

# The Sturgis News

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## United Way Kicks Off 2015 Campaign

On Friday evening during the annual Corn Festival Shannon Clements, coordinator of Academic Programs with the Herron Center helped kick off this year's Union County United Way Campaign.

As chairperson of the campaign, Clements thanked the Lions Club for helping kick off the campaign and announced the members of the campaign cabinet.

"This year" Clements said, "we have a great United Way Campaign Cabinet that is hard at work for you! Let me tell you who is on deck this year:

"Garrick Thompson and I are working on the

Business and Industry Division!

"Heading up the Commercial and Professional Divisions for the Business Walk this year are:

Nicole Welden with Vaughn Geiger and Associates, Robbie Baird with McElroy, Mitchell and Associates,

Jessica Beaven with St. Anthony's Hospice and

Mary Kay Heppler with the Union County Attorney's Office.

"Beth Thomas with the Union County Public Schools is chairing the Public Service Division! Assisting her is Jennifer Pinkston also with UCPS

"Tammy Belt with United Community Bank and Nicole Welden with Vaughn Geiger & Associates are lending their support with the Agriculture and Special Gifts Divisions."

Clements added, "The 2015 United Way campaign is in full swing. Your investment in our community through United Way touches two out of three people right here in Union County! If you're a past investor through United Way, we ALL thank you and encourage you to dig just a little deeper this year to increase your investment. Local volunteers who ARE United Way donors make ALL the investment decisions here in Union County. Your generosity makes it possible to support nearly 30 nonprofit organizations providing DIRECT services to the people of Union County. These services strengthen our community in the areas of Education, Income and Health.

"Tonight, your local United Way of Union County is excited to announce the 2015 CHALLENGE goal to raise \$175,000 in the next 60 days!!!! Yeah! Together we can make this happen for OUR People right here!

On Tuesday, September 29, some of you will have a chance to invest in our community by participating in the Annual Business Walk! Our volunteers will begin visiting our small businesses and professional offices here in Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown, and Waverly around 8 a.m. asking for your support. Please consider a generous donation when our volunteers, dressed in LIVE UNITED shirts with United Way paperwork, come calling!

"Many of you will have the opportunity to support United Way through your employer. Please give by payroll deduction if you have that opportunity where you work...remember just a little each pay period will make a BIG difference in the life of a child, a frail, elderly person, or a family in crisis.

"By supporting United Way, you make the choice to LIVE United, and we think that's a powerful thing!

If you or your company would like to know more about United Way and how to participate in the 2015 Campaign, speak to anyone wearing a LIVE UNITED t-shirt or give me a call!"

The United Way campaign is an annual event that has raised thousands of dollars to benefit local agencies, families and children.



CLEMENTS JOB CORPS Academy Executive Director Jeff Barton, center, reacts after cutting the ribbon that officially opened the newly renovated indoor pool at the Center. Pictured from the left are Clements Community-Business Liaison Nyra Syers Ford; Kim Humphrey with River View Coal; Barton; Magistrate Joe Clements and Ed West, field representative with U.S. Representative Ed Whitfield. Several community leaders attended the ribbon cutting that took place September 16. Barton said he hopes to soon clear the way for community use of the pool.

## BETWEEN YOU AND ME

BY BILL CARTER

Legendary college football coach, Lou Holtz, has said, "During a person's lifetime, there are only a couple of opportunities that come your way. If you possess the courage and self-confidence to grasp them, they can change your life." I believe that's true for the church today. We have a few opportunities to make a difference in the world for Christ. They will take enormous courage and confidence because the status quo church and the culture will not like it. Many of these opportunities are not safe, predictable, and they can't be controlled. That's what drives the status quo church and status quo Christian's crazy. They spend most of their time and energy trying to control things, programs, people, ministries, etc. I know it's true because I used to play that game too! It wasn't intentional or mean-spirited, quite the opposite, but it was safe.

Coach Holtz continues, "we must find the courage to take advantage of every opportunity life brings us. You can't taste victory without risking defeat." The status quo church would tell us to "play it safe", "go where you've always been" or "stay in the box". However, Jesus never played it safe! Jesus took advantage of every opportunity and He modeled incredible courage. In human terms the crucifixion was a major defeat. What if Jesus had never risked it? There would be no Resurrection Sunday, the ultimate victory!

Jesus took advantage of every opportunity. He didn't resist or avoid the culture. He jumped into the culture to reach people. The status quo church has a "if you build it they will come," mentality. Jesus had a "go for it" and "seize the day" mentality. He pursued people with a reckless and radical love. He sought people out (Lk. 19). In Lk. 15 Jesus tells that God has the same attitude about searching for people who are not connected to Him. Christ followers, it's high time we took advantage of the opportunities God gives us and quit wor-

rying about what others are thinking about us. We have a choice. Play it safe and expect the world to come to us or go to the culture, live on the edge and risk complete failure. I say let's go with the resurrection crowd!

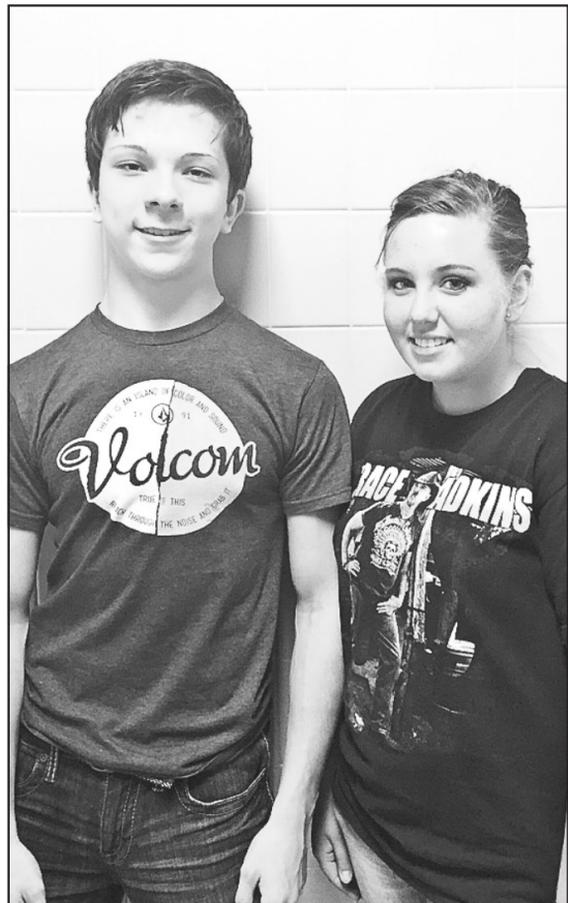
Today (September 20th), I preached the homecoming sermon for the third oldest Baptist church west of the Moun-

tain Parkway. They had organized April 17, 1785 or 230 years ago. There were about 200 present and I preached on the subject of "Homecoming At Jesus' Church" using Luke 4:14-30. It was truly a Praise the Lord and Hallelujah time. I was thoroughly blessed by it all.

Agape' Bill



SHANNON CLEMENTS HELPED kick off off the United Way campaign during the Corn Festival on Friday evening. This year the campaign goal has been set at \$175,000. Clements, who will chair this year's program, announced that the business walk will be held Monday, September 28 as fund raising begins.



STUDENTS OF THE month for August at Union County High School are pictured here. They are Justin Marks and Morgan Day. The monthly selections are made by teachers at UCHS.

## KSP Detective Receives Award

On September 14th-15th, 2015, the 19th annual statewide Kids Are Worth It!® Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, KY.

The selection of a nominee include Kentucky State Police (KSP) Officers of any rank, local Sheriffs/deputies, any Officer of a local police department or other law enforcement official who has made a significant and positive impact on the ability of his/her Agency/Department to protect children involved in cases where crimes,

including child abuse and neglect, have been committed against them.

Detective Matt Wise of Post 16-Henderson was selected and honored at this conference for the statewide award. "Detective Wise was chosen based on the merits of aggressively investigating crimes against children" said Captain Todd Kidd, Commander of Post 16-Henderson.

Detective Wise is a ten year veteran of the agency and has been assigned to the Henderson Post. He currently resides in Ohio County with his family.

**STURGIS KIWANIS CLUB**

# SANDWICH SALE

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