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Missouri's Hands-Free Driving Law Enters Next Phase: Citations Began Jan. 1

After a 16-month grace period, Missouri drivers will face tickets if caught holding or supporting a cell phone while behind the wheel. Beginning Jan. 1, the state's law enforcement agencies will start issuing citations under the Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law (RSMo. 304.822), a measure created to curb distracted driving and save lives.

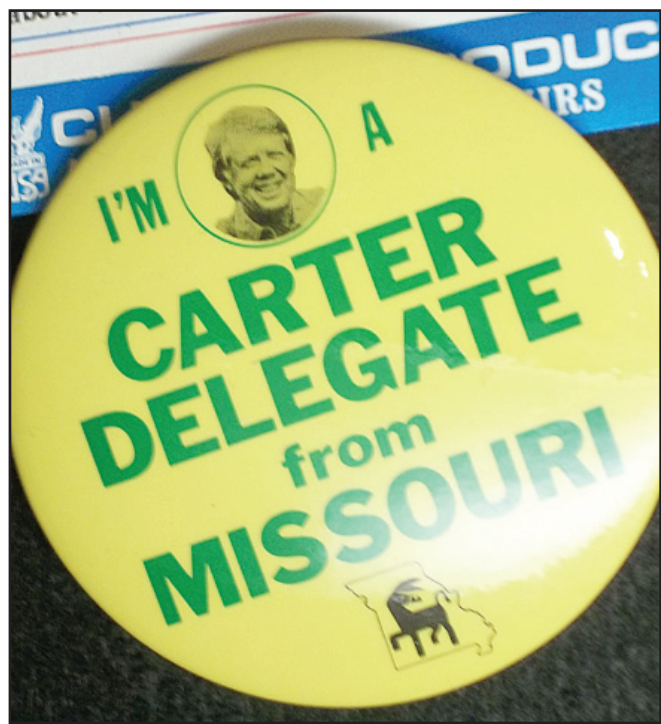
Signed into law in August 2023, the legislation bans the use of handheld electronic devices while driving on Missouri roads. Drivers can still make or receive calls, but only if they use a hands-free option such as a speakerphone, vehicle-integrated system, or aftermarket Bluetooth device. Any action requiring more than a single swipe or touch, such as manually dialing a phone number or typing a text, is prohibited.

State officials say the law was inspired by a tragedy that occurred on May 13, 2021, when Michael Bening was killed by a driver distracted by her phone. Thanks in large part to the advocacy of Bening's widow, Stephany Bening, the Missouri Legislature passed the bill in hopes of preventing future distractions from turning fatal. During its first year in effect—albeit with limited enforcement—a study by the Missouri Department of Transportation

(MoDOT) and Cambridge Mobile Telematics found that distracted driving dropped by about five percent, leading to an estimated five fewer fatalities. AAA estimates this reduction in crashes has saved

the state roughly \$22 million in economic damages.

Now that the initial grace period has ended, drivers should be aware of the fines and penalties that accompany a citation.



Presidential Button

A state funeral for President Jimmy Carter was held Thursday, Jan. 9 at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. This photo of a 1976 campaign pin was taken by contributing writer Brent Engel on a 2018 trip with his son, Adam, to Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga. Carter visited Pike County aboard the Delta Queen riverboat in 1979. The 39th president died at 100 on Dec. 29.

Defy And Die

Pike County Politician Reflects On Trials

In January 1899, a friend asked John Brooks Henderson to consider running for U.S. Senate again.

By then, the former Pike County lawyer had not walked the halls of Congress as an officeholder for 30 years. So, the unidentified person behind the request got an eloquent answer.

"If you would do me a loving favor, please prevent any vote being cast for me for any office, even one so high and honorable as United States Senator," Henderson wrote.

The Republican pegged the end of his political career to his 1868 vote against the impeachment of Democrat President Andrew Johnson, but had no regrets.

"The vote was right," he said. "It saved the honor of the government and vindicated the dignity and independence of the American senate. That, however, counts only for the future."

Henderson, who drafted and in January 1864 introduced the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery, explained

that his decision "may be honored by posterity" but never by contemporaries.

"He who defies the edict of his party is gone forever," he said. "He who does it must rest content on the achievements of his past life. For him, the door of opportunity is forever closed."

Henderson then offered an analysis that could just as easily have been written by a politician today.

"If time vindicates him, his party only hates him the more," the letter reads. "If its leaders outwardly confess he was right, the confession at least is but the tribute which hypocrisy pays to virtue."

The opposing political party "distrusts his judgment in that he ever belonged to so corrupt and so ungrateful an organization, and it, too, joins in stoning him to death," Henderson continued.

After the Missouri legislature failed to reappoint Henderson in 1868, he returned to practicing law in St. Louis. Campaigns over the next five years for Missouri governor

and a return to Washington failed.

President Ulysses Grant appointed Henderson the nation's first special prosecutor in the 1875 Whiskey Ring scandals, but fired him when evidence drew the former senator too close to the president's staff.

A measure of forgiveness for the 1868 impeachment vote came in 1884, when Henderson was named president of the Republican National Convention in Chicago. In 1889, he moved back to Washington, remaining engaged in political and social issues until his death in 1913.

In the 1899 letter, Henderson allowed that absolution could come to those who are patient, with a caveat.

"Posterity may, someday, gather up these stones and put them into monumental form, but this cannot be until the envy and hatred of his contemporaries have ceased to vex, or until those contemporaries themselves shall be silent as the graves which cover him and them."

Missouri Fifth Graders Invited To Participate In 42nd Annual Post Contest

By BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

National contest winner, parents and teacher will receive trip to Washington, D.C.; entry deadline is Jan. 24, 2025

Missouri fifth graders can put their artistic skills to work, learn about staying safe, and raise awareness of missing children through the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The Department of Public Safety is inviting Show-Me State fifth graders to participate in the annual poster contest, which offers a chance at a trip to the nation's capital. The national winner and his/her parents and teacher will be invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 42nd annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony on May 21, 2025. Transportation and lodging will be provided.

One fifth grader from Missouri will be selected as the state winner. That student's poster will be submitted to the national competition. In addition, the state winner will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice, the sponsor of the contest.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children's Day. Missing Children's Day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers, and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and an occasion to honor those dedicated to this important cause.

To view previous artwork from the contest, visit <http://ncjtc-static.ftvc.edu/resources/RSO2456528.pdf>

Posters, the completed application and signed consent and release form must be submitted by Jan. 24, 2025 to:

Missouri Department of Public Safety
Attention: Michelle Parks
State Contest Manager
1101 Riverside Drive
Lewis and Clark Building,
4th Floor West
PO Box 749
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Contact Michelle Parks with any questions at (573) 526-1464 or email: CVSU@dps.mo.gov.

Contest Rules:
Applicants must be in the fifth grade.

Artwork should reflect the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home." This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.

The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one, or a combination of, illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife) and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.

The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches.

The original poster – not a scanned copy – must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist, either typed or written legibly. The Missouri winner will be notified in March 2025.

Download the application kit at dps.mo.gov/dir-programs/cvsu/documents/42nd-annual-poster-contest-packet.pdf

Brothers-In-Law

Siblings Argue For Louisiana Priest's Rights

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTOR WRITER
Editor's note: Following is the first part of a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

Two largely-forgotten siblings may have been the best friends a Louisiana priest and other freedom-loving Americans ever had.

David and Stephen Field argued against a Missouri law that denied free speech rights to Father John Cummings and anyone else who would not submit to a loyalty oath enacted by the state at the end of the Civil War.

The case was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in January 1867. Justice Stephen Field wrote the majority opinion that cleared Cummings. David Field was one of his attorneys.

Biographer Carl Brent Swisher described the Fields as people who "prayed earnestly, worked strenuously and shot with unerring aim."

The brothers were among 10 children born to David Dudley Field, a Congressional minister and historian, and his wife, the educator Submit Dickinson Field. Family members of each had served with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

The boys' father had dedicated himself to the ministry at an early age, and was

known to preach sermons to waves crashing ashore in New England because they "seemed like answering voices as they came rolling up the beach," according to one biography.

The elder Field graduated from Yale in 1802 and got a doctorate in divinity from Williams College. He and his wife took their vows the next year and David came along in 1805. Stephen was born in 1816.

Almost from the beginning, David was headstrong, determined and resolute. Once his mind was set, there was little anyone could do to change it.

"Many found the same difficulty in the later stages of his career," joked a brother, Henry Martyn Field.

David liked school, but may have gained greater insight from his father, who passed along lessons in faith, critical thinking and common sense. The instinct to serve selflessly came out during the War of 1812, when David helped care for the family while church duties took his father away for five months. After graduating from Williams College, as his father had, David weighed career options.

"The character of his mind, his habit of questioning and his ardor in debate – what some would call his combativeness – drew him to the profession in which there were great battles to be fought and victories to be won, and he decided in favor of the law," his brother wrote.

Stephen Field was a lot like his eldest sibling, exhibiting tenacity, fortitude and self-assurance while still a boy. By the time he entered Williams College at 17, he had traveled the world and was a multi-linguist who charmed the faculty with his

intellect.

After graduation, Stephen passed the bar and spent a decade at David's New York law firm. Despite the steady work, he was restless. Author Donald R. Burrhill noted the brothers found that their "unyielding temperaments made working together day after day a burden."

With his father's blessing, Stephen left in 1849 for the California gold rush. He took a steamer to Panama and another to San Francisco, attributing his avoidance of malaria to God's providence. On the journey, he instinctively helped those affected by the disease.

The first night in Frisco was expensive. Stephen and two other passengers from the ship paid what would today be more than \$1,100 for what he described as an 8-by-10-foot "adobe" hut that had only one bed.

"They took the bed and I took the floor," Stephen recalled. "I do not think they had much the advantage on the score of comfort."

Breakfast the next day cost the equivalent now of \$64, leaving Stephen with a little more than pennies in his pocket. A visit to the nearby courthouse provided an example of the chaos that had enveloped the city.

Stephen was astonished to find two men he had sailed with sitting on a jury. They told him that, despite a lack of residency, the sheriff had summoned them to serve and that they were being paid what would today amount to almost \$260 each.

"So, I lingered in the courtroom, placing myself near the sheriff in the hope that on another jury he might summon me," Stephen said. "But it was not my good luck."

Next time: Fortunes change.

January History Nuggets

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
BRRR

The Bowling Green Times reported a record temperature for January of 25 degrees below zero on the 12th in 1974. The city's all-time record low is minus 26 on Feb. 9, 1979. The third-coldest day came on Dec. 23, 1989, when the mercury hit minus 21 Fahrenheit.

WINTER WEIRDO
The Clarksville Sentinel of Jan. 15, 1891, carried the lament of an unidentified nincompoop who longed for days of snow, ice, frigid temperatures and bitter winds. "Winter has ceased to be winter in Missouri," the miscreant bemoaned.

NO 'CUP OF KINDNESS YET'

Apparently no one at the Democrat Banner of Bowling Green could be caught singing "Auld Lang Syne." In January 1846, the paper just couldn't understand why the new year was such a cause for celebration. "Next to a funeral, this, to us, is the most mournful of all occasions."

SPEEDY DELIVERY
The Radical of Bowling Green reported on Jan. 7, 1842, that the "mail from St. Charles to Palmyra is now carried through in forty hours instead of two and a half days."

BELIEVE OR BURN
Apparently fed up with religious bickering, an editorial in The Louisiana Daily Press-Journal from January 1916 offered the following: "Some folks' idea of Christianity is to believe in eternal punishment for all people who do not believe as they do."

LIAR, LIARD, PANTS ON FIRE

An unidentified letter writer told The Quincy Herald-Whig on Jan. 18, 1964, about a Louisiana man's four "dogfish." It seems the creatures could help any luckless angler pull huge catfish out of the Mississippi River with a net "Two do the driving and the other two stand guard, one at either side of the net, so the catfish can't turn and go back," the writer claimed.

'Spirit Of Christmas' Is Success Again In 2024

BY HELEN CREW

At a time when we are hearing about a lot of violence taking place, I want to call attention to a lot of caring people who do not get noticed.

I have head up the project called "Spirit Of Christmas" for eight years and I have come in contact with a lot of wonderful people who are not afraid to show they care for other people. At a time when families are struggling, these people have stepped forward to support a family. They are angels in disguise!

This year's project had 14 families we were able to sponsor at Christmastime. There were a total of 40 children in these families.

This year's sponsors in the "Spirit of Christmas" project consisted of seven churches or church-related organizations, one service organization, two individuals, two groups of employees, one

school group, and four businesses. These sponsors consist of a lot of caring people who want a part in caring for others in need.

As the sponsors supported these families they had a feeling of being cared for and not alone in their situation. Psychologists will tell us that when someone feels cared for or about their attitude is more positive and it strengthens families.

I have said before the quote: 'It takes a village to raise a child' also pertains to it takes a community with caring individuals to strengthen a family, which consequently strengthens a community.

I would like to challenge everyone to do something to show you care: how about a surprise plate of cookies? Scrap someone's windshield Shovel their path? or call someone to say Hi, how are you?



Elks Hoop Shoot

The Northeast District Elks held its District Hoop Shoot Jan. 4 in Washington. Local Louisiana Lodge Hoop Shoot winner Adelyn Gregory of Eolia was the victor in the girls 12-13 division. Adelyn will next compete with participants from Lodges across the state of Missouri at the state Hoop Shoot to be held in Eureka on Feb. 1. Winners from that contest will travel to Paducah, Kent., in March for the Regional Hoop Shoot. Picture is Adelyn Gregory and Jennifer Foster, vice president Northeast District Missouri Elks Association.

Community News

Mike Ingram Plumbing Sales, Service Opens Doors To Serve The Area

When a family business closes its doors, it can leave a void in the community. From that void, new opportunities can arise.

Mike Ingram has taken on this exciting challenge, offering plumbing services and products to the community.

Mike Ingram Plumbing Sales and Service officially opened their doors in October 2024, but the core of this crew has serviced the community for many years. The small business owner, Ingram, noted the wealth of knowledge his staff members bring to both sales and service.

"Our employees are committed to serving the community they live in. They are always looking to help others and get the job done right. We are lucky to have a knowledgeable and experienced group."

The staff at Mike Ingram Plumbing Sales and Service offers an array of assistance. Whether it's new home construction, sewer services, replacing a toilet, or ordering parts to do a repair, the employees are geared to provide aid.

Being a small business owner is a tall task, but Ingram takes pride in developing a business he is passionate about in his hometown.

"Just like much of my staff, I received local training and developed a set of skills that taps into a need we have within our community. I want to continue to establish relationships with customers and

serve the area for a long time," said Ingram.

Ingram held a position as a store manager at Ingram Plumbing over the last decade, and garnered a plumbing distribution network. The small business owner is proficient in finding products, getting them here in a timely manner, and selling them at a cost effective price.

"At our shop we are competitive in pricing. Often times our prices are lower than large retailers, and we offer some plumbing wisdom with a purchase. That's something you're not going to get anywhere else," noted Ingram. As the staff at Mike Ingram Plumbing Sales and Service continues to fill the shelves in their store front, they are searching for items that could best serve the community.

"If there is an item a customer needs, we want to meet that need. We hope to provide a wide selection of products so that our customers can get everything they need, right here at home," added Ingram.

The store currently offers products from large brand names such as Kohler, American Standard, Sioux Chief, Sloan, Zurn, Gerber, Rheem, and more. Mike Ingram Plumbing Sales and Service located at 18080 Bluebonnet Lane in Bowling Green, is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

For service inquiries or questions, call 573-719-9474.



Mike Ingram



Ingram Plumbing

MDC Encourages Public To Use Caution Amidst Outbreak

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is monitoring reports of sick and dead waterfowl, such as geese and ducks, across the state.

The Department is actively collecting birds to determine the cause of illness but suspects highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to be the cause. Other states, including Kansas and Iowa, are experiencing similar occurrences.

Avian influenza, commonly referred to as bird flu, spreads as birds along the North American flyways intermingle with infected birds from Europe and Asia. The viruses are transmitted from bird to bird through fecal droppings, saliva, and nasal discharges. There is a risk for spillover from wild birds into domestic poultry and then back again from poultry to wild birds, resulting in further spread.

Though HPAI does not present an immediate public health concern, MDC recommends the following:

Do not touch dead geese, waterfowl, or other bird species.

Report any sightings of dead geese to MDC online at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4KD>

Ensure that pets do not come into contact with dead animals to help prevent the spread of disease.

If you have inadvertently come into contact with a dead goose, wash your hands thoroughly and contact a healthcare professional if you

experience any unusual symptoms.

Due to ongoing waterfowl hunting seasons, waterfowl hunters should dress game birds in the field whenever possible or at a location away from poultry or other birds. Hunters should also properly dispose of harvest waste by placing the remains in trash bags and disposing of them through trash collection or a permitted landfill. Bald eagles and other raptors are particularly susceptible to avian influenza. This simple action could help prevent bald eagle and other raptor mortalities.

Hunters should also be aware it is possible to transport avian influenza viruses on boats, waders, or other equipment, especially if it isn't dry before moving it from one site to another. Allowing hunting equipment to dry between outings will reduce this chance.

Avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern, though on rare occasions it has infected humans and other animals. It is safe to eat poultry and wild game as normal cooking temperatures are hot enough to kill the virus if present. Meat should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

More information can be found on the Missouri Department of Agriculture website at <https://agriculture.mo.gov/avian-influenza.php>.

Hannibal Regional Earns Recognition As Blue Distinction® Center

Hannibal Regional proudly announces its recent designation as a Blue Distinction® Center for Bariatric Surgery by Blue Cross Blue Shield. This prestigious achievement highlights Hannibal Regional's commitment to providing high-quality, patient-focused bariatric care.

Blue Distinction Centers are nationally recognized for demonstrating expertise in delivering better patient outcomes. To achieve this designation, facilities must meet rigorous quality measures for patient safety, surgical outcomes, and comprehensive bariatric care. Patients who choose Blue Distinction Centers for their care can feel confident knowing they are receiving high-quality treatment from an experienced team of healthcare professionals.

"Hannibal Regional is honored to be recognized as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery," said Dr.

Mujeeb Siddiqui, Medical Director of Bariatrics with Hannibal Regional Weight Management Solutions. "This achievement reflects our team's commitment to providing exceptional care, empowering our patients to achieve their weight loss goals, and improving their overall health and quality of life."

Hannibal Regional offers a comprehensive range of bariatric procedures, including gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, duodenal switch, and revision surgeries. Each patient is supported with personalized guidance, nutritional counseling, and access to a multidisciplinary team dedicated to their success.

For more information about bariatric surgery at Hannibal Regional and its nationally recognized weight management solutions, please visit hannibalregional.org/weightloss or call (573) 248-5407.

Nut With Two Names Comes Out Of Its Shell

"Given most nuts ripen late in the year, they have long been associated with the holiday season," said David Trinklein, horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension. It also is one of the few times when consumers see what nuts looks like in nature. Most often, nuts are purchased with their shells removed and ready for use. One of the nuts likely found in the bin or bag of mixed nuts at a supermarket is the hazelnut.

Hazelnuts are also called filberts, possibly named after St. Philibert of Jumièges, a seventh century French Benedictine abbot. The feast of St. Philibert is held on Aug. 20, which corresponds closely to the time when the nuts of European hazelnut ripen and are harvested. However, some historians believe the term filbert came from the German vollbart, which means "full beard," describing the husked shell of the hazelnut.

Regardless of its name, this nut has been popular for thousands of years. Archaeological evidence of human consumption of filberts dates back to prehistoric times. More than 1,800 years ago, the Greek physician and botanist Dioscorides heralded the medicinal virtues of the filbert in his five-volume work *De materia medica* ("On Medical Material").

"It cures chronic coughing if pounded filbert is eaten with honey," he wrote. "Cooked filbert mixed with black pepper cures the cold. If the ointment produced by mashing burnt filbert shells in suet is smeared on the head where hair does not grow due to normal baldness or to some disease, hair will come again."

There are several hazelnut species grown in the United States, said Trinklein. One is a native plant; the other is imported from Europe. Both are members of the Betulaceae

plant family, which makes them close relatives to birch trees.

Corylus americana, or American hazelnut, is native to Missouri and a vast area of the U.S. from Maine to Oklahoma. It tolerates many sites but grows mostly along woodland borders. The American hazelnut plant is a large, multistemmed bush that reaches a mature height of 10 to 15 feet. Unfortunately, it often is difficult to find nuts from native plants in the wild since they are highly prized by squirrels.

The hazelnuts available for purchase at supermarkets and other retail outlets are most often the European hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*). Oregon has an ideal climate for hazelnut growth and produces about 95 percent of the U.S. crop.

Hazelnuts have a sweet, somewhat "earthy" flavor and can be eaten raw, roasted or ground into a paste, said Trinklein. Their taste is attributed to a compound known as filbertone. Rich in protein, dietary fiber and unsaturated fat, hazelnuts also contain vitamin E and thiamine as well as essential minerals such as copper, magnesium and manganese. Possible health benefits include regulating blood pressure, reducing inflammation and improving blood sugar and fat levels. Additionally, hazelnuts provide significant amounts of antioxidants.

Trinklein recommends that gardeners who want to grow hazelnuts at home choose a cultivar of American hazelnut selected to withstand colder climates. "Rush" and "Winkler" are two possibilities for Missouri. "Recently, a number of interspecific hybrids with *C. americana* as one parent to impart cold hardiness and disease resistance have been developed and are under evaluation for commercial production in the Midwest," said Trinklein.

State Tech Announces Dean's List

A big State Tech congratulates the students listed below for making the dean's list for the fall of 2024.

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 and Devin Rue.

Elsberry - Benjamin Kohlhaas and Evan Wilson.

Eolia - Hunter Burt and Estelle Clark.

Louisiana - Ivy Nulsen.

Middletown - Levi Summers.

Silex - Max Lavy and Tyler Twellman.

Vandalia - Courtney Kraft and LaTrell Wright.

Wellsville - Meagan Cripe,

Caden Gilbert, Caleb Peak, and Albert Sherwood.

MDC Reports 10,071 Deer Taken During Alternative Methods Portion

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows deer hunters in Missouri harvested 10,071 deer during the alternative methods portion of firearms deer season, Dec. 28 - Jan. 7. Of the 10,071 deer harvested, 2,765 were antlered bucks, 1,072 were button bucks, and 6,234 were does.

Top harvest counties were Franklin with 223 deer harvested, Pike with 209, and Macon with 207.

The harvest total for last year's alternative methods portion was 12,496.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer,

visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest-table/.

For harvest summaries from past years, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries.

Deer hunting continues with archery season running through Jan. 15.

Find more information on deer hunting online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer and from MDC's 2024 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available online and where permits are sold.



Pictured are Debbie Arnett and Christ Midkiff of Center who are parents of HRH first baby of 2025.

Hannibal Regional Hospital Welcomes First Baby Of 2025

Hannibal Regional Hospital is thrilled to announce the arrival of the first baby born in 2025. Proud parents Debbie Arnett and Chris Midkiff of Center Missouri, welcomed their first child, a son named Kashous, on January 1, 2025, at 1:56 pm, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Dr. Laura Maple, an obstetrician at Hannibal Regional Medical Group, had the honor of delivering baby Kashous, marking a joyful start to the new year at Hannibal Regional. Debbie shared, "Dr. Maple was amazing! We couldn't have asked for a better doctor to welcome our son into the world."

"Welcoming the first baby of the new year is always a special moment for our team," said Diane Bibb, Director of the Women's Care

Unit at Hannibal Regional Hospital. "We are delighted to celebrate this happy occasion with this family and wish them all the best as they begin 2025 with their new addition."

To celebrate this special occasion, the hospital presented the family with a celebratory gift basket filled with essentials and keepsakes. The team at Hannibal Regional is committed to providing exceptional care to mothers and babies. From prenatal to postnatal care, our dedicated staff ensures every family receives compassionate and personalized attention.

For more information about delivery options at Hannibal Regional Hospital please call 573-629-3500 to schedule an ap

Accepting Sealed Bids

The Bowling Green R-I School District is accepting individual sealed bids for the following: 2004 International: Diesel 66 passenger with a lift. 123,096 miles. 2001 Bluebird: Diesel 65 passenger. 120079 miles. 2002 Am Trans: Diesel 66 passenger. 92627 miles. This bus is missing half of its seats.

Sealed bids due in the Superintendent's office, 700 W. Adams, Bowling Green, Missouri by Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Buses will need to be removed from the bus lot by Jan. 26. Contact the Superintendent's office at 573-324-5441.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow. And it did!

A great deal of thanks goes to LaDon at Alliance and his crew for the great job of cleaning off our streets and roads. They are still in the process of snow removal so please be patient as they continue to serve Bowling Green and beyond. I also need to correct a previous article in which I thanked MODOT for their help with stripping Business Highway 54. It turns out that Alliance had to take the initiative to rent a stripper, buy the paint, and then apply such to the road.

Once again, a big thank you Alliance for your care and efficiency in meeting the needs of our water systems, streets, mulching our leaves and limbs, and caring for the compost area. They do so many other jobs beyond listing but a few more are grass cutting and caring for our ball-diamonds and cemeteries, patching and repairing our streets as needed, clearing ditches and culverts, and at the call and needs of our citizens.

When you love what you do, what looks like work to others is simply enjoyable to you. That's the way I felt about teaching, coaching, and administering for 45 years. I hope you feel the same about your job! As the new year is just beginning, it's a good time to assess our attitudes and outlooks on life. Are we the kind of person that people like to be around or are we always negative and grumbling? Laughter and a positive viewpoint have been proven to prolong and improve mental health. Laughter does good like medicine! When our focus is on our job and others where we are trying to do our best for our company and our co-workers rather than ourselves, it is much easier to stay positive.

As a new Presidential Administration takes over on January 20, 2025, there is "the call" for unity and peace. Peace is not free from conflict. It means work and communication and commitment! It is like a bond or link that connects our lives. It must become a rope that ties and upholds us up and together. When storms come-and they always do-this bond is our ANCHOR, our SOLID GROUND to link us together as a nation and especially as our town. We can tear apart these links, ropes, or bonds with our prejudices and self-focus or we can come together in power and forge UNITY and PEACE. In an increasingly divided world, we can work at unifying and coming together or we can make matters worse.

Bowling Green has accomplished many good things over the years and the way we can continue to do so is to work together, share common visions for our community, communicate and not grumble, and you as a citizen must get involved and have your voices heard! You can elect officials that reflect your ideas and innovations, or you can step up and run yourself to improve our city and what it can offer to its citizens. "It takes a village" is not some simple slogan but a concept of working together to bring unity, collaboration, innovation, and a thriving attitude to make Bowling Green be the best it can be for 2025 and the next generations.

The next alderperson meeting is Monday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m., and the next park and recreation board meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 5:30. Come and see what's being planned for your city and its components.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike ...



PIKE TO PIKE NEWS written by Wyvetta Davis 1-217-285-4880 or 1-217-320-8438

During the weekend of Jan. 4, we in our area had quite the snowstorm with a possibility of the power to be knocked out. Lots of churches cancelled their services for that Sunday, along with businesses and schools shutting down for the beginning of the week.

"If you cannot be a pencil to write someone's happiness then try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness..."

Birthdays and anniversaries for the weeks from January 8-21, 2025:

Jan. 8 - Don Heightman, Wanda Blacketer

Jan. 10 - Tricia Carnes, Adam Hall, Valarie Jones

Jan. 12 - Aaron Heightman, Angela Dixon, Roger Walston, Wyvetta Davis, Larry and Nancy Kunzeman

Jan. 15 - Cathy Bollegar, Cody Clendenny, Dan Dunham, Debbie Galbreath, Mary Lou Buchanan, Reese Ostrander, Krystal and Rick Musgrove

Jan. 16 - Scott Shelton

Jan. 19 - Brenda Baxter

Jan. 20 - Cindy White, Harold Loyd, Lucas Hutton, Cary and Dan Dunham

Jan. 21 - Landyn Seal, Leif Carter, Mark Winner, Tyrell Lightle, Randy McAdams, Dorothy and Don Foreman

Prayer Requests: This is where all you folks come in. Every week I have been putting in names and groups for you all to pray for. Now what I need from you is to help me start a new refreshed list by either calling or texting me names that

you want included in the new Prayer Requests' list. Pray for America and the people of America to all turn back to God, Janet and Roger Bonnett, and unspoken prayer requests.

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:1, 2

Last Week's Trivia Questions:

1. What famous patriotic sculpture took fourteen years to complete?

2. Which U.S. President was known for his "fireside chats"?

3. How many days did Jesus fast before He was tempted by Satan?

Christmas news from Shirley Stinson: Christmas celebrations were delayed until December 26 due to flight cancellations and delays for the Smith family. The meal, gift exchange and fun day together was a big blessing. Those attending at my home were brother and sister in law, Larry and Shirley Bauch, Perry; son and daughter-in-law, Corey and Karen Stinson, Winfield; daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Justin Smith and their children, Sadie, Abe, Hope and Boaz from San Antonio, Texas. One day we went to see the movie "Wicked," another day the Smith Family learned how to make pottery in a shop in Jacksonville. The grandchildren enjoyed the freedom of just walking around Perry.

Wanda Blacketer just returned Dec. 31 from a trip out west to see two of her children and their families. She flew out of the St. Louis Airport on Nov. 19 and went to Colorado Springs, Colo., to visit her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson Carlina, Dave, and Erik Welge. She stayed with them for a few weeks, then went on to visit her son, daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter Tim, Kirsten, Dylan, and Evelyn Blacketer of Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she spent a few more weeks before returning home to Pike County. She enjoyed spending time with both families and enjoyed both Thanksgiving and Christmas out west.

Saturday, Dec. 28, the children of the late Shirley and Eugene Mankard enjoyed getting together at the

home of Larry and Patty Mankar for their Christmas. Those family members who attended were: Eugene and Mitch Lyon; Kevin Mankard and Jean Jones; Patty and Larry Mankar; Clarissa Mankard and Monty Ramsey; Dawnyetta Mankard and Ben Westfall and Charlene; and Andrea Mankard and daughter, Robert and Kathy Mankard couldn't make it as Robert was sick. Others there were Marlene Craig and Wyvetta Davis and Jamie Niffen. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and plenty of visiting.

New Year's Eve found a good crowd at the Cardinal Inn enjoying musical entertainment by Jamie Niffen, Herschel Carter, Todd Vinyard, and John Miller and his son Johnny.

After being at the show at the Cardinal Inn New Year's Eve, we stopped by and visited with our friends Georgia Bergman and George Ruble and enjoyed some snacks.

Friday, Jan. 11, guests of Wyvetta Davis and Jamie Niffen were Georgia Bergman and George Ruble. We all had taco soup for supper, and the rest of the evening was spent playing card games.

Last Week's Trivia Answers:

1. What famous patriotic sculpture took fourteen years to complete? (Mount Rushmore)

2. Which U.S. President was known for his "fireside chats"? (Franklin D. Roosevelt)

3. How many days did Jesus fast before He was tempted by Satan? (40 days and 40 nights)

SINGLE SENIORS will be up this month, weather permitting. If you know of anyone who is 55+, single for one reason or another, who would enjoy getting out with others to eat a meal together and visit once a month, either call or text me at 1-217-285-4880 or 1-217-320-8438. You must be able to pay for your meal and provide your own transportation. This is not a match making group.

I would so like to hear from you, readers, with things to put in this column, such as birthdays, anniversaries, upcoming events, events you attended, trivia questions (please include answers), and scriptures. Just call at 1-217-285-4880 or call (or text) 1-217-320-8438.

Patience Can Pay Off In Saving Storm-Damaged Trees

Homeowners eager to apply aggressive first aid to storm-damaged trees could be removing trees that might have survived.

As long as there is no physical risk to you or your family, be patient. If you are unsure about the tree's condition, keep the tree for now, advises Hank Stelzer, University of Missouri Extension forester.

"Trees are amazingly resilient, and many recover with proper care and time, so quick action is not always the best approach," Stelzer said.

Pruning and removing limbs with a chain saw is not the same thing as cutting firewood from a treetop already on the ground, so additional safety precautions are needed.

Branches and trees twisted and bent by storms are usually under tremendous strain

that is undetectable to the untrained eye. Quickly releasing that stored energy by cutting with a chain saw can be dangerous, Stelzer said.

Bent trees and branches larger than six inches in diameter should probably be removed by someone with more experience than the weekend woodcutter.

Resist the urge to over-prune, and do not "top" trees — cut main branches back to stubs. Topping reduces the amount of foliage energy needed for nourishment.

Stubs can produce weakly attached branches that are more likely to break when the next storm hits. Do not worry if your tree won't win any beauty contests, Stelzer said. With missing branches, trees may look unbalanced, but they can heal and grow new foliage.

It's good to remove jagged remains of smaller broken branches. Broken larger branches should be cut back to the trunk or main limb.

Choose professional help wisely, and don't be taken in by people with chain saws offering to repair your trees. Check for professional references and ask for certificates of insurance.

Related MU Extension publications available for free download:

G6867, First Aid for Storm-Damaged Trees, <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6867>

G1958, Felling, Bucking and Limbing Trees, <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g1958>

G1959, Basic Chain Saw Safety and Use, <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g1959>

Funds Transferred To Beneficiaries Of State's Adult-Use Cannabis Program

Recently, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) transferred \$5,459,172 in funds generated by Missouri's adult use marijuana program to agencies as outlined in Article XIV, Section 2, of the Missouri Constitution. This brings the total amount transferred from funds generated by Missouri's adult use marijuana program this fiscal year to \$21,836,688, and that total has been distributed to recipient agencies of adult use program funds as follows:

Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) (\$7,278,896): for use exclusively for health care and other services for

military veterans and their dependent families;

Missouri State Public Defender (\$7,278,896): to be used only for legal assistance for low-income Missourians;

DHSS (\$7,278,896): to operate a grant program for sub-recipients to increase access to evidence-based, low-barrier drug addiction treatment prioritizing medically proven treatment and overdose prevention and reversal methods and public or private treatment options with an emphasis on reintegrating recipients into their local communities, to support overdose prevention education, and to support job placement, housing, and

counseling for those with substance use disorders.

In November 2022, Missouri voters approved a constitutional amendment. The amendment included provisions requiring that fees and taxes generated by the adult-use marijuana program be transferred to MVC, Missouri State Public Defender and DHSS for purposes outlined above. Article XIV, Section 2, states that adult use marijuana sold in licensed dispensaries is to be (state) taxed at a rate of 6 percent.

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Obituaries



Lyla Janice Naysmith

Lyla Janice Naysmith, 99, of Laddonia died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at Kings Daughters Home in Mexico.

Janice, as she was known, was inviting and easy going, known to flash a sly sense of humor now and again, a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and her unwavering faith in God. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of her family, friends, and others whose lives were touched by her. We ask that you remember Janice not for the way her life ended, but for the way it was lived.

Janice's family and friends are encouraged to attend an upcoming celebration of her life being scheduled during last two weeks of March 2025. Closer to March the family will communicate date, time, and location of this memorial service to Janice's greater family and friends.

Also, updates on the celebration of Janice's life can be found on Bienhoff Funeral Home's website after March 1, 2025. Website for updates, www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.

Janice's family hopes the upcoming March 2025 celebration of life provides family and friends a chance to gather, avoiding the local area's current harsh weather and allow family who must travel long distances to get to Laddonia, the time to plan a trip to attend.

A private graveside service will be held for family at Bienhoff Funeral Home, 205 W. 5th, Laddonia, with burial in the Laddonia Cemetery.

Janice was born near Perry in Ralls County on May 12, 1925. Her parents Lyle and Esther Rohr Galloway engaged in farming southeast of Perry at the time of her birth. Janice was one of eight children, there were five sons and three daughters. As was the norm in the 1920's and 1930's all the children worked on the farm during their childhood years.

During her early years, the Great Depression was an influencing event for Janice. Small town Missouri in the 1930s looked just like most of middle America during this time. Things were simpler, but times were hard, especially for farmers. Janice was five years old when the Great Depression introduced itself to her family. This experience taught her that self-sufficiency was essential to living and that family was a source of strength, love, and fun. Lessons she never forgot.

During the 1930's and early 1940's Janice reached school age attending school in a rural one-room school until she reached high school age. She attended Vandalia High School starting in 1939, graduating in four years in the spring of 1943.

After graduation, Janice wanted to try something else besides working on the family farm. She always has said she had her fill of farm life at age 18. She wanted a change. So Janice decided to join the World War II homefront mobilization effort and traveled by train the 100 miles to St. Louis to live and to work at Emerson Electric Defense Plant.

Like any young person away from home for the first time in her life, Janice became homesick, wanting to see family. She learned of a guy who worked in St. Louis, also from Vandalia, and better yet, owned a car. Unknown at the time this guy with the car was the brother of Janice's future husband. The car provided both of them some weekend trips back home. Those trips helped.

WWII ended in August 1945, the war effort on the home front slowed and Janice returned to her hometown to live and work. She and her close friend (unknown at the time a future sister-in-law it

turns out) rented an apartment in Vandalia to begin new life experiences. Back in Vandalia Janice met up with Johnny Naysmith, brother of the car guy, also of Vandalia, and they married in April 1946.

Looking for better long-term work opportunities Johnny and Janice's brother, J.B. Galloway, decided to partner up and become entrepreneurs. A small gas station/mechanic shop/wholesale fuel business was up for a new lease/buy arrangement. The guys took it on calling their new partnership "Galloway & Naysmith". They turned it into a robust business for the next 42 years. Janice liked the startup because it wasn't farming.

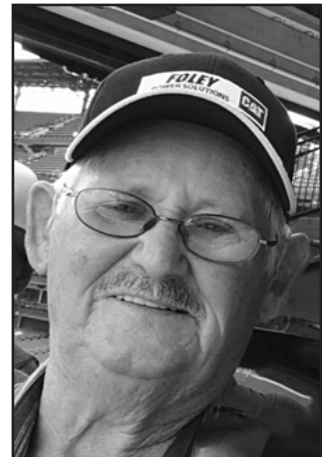
Since settling in Laddonia in 1947, Janice worked full-time at home as a stay-at-home mom raising three children, Brenda Naysmith Maupin, Larry Naysmith, and Diane Naysmith-Simpson. All three survive their mother today.

Since her 1947 arrival in Laddonia, Janice was an active 70+ year member of the Laddonia First Baptist Church serving as the pianist, organist, and a solid alto voice in the choir. Janice was a music enthusiast and so was frequently called on for piano or voice performances at community events and funerals.

Janice is survived by her children, Brenda Maupin and husband, Bill of Laddonia, Larry Naysmith and wife, Susie of Conway, Ark., Diane Simpson and husband, Max of Edmond, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Micah Maupin and wife, Heather of Caledonia, Mich., Amanda Norton and husband, Craig of Perry, Sara Williams and husband, Brenden of Lincoln, Neb., Emily Kimbrough and husband, Chase of Tahlequah, Okla., Natalie Hern and husband, Evan of Baltimore, Mary., Mary Ross and husband, Brady of Edmond, Okla., Kayley Anthony and husband, Simon of Conway, Ark.; 36 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Norma Galloway and Val Galloway of Vandalia.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Fred A. "Johnny" Naysmith; her parents; siblings, Lois Fowler, Lloyd Galloway, Durward Galloway, JB Galloway, Ronald Galloway, Lyndell Galloway, Joann Boyd, and Mary Sue Galloway; a grandson, Matthew Maupin; one granddaughter, Angela Maupin Winkelmeier and spouse, David.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Laddonia First Baptist Church and King's Daughters Home of Mexico, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 6 Laddonia, MO 63352.



Guy Barrymore Willis

Funeral services for Guy Barrymore Willis, 82, of Spencerburg were at 3 p.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with pastor Glenn Forman officiating. Burial followed in Siloam Cemetery.

Visitation was from 1:30 p.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Willis died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025 at his home.

He was born March 12, 1942 in Louisiana the son of Eugene Barrymore and Isabell Rose Livingston Willis. Guy married Judy Gail Renner on April 28, 1967. She preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 1999. He would later marry Mildred Speagle on Feb. 15, 2003. She survives of the home.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of the home; one daughter, Guyetta Sumowski and husband, Joseph of New Hartford; one brother, David Willis and wife, June of Vandalia; a granddaughter, Isabella Sumowski of New Hartford; one sister-in-law, Sue Willis of Vandalia; stepchildren, Lonnie Speagle and

wife, Charlotte of Bowling Green, Vicki Hobbs and husband, Mike of Curryville, Kevin Speagle and wife, Tina of Plainfield, Ill., Paul Speagle and wife, Cindy of Curryville, Harold Speagle and wife, Cori of Curryville, Clayton Speagle of Curryville; along with several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews other relatives; and a host of friends.

He was preceded by his parents, his wife, Judy Willis, brother, Gary Willis, and stepson, James Speagle.

Guy attended Vannoy School at Farmer and was a 1959 graduate of Bowling Green High School. He would go on to serve his country honorably in the United States Navy before returning home and starting his decades long truck driving career. Over the years he would hall for several companies including Archie Holt Trucking, Oliver Transportation, Brown's Trucking, and Bross Trucking. He retired from trucking in 2020. Guy enjoyed fishing, grilling, camping, and spending time with his family and friends.

Pallbearers were Jason Young, Mike Hobbs, Joe Sumowski, Harold Speagle, Paul Speagle, Jim Sparks, Austin Speagle, and Tristin Speagle.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family; Mildred Willis, to help with expenses, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com



Sherry Ann Tapley Cowden

Sherry Ann Tapley Cowden, affectionately known as Sherry, died peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at the Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Friday at Center Baptist Church in Center. Burial was at Center Cemetery in Center. Pastor Dan Peters officiated.

Friends and family were invited to Sherry's Life Celebration at a visitation from 10-11 a.m., Friday at the church.

The family was served by the James O'Donnell Funeral Home of Hannibal.

Born on Jan. 30, 1933, in Center to W.J. and Dora Conrad Tapley, Sherry's life was characterized by her loving nature, her unwavering faith, and her generous spirit.

Sherry was a beacon of light for her family, a guiding star for her children, and a steadfast friend to all who knew her.

She is lovingly remembered and survived by her five children, Nyla Reighley of Center, Roger Cowden and wife, Kathy of Center, Cheryl Evans and husband, Kevin of Paris, Alan Cowden of Center, and Tracy Shawn and husband, Kevin of Oxford, Miss. Sherry's legacy includes six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who will continue to be inspired by her life.

Although preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert Briggs "R.B." Cowden, a brother, Clark Tapley, one grandson, Ryan Cowden, a daughter-in-law, Laurie Cowden, and one son-in-law, Gary Don Reighley, Sherry's memory will live on in the hearts of her family and the community that cherished her.

Sherry and R.B., were united in marriage on Oct. 6, 1951, in Hannibal. Together, they built a life grounded in love and mutual respect until his death on Oct. 19, 1998. As the owner and operator of Sherry's Beauty Shop in Center, Sherry styled hair and shared wisdom for over 35 years, touching the lives of many with her kindness and warmth.

Faith was the cornerstone of Sherry's life. She read her Bible daily and dedicated her

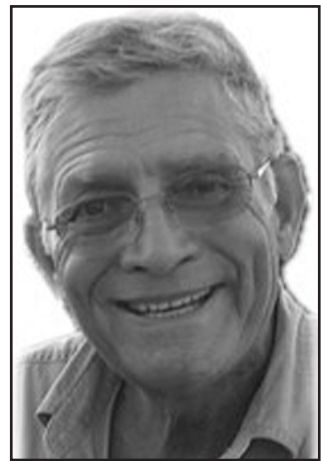
life to serving others, embodying the teachings she held so dear. Her faith journey began at the Center Baptist Church in Center. Later in life, she attended Calvary Baptist Church in Hannibal where she participated in the women's prayer group, finding strength, and fellowship among her peers.

The words that best describe Sherry are loving, faith-filled, and generous. Her commitment to her faith and family was unparalleled, and she approached every day with a heart full of gratitude and a desire to help those around her. Her compassion and altruism were evident not only in the way she ran her business but also in her personal life, where she was always the first to offer support or a kind word.

Pallbearers were Quinton Evans, Chad Evans, Wyatt Evans, Derrick Shawn, Brady, and Scott Hull.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made and video tribute may be viewed at www.jame-sodonnelfuneralhome.com.



L.E. Kohl

L.E. Kohl, 90, of Vandalia died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

He was born Sept. 24, 1934, in Vandalia, the son of J.W. and Julia Branstetter Kohl. L.E. married Rowena Motley on Aug. 16, 1953, in Vandalia. She preceded him in death on Jan. 4, 2022.

L.E. was a hard-working man who gave generously to others and was meticulous in everything he did. He had a warm smile and a firm handshake for everyone he met. He spent his life focused on improving everything he touched, from his mentorship of many to cleaning up farms, building roads, and improving soil conservation. He was a master farmer, a steward of the land, and an expert real estate agent and developer. Good enough was seldom good enough. If he did it, he did it right, and all with his beloved wife, Rowena, by his side.

L.E. lived most of his long life in Vandalia, though he and Rowena lived and worked in Michigan for 20 years before returning home. He was a Methodist by faith and an active member of the community, the Vandalia BPM Club, the Rual Morris Foundation, and many other civic projects. Still, his greatest joy was the time he spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include five children, Johnny Kohl and wife, Debbie of Columbia, Annette Kohl and Ronnie Carr of Vandalia, Elaine Jackson and husband, Rick of Galatia, Ill., Kim Daniels and husband, Devon of Auxvasse, and Mark Kohl and wife, Peggy of Kirkwood; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Kohl and wife, Carol of Vandalia; and one sister-in-law, Ann Kohl of Vandalia; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

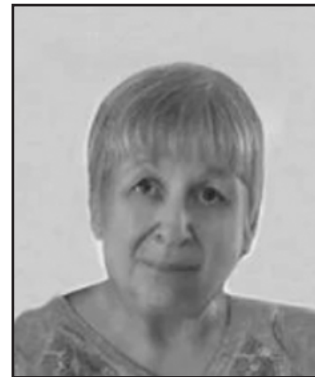
He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and one brother, Fredrick Lee Kohl.

Pallbearers were Wyatt Beckler, Victor Daniels, Connor Kohl, Gwen Daniels, Hannah Jackson, and Ashley Bowers. Honorary pallbearers were Lucas Kohl, Kylie Kohl, and Brendan Daniels.

Funeral services for Louis E. "L.E." Kohl were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with pastor Randy McDonald officiating. Burial followed in the Vandalia Cemetery. Visitation was Friday from 5-7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eastern Missouri Family YMCA, Vandalia Area Historical Society or the Alzheimer's Association, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Janet Lovell

Janet Lovell of Bowling Green entered eternal rest on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Hannibal Regional Hospital at the age of 70.

She was born Sept. 8, 1954 in Louisiana to the late Melvin J. Lovell and Willeyne Robertson Lovell.

Janet is survived by her niece and nephew, Jennifer Raufer and husband, Mark and Jason Betz and wife, Hannah; great-nieces and nephews, Brent Potter and wife, Jenny, Brittney Reuther and husband, Ben, Hilary Gordy and husband, Garrett, Dustin Sellars and husband, Garrett, Tabitha and husband, Anthony, Layne Betz, Morgan Raufer, and Kayla Moore and husband, Steven; and great-great-nieces and nephews, Easton and Waylon Reuther, Beau and Reese Potter, Isaiah and Oakleigh Sellars, Lane and Levi Gordy, Wrenleigh Burleson, and Briggs Raufer.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Willeyne Lovell; one sister, Judy K. Betz; a nephew, Jeffrey Brent Betz; and one brother-in-law, Brent Alan Betz.

She dedicated over 20 years of her life to serving the clients and families at Ruth Jensen Village in Bowling Green, where her commitment and compassion were deeply appreciated by all.

Janet cherished the time spent with her family, especially during the holidays, and had a special love for all of the children in her family. She also had a passion for collecting Cherished Teddies. During her several months at Baptist Homes of Tri-County, she enjoyed participation in activities and spending time with the other residents.

A family-held memorial visitation will be open to the public on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m., until the memorial service at 11 a.m., at the First Christian Church in Bowling Green officiated Pastor Bruce Moller.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Ruth Jensen Village, 5 Industrial Drive, Bowling Green, MO 63334 or Baptist Homes of Tri-County, 601 N. Galloway Road, Vandalia, MO 63382.



Melinda Lee Grote

Melinda Lee Grote, 64, of Bowling Green died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at her home.

A private visitation was held for the family. Cremation

rites were under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Melinda was born Oct. 11, 1960, in Louisiana to Philip and Mary Emma Hooton Brown. She was united in marriage to Ronnie Grote on Valentine's Day, 2020 in Cyrene. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2021.

Surviving are her mother; children, Jennifer Eisenhower and husband, Jason of Duncanville, Ala., Ryan Fiedler and Steven Schiller of Gary, Ind., and Sarah Smith of Cyrene; grandchildren, Ashtyn Eisenhower, Mason Eisenhower, Emma Smith, and Gunner Smith; great-grandchild, Elijah Nuspi; siblings, Debbie Brown-Precure and wife, Sandra of Oklahoma City, Okla., Rita Brown of Bowling Green, and Leslie Brown of Bowling Green; a nephew, Kolton Brown; and several cousins and extended family members.

Preceding Melinda in death were her father; husband; and grandparents.

Melinda grew up and lived in Cyrene her entire life. She was a 1979 graduate of Clopton High School. Following school Melinda dedicated herself to raising her children. Melinda spent time employed in the kitchen at Clopton School and at the woman's prison in Vandalia.

Melinda enjoyed watching TV and shopping in her spare time. She loved spending time with her grandchildren whenever she could.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory.



Margaret Mary Kientzy

Margaret Mary Kientzy, 98, of Silex died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at the Elsberry Health Care Center in Elsberry surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held 11 a.m., Monday at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood with Fr. Charles Tichacek officiating. Burial was held in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Visitation was from 8:30-10:30 a.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, prior to Mass.

Margaret's life was of devotion, hard work and love. Margaret was born Nov. 24, 1926, in New Haven to Alfred and Louise Daley Lagemann. She began her education in the small town of Detmold. When her family relocated to Elsberry, she chose to stay behind and complete two years of high school before joining them.

In Elsberry, Margaret started her adult life working in a local glove factory. Her life changed forever on June 14, 1947, when she married the love of her life, Edwin "Ed" George Kientzy, in Louisiana. Together, they built a beautiful life and family. See OBITUARIES on page 6

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ily on their farm in Silex where Margaret dedicated herself to raising their children and helping with the daily demands of farm life.

A devout member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and the Scopic Club, Margaret's faith and community were central to her life. Her passions extended to gardening, canning, cooking, and reading. Known for her culinary talents, guests were treated to her legendary doughnuts, cream puffs, and American Beauty cakes. During their early years of marriage, Margaret and Ed enjoyed Millwood dances. As they grew older, they relished time with friends at card parties.

After losing Ed in 2004, Margaret embraced new adventures, traveling near and far with her children on cruises and exploring states from Florida to Texas, and Nevada to California. While she cherished these journeys, her greatest joy always came

from being surrounded by her family. She delighted in their visits, filling her home with love, laughter, and the aroma of home-cooked meals.

Margaret's legacy is one of kindness, strength, and an unwavering commitment to those she loved. Her life reminds us that even the simplest tasks and smallest moments can bring immense joy and leave a lasting impact.

Survivors include children, James Edwin Kientzy and wife, Barbara of Chesterfield, Donald Wayne Kientzy of Morgan Hill, Calif., Ronald Eugene Kientzy and wife, Fran of Troy, Robert Joseph Kientzy and Haruko Bresnahan of Troy, Eugene George Kientzy and wife, Marianne of Ft. Worth, Texas, Elizabeth "Betty" Louise Zuroweste and husband, Dale of Truxton, and Patrick James Kientzy and wife, Andrea of Silex; grandchildren, Erik Kientzy and wife, Julia, Kari Kientzy and Richard Thorn, Kourtney Acutt and husband, Brendon, Angela Kientzy and Randy Lester, Matthew Kientzy and wife, Adriane, David Kientzy and wife, Jill, Kathryn Russell

and husband, Michael, Robert Zuroweste and wife, Ellie, Amy Stumpe and husband, Austin, Jane Zuroweste, Nick Kientzy and Emily Selby, Nathan Kientzy, and Ethan Kientzy; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Phillip Lagemann of Eolia; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 10 siblings, Kathryn Scherrer, Dorothy Singleton, Nick Lagemann, Edward Lagemann, John Lagemann, Joe Lagemann, Bibi Killebrew, Vincent Lagemann, Jerry Lagemann, and Wayne Lagemann.

Serving as pallbearers were Ronald Kientzy, Robert Kientzy, Pat Kientzy, Erik Kientzy, David Kientzy, and Rob Zuroweste. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Nick Kientzy, Nathan Kientzy, and Ethan Kientzy.

Memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus Cemetery or Elsberry Health Care Center.

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

New Reports Reveals Missouri Among Worst In National For Rate Of New Lung Cancer Cases

The American Lung Association released its 2024 "State of Lung Cancer" report, which examines key indicators to highlight how the toll of lung cancer varies by state.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Missouri and across the U.S. This year's report finds Missouri's rate of new lung cancer cases is much higher than the national rate — 67.7 per 100,000 compared to 53.6 per 100,000.

Here's how Missouri ranked in key categories:

44 out of 49 in the nation for rate of new lung cancer cases at 67.7 per 100,000. The national rate is 53.6 per 100,000.

30 out of 47 in the nation for survival at 26.5 percent. The national rate of people alive five years after a lung cancer diagnosis is 28.4 percent.

22 out of 47 in the nation for early diagnosis at 27.9 percent. Nationally, only 27.4 percent of cases are diagnosed at an early stage when the survival rate is much higher.

27 out of 51 in the nation for lung cancer screening at 16.5 percent. Lung cancer screening with annual low-dose CT scans for those at high risk can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20 percent. Nationally, only 16 percent of those at high risk were screened.

33 out of 47 in the nation for surgery at 17.8 percent. Lung cancer can often be treated with surgery if it is diagnosed at an early stage and has not spread. Nationally, 20.7 percent of cases underwent surgery.

Five out of 47 in the nation for lack of treatment at 16.2 percent. Nationally, 20.9 percent of cases receive no treatment.

The report also found that Asian or Pacific Islander individuals in Missouri are least likely to be diagnosed early.

Overall, the "State of Lung Cancer" report reveals posi-

tive news. Nationally, the lung cancer survival rate has improved 26 percent in the last five years due to increased awareness and advancements in detection and treatment.

The report shows Missouri must focus on increasing access to lung cancer screening, early detection initiatives and biomarker testing to save lives. It also presents opportunities for Missouri to further improve survival by increasing access to lung cancer screenings, which can detect the disease at an earlier stage when its more curable, and biomarker testing which can help influence treatment options because not all lung cancers are the same.

"Lung cancer is a devastating disease and impacts far too many families in Missouri. To alleviate the burden of lung cancer and to help enhance the lives of people touched by the disease, we must continue to assess the greatest needs. This report helps us prioritize which areas to focus on to truly make an impact," said Laura Turner, Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association. "This year's 'State of Lung Cancer' report shows that Missouri must focus on increasing access to lung cancer prevention, plus increase access to lung cancer screening and biomarker testing to save lives."

New this year, "State of Lung Cancer" examines health insurance coverage requirements of comprehensive biomarker testing across the U.S. Lung cancer biomarker testing sometimes referred to as tumor, molecular, genomic or genetic testing, looks for changes in the tumor's DNA. The results of the test may show biomarkers that can help determine what treatment options would be best for an individual patient. Insurance coverage of biomarker testing is important for removing a cost barrier to people with lung cancer, but coverage for biomarker test-

ing is only required in some states. The report found that Missouri does not require insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing.

The 2024 "State of Lung Cancer" report highlights opportunities for states and the federal government to reduce the burden of lung cancer and encourages everyone to help end lung cancer. This year, the American Lung Association calls for the state to implement policies to require insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing. The Lung Association also calls on Congress to pass the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act (H.R. 4286).

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. An estimated 33 percent of all Missouri homes tested are above the U.S. EPA Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L. The American Lung Association helps lead the Missouri Lung Cancer Coalition, with a key focus on raising awareness about radon and its connection to lung cancer through educational efforts throughout the state. Last year, the coalition worked with legislators to file a bill that would require regulation of radon professionals through certification and licensing and will introduce the bill in the 2025 legislative session.

Get involved and help the mission of the American Lung Association. The Fight For Air Climb St. Louis returns to Metropolitan Square on Saturday, March 29. Learn more at FightForAirClimb.org/St-Louis.

Media Resources:
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Lung Cancer Screening: [LungCancerB-roll_Final.mp4](https://www.lungcancer.org/B-roll-Final.mp4) | Powered by Box
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Discover Missouri's Picidae With Free Virtual Winter Woodpeckers Program

How many species of woodpeckers call Missouri home? How can you tell them apart? What makes them so interesting? What's the secret behind their unusual behavior? How do they survive during winter?

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will help bird fanciers discover the answers to these questions and more at Winter Woodpeckers, a free virtual program Friday, Jan. 17 from 3-4:30 p.m. This online event is free and open to all ages.

Join MDC naturalists as they take a deep dive into woodpeckers, members of the family Picidae and some of Missouri's most recognizable

and charismatic birds. Participants will explore each of the seven native species of woodpeckers found in the Show-Me-State and how to identify them by sight and sound.

Each species of woodpecker, the downy, hairy, pileated, red-headed, red-bellied, yellow-bellied sapsucker, and the northern flicker, stays with us all winter. And each one has their own special and fascinating story to tell. Afterwards, attendees will have an interactive Q&A session with the naturalists.

Winter Woodpeckers is a free virtual program; however, each participant must register in advance online at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4Ho>

and provide a valid e-mail address to receive an online meeting link. Log in instructions will be provided by email beforehand. These virtual programs will be held via Webex.

Sign up for email or text alerts to stay informed of MDC's latest programs and events by going to <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZoP>.

Missouri's woodpeckers, like the northern flicker pictured, stay with us during winter. MDC invites people of all ages to learn more about these fascinating birds at a virtual Winter Woodpeckers program Friday, Jan. 17 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Start Plant Care Now For 2025 Holiday Blooms

Holiday plants can live to bloom another year with proper care, said University of Missouri Extension state horticulturist David Trinklein. Now is the time to start that care.

Plants such as amaryllis and Christmas cactus received as gifts this past Christmas are fairly easy to rebloom next holiday season. They truly are "gifts that keeps on giving," said Trinklein.

AMARYLLIS PRODUCTION IS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD

If you received a flowering amaryllis, keep the growing medium uniformly moist. After the last flower fades, cut off the flowering stalks and put the plant in a bright area. Fertilize with a houseplant fertilizer according to label directions and allow leaves to grow.

If you got a bulb instead of a flowering plant, amaryllis production for the hobbyist is relatively straightforward, said Trinklein. Plant the bulb in a well-drained, highly organic potting mix that retains adequate moisture. "Peat-lite" mixes containing peat moss, vermiculite and perlite work well. If the bulb did not come with a pot, choose one that is two or more inches wider than the bulb's diameter.

Amaryllis is a tropical plant and responds well to a warm environment—at least 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 60 degrees at night. Avoid temperatures lower than 50 degrees. Amaryllis needs about six to

eight weeks from the beginning of new bulb growth to flower.

Reblooming amaryllis is relatively easy, but the plant needs to make and store food in its bulb first. Expose the plant to bright light during the growth period after flowering ends. Water and fertilize according to label directions.

After the danger of frost passes, move the plant outdoors to a lightly shaded area. Bring the plant inside in September. Keep the bulb in a cool area and withhold water to induce dormancy. Remove withered leaves and maintain dormancy for several months.

Force the bulb out of dormancy into flowering by watering and putting it in a warm, bright area. Repot if the bulb outgrows its original container.

HOLIDAY CACTI BENEFIT FROM BRIGHT LIGHT, PROPER WATERING

Many plants sold as Christmas cacti today are a combination of Christmas cactus and Thanksgiving cactus. A more appropriate name might be holiday cactus, said Trinklein.

Holiday cacti tolerate low light but perform best in bright, indirect light in the home, especially during winter. However, if you move plants outside during summer, keep them in a semi-shady location. Full sun during the summer can result in pale plants. Ideal temperature is 70-80 degrees for its season of active growth, April to September.

Holiday cacti are native to

a small coastal region of Brazil. As tropical plants, they are not quite as drought-resistant as their name might imply. Like most cacti, however, they do not like a wet root environment. Water only when the growing medium is dry to the touch. A soggy growing medium encourages root rot. Empty drainage saucers to keep excess water from wicking back in the pot.

Only fertilize plants from early spring through late summer. Apply a regular fertilizer at one-quarter strength or a houseplant fertilizer according to label directions.

Keep holiday cacti slightly pot-bound for prolific flowering. Repot about every three years. Use a porous and well-drained medium. Choose commercial peat-lite mixes made for epiphytes, or add more perlite or sterile sharp sand to regular peat-lite mixes to increase porosity.

HOLIDAY CACTI NEED SHORT DAYS, COOL NIGHTS AND DRY CONDITIONS IN OCTOBER

"Reblooming holiday cacti is not that difficult," said Trinklein. These short-day plants flower in response to both day length and temperature. Most prolific flowering occurs when plants experience short days with at least 13 hours of darkness and cool nighttime conditions. Limit watering to slightly stress the plant, which aids in flower induction. "In short, subjecting holiday cacti to short days, cool nights and dry conditions in October will cause plants to be in full bloom for the holiday season," Trinklein said.

MDC Virtual Program On Jan. 28 To Focus On Backyard Birds

Feeding birds in your backyard in winter is a great way to learn about the variety of bird species that can be found in this region.

People can learn more about bird species that can be attracted to backyards at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Birds: Backyard Birds in Winter." This online program will be Jan. 28 from noon-1 p.m. At this program,

MDC Conservation Educator Stacia Skinner will have information on the types of feeders that will attract a variety of species to your yard. A bird identification game using bird calls will also be played as part of this program, which is open to all ages. People can register for this program at:

<https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/205659>

Though this program is

free, registration is required (using the link listed above). Registrants must provide an e-mail so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.

Tools Help Farmers Estimate American Relief Plan Assistance

University of Missouri specialists have developed online tools to help farmers estimate their potential payments from the American Relief Act, which was passed by Congress late last year.

"Economic assistance payments to Missouri crop producers are expected to provide significant liquidity to the local farm sector," said Alejandro Plastina, director of the MU Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center (RaFF).

The American Relief Act of 2025, which extended the existing farm bill by one year, contains \$10 billion in economic assistance for farmers. The assistance is intended to partially offset economic losses producers are facing due to declining crop prices and high production costs. It is separate from the amount allocated in the same legislation for losses from natural disasters.

Eligible commodities include corn, soybean, wheat,

grain sorghum, barley, oats, rice, cotton and peanuts, but not graded and nongraded wool, mohair and honey.

RaFF and the MU Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute have produced two spreadsheet calculators that estimate per-acre payments to farmers as well as the total by crop and farm:

For single farms — <https://mizzou.us/2025EA-calc1>.

For multiple farms — <https://mizzou.us/2025EA-calc2>.

Maps of economic assistance by county and crops for all states in the continental U.S. are at <https://mizzou.us/RaFFpb3>.

Finally, the centers also have put together information on payments for Missouri crop producers by county and crop at <https://mizzou.us/RaFFpb2>.

"According to the latest Farm Income Outlook from

RaFF, these payments will inject the equivalent of 6% of the projected crop cash receipts for 2025 and 14% of the projected net farm income from all farm-related activities for the same year," said Plastina. "However, the geographical distribution of payments will vary substantially across counties, and it is important that crop producers evaluate their own projected payments to plan their cash flow needs accordingly."

RaFF is collaborating with other land-grant universities, including Kansas State University, Iowa State University, University of Nebraska, University of Arkansas and Auburn University, to produce state-specific reports like the one published for Missouri. For example, Kansas State University's report is available at <https://www.agmanager.info/american-relief-act-2025-estimated-economic-assistance-kansas-producers>.

MDC Jan. 18 Virtual Program To Focus On Archery Maintenance For Winter

After you've completed a season of archery hunting, knowing how to store your bow is important so it can be an effective hunting tool for next season and many after that.

People who are interested in learning more about how to store their bow and other archery equipment away until the next hunting season arrives should sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) virtual program "Learning Archery: Bow Winterization" on Jan. 18. This free program will be from 9-11 a.m.

and is being taught by the staff at MDC's Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. People can register for this program at:

<https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/204132>

At this program, MDC Community Education Assistant Stacy Wheatley will discuss how to store your bow in order that it will be ready future hunting seasons. The link to join this online class will be sent the morning of the program.

People can stay informed about upcoming programs at MDC's Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center and other MDC facilities by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about how to sign up for text alerts from the Dalton Range can call 417-742-4361.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.

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