbed. This happened in European cemeteries used to bury fallen soldiers of World War I, which is one reason the plant is associated with those who have died in combat.
 Poppies belong to the Papaveraceae family, which contains 30 genera and about 600 species. Most are cold-tolerant and prefer relatively cool summers. Among the annual poppies, in addition to Flanders poppy, is the notorious opium poppy (Papaver somniferum). Although its flowers are quite beautiful, growing the opium poppy is illegal in Missouri, noted Trinklein.
 The Iceland poppy and Oriental poppy are two of the most familiar perennial types. The latter has the distinction of being the most popular garden poppy. Its large, spectacular orange-red flowers are 3 1/2-4 inches in diameter and have petals with a crepe-paper texture. Borne singly on wiry stems, the flowers wave well above the low-growing, sharply toothed foliage. Leaves and broken stems yield a milky white sap.
 Like most poppies, the Oriental poppy is not suited for extremely hot weather and usually goes dormant in summer, Trinklein said. In Missouri, it flowers in the spring,

usually April, and seemingly disappears from the landscape by July due to heat.
 Iceland poppy (Papaver nudicaule) prefers cool climates and tends to be short-lived in Missouri. Because of this, Missouri gardeners probably should treat it as an annual or biennial. It has colorful and distinctive flowers. Some of the more durable varieties, such as "Champagne Bubbles," are rewarding even though their bloom period is brief, said Trinklein.
 Poppies generally do not transplant well, so directly seed annual types into the garden. If started indoors, plant in a cool location in peat pots or other biodegradable containers that can go in the

ground with the plant. This reduces root disturbance and increases the chances of transplant success. Poppies tend to reseed themselves readily and can become a weed in the annual flower garden. To prevent this, simply remove seed pods before they mature and shed seed.
 Another type of poppy treated as an annual in Missouri is derived from the opium poppy but is legal to grow in our state. Peony-flowered poppy (Papaver somniferum var. paeoniflorum) bears spectacular, fully double flowers up to 5 inches in diameter with lacy, tightly packed petals. It comes in shades of red, pink, purple and white and requires the same care as Shirley poppy.

Senior Tax Freeze 2026

New applications are now available. You can pick one up at the Collector's Office or access it online at pikecollector.com.

If you are already enrolled in the program, renewal forms have been mailed to you. Please review your information and return the form to the Collector's Office. Renewal is required to remain in the program.

The deadline for ALL application renewals is June 30, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the Collector's Office at 3281.

Thank you, Tara J. Eskew
Pike County Collector

June Library Book Review



Brenda Gower
 June 2026 Library Staff Book Review
 Seeds of Rebellion & The Powder is Lit by Wendy M. Neugent (History

Detective Club series)
Reviewed by Brenda Gower, Farber Branch Library Manager
 What if you could go back into time and experience the beginnings of the Revolutionary War in North America? That is what happens in this series. A young girl, Rose, lives in current time Williamsburg and discovers a pearl necklace in the floorboard of her 1774 Williamsburg home. Putting the necklace on, she is transported to 1774.
 There are four books in this series that take Rose and the reader through the American Revolution from 1774 to De-

ember 1776. You walk the streets and meet the people living during American Revolution in Williamsburg. You find that not everyone supports this new movement in the same way.
 These are good books to introduce a middle school reader to our countries beginnings. Such an appropriate time, our countries 250th Birthday. I have read the first two books and enjoyed the content and felt that they provided a good feel for what it might have been like to be a young person during this time period in a colonial North America.

THORNHILL AUCTION

& REAL ESTATE COMPANY

We will sell the following Real & Personal Property of the Late Terrace E. Boudinier at Public Auction on

Friday, June 12, 2026
Beginning at 10:00 A.M.

SALE SITE: 206 South Main Cross Street; Bowling Green, MO 63334
REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 12:00 NOON
SELLS ABSOLUTE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER
 REAL ESTATE: Lots 372 & 373 BLK 50, original town of Bowling Green (89.5'x120'). Exact Legal to Govern

Improvements include a 5 room frame home built in 1920. The home features 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, living room, dining room, kitchen w/electric cook stove, laundry room & walk in pantry. The home has a space heater w/window air conditioner and is on city water & sewer.
 Other improvements include a 24'x30' unattached 2 car garage & shop w/concrete floor & 2 overhead doors.
 Nice older home, level corner lot, walking distance to Town Square, excellent rural town living, move in ready.
 Terms: 10% down day of sale with the balance of cash at closing on or before 30 days after the sale with possession at closing.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC.: 2, 1960s-70s 3 piece bedroom & 4 piece bedroom; Dining room set; table, chairs, china hutch; Sofa; Kitchen table & chairs; Whirlpool H/D auto washer; Whirlpool electric dryer; Sanyo flat screen TV; Singer sewing machine w/cabinet; Recliner; 1 & 2 door metal storage cabinets; Whirlpool microwave; Kitchen appliances; Pots, pans & bakeware; Westinghouse roaster; Brinks fire resistant safe; Corning ware; Porch swing; Lot butcher knives & meat cleaver; Lot sewing supplies; Lot towels, bedding, linens, etc.; Cameras; Binoculars; Wheelchair; Partial list.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Edison floor model phonograph; Glider rocker; Cedar chest; Treadle sewing machine; Flat top trunk; Wicker rope type desk & chair; Kitchen cabinet; 2 cake stands; Spoon collection; #1 Gilbert shelf clock; Yard long dining room mirror; Mechanical bear Coca Cola; Dr. Pepper soda cooler; Zenith 1950s radios; Rice piggy bank; Lot Occupied Japan figurines; Quilts; Tin type pictures; Lot late 1800 Pike County photos; Set retro floor lamps; Hand painted plates & bowls; Carnival glass; 1950s tinware; Oil lamps; Mohertus Liberty Head watch; Wing shot game; Set household Priscilla china; Daisy Model 25 BB gun; Skelton keys; J. Weber St. Louis Tire ash tray adv.; Spice tins; Old Judge, etc.; Boy Scouts of America first aid kit; Brass horses; Soda bottle collection.

LAWN, GARDEN & MISC.: Snapper self propelled lawn mower; Snow blower; Aluminum ext. ladder; 6 gallon shop vac; Power & hand tools; Wrenches; Step stool; Shovels, rakes, hoes, forks, yard & garden tools; Wheelbarrow; House jacks; Lot hardware; Partial list.

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Community News

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Big River Band is looking forward to be playing at the Nebo Community Club (which is right behind the school) June 4, with the music from 12-3 p.m., doors will open at 11 a.m. There will be an admission charge since we are required to pay a fee to use this very nice facility. No food or beverages are permitted to be brought in, but you can purchase soda, water, perhaps a candy bar, or another prepackaged snack inside the building. If you are real hungry, you can go just two blocks away to Watts Up Restaurant, and either eat your lunch before coming or your supper afterwards. There will also be 50/50 tickets to purchase.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser fish fry on June 11th from 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with 3 set sides which will include potato salad, slaw, cinnamon apples, plus your choice of dessert, and tea. Eat in or carry out.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of June 3-9:
June 3 - Harlie Potter, Linda Long, Pastor Bobby Johnston, James and Jenny Liebrecht

June 4 - Floyd Moss, Jacob Niffen, Noah Lynch, Ken and

Frances Davis
June 5 - Drake Pleus, Roger and Janet Bonnett
June 6 - Carol Gleckler Bovee, Farrell and Lisa Fish
June 7 - Mike Stickhost, Sheri Ketterman
June 8 - Lisa Bradshaw
June 9 - Brenda Whately, Carl Lawber, Justin and Angela Dwight, Pastor Bobby and Sarah Johnston

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar:

June 4 - Big River Band playing at the Nebo Community Club starting at noon.
June 11 - Fundraiser Fish Fry at Pike County Senior Center from 4:30-6 p.m.

June 13 - Big River Band playing at the Red Rooster starting at 6 p.m.

June 17 Big River Band will be playing at the Griggsville Fair at the food tent starting at 5 p.m.

June 27 - Big River Band playing at the Pike County Senior Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

May 22 - Jamie and I joined a good group at the Buggs' Family Opry in Pearl for an evening of music. We in Pike County are very blessed to have several good bands, and it's always good to support them by attending their shows.

Big River Band had a great

group of 48 people with more than usual dancing and all enjoying the music and plenty of visiting at the Pike County Senior Center on May 23.

Recently Mike and Shirley Straus traveled by train from Springfield to San Antonio. This trip took 28 hours which turned out to be quite the endurance test. There were numerous stops along the way to drop off passengers and pick up new ones. They were privileged to attend granddaughter Hope Smith's graduation from Great Hearts Northern Oaks held at Trinity Baptist Church where she received the student honor of Magna Cum Laude. After the graduation, all the family gathered at Demo's Greek Food Restaurant for a celebratory lunch. Hope is a daughter of Justin and Holly (Stinson) Smith. She plans to attend the University of Texas San Antonio working toward a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Jamie and I went to Bowling Green May 31 and had a visit with Tracy Niffen and Mike and Jacob Niffen, Oliver, and Oakland. Tracy is one of Jamie's daughter-in-laws, Mike and Jacob are two of his grandsons, and Oliver and Oakland are two of his great grandkids.

Master Gardener State Conference Offers Tours, Workshops, Breakout Sessions

Gardeners of all experience levels can explore new techniques and ideas at the 2026 University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener State Conference, June 4-7 in Springfield. Attendees do not need to be certified Master Gardeners to participate.

Workshops and a trade show will highlight innovative approaches to gardening with a focus on "Seeds to Table - Cultivating Health and Sustainability," says MU Extension horticulture specialist Kelly McGowan.

Saturday evening's keynote speaker will be London-born chef-turned-gardener Mitch McCulloch. McCulloch, author of "The Seed Hunter," is known for his work preserving rare and endangered heirloom vegetables.

The conference includes tours throughout the Spring-

field area, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, an on-site trade show and hands-on activities at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, says MU Extension state Master Gardener coordinator Debi Kelly. Shuttle transportation will be provided for off-site tours and classes.

Tour options range include the Baker Creek seed packing facility and Ozarks Food Harvest's Full Circle Gardens, home gardens, Extension Master Gardener demonstration gardens, local parks and Springfield's botanical gardens. Breakout sessions will cover topics such as vegetable and herb gardening, pollinators and native plants, sensory gardens, nature scaping and home landscapes. Additional sessions will explore timely issues including microplastics, yard ethics and the value of

manure.

Presentations on peonies and pollinators, weed warfare, hummingbird habits, cold frames and hot nights will round out the educational offerings, along with hands-on activities such as building terrariums and nature shadow boxes.

Master Gardeners of Greene County will host the conference.

Find details and registration at <https://pears.io/events/mu/5436>.

In addition to this learning opportunity, the Missouri Master Gardener Association will hold a conference Oct. 2-3. This hybrid event combines statewide virtual learning with local in-person watch parties. For more information, go to <https://www.momga.org/2026-state-conference>.

MU Extension Recommends Treating Clothing To Repel Ticks

University of Missouri Extension specialists are urging farmers, gardeners, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts to take precautions against ticks by treating clothing with permethrin, a highly effective repellent that both repels and kills ticks.

The reminder comes as tick activity increases across the Midwest. Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show emergency department visits for tick bites are at their highest levels in nearly a decade, with spring marking the start of peak exposure.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reports that tickborne illnesses such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and tularemia have all been identified in the state, and overall case numbers have been trending upward in recent years.

Tickborne illness typically peaks in late May, says University of Missouri Extension nutrition and health specialist Eden Stewart, whose team has helped raise awareness about alpha-gal syndrome, a tick-related allergy to red meat.

"Missouri is considered a hotspot for the lone star tick, which can trigger alpha-gal syndrome," Stewart says. "Some research suggests that a significant portion of Missourians may carry antibodies linked to this condition."

Prevention is key. In addition to alpha-gal syndrome, ticks in Missouri can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

"May is prime time for ticks, but you can reduce your risk by wearing EPA-registered repellents and permethrin-treated clothing," says Emily Althoff, MU and Lincoln University urban entomologist.

You can apply permethrin to boots, clothing and camping gear before heading outdoors. Generally, permethrin remains effective for six weeks or through six washings. You can also buy pretreated clothing and gear.

The Environmental Protection Agency has information on choosing insect repellents. You can find information about permethrin from the National Pesticide Information Center.

"Always read and follow product instructions," Althoff says. "The CDC recommends avoiding products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD on children under age 3. Another helpful tip: apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent."

After spending time outdoors, check yourself, children and pets for ticks and remove any promptly. Seek medical care if you develop a rash or fever.

If you find a tick, use tweezers to pull it straight out without twisting. Do not use heat, alcohol or lighter fluid.

Mosquito season also begins in May

May also marks the start of mosquito season in Missouri. Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance; they can carry diseases such as West Nile virus, which has spiked in the state in recent years.

Althoff offers tips to reduce mosquito exposure:

Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes lay eggs, such as in buckets, old tires, birdbaths and wading pools.

Use approved insect repellents and insecticides as needed.

Wear long sleeves and pants when possible.

Replace outdoor lighting with "bug" lights that attract fewer insects, and consider repellents with heating elements such as lanterns, torches or coils.

Check window and door screens for holes and repair them.

Simple preventive steps can help Missourians enjoy the outdoors while reducing their risk from ticks and mosquitoes, Stewart says.

Videos

"Know How To Protect Yourself From Alpha-Gal Syndrome" with MU Extension agronomist Tim Schenkenberg: <https://youtu.be/zm4Q00WjaLw>

Emily Althoff talks about how ticks find their hosts and how to remove ticks

safely: <https://youtu.be/1DdahnY3usw>

"Understanding Alpha-Gal Syndrome: How a Tick Bite Turns Your Taste Buds Against You" with Benjamin Casterline, MU assistant professor of dermatology: <https://youtu.be/8LEGGk0qzG4>

"Know the Signs of Alpha-Gal Syndrome" with Amber Allen: <https://youtu.be/V6vdfDs9oG0>

More resources

MU Extension has recently release five guides on alpha-gal syndrome that are available for free download: <https://muext.us/AGSguides>

Missouri Tickborne Disease Story Map, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: <https://tinyurl.com/5y2yyb2c>

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Obituaries



Geraldine Pearl Robinson Nelson

Geraldine Pearl Robinson Nelson was born Oct. 24, 1938 to Leslie and Ann Ihnken Robinson in Atlantic, Iowa.

She died Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Visitation was held Sunday at Waters Funeral Home from 4-7 p.m.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mexico at 10 a.m.

She married Leslie "Les" Owen Nelson, Jr., on June 30, 1961 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crown Point, Ind. Les preceded her in death on May 7, 2007. Geraldine was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and an associate member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in McAllen, Texas.

She graduated from Anita High School in Anita, Iowa. Gerry also graduated from St. John's Lutheran College in Winfield, Kan., and Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. She also took classes at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Geraldine was an elementary teacher in Hobart, Ind., and at Community R-VI in Laddonia. She was active in Audrain County Retired Teachers, Tea Leaf Club, LWML, many farm organizations including 4-H and FFA. Gerry enjoyed attending theater, Miss Missouri pageant, traveling, Cardinals and Royals baseball games, reading and listening to classical music. From 1997 to 2023, she was a winter Texan for six months of the year in Edinburg, Texas.

She is survived by a son Ralph Nelson and wife, Christy of Vandalia; and one daughter, Rochelle Belt and husband p, Keith of New Harmony, Ind. Grandchildren are Rebecca Edwards and husband, Jed of Farber, Rachel Wesslak and husband, Nick of Vandalia, Ryan Nelson and wife, Katie of Franklin, Ind., Renee Nelson of Norwalk, Iowa, and Samuel, Myles, and Caroline Belt of New Harmony, Ind. Great-grandchildren include Joel Edwards, Ruby Edwards, Alice Nelson, George Nelson, and Carter Wesslak. Many nieces and nephews survive as well.

In addition to parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers will be Louis Schmidt, Jay Wilburn, Chris Newbrough, Frank Marth, Martin Keller, and Dale Deehr. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Nelson, Tim Nelson, Ted Nelson, Mark Bloede, Willard Bloede, Wayne Nelson, and Larry Nelson.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Waters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Eye Bank, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or St. John's Lutheran Church in Mexico.



Rosie Leveda Mefford

Rosie Leveda Mefford, 93, of Vandalia died Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. The Rev. Bruce Bouman officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in rural Perry.

Visitation celebrating Rosie's life was at 10 a.m.,

until the time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Rosie was born Sept. 24, 1932, in Perry, the daughter of David and Stella Holcomb Luckett. She was united in marriage to Orval Mefford on Sept. 5, 1950, in New London. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Wilma Leake of Monroe City, and Cindy Kohl of Vandalia; one son, Dan Mefford Evone of Vandalia; a son-in-law, Harold Tolar of Louisiana; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rosie was preceded in death by one daughter, Paula Tolar, a son-in-law, Ron Leake, one granddaughter, three great-grandchildren, five brothers and two sisters.

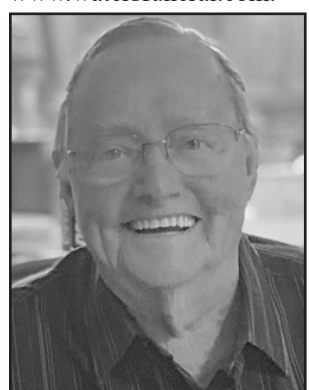
Professionally, Rosie worked in the garment industry for many years and later retired from Cerf Bro's in New London.

Rosie enjoyed the simple things in life. She loved cooking for her family and friends, and you would never go away hungry. She also enjoyed camping, roasting hot dogs, taking walks, working around her house, the yard and in the garden. Rosie lived in the Vandalia area for 75 years. She was a Baptist by faith.

Pallbearers were Shaun Hopkins, Nathan Kohl, Dan J. Mefford, Justin Mefford, Timmy Mefford, and Trey Goodin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, c/o the funeral home.

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



Stanley Wayne Atkinson

Stanley Wayne Atkinson Dec. 2, 1937-May 24, 2026

Wayne was born to Ferrell and Dorothy Brown Atkinson in rural Missouri. Wayne married Millie Morgan, the love of his life, on March 9, 1957. They were rock solid partners for over 70 years.

Wayne attended Van-Far High School where he graduated in 1956. He enlisted in the Missouri National Guard where he served from 1954-59.

After high school, Wayne worked for McDonnell Douglas for two years. He then returned home to work alongside his father in carpentry and helped build the house where he would live for the rest of his life. He also assisted his parents at their local restaurant, The Snack Bar, where many cherished memories were made. After holding several other jobs, he joined the garment industry and worked for Bobbie Brooks in Vandalia until the plant closed. He later worked for Narco Fire and Brick Company in Farber where he retired.

Not long after retiring, Wayne began a second career as a corrections officer at the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green. He was soon promoted to tool control specialist and served in that role until retiring again seven years later. He once again came out of retirement and went to work part-time at Ace Hardware for the remainder of his working years.

Wayne was an active member of the Beacon of Hope Church in Vandalia. Wayne was a Scoutmaster of Troop 54 in Vandalia for over 50 years. He received numerous awards through scouting including the Silver Beaver Award, one of scouting's highest honors. Wayne's love for scouting resulted in working with and inspiring hundreds of scouts to achieve their highest goals. He took great pride in

every camping trip, whether it was at a local area or on canoe trips in Canada. He was very proud of helping over 50 young men receive their Eagle Scout Award and looked at each and every one of them as family.

Anyone that knew Wayne knew of his love for fishing. Sitting on any bank with a pole in his hand and Jesus in his heart was one of his happiest places to be. He was an avid fisherman and collector of vintage fishing lures.

He is survived by four children, Ricky Wayne Atkinson and wife, Doris of Perry, Vicky Elayne Hesse and husband, Chris of Curryville, Stacy D' Ann Jennings of Curryville, and LaDon Ferrell Atkinson and wife, Patricia of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Shane Bontz of Vandalia, Crystal Bontz of Vandalia, Tiffany Oglesby and husband, Chris of Perry, Ethan Atkinson and Natalie O'Neal of Perry, Seth Jennings and wife, Hannah of Bowling Green, Morgan Jennings and Devin Graver of Bowling Green, Lizabeth Atkinson of Bowling Green, and Levi Atkinson of Bowling Green; great-grandchildren, Lydia Bontz of Vandalia, Jacey Grant and husband, Cody of Vandalia, Parker Stevens of Perry, Draven Bontz of Covington, Louis., Cooper Oglesby of Perry, Rhett Jennings of Bowling Green, and Agley Jennings of Bowling Green; one brother and best friend, Raymond Atkinson and wife, Doris of Arizona; sisters-in-law, Connie Morgan Marshall and Steve Brookshier of Lake Hannibal, and Barbara Morgan of Moberly; and one special fur baby, Annie as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends,

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferrell and Dorothy Atkinson; two sisters, Feraldine Atkinson and Nellie Overstreet; one brother, Gary Atkinson; son-in-law, Edward Lee Jennings; great-grandson, Callen Wayne Jennings; brothers-in-law, Ronnie Morgan, Roger Morgan, and Terri Marshall; sister-in-law, Judy Fry; lifelong best friend, Eddie Marshall

Pallbearers were Patrick Shane Bontz, Seth Jennings, Ethan Atkinson, Levi Atkinson, Cody Grant, Devin Graver, Draven Bontz, and Jason Bostic. Honorary pallbearers were David Carlson, Billy Schaedel, and Parker Stevens.

Services were at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral services were at 12 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial followed at Vandalia Cemetery. Nathan Geese officiated the service.

"If you want to honor Wayne in a way to make him smile, teach a child to fish, share his love of the outdoors with a young and joyful heart. Teach them to pray and thank the Lord for His blessings. I promise you, you will never regret it. He never did." -John Overstreet



Nina Clithero

Nina Clithero, 97, of Vandalia died peacefully Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Baptist Home of Vandalia.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Friday at Waters Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Potter officiating. Burial followed at Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Nina's life was from 10 a.m., until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Nina was born Aug. 27, 1928, in Middletown, the daughter of Herman and Cora Belts Kniepfel. In January 1949, she married Johnnie Barber. She later married Louis Benny Clithero on Aug. 1, 1981, on the family farm. Johnnie preceded her in death in August 2014, and Benny pre-

ceded her in death on Aug. 6, 2019.

Nina is survived by her children, Pat Hulse and husband, Jim of Linn; David Clithero and wife, Ellen of Columbia; Darin Clithero of Vandalia; Lori Dorman of Columbia; and Lorna Warren of Higginsville. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Kayla, Tony, Curtis, Brent, Nathan, Lindsey, Caleb, Dylan, Joshua, Joseph, Casey, Shawn, and Scott; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Nina was preceded in death by a son, Robert Barber, brothers, Estel, Clifford and Donald Kniepfel, and one grandson, Tim Barber.

Nina graduated from Farber High School in 1946. She faithfully served the Van-Far School District for 45 years as secretary to the principal, where she became a mentor and friend to countless students and staff members throughout the years.

She treasured the simple life on the farm. Nina loved gardening, horses, and raising Black Angus cattle. One of her greatest joys was taking drives around the farm and watching the fruits of her labor grow and flourish. Family gatherings were often centered around Nina's home-cooked meals, followed by lively and competitive games of pitch.

Above all else, family was the center of Nina's life. She cherished every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, creating memories that will be treasured for generations. Pallbearers were Brent Barber, Jake Robertson, Sam Barber, Nathan Rock, Joseph Clithero, and Josh Davis. Honorary pallbearers were Kayla Hulse, Ashley Robertson, Casey Warren, and Lindsey O'Rourke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Home of Vandalia. Checks may be made payable to the Louis and Nina Clithero Trust, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared with the family, and a video tribute viewed at www.watersfuneral.com



Kelly 'Beefy' Gale Johnson

Kelly "Beefy" Gale Johnson of Smithville died peacefully Tuesday, May 19, 2026 with his wife and daughters by his side. He was 65 years old.

Born June 22, 1960, in Louisiana Kelly lived with a big laugh, a bigger heart, and a spirit that could fill any room. If you knew Kelly, you knew you were probably about to hear a joke, a hunting story, or his favorite saying, "mighty good"

On Dec. 20, 1980, he married the love of his life, Karen Francine Bronson Johnson. Together they built a life full of love, family, laughter, and memories that will live on.

Kelly is survived by his devoted wife, Karen; two daughters, Samantha Johnson and Jordan Johnson; his beloved grandsons, Keegan Dy and Kaiden Dy, who brought endless pride and joy to his life. He is also survived by a sister, Joni Smith; and two brothers, Scott Johnson and Kevin Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marilyn and Francis "Pete" Johnson.

Kelly loved the outdoors with his whole soul. Hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, and just being outside was where he felt most at home. He never met a stranger and was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Outgoing, generous, and funny as hell, Kelly had a way of making people feel welcome wherever he went.

Growing up, Kelly and his brothers were known around town as a trio of troublemakers, creating stories that still make people laugh today. Those stories, along with his unforgettable personality, will continue to be shared for years to come, passed between friends and family.

Kelly leaves behind a family who loved him deeply, and a community that will miss his laughter, kindness, and larger than life presence. The world

feels a little quieter without Beefy in it, but his spirit will echo in every "mighty good" moment shared by those who loved him.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 27 at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Memorials can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Before restoration

DAR Is About Historical Preservation, Education And Patriotism

One of the latest projects of the Louisiana Pike County Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is the "refurbishment" of the "Buffalo Fort" monument located just south of Louisiana on Route D. There is a plaque attached to a large stone monument that reads 'SITE OF BUFFALO FORT - Built December 1811 to Protect the Twenty-Five Pioneer Families from Hostile Indians - ERECTED BY Pike County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution July, 1917.' The monument is located on the farm owned for many years by the Walter & Helen Pitzer family. That Buffalo Fort monument has very recently received a "facelift and new surroundings," so to speak, by Thad Rule and his company, paid for by a successful grant submitted to National DAR by the Pike County DAR Chapter. Rule also donated to the project.

The Pike County Chapter is dedicated to "Historical Preservation, Education and Patriotism." Another refurbishment project a year ago

was the "Sexton's Shed" in the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana by the Chapter, built by DAR in 1916. That one and this latest project are prime examples of "historical preservation." The stone walls in front of the now deserted public schools on Jackson Street still have the plaques on them indicating the donation of those walls, as do the walls and gate to the Riverview Cemetery.

The members' participation in presenting "Good Citizen" awards toward further education of a qualifying senior student at Clopton and Louisiana each year is just one example of the Chapter's dedication to "education." They also make donations to libraries in three different area schools, as well as the local city library. And, the Chapter's latest project has to do with "patriotism." Members of the Chapter recently decorated two windows at the Museum in Louisiana portraying the Revolution and honoring "America; 250!" and donated to the local fireworks fund for the Fourth of July celebration to be held in Louisiana.

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Clopton Jr. High, High School End Of Year Awards

Clopton Junior High and High School students received the following awards at assemblies held on Thursday, May 21.

Art Excellence Awards:
6th grade - Kannyn Beauchamp, Grant Adams.

7th grade - Jacklyn Anderson, Amelia Braungardt, Adilynn Dalton.

8th grade Art - Ava Adams, Trinity Capps.

High School Art I - Trinity Marler, Kameron Ellis.

High School Art II - LeeAnna Rogers, Keaira Goad.

Outstanding Freshman - Beau Beauchamp.

Student Making the Most Progress - Vince Duering.

Best All Around Girl (Grades 9-11) - Ashlyn Noah.

Best All Around Boy (Grades 9-11) - Wyatt Myers.

Scholar Bowl MVP - Finn O'Brien.

Patriots Pen Essay Contest:
1st place - Wyatt Baker (1st place in District);
2nd place - Tessa Evans;
3rd place - Paisleigh Spoonster.

Band:
Best Solo Performer - Wyatt Myers.

Stand Out Performers - Kelly Stewart, Lillian Hunter, Jerry MacLaughlin.

History Awards:

American History - Bailey Land, Beau Beauchamp, Briley VanBebber, Charlotte Mills.

Modern World - Maddison Berardino.

American Government - 1st hr. - Phoebe Hayden 5th hr. - Wyatt Myers.

Ancient Civilizations - Madelynne Williams.

Science Awards:
Zoology Top Student - Siena Carnahan.

Physical Science Top Students - Beau Beauchamp, Brooklynn Carr, Bailey Land, Briley VanBebber.

Biology I - Academic Achievement - Maddison Berardino, Alex Shade, Trey Spoonster, Skyler Wilson.

A.P. Biology - Maintained an A- all year - Siena Carnahan, Jackson Hayden, Phoebe Hayden, Wyatt Myers.

Forensics - Highest - Ashlyn Noah.

A- all year - Calleigh Noah.

The Review Game Award - Wyatt Myers.

8th Grade Highest GPA - Ian West.

7th Grade Highest GPA - Loretta Stewart.

6th Grade Highest GPA - Kannyn Beauchamp.

American Literature Top Students - Marijayne Goad, Karsyn Hallows, Corey Umfleet.

American Literature Most Improved - Amber Caplin, Bradyn Clark.

College Prep English Top Students - Lilly Baker, Jackson Hayden, Phoebe Hayden.

English II Top Students: Maddison Berardino, Jillian Chier, Alex Shade, Madelynne Williams, Skyler Wilson, Jason Hoffman, Aubrey Twardowski.

English I Highest Honors - LeeAnna Rogers, Colin Bullock, Danika Martin, Beau Beauchamp, Bailey Land, Brooklynn Carr, Ridge Mitchell.

English I Most Improved - Ashlyn Jeans, Kameron Ellis, Carter Spangler, Lilly

Stribling.
Fantasy Literature Top Student - Siena Carnahan, Chris Grillo, Luke Grillo.

Science Fiction Top Student - Lilly Baker, Siena Carnahan, Wyatt Myers, Ashlyn Noah, Calleigh Noah.

6th Grade Top Reader - Kase Raby, Olivia Burkemper.

7th Grade Top Reader - Braylin Sutton, Jackson Davis.

8th Grade Top Reader - Gracie Menne, Trinity Capps.

Shakespearean Award - 6th Grade - Kannyn Beauchamp;

7th Grade - Amelia Braungardt;

8th Grade - Donna Lisa Ahema.

Bookworm Award - Gracie Menne.

Desk Magnet Award - 6th Grade - Parker Tuter; 7th Grade - Ava Colbert; 8th Grade - Ava Adams.

Math Awards (High Achievement):

6th Grade Math - Olivia Burkemper, Slayte Steinmann, Grant Adams, Kannyn Beauchamp, Parker Graham, Dominic West.

7th Grade Math - Loretta Stewart, Amelia Braungardt, Wayne Hunter, Angel Howarth.

Most Improved - Sunny Leonard.

Most Determined - Jackson Anderson, Nathan Taylor.

8th Grade Pre Algebra - Jeffrey Stahlschmidt.

8th Grade Top Student - Ian West.

Applied Algebra I - Aubrey Twardowski.

Applied Algebra II - Alex Shade.

Algebra I - Colin Bullock.

Algebra II - Bailey Land. Pre-Calculus - Wyatt Myers.

JH Academic All Stars - 6th Grade - Grant Adams, Kannyn Beauchamp, Parker Graham, Olivia Burkemper, Kelly Stewart.

7th Grade - Amelia Braungardt, Loretta Stewart, Jacklyn Anderson.

8th Grade - Ian West, Paisleigh Spoonster, Ava Adams, Vivienne Woods.

Top Three Students in the Class:

Freshman - 1st - Beau Beauchamp, Bailey Land; 2nd - Briley VanBebber; 3rd - Brooklynn Carr.

Sophomores - 1st - Maddison Berardino; 2nd - Trey Spoonster; 3rd - Alex Shade.

Juniors - 1st - Bobbi Jo Kaimann; 2nd - Wyatt Myers; 3rd - Phoebe Hayden.

Perfect Attendance (Grades 6-12) - Olivia Burkemper, Daisy Stribling, Shelby Wright, Jackson Hayden, Phoebe Hayden, Teagan Craig.

Winners of the iPad - Shelby Wright, Daisy Stribling.

State Tech Announces Dean's List

Area State Tech students were named to the dean's list for the spring of 2026.

To be placed on the dean's list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Bowling Green
Caleb Graver

Curryville
Zane Allen

Elsberry
Nolan Wilson

Eolia

Madison Akers
Laddonia

Devin Vanderiet
Louisiana

Donovan Richards
Middletown

Noah Chesser
Vandalia

Ainsley Jacyna
Katelyn Pargeon

Wellsville
Ashton Chappins

Caden Gilbert
Alex Retterath



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2026 Clopton Scholarships, Awards

The following list recognizes most of the scholarships that have been awarded to our seniors. In some cases, we might not have adequate information or input from the student to recognize a scholarship. Only the major awards for the seniors are listed.

COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
 Central Methodist St. Charles Community College, Cheerleading/Soccer - Ava Bankhead
 BOT High School Scholarship - Adam Matheny
 Institutional Award - Ava Bankhead
 Southwest Baptist University, University of Chicago, Presidential Distinguished Scholars Award - Avenley Mitchell
 Odyssey Scholarship - Finn O'Brien
 Dutile Scholars Award - Avenley Mitchell
 Dual Credit Scholarship - Avenley Mitchell
 University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri S&T, Provost - Carlyn Lockard
 Ground Breaker Scholarship - Kyle West
 Mahala & Rose Houchins - Carlyn Lockard
 Missouri Scholar 1 Year Award - Kyle West
 Curators Scholars Award - Michael

Evans
 University of Nebraska- Omaha
 University of Quincy/Blessing College of Nursing, Maverick Advantage Scholarship - Gracey MacLaughlin,
 Robert Blazel-Makinley Carr
 UNO Nebraska Legacy Scholarship - Gracey MacLaughlin
 Athletic Aid Scholarship - Gracey MacLaughlin
 William Woods Pike
 Lincoln Technical School, Lead Award -Addyson Johnson
 PLTC Scholarship - Teagan Craig,
 Tucker Salmons
 Athletic Award - Addyson Johnson,
 James Matheny
 A+ Eligible: Makinley Carr, Teagan Craig, Joseph Dillon, Michael Evans, John Grillo, Campbell Lindsay, Carlyn Lockard, Avenley Mitchell, Adam Matheny, James Matheny, Tucker Salmons, Sophie Simmons, Tinleigh Spoonster, Katherine Trueken, Kyle West, Kaden Wilson.
 CTE Certification: Ava Bankhead, Carlyn Lockard, Teagan Craig, Katherine Truetken, Larson Hall.
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS
 American Fence Association - Carlyn Lockard
 Bowood Scholarship - Carlyn Lockard, Finn O'Brien
 Clarksville Boat Club Academic Scholarship - Ava Bankhead

Clarksville Boat Club Technical Scholarship - Tucker Salmons
 Clopton Alumni - Ava Bankhead, Makinley Carr, Teagan Craig, Michael Evans, Campbell Lindsay, Carlyn Lockard, Gracey MacLaughlin, Adam Matheny, Avenley Mitchell, Finn O'Brien, Tinleigh Spoonster, Katherine Truetken, Kyle West
 Clopton CTA - Teagan Craig, Makinley Carr
 Clopton Hawk Boosters Scholarship - Tinleigh Spoonster, Adam Matheny, Michael Evans, Ava Bankhead
 Elks Lodge #791 Trimble Scholarship Fund - Carlyn Lockard, Michael Evans, Tinleigh Spoonster, Campbell Lindsay
 Erma Tucker Scholarship/Clopton Music Boosters - Kyle West, Finn O'Brien, Joseph Dillon
 Hannibal Regional Health Care Career Scholar-ship - Teagan Craig
 Heartland Area Central Regional YMCA swimming scholarship - Gracey MacLaughlin
 JHS Scholarship - Teagan Craig, Michael Evans
 Joe E. and Marie Henry Memorial - Avenley Mitchell
 John Norman Sitton Scholarship - Carlyn Lockard
 Lilburn Gregory Memorial Scholarship - Adam Matheny, James Matheny, Tucker Salmons, Michael

Evans, Campbell Lindsay, Carlyn Lockard, Tinleigh Spoonster
 Marvin Yates Scholarship - Campbell Lindsay
 MFA - Michael Evans, Sophie Simmons, Avenley Mitchell
 Pat and Mike McCrory Memorial Scholarship - Michael Evans
 Pike County Fair Academic - Carlyn Lockard
 Pike County Fair Vocational - Tucker Salmons
 Pike County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Rancher - Campbell Lindsay
 Pike County Mutual Insurance Company - Michael Evans
 Pike County 4-H Scholarship - Carlyn Lockard
 Peoples Savings Bank - Ava Bankhead
 Shelter Insurance Foundation Agents' Scholarship - Campbell Lindsay
 Snell - Baechle Scholarship - Campbell Lindsay
 St. Charles Community College Scholarship - Adam Matheny
 The Clopton Student Council Community Scholarship - Teagan Craig
 Wells Memorial - Carlyn Lockard
 PLTC Tradesman and Academic Scholarships - Tinleigh Spoonster, Ava Bankhead

OTHER AWARDS
 GFWC Chautauqua Valedictorian Award - Campbell Lindsay
 The Dockery Salutatorian Award - Gracey MacLaughlin
 The Dockery ABC Award (3rd in class) - Finn O'Brien
 The JC Award (4th in class) - Kyle West
 DAR Good Citizen Award - Gracey MacLaughlin
 VFW Voice of Democracy Award - Gracey MacLaughlin
 ALR Elsberry 226 Military Fund - Garrett Ham
 Perfect Attendance - Teagan Craig
 American Legion School Awards - Avenley Mitchell, Finn O'Brien
 MSHSAA Award of Excellence - Carlyn Lockard, James Matheny
 Band Director's Choice Award - Joseph Dillon
 John Philip Sousa Award - Finn O'Brien
 Physics Academic Award - Avenley Mitchell, Gracey MacLaughlin
 Chemistry Academic Award - Gracey MacLaughlin
 A.P. Biology Excellence Award - Finn O'Brien
 Zoology Academic Award - Michael Evans
 Outstanding Character Award - Tucker Salmons
 Senior Science Club - Addyson

Johnson, Aiyana Ferguson, Ava Bankhead, Avenley Mitchell, Brittany Caplin, Brookelyn Holt, Campbell Lindsay, Carlyn Lockard, Finn O'Brien, Gracey MacLaughlin, Katie McGuire, Kyle West, Marley Stout, Sophie Simmons, Teagan Craig, Joseph Dillon
 Senior Speech & Drama - Addyson Johnson, Ava Bankhead, Finn O'Brien, Gracey MacLaughlin, Kyle West
 A.P. English Excellence Award - Finn O'Brien, Kyle West, Gracey MacLaughlin, Campbell Lindsay, Sophie Simmons
 Calculus Awards - Kyle West
 Top Consumer Math Student - Brookelyn Holt
 Outstanding Achievement in Science Fiction - Makinley Carr, John Grillo
 Media Class Award - Katie McGuire
 Senior Student Council - Tinleigh Spoonster, Gracey MacLaughlin, Adam Matheny, Campbell Lindsay, Ava Bankhead, Teagan Craig, Carlyn Lockard
 Outstanding Senior Art Award - Brookelyn Holt, Marley Stout
 Senior Scholar Bowl - Katherine Truetken, Joseph Dillon, Finn O'Brien, Kyle West
 Scholar Bowl MVP - Kyle West, Finn O'Brien

Preview items
all day

Girod Family Auctions PUBLIC AUCTION Friday, June 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Lots of nice items from 4 Local Estates

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7. 1926 Buffalo Nickel
8. Bag Of Misc Coins And Tokens
9. 1895 Barber Half
10. 1963 Unc. Franklin Half
11. 4 - AU Ike Dollars 1971-1972-1974-1978
12. 2001 Commander Bush Bill And In Memory Bill
13. 1974-Silver Blue Pak Ike
14. US Bicentennial Silver Unc Set
15. Sterling Silver Pendant And Ear Rings
16. 1935 Buffalo Nickel
17. 1891 Indian Hd. Penny And 1943 Steel Cent
18. Mercury Dime Bracelet Made With 5 Dimes
- 19 Choice Of 6 Indian Cents 1887-1892-1901-3-1902
20. 2 - Barber Dimes 1898 And 1910-D
21. 1871 ½ Dime Seated
22. 1865 3¢ Nickel
23. 1955-S Roosevelt Dime
24. 1921 Unc. Morgan \$
25. Choice Of 6 Silver Mercury And Roosevelt Dimes
26. 1979-S And 1980-S Proof Jefferson Nickels
27. Choice Of 3 - Indian Cents 1901-1905-1907
28. 1949-D Wheat Penny In Medal
29. 2006-P And D Unc Pennies
30. 1960 Silver Washington Quarter
31. Solid Copper Bracelet
32. 1940-S Walking Liberty Half
33. 1963 Franklin And 1964 Kennedy Silver Halves
34. 1857 Seated Quarter And 1927 Standing Liberty Quarter
35. 1959-D And 2 - 1776-1976 Washington Quarters
36. Bag Of 25 Wheat Pennies All In 2x2's
37. Bag Of 16 Jefferson Nickels 1947-1959
38. 1942-D Walking Liberty Half
39. 3 - 1962-D Franklin Halves
40. 1908-D Barber Half
41. 1946 Jefferson Nickel
42. 1925 Peace Dollar
43. 1900 Morgan Dollar
44. 1986 Ellis Island Dollar
45. Bag Of Misc American Coins
46. 3 Sets Of Westward Journey Nickels
47. 1975 U.S. Proof Set
48. Choice Of 4 Mercury Dimes 1939-1941-1942-1945
49. 6 - Sacagawea Dollars
50. Choice Of 7 Jefferson Nickels Include A 1976-S Proof
51. 1928 Buffalo Nickel
52. 2 - American Space Gold Plated Coins
53. 1978 US Proof Set
54. 1994 US Mint Silver Proof Set
55. 2-2009 Unc. Lincoln Cent Sets
56. 8 Unc. Lincoln Cents
57. 13 Unc P And D Buffalo Nickels
58. Sterling Silver Jewelry
59. 18K White Gold Chain

60. 1974 Christmas In Bethlehem Limited Edition Sterling Silver Proof Medal
61. 5-Silver Eagle And Nickel-Tubes (Empty)
62. 1916 Forest Cooley Monte Vista Colo. Ranger Badge Sterling Silver
63. Bag Of 20 Wheat Cents In 2x2's
64. 13-Silver War Nickels
65. 4-Ladies Watches 3-Gold Filled 1-Rolled Gold 2-W/Diamonds
66. 2-14K Gold Cased Ladies Watches W/Diamonds
67. Choice Of 12-Indian Head Pennies
68. Choice Of 10-Buffalo Nickels Very Nice Various Dates
69. Bag Of Military Pins And Other Pins And Dick Bro. Brg. Co. Belt Opener
70. 4-Bank Rolls Of 2009 4 Coin Series Lincoln Cents
71. 2-Bank Rolls Of 2005 Buffalo Nickels
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77. 10-1883 No Cent V Nickels
78. 4 Unc Kennedy Halves (After Silver)
79. 4-Ike Dollars 1-1971-D 2-1776-1976 D -1-1978-D
80. 4-2000 P And P Unc. Sacagawea Dollars
81. 8-1965 Washington Quarters
82. Solid Nickel Waltham Watch Case
83. Several Necklaces And Other Costume Jewelry
84. 15-Ike Dollars
85. Choice Of 70 Silver Halves Mostly Walking Liberty Few Franklin
86. Choice Of 5 Unc. ASE All 1990's
87. 34-1964 Silver Kennedy Halves
88. Misc Foreign Coins
89. Choice Of 3 Peace Dollars
90. Choice Of 5 Morgan Dollars 1879-S 1900-P 1902-P 2-1921-P Unc.
91. 1862 Confederate States \$1 Note (T-44)
92. 1923 \$1 Large Silver Certificate (Horse Blanket)
93. 1928-C \$5 Red Seal Note
94. 1934 Fed. Res. Note Kansas City District
95. 4-1957 \$1 Silver Certificates
96. 2-Consecutive Unc. 1963 \$5 Red Seal US Notes
97. 1976 And 1977 Mint Sets
98. 1999 And 2000 Proof State Quarters Set
99. 2007-2008-2009 Proof Presidential Dollar Sets
100. 1723 Woods Hibernia Farthing American Colonies Coin
101. 1858 Fly Eagle Cent VF
102. 1876 Indian Cent Liberty Sharp
103. Off Center Lincoln Cent Error Coin
104. 1942 NGC Proof 61 RB Lincoln Cent
105. 1979-S Type 2 PCGS PF69 RD D-Cam Lincoln Cent
106. 1913 Type 1 Buffalo Nickel XF+
107. 1887 Seated Liberty Dime
108. 1944-D NGC MS66 FB Mercury Dime
109. 1861 Seated Liberty Quarter
110. 1941 PF66 PCGS Washington Quarter
111. 1824 Capped Bust Half
112. 1869 Seated Liberty Half
113. 1943 NGC MS64 Walking Liberty Half
114. 1992 Proof Columbus Half Dollar
115. 1995 Proof Civil War Battlefield Half Dollar
116. 2011 Proof US Army Half Dollar
117. 2013 Proof 5 Star Generals Half Dollar
118. 2003 Proof First Flight Wright Bros. Silver Dollar
119. 2009 Proof And Unc. Lincoln Silver Dollar
120. 1884 NGC MS64 Morgan
121. 1898-O PCGS MS64PL (Prooflike) Morgan
122. 1903-S Morgan Tough Date
123. 1904-O NGC MS65 Morgan
124. Proof 3 Pc. Bicentennial Set
125. 1990 Prestige Proof Set W/ Eisenhower Silver Dollar
126. 50 Foreign Coins
127. Several Groups Of Wheat Pennies
128. Bag Of Steel War Pennies
129. Misc Lot Of Silver Quarters And Dimes Sell Choice
130. #8894 \$1,000 The Bank Of United States
131. Misc Currency #2 Bills And Others Some Red Seals

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Tract I
The East 40 feet of Lots 229 and 230; and the East 40 feet of the South 6 feet of Lot 231, all in Block 23 of the Original Town of Louisiana, in the County of Pike and State of Missouri.

All of Twenty (20) feet off of the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lots Numbered 229 and 230, and also Five (5) feet off of the South part of the West twenty (20) feet to the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lot Numbered 231, all in block Number Twenty three (23), of the Original town, now City of Louisiana, Missouri, as shown by the recorded plat of said Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri, known as and numbered 317 Georgia Street.

Together with an Access Easement as described in document recorded in Book 331, at Page 7656 of the Pike County, Missouri Deed Records to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Tract II
Twenty (20) feet front on Georgia Street off the West end of Lot Numbered One Hundred Seventy-two (172) in Block Numbered Twenty Three (23) of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

Tract III
All of the East 40 feet of the West one-half of Lot Number 172, Block 23, of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

The first scheduled date did not take place due to the failure of the selected newspaper to publish as requested. Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, and in accordance with the provisions of the said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will on Friday, the 26th day of June, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to-wit: at 10:00 A.M., sell said property at public venue to the highest bidder for cash at the South front door of the County Court House, in the City of Bowling Green, Pike County, Missouri, to satisfy said note and costs.

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