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2025 Pike County Fair Fun

Pictured, above, is a nighttime view of the rides at the Pike County Fair held July 22-26. Pictured, left, is the 2025 Little Mr. & Miss contest winners at the Pike County Fair held Tuesday, July 22. Pictured are Tucker Stribling and Aubrey Bailey.



Trib photos by Kimberly Chandler

City Of Louisiana Fined Over Audit Delay

By BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

The City of Louisiana is facing approximately \$72,000 in fines after failing to submit its 2022–2023 financial report to the Missouri State Auditor's Office (SAO) on time—a misstep that initially triggered nearly \$200,000 in penalties deducted from the city's monthly tax distributions.

The penalties stem from Missouri state law, which requires political subdivisions to submit annual financial reports within six months of the end of their fiscal year. For Louisiana, that deadline was November 30, 2023. However, the report was not properly filed with the SAO until April 2025.

City officials say the delay was unintentional. According to a July 22 press release from Mayor Tim Carter, the city submitted

the report to the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) in August 2024, unaware that it needed to go directly to the state auditor. Carter said the city was unaware of the ongoing fines until a citizen uncovered the issue through public records requests.

Louisiana resident Mike Sherman shared his findings publicly and presented the documentation at a recent work session. Sherman is also the spouse of Glenda Sherman, who represents Ward 3 on the Louisiana City Council. In a Facebook post, Mike Sherman wrote that he had obtained letters confirming the fines and late submission, and said he hoped to inform fellow residents and improve transparency.

After the matter became public, the State Auditor's Office confirmed to KHQA News that Louisiana's fine

totalled \$196,500 before adjustments were made. The auditor's office told KHQA that they agreed to backdate the submission to the date the city sent the report to DOR, reducing the fine by more than \$120,000. However, they emphasized that the remaining balance—approximately \$70,000—must stand, as the SAO has no legal authority to waive such fines entirely.

State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick said his office had sent multiple reminders and that the city had successfully filed in prior years, including for fiscal year 2024. He expressed concern that taxpayer dollars had been diverted from city services due to the oversight and urged the city to improve its internal controls to prevent future reporting issues.

Mayor Carter acknowledged the error but stood by the city's intention to verify the report's accuracy through a private audit before submitting it. He also said the city is seeking a full waiver of the remaining fine and believes the situation resulted from administrative confusion—not misconduct.

Carter stated that the city had faced significant turnover in key staff roles, including the treasurer, city clerk, and city administrator, during 2022 and 2023. These disruptions, along with legal issues in the police department, delayed the hiring of a new auditing firm until early 2024.

The city says it has since stabilized operations and submitted its unaudited 2023–2024 report on time. A certified audit of that report is now underway.

While tensions have risen between residents and city officials over the handling of the report, both sides appear to agree on one point: better communication and procedures are needed moving forward.

A full audit of the City of Louisiana, conducted by the state auditor's office, is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

A Shot And Stripped

Wounded Man Survives Naked Trek During Civil War

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

After firing a bullet through his chest and stripping him, Confederate bushwhackers dumped Simon Branstetter into a pitiful trench and walked away.

But the Curryville man was still breathing, and unexpected help would place him on the road to a long and fruitful life.

The tale is “probably one of the most thrilling and remarkable that happened to any soldier during the Civil War,” noted one history book.

Another described it as “one of the most remarkable and torturing experiences ever undergone by any mortal.”

Branstetter was born in Spencer Township six days before Christmas 1840. He remained on the family farm until the war, enlisting at age 21 in Company I of the Union's Third Missouri Cavalry.

The troop fought many battles, but its biggest campaign would come in 1864. Confederate Gen. Sterling Price, a former Missouri governor, led a last-ditch effort to take control of the state.

On Sept. 19, Union soldiers that included Branstetter seized control of Doniphan, a small town near the Arkansas border. They burned every structure except the Methodist church and the home of a widow who had fed Union soldiers.

The action had little military significance and largely was seen as payback for rebel attacks. Branstetter recalled chasing the Confederates across the Current River, but eventually giving up the pursuit and returning to camp near Doniphan. He suggested posting extra guards for the night.

“I was sure that we were right in the face of Price's army and feared that we would be surrounded, surprised and captured by daylight next morning or before if such precaution was not taken,” Branstetter wrote in

his diary.

“This was in what was then familiarly called ‘Secesh Country’ – there being none but Southern sympathizers living anywhere near,” according to a book about James Wilson, a Union officer who was captured at the Battle of Pilot Knob on Sept. 22 and executed on Oct. 3.

Union Lt. Erich Pape, a German-born farmer, rejected Branstetter's idea. Sure enough, the unit's 80 soldiers awoke in cool fall air on Sept. 20 to find themselves ringed by 300 guerillas. Instead of retreating, the men in blue charged.

“My horse was shot down under me, and before I had proceeded many yards on foot trying to break through their lines I found myself surrounded and ordered to surrender, which I did,” Branstetter said.

Sixteen of the 80 Union men were killed or captured, while the rebels lost six. Taken prisoner with Branstetter were Cpl. William Gourley and privates Hiram Berry, Oscar Gilbert, William Grotts, William Scaggs and John Shew.

The Confederates ordered Branstetter to turn over his firearm. Next came a moment that would define the confrontation.

“Immediately upon surrendering my pistol, one of the rebels – not more than four or five feet from me – shot me through my right breast, the ball coming out just below my shoulder blade, which knocked me down and stunned me into insensibility,” he recalled.

The sergeant regained consciousness to find “a large stream of blood squirting from my mouth with every breath and a circle of rebels around me.”

Seeing that their enemy was awake, one of the guerillas ordered Branstetter to remove a boot spur. He tried to lift his right arm, but couldn't.

“With oaths and all kinds of abuse and threats to give me another shot and kill me, this man took my spur off, and then others in the band in turn began stripping me of my clothing, each threatening to finish my existence

with a shot and heaping upon me all kinds of profane abuse,” Branstetter said.

The Confederates took his jacket, trousers, shoes, socks “and my underdrawers” and “left me lying on the ground just as I was with nothing on but a calico shirt, well-saturated with my own blood, while they fed their horses and had their breakfast.”

Branstetter feared he would be trampled when the guerillas left, so he crawled over to a nearby log. After they had eaten, the Confederates began digging shallow graves. Four men picked up Branstetter and were about to toss him into what he thought would be his final resting place.

“Why, that damned Fed ain't dead enough yet to bury,” Branstetter quoted one of the men. “Another remarked ‘Give him another shot to finish him,’ but still another – more humanely inclined – argued that I could not live but a few minutes and it would only be proper to let my life pass away from the shot that I had received, and not to heap upon me the additional brutality of another shot.”

The scenario was repeated two more times before the rebels decided to cover Branstetter with fence rails and throw a layer of dirt over him.

“The greatest tax that I felt on my mental powers while this was being done was the efforts which I had to put forth to prevent my body from shivering from the cold air,” he said.

The guerillas soon rode away, which prompted the first optimistic moment Branstetter had experienced all morning.

“Gradually, the hoof beats of their horses and the jangling of their sabers died down in the distance and all was still as death around me except the rustling of the breeze and the leaves above me and the singing of the birds above in the branches,” he said. “This brought to me a renewed hope that I might yet escape and live.”

Next time: No easy path.



Pictured is the city of Elsberry following heavy rainfall early Sunday, May 27. Photo by Backwoods Drone Co.

Red Cross Responds To Area Flooding

Heavy rainfall overnight has caused flooding in Pike and Lincoln counties. An evacuation center was established at the American Legion, 504 S 2nd St, Clarksville in Pike County.

Local emergency management officials requested water and clean-up kits for the evacuation center from the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis. Red Cross teams are on standby to provide an overnight shelter if needed.

Clean-up kits and bottled water have also been delivered to the Elsberry United Methodist Church, 109 N 4th St, Elsberry, MO 63343 in Lincoln County for those in the community impacted by

flooding.

If coming to the evacuation center, individuals and families are encouraged to bring the following items with them:

- Clothing
- Bedding
- Toiletries
- Essential medication
- Other comfort items for yourself and your children

The role of the Red Cross in any disaster is to focus on addressing the immediate needs of those affected. The Red Cross is coordinating with community partners and organizations as well as public safety officials to determine where and when additional assistance is needed.

American Red Cross services are free and available to all regardless of race, religious beliefs, nationality, or citizenship status. Identification and/or proof of residency is NOT required to be admitted to a Red Cross evacuation center.

Download the American Red Cross Emergency App or follow the American Red Cross of Missouri on Facebook and X to stay up to date on evacuation center operations and locations. For the latest updates about the flooding, follow Lincoln County Emergency Management and Pike County MO 911 on Facebook.

Louisiana To Celebrate National Night Out

For over 30 years, Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc., has sponsored National Night Out, a community partnership with our local law enforcement and emergency workers.

LCBA is sponsoring the National Night Out event on Saturday, Aug. 9. This event will run from 5-8 p.m. Although the official National Night Out date is on Tuesday, organizations are free to choose an alternate date that fits with people's schedules to improve participation.

"It is all about getting to know the people of your neighborhood and your community by hosting a "Yard Party" or Block Party and inviting your neighbors and friends to get together for an evening of fellowship," stated Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson.

LCBA is encouraging

neighbors and friends to gather together in their neighborhoods to encourage neighborhood safety for everyone. "By knowing who your neighbor is, you are making your neighborhood stronger," said Huckstep. LCBA is asking folks to gather together, bring a dish to share and celebrate an evening of fun and camaraderie.

If you are planning on hosting a "Yard Party," please call Diana Huckstep at 314-640-4420. This will enable LCBA to notify the Louisiana Police and Emergency workers, so that they can stop by your location to visit with you and your neighbors.

LCBA is asking those who are planning a "Block Party" to please contact the Louisiana Police Department at 754-4021 to obtain any permits that are necessary in keeping with city ordinances.



Community News



Clarence Cannon Refuge

Members of the Clarksville Garden Club were presented certificates of participation for their help in planting over 750 bare root seedling at the Clarence Cannon Refuge. The project took place over the course of two mornings, between May and June. Gage Minke, who is a forestry intern under Floyd Truetken at the Cannon Refuge reported to the group that over 2,000 trees in total had been planted during the course of this project. Pictured, front row, from left: Connie Beauchamp, club member, Holly Maffitt, club member, and Jessie Lucas, club member. Second row: Floyd Truetken, Clarence Cannon Forestry Manager, Gage Minke, Forestry Intern, and Larry Beauchamp, Clarksville Garden Club member.

CREC Sponsors Area Students At CYCLE

Five area students sponsored by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative were among the 85 high school students from across Missouri who participated in the Missouri Electric Cooperative CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience) program.

The conference was held July 15-18 at the Double-Tree Hotel in Jefferson City. The local delegates were Tucker Healey, Silex High School; Layliani Childers (Liberty High School); and Mikayla Buchheit, Serenity Lucas and Hayden Schulte, all of Troy Buchanan High School.

Each year, this action-filled four days provides high school students opportunities to learn what it is like to be involved in politics, the cooperative form of business and being a leader. The program included nationally known speakers and time at the Missouri State Capitol learning how a bill goes through the process to be-

come a law.

To learn more about electric cooperatives, the group was divided up into teams that competed in various events such as the "build a cooperative" game. Another highlight was hearing from the Rachel's Challenge Organization. The presentation details the story of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine school shootings. Rachel's family and friends speak to youth around the world about her legacy of being a positive role model to everyone she met in life. Students toured the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

They also saw a live powerline demonstration and learned all about electric vehicles at Central Electric Power Cooperative's headquarters. The learning didn't end in Jefferson City. Students took a day trip to St. Louis to tour the City Museum and St. Louis Arch. They also enjoyed an evening of food and games at Dave & Buster's. The CYCLE program is in its

22nd year and is a recipient of the National Community Youth Service award for the top youth program among all electric cooperatives in the country.

The annual contest is open to high school sophomores who live and attend school in CREC's general service area, or who have Cuivre River Electric service in their homes. Applications for next year's program will be accepted in the spring.

For more information about the CYCLE program, contact Tim Schmidt at 800-392-3709, ext. 4837 or email tschmidt@cuivre.com.

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest member-owned electric distribution cooperative in Missouri.

It provides service to more than 75,000 residential, business, commercial, industrial and agricultural members in Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles, Warren and Montgomery counties.

Sencenbaugh Graduates From MO State

Missouri State University awarded 2,824 degrees to students in spring 2025.

The commencement ceremonies took place May 9, 2025, at Great Southern Bank Arena.

Jamie Sencenbaugh of Louisiana graduated with a bachelor of science, chemistry.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

August Library Book Review



Brenda Gower
August 2025
Library Staff Juvenile Book Review
Red Clay
By Charles B. Fancher (Juvenile Fiction)
Reviewed by Brenda Gower, Farber Branch Library Manager

Red Clay is a historical fiction story that covers the time period between 1864 and 1943 in the life of a former Black slave living in Alabama.

It begins at his funeral when a frail white woman attends and approaches the family stating, "a lifetime ago, my family owned yours." It covers the interaction between the lives of the plantation owner and the family of Felix H. Parker.

It is well-written and had me turning the pages to see what was going to happen next. The time period covered is when many people were not treated equally, but this story is not written for you to feel anger or injustice but to feel the strength and the ability individuals have who survive.

I enjoyed this book and would recommend it with a 5/5 for those who like a step back into another time. The book can be found in the Mexico Audrain Library System.



Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, July 10 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The June meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Correspondence from the Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico, Assistance League was read concerning the upcoming Scramble for Freedom Golf Tournament on Aug. 9 and from Kayla Heaton thanking the VFW Post and Auxiliary for her scholarship.

During the business meeting a \$150 donation was made to the Missouri Veterans' Home Scramble for Freedom golf tournament sponsoring a hole and a golf cart.

The April-May-June Audit report was presented and accepted. The District 17 dues and donation were approved. The treasurer will be collecting the current annual \$25 dues from members.

The Auxiliary decided to participate in the Prairie Days Parade and will purchase a sign Unique Designs. A card was signed for Wanda Winders who has had health issues recently.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting was adjourned.

The six members attending were Judy Hull, Val Galloway, Ruth Miller, Victoria Shaw and June Willis.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Aug. 14 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



Ciao, Italia

Alessia Scintu of Italy toured the Louisiana Area Historical Museum Friday, July 18 as part of an educational trip arranged by the Louisiana Lions Club. The 17-year-old, who is from the island of Sardinia, is making her first trip to America. Pictured with her is Museum President Brent Engel.

Photo by Jeri Smith of the Louisiana Lions Club

Thank You

Thank you to Michael, Audra, Abigail, Ethan, and Levi Evans for planning our 50th Wedding Anniversary party. They all worked so hard to make everything perfect.

**Much Love, Dad & Mom
Paul & Cindy Evans**

Thank You

Thank you to all of our family and friends from near and far who took time to come or send a card or message to help us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary party.

What a fun and overwhelming day it was.

**Paul & Cindy
Evans**



Five area high school students sponsored by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative traveled to Jefferson City July 15-18 to attend the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) program. Pictured, from left, are Tucker Healey (Silex), Layliani Childers (Liberty), Mikayla Buchheit (Troy Buchanan), Serenity Lucas (Troy Buchanan) and Hayden Schulte (Troy Buchanan).

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NOTE: Only MBE/WBE firms certified by the State of Missouri, Office of Equal Opportunity as of the date of bid opening, can be used to satisfy the MBE/WBE participation goals for this project.

Interested parties may contact Bleigh Construction Company, Louis C. Vannatta, P.O. Box 957, Hannibal, MO 63401, or by calling (573) 221-2247 on how to obtain plan documents. Bids must be received by August 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

THANK YOU

The Pike County Fair Board would like to thank all of our volunteers, businesses and participants that supported the 2025 Fair in any way, whether with your time or your financial support. This is a local event to be proud of and we couldn't do this without all of your support.

The Fair Board is a small group of people organizing the Fair, but it take a community working together to make the event a success. We welcome new volunteers and ideas to make your County Fair better.

See you next year!

Pike County Fair Board

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

hanks to all who attended and donated to the PACT Gospel Sing last Sunday afternoon. We certainly have great talent in Pike County and the Spirit of the Lord was in this place!

I hope those who attended Pike County Fair had a fun time at all the activities the Fair Board arranged. Thanks, Fair Board for all your hard work and commitment to making each year a memorable experience!

It's a hot time around Bowling Green with the weather and all the activities going on! Fieldhouse 54 seemed to be as huge success as there was a Famers Market along with bake sales, children's clothing, hats, T-shirts, and other apparel, and an open bar in a separate area. Any Worthington has put a great amount of money and effort into an amazing facility that is Bowling Green's answer to an "activity center." Line dancing, food trucks, Sugar Shack, Cornhole games, and big screen TV's for watching the St. Louis Cardinals and other sports. D J Eric McGlenn was on hand to play music and add fun to a full day's activities. Thanks, Any, for building a facility that will provide a variety of activities and fun for individuals and families of all ages. Amy has a vision to provide a connecting point for all citizens in and around Bowling Green! Please support and engage in this wonderful opportunity in BG.

I've written about the power of unity before, but I think a gentle reminder is good. There is power in unity and with that comes a bond of security and accomplishment. You look at successful

athletic teams, organizations of a city, and even nations that unite and work together for a common cause and success. Peace comes from a confidence that "someone's got my back!" Whether family, friends, neighbors, or police, it brings a peace and confidence that I'm not in this "life thing" alone. Yet how many shut-ins, military veterans, homeless, or economically underserved feel like nobody cares or they're all alone in life. These summer months, though hot, are still a good times to reach out in our neighborhoods and "connect" with those we don't normally associate. Living in, on the outskirts, working and playing here, and/or doing business here, you are still a part of the Bowling Green family! We need to connect with

others on a more personal level beyond a simple "Hi" or wave. Connecting doesn't guarantee the absence of conflict, but it does mean having a predetermined mindset for friendliness and genuine interest in another person's life, health, and renewing or building friendships. There is a program called NEXTDOOR where you follow a protocol in checking on your neighbors in heat, cold, or emergencies. There is training to follow procedures and protocols. There are also certified programs in teaching how to apply temporary emergency rescue techniques till medical help arrives.

The citizens of Bowling Green and Pike County need to spearhead, target, and be directly involved in Economic Development in Retail, Restaurant, and Manufacturing expansion.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Focus On MO Ag Photo Contest Winners

An action photo of a traditional ranching activity has been named the 2025 Focus on Missouri Agriculture Photo Contest Best in Show. Holly Brown of Webb City, Mo., submitted the photo, which was chosen from more than 700 entries to the contest.

Photos were entered in four categories: Beauty of the Farm, Faces of the Farmer, Around the Barnyard and Everyday Life. Photographers ages 12 and under entered their shots in the Kid's Corner category. In total, 21 winning photos were selected by a panel of three judges from the agriculture industry.

The winning photos will be on display in the Agriculture Building throughout the Missouri State Fair, Aug. 7-17, 2025. The 2025 winners are:

BEST IN SHOW: "Let 'er Buck" by Holly Brown of Webb City.

FIRST FAMILY'S CHOICE: "Painted Skies" by Cara Hanway of St. Joseph.

BEAUTY OF THE FARM:

First Place: "Sunbeam Planting" by Pam Thompson of Lohman.

Runner-Up: "Pause for Nature!" by Stephanie Reid of Brunswick.

Honorable Mention: "Barn Rise" by Tony Cook of Fayette.

Honorable Mention: "Quiet Time at the Farm" by Hitomi Patterson of Gower.

FACES OF THE FARMER

First Place: "Josh Payne" by Cory MacNeil of Columbia.

Runner-Up: "Cold Drink" by Hannah Fritsche Donze of Perryville.

Honorable Mention: "The Final Sort" by Jaqueline Emerson of Salisbury.

Honorable Mention: "Daniel Bonacker" by Cory MacNeil of Columbia.

EVERYDAY LIFE

First Place: "Air Tractor Sunset Fertilizing" by Laura Breckenridge of Neelyville.

Runner-Up: "Fixing a Grain Bin" by Nicole Baker of Mexico.

Honorable Mention: "Drone Chasing the Drone" by Pam Thompson of Lohman.

Honorable Mention:

"One more Bale" by Hailey Speagle of Farber.

AROUND THE BARNYARD

First Place: "Snow White" by Holly Brown of Webb City.

Runner-Up: "All Together Now" by Tony Cook of Fayette.

Honorable Mention: "Charolais Cow" by Cory MacNeil of Columbia.

Honorable Mention: "Among the Wildflowers" by Lauren Linck of Lee's Summit.

Kids' Corner

First Place: "Play Time" by Makina Long of Farber.

Runner-Up: "Oakley" by Easton Redhage of Gerald.

Honorable Mention: "The Three Ducklings" by Katelyn Mabrey of Columbia.

Honorable Mention: "Meeko" by Easton Redhage of Gerald.

Photos submitted to the Focus on Missouri Agriculture Photo Contest can be found on the Department's Flickr stream.

To download a high-resolution image of this year's Best in Show for publication, click here.

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Birthdays and anniversaries for the week of July 30-Aug. 5, 2025:

July 30 - Dave Dunham, Dennis Burge, Jacob Garner
July 31 - Brett Robbins, C.J. Ostrander, Grady Robbins

Aug. 1 - Christina Troxell, Ethan Raftery, Jean Simington, Linda Kirk, Sheryl and Andy Borrowman
Aug. 2 - Becky and Kenny White

Aug. 3 - Angie Dwight, Josh Edgar, Justin Gully, Bobby and Liz Lipcamon
Aug. 4 - Dawnyetta Marnard, Jacob Brown, Renae Martin, Paul and Brenda Whatley

Aug. 5 - Charlie Gratton, Wyatt Kroeschel
Happy belated birthday goes out to Mary Massie on July 21 and also to James Niffen on July 28, both children of James Niffen and the late Stacey Niffen.

Pray for Israel and her people, pray for all the extreme tragedy that has happened in Texas and all the lives that this has touched, pray for America and America's leaders and our families, pray for those who are sick, Sharon Straus, those who are traveling, and those

who have lost loved ones.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

For the books I'm recommending this week, I am suggesting that you check out the trivia questions in this week's column. Even though I haven't read any of these books discussed in these trivia questions, these books are all best sellers and I believe excellent reads.

Trivia questions for this week (anytime any of you have questions along with the answers that you would be willing to share that I could use in the column, I would be appreciative.):

1. Who is the author of the book "All Creatures Great and Small"?

2. Which international best-selling author also wrote under the name Mary Westmacott?

3. How many books are in "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis?

4. What sign did God give Noah that He'd never flood the earth again?

This has been a busy week and it wasn't supposed to be in the Niffen/Davis household. We have made numerous trips to Pittsfield, once to Bowling Green, once to Springfield, once to Hannibal, once to New Hartford, and once to Barry for various reasons.

While in Bowling Green, we stopped at the home of Jamie's daughter-in-law Tracy Niffen to visit, and we got to also visit grandkids Allie, Michael, and Jacob, and great grandkids, Ollie and Oakland.

In Springfield, of course I had made an appointment at JM Beauty to get my hair cut by my granddaughter Jacqueline. She always

listens to what I want, and I'm happy with the results. Always enjoy visiting with her.

The three of us ate at the restaurant next door, and they had good pizza. In Barry, we took two of our cats to the Puppy Pawlor to get groomed. She does such a good job and is so patient with the pets.

Our stop in New Hartford was at Ackles where we bought a delicious Black Diamond watermelon. Oh so good!! Thursday evening found us at band practice in Pittsfield. And, by the way we had 2 1/2 inches of rain that night.

Friday, July 25, Jamie and I met his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Sean Massie of Bowling Green and his son and daughter-in-law James and Amanda Niffen of Annada and granddaughter Bailey McGraw of Troy all at Fiddlestiks for supper to celebrate both Mary and James's birthdays.

Afterwards we all went to MiMi's for our sweet tooth. We all had such a good time and truly enjoyed all the visiting.

Saturday evening, July 26, found the Big River Band at the Pike County Senior Center. The country music was good with the dance floor available for dancing, and there was a good crowd there with people from Hannibal and Louisiana, and several places in Illinois. The band appreciates everyone who came.

God is forever....listening, watching....and most of all...waiting for you to ask Him to forgive you and to save you.



Gold Award Recipients

These junior members received their Gold Award at the 2025 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 4 in Tulsa, Okla. Pictured from left are Paige Lemenager, Hudson, Ill.; Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.; Catie Collison, Lake City, Iowa; Cheyenne Handsaker, Pearl City, Ill.; Charles Parr, Mason City, Ill.; Taylor Martin, Dalhart, Texas; Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas; Alli Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Alyson Friesen, Arnett, Okla.; Kelly Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.; Grace Tekansk, Minden, Nev.; Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green; Tyler Kraft, Fort Collins, Colo.; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis.; Alyson Schulze, Woodbine, Mary.; Henry Throne, Lexington, Ga.; and Tucker Stage-meyer, Page, Neb.

Photo by Next Level Images

Daisies Bring Sunshine, Blooms Year After Year

Anyone who has driven through the country in late June or July probably has likely noticed an abundance of white daisies along roadsides and in fields. Commonly is called oxeye or field daisy (Leucanthemum vulgare), this plant is sometimes used in flower gardens and is one of the easiest of all perennial flowers to grow, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

The common name daisy comes from the Old English "dægesege," which means "day's eye." The name suggests the flower looks like the sun with its rays shining out in all directions. The rays in species considered true daisies are ray florets surrounding a center consisting of disc florets.

Renowned "plant wizard" Luther Burbank (1849-1926) had a special interest in daisies that led to the development of Shasta daisies (Leucanthemum x superbum). Shasta daisies are available with either single or double flowers that range from 2-6 inches in diameter. According to Trinklein, they are excellent for flowering

perennial gardens. Primary flower production is in June, but scattered blooms may be expected for the rest of the summer and into fall.

One of the most colorful of the perennial daisies is painted daisy (Tanacetum coccineum), also known as pyrethrum. The plant's fern-like leaves are quite attractive, Trinklein said. It blooms later in the spring than oxeye daisy, producing flowers in shades of red, rose, pink and white.

You can extend the season of daisies blooming in the garden by adding other species bearing the name daisy. Among them is English daisy (Bellis spp.), a cool-season plant that makes a good companion to

pansies in early spring. In contrast, Gloriosa daisy (Rudbeckia hirta) provides the daisy flower form in mid-to-late summer in shades of yellow and bronze. Michaelmas daisy or perennial aster (Aster spp.) is prized for fall color along with chrysanthemums. Even among the chrysanthemums there are daisy-flowered cultivars.

All daisies need a sunny location along with good garden soil to thrive. Their greatest enemy is poorly drained soil, which often leads to diseases such as crown rots. Shasta and painted daisies may be weakened by poorly drained soil, making them more vulnerable to winter kill.



LCBA Beautification Award

Members of the Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc., were pleased to present Dos Primos Mexican Restaurant, located at 3215 Georgia Street in Louisiana the LCBA Beautification Award. The presentation took place on Monday, July 14. Dos Primos has recently gone under new management. The new owners have repainted the inside and the exterior of the building, adding bright colors and beautiful flowers and as always the food and service is wonderful. Pictured from left: Diana Huckstep, LCBA chairperson, Guillermo "Willie" Leon, manager, Susan Fregeau, LCBA committee member, Paulette Powelson, LCBA treasurer, Esteban Serrato, server.

Photo by Walter Logan, LCBA committee member

Louise Sitton Honored On 90th Birthday

The celebration of Louise Sitton's 90th birthday (July 7, 1935) was held the weekend of July 4.

The weekend event was hosted by my daughters, Mary Carpenter and Kathy Rollins, my son-in-law Travis Rollins, and my grandson, Jack Rollins and his wife, Krista.

Those also attending were a son, Tom Sitton and grandsons, Kalob and Chris from Bowling Green; grandson,

Tommy Schnell, and friends from La Porte, Texas; grandson, Neil Rollins, great-grandsons, Tyler, Ben, and Zach Rollins from Frankfort, Ill.; grandson, Jack and Krista Rollins from Bradley, Ill.; grandson, Dave Rollins and his fiancée, Stephanie Bethune from California; granddaughters, Katrina Carpenter from Morris, Ill., and Samantha Carpenter and great-granddaughter, Madelynn Louise from Plainfield, Ill.;

and grandson, Tony Brewer and friend, Joanna Galler, from Chicago, Ill.

The event was celebrated with float trip on the Gasconade River, hayrides, bounce house, slip'n'slide, fishing, rock painting, tie-dye t-shirts, games, and fireworks.

Food included seafood boil, pulled pork, barbecue, shrimp cocktail, taco bar, and finished off with chocolate birthday cake and ice cream.





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Obituaries



(Oscar) Wayne Young

(Oscar) Wayne Young, 93, of New Hartford died Monday, July 21, 2025, at Hannibal Regional Hospital, surrounded by his family.

An only child, Wayne was born March 19, 1932, to Oscar Mastin and Bessie Wright Young on the family farm in New Hartford.

Funeral services for Wayne were Thursday at 9 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Pastor Jim Craig and Pastor Mike Dallas officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Ashley.

Visitation was Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Wayne grew up in New Hartford on the farm which he owned for the rest of his life. He joined the United States Army and was a paratrooper. When honorably discharged, Wayne returned to the family farm with his sweetheart and their new son.

They raised sheep, swine, and cattle, as well as row crops, alongside their family. Wayne began selling feed, seed, and more farm supplies, eventually starting Young Enterprises, Inc., with his family in New Hartford, which is still run by the family today.

Wayne was a faithful member of the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green, where he was a deacon for many years. Later in life, he watched church services and gospel singing online. He enjoyed opry music and watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities.

When Wayne finally retired, he enjoyed riding around to check the crops, coming up with ideas, and visiting with the neighbors. He always kept up with the news and could be found sitting in the garage watching the traffic go by when the weather was right.

Wayne was a 10+ year cancer survivor who participated in the Relay for Life in Pike County to celebrate his victory. He maintained comfortable health to enjoy many more years.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Marjorie Kerr Young; children, Gary Young and wife, Linda, Bill Young, and Marilyn Motley and husband, Ernest; grandchildren, Tabitha Craig and husband, Scott, Rachel Craig and husband, Jim, Bart Young and wife, Amanda, Heather Niemeyer and husband, Chris, Jill McCann and husband, Cody, Austin Motley and wife, Kirsten, Landon Motley and wife, Samantha, and Kaden Motley and wife, Kenslie; and great-grandchildren, Emma Craig, Evan Craig, Lily Craig, Madison Craig, Gannon McCann, Jaxon Niemeyer, Mason McCann, Easton McCann, Jace Niemeyer, Josie Niemeyer, Ellie Motley, Abbie Motley, Maggie Young, and Camryn Motley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Gene Kerr; and Gene's wife, Cena.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Bart Young, Austin Motley, Landon Motley, Kaden Motley, Scott Craig, and Cody McCann. Honorary pallbearers were his great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to True North Youth Group at the Refuge Church



Lillian Blais

Lillian Blais, 94, of Hannibal, formerly of Louisiana died Sunday, July 20, 2025

in Hannibal.

A graveside service for urn interment will be held at a later date at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Louisiana.

She was born June 26, 1931 in Bowling Green to Leslie and Jennie Edwards Burnett. She was married to Richard Edward Blais on May 31, 2001 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana. He preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 2004.

Lillian grew up on a small apple orchard between Louisiana and Bowling Green that her dad ran. She graduated from Louisiana High School in 1950. She started working in a soda shop in Louisiana and after that, she worked as a cook for Louisiana Nursing Home. She wanted a better life and went to night school for administrator training. She received position of Administrator of Monroe City Nursing Home. After retiring from Monroe City, she worked a few years as a fill-in administrator for other nursing homes in Missouri.

After her husband, Edward, died in 2004, she moved to Quincy, Ill., and worked for a few years at the Walmart deli. In 2009, she moved in with her son and daughter-in-law. They moved to Texas in 2018 and then to Hannibal in 2022 and she lived there until her death.

Lillian liked to travel and had been to Mexico, Europe, Florida, and Colorado. She enjoyed decorating her home, doing 1,000 piece or larger puzzles, and building and decorating doll houses. She was the best mother and nicest person you could ever meet. She will be missed.

She is survived by a son, Leeroy Edwards and wife, Anita; grandchildren, Shannon Edwards, Coby Patterson, and Jeffrey Goehl II; and great-grandchildren, Jace Launer, Aubrey Patterson, Jordyn Goehl, and Huxley Patterson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Jennie; and siblings, Leslie Burnett Jr., Shirley Burnett, Charles Burnett, Delia Burnett, Roberta Ard, and Merl Ard.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of cremation rites.



Daniel Louis Schneider

Daniel Louis Schneider, of New Hartford died Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday at 10 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday from 5-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Dan was born March 13, 1936 to Martin and Madonna Lyons Schneider of Silex. He married Mary Lois Colbert on June 25, 1955, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood.

Dan and Lois had six children, Kevin Schneider and wife, Cheryl, Keith Schneider and wife, Tammy, Ken Schneider and wife, Doreen, Karla Hoepf and husband, Steve, all of Bowling Green, Kristy Portwood of Troy and husband the late Larry, and Kurt Schneider and wife, Tami of New Hartford. They have 10 grandchildren, Kyle Schneider and wife, Laura of Harrisonville, Michelle Messina of North Kansas City and the late Joe Messina, Elizabeth Perkins, Aaron Schneider, and Erica Pruitt and husband, Austin, all of Bowling Green, Tim Davis of Foley, Kelli Schulte and husband, Tyler of Troy, Kimberly Portwood of St. Charles, Taylor Hadlock and husband, Mason of Kansas City, and Ashton Schneider of St. Louis. They also have one great-grandchild, Reese Schulte.

Dan was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Royster.

Dan is survived by his wife; children; grandchildren; great-grandchild; and a sister, Larna Hoyt and husband, Ray of Carson City, Nev.

Soon after they married, Dan started his working career at Colonial Bakery in St. Louis. They then moved back home to the Silex area and Dan worked for Ed Miller on a farm. After a couple of years, he switched careers and began working for the tire business, working for Kolb Oil Co., Ed Welch, and Calvin Elliott. He retired from Mike's Tire.

In his younger years he enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball, playing cards, horseshoes, fishing, and setting out lines. After retirement, Dan and his late friend, Harry Millinder, spent lots of time driving the roads of Pike and Lincoln counties.

Dan was a life-long Catholic, attending Mass at St. Clement Catholic Church.

Memorials can be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or St. Clement Church.

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



Shirley Jean Holt

Shirley Jean Holt, 70, of Middletown died Monday, July 21, 2025, after a brief illness.

Shirley was born June 28, 1955, in St. Louis. On Dec. 15, 1973, she married Larry J. Holt. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 2012.

She is survived by a daughter, Christy Hall and husband, Scott and grandchildren, Maddy Rose Hall and Hunter Holton Hall, all of Silex.

Shirley enjoyed traveling with Larry to South Florida in the winter and going to NASCAR races. Later on, when the grandchildren came along, she loved having sleepovers, playing games, and going to watch them in whatever activity or sport they were involved in and always had a cooler packed with drinks and snacks "in case of an emergency." She was one proud Nana and would drop everything in a heartbeat if she was needed. She treasured the time spent with her family and enjoyed many road trips with her daughter.

She was a selfless person, always thinking of others and putting everyone else's needs before her own. She loved to write letters and send cards to her family and friends. In the warmer months you could usually find her outside going on walks, taking care of her yard or just piddling around the farm. She made the best homemade "Nana fries" and you could always count on her bringing her famous deviled eggs to every family gathering. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

A graveside service was at 11 a.m., Friday at Olney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Olney Cemetery Association, % Bibb-Veach Funeral Home.



Vicky Lynn Snyder

Vicky Lynn Snyder, 73, of Bowling Green died Monday, July 21, 2025, at Hannibal Regional Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green. Cremation rites followed.

Vicky grew up in Mexico, attending Mexico schools and later getting her G.E.D. She spent that majority of her adult life living in Bowling Green and working in customer service.

She was Christian by faith, enjoyed crafting, crocheting, and going to yard sales and thrift stores. Above all, she loved her family and especially her grandchildren.

Vicky leaves behind to carry out her legacy her daughters, Michelle Loehmann and husband, Brian of Rockaway Beach, Becky Radford and husband, Patrick of Centralia, Tera Radatz and husband, Frank of Bowling Green, and Mandy Snyder of Frankford; grandchildren, Matt Diven of the state of Texas, Aaron Johnson and wife, Kendra of Taneyville, Curtis Johnson and wife, Natasha of Taneyville, Miranda Doering and husband, Drew of Holts Summit, Breanna Radford of Centralia, Isaac Radford of Centralia, Bub Raddatz and wife, Alexa of Winfield, MaKayla Raddatz of Bowling Green, Hunter Raddatz of Bowling Green, Rian Jones and husband, Travis of Bowling Green, Becca Lawrence of Bowling Green, and DerbyMay Early of Bowling Green; eight grandchildren; siblings, Eddie O'Connor and wife, Vickie, of the state of Oregon, Becky Paddock and husband, Dennis of Mexico, and Glenda Chambers and husband, Rob of Mexico; close friend, Rose Ruby of Frankford; many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and a sister.

Memorials may be made to the funeral home.

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



Donna Lee Yager

Donna Lee Yager, 73, of Vandalia died Sunday, July 20, 2025, at her home with her husband at her side.

Private graveside services were held in Vandalia Cemetery.

Cremation arrangements were handled by the Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.

Donna was born Sept. 12, 1951, in Baltimore, Mary., the daughter of Dave Mereson. She was united in marriage to Carl Yager on Aug. 4, 1972, in Baltimore, Mary. He survives her of the home.

Other survivors include a daughter-in-law, Tanya Yager; two grandchildren, Gene Yager and Victoria Yager; brothers and sisters-in-law; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, Donna was preceded in death by her beloved sons, David Lee Yager and Carl "Buddy" Lee Yager.

Donna worked most of her professional life as a homemaker raising her children and taking care of her home.

Family was everything in Donna's life. She cherished every moment with her family. In her younger years she was an avid bowler, and she enjoyed traveling with her family. When she had a chance, she enjoyed watching murder mystery shows.

Donna was a Catholic by faith.

Honorary pallbearers were Marvin Yager, Dylan Stowers, Justin Stowers, Tony Yager, Joe Resor, Zach Scrogin, and Darril Lynn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Donna's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Roger Dale Beeson

Roger Dale Beeson, 76, of Silex died Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Visitation was Friday from 10-11 a.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Funeral service was also Friday at 11 a.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory with the Rev. Richie Rhea officiating. Interment was in Troy City Cemetery Troy.

He was born Sept. 30, 1949 in St. Charles to Clive and Bonnie McGuire Beeson. He attended the local schools, along with his siblings.

Roger was united in marriage with Anna Lee on July 30, 1971 in St. Charles. He was employed with Union #660 for over 20 years and was an excellent employee, who never missed a day of work. He loved motorcycles, hunting and fishing. Roger was a proud member of Combat Vets Association. He proudly served his country during Vietnam in the United States Marine Corp. Roger was buried with full military honors and will be accompanied on the way to the cemetery by his brothers from the Combat Vets Association.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Lee Beeson of Silex; children, Jerry Daugherty and wife, Joyce of Portage De Sioux, Patrick Daugherty and wife, Tammy of Martinsburg, Robert Daugherty and wife, Shelly of Troy, and Kerry Daugherty and wife, Cindy of Wentzville; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Wayne Beeson and wife, Judy; and many other relatives and friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; and two children, Lori Lynn Daugherty and James Daugherty.

Memorials may be made to Combat Vets Association, c/o the funeral home

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook @ www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

Carol Cunningham, 89, of Middletown died Thursday, July 24, 2025, at her home.

A graveside service will be held 4 p.m., Wednesday at Vandalia Cemetery.

The family is being served by the Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.

A full obituary will be published in next week's Tribune.



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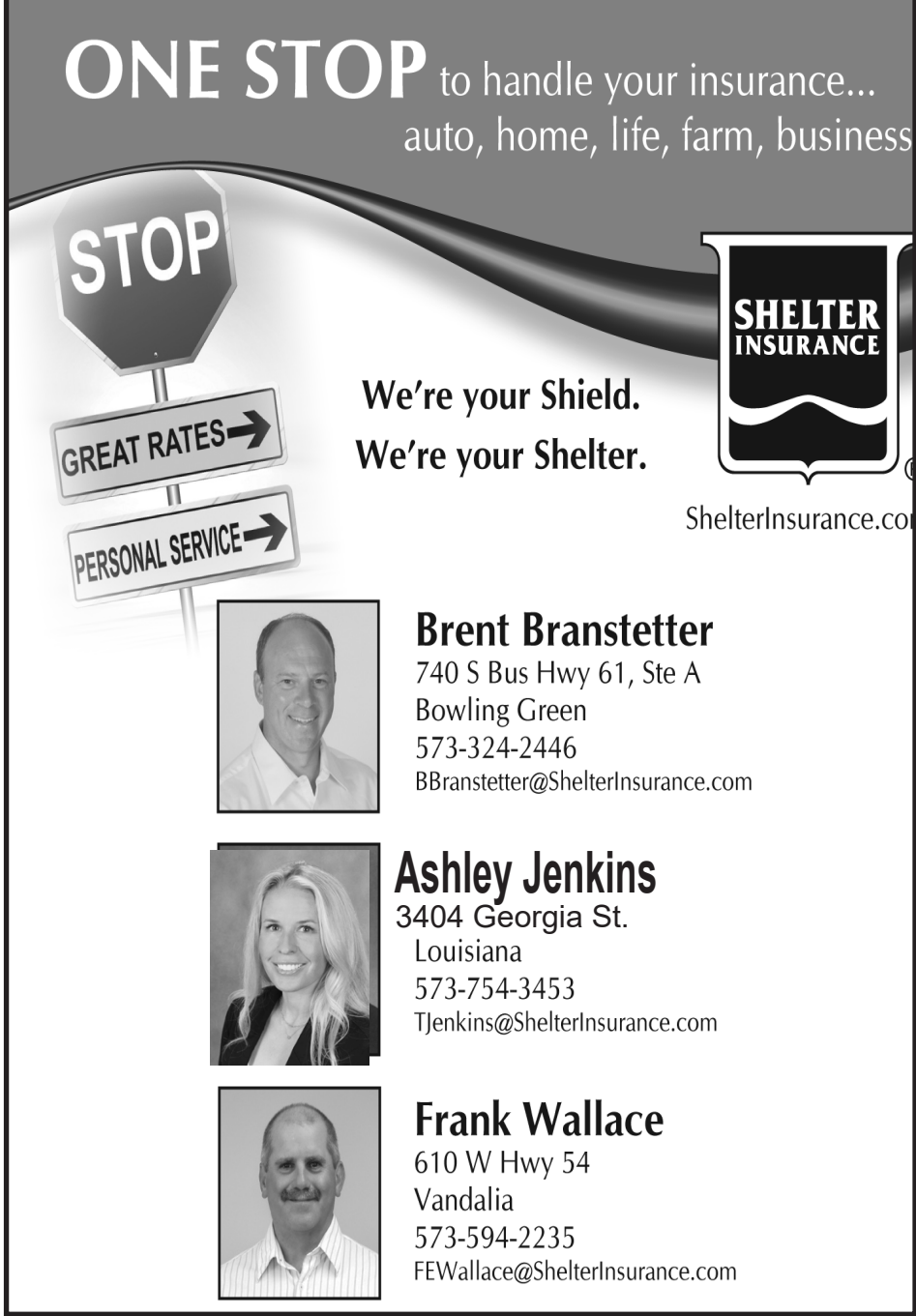
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Acct: 450 Pare: 03-07-35-003-001-006.010 BEATY, JEANNE 13098 HWY NN LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:35 Twn:55 Rng:4W TR 54 X 95 301 N LOW ST FRANKFORD	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$57.34 \$55.00 \$58.93 \$135.00 \$306.27	
Acct: 9585 Pare: 21-01-11-000-000-005.000 BRADSHAW, CHARLES W & C/O JEREMY BRADSHAW 20382 PIKE 229 CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336	1.00 Acres Sec:11 Twn:52 Rng:1W SURVEY 1702 20382 PIKE 229 CLARKSVILLE	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$727.38 \$837.07 \$838.47 \$135.00 \$2,537.92	
Acct: 3017 Pare: 08-04-18-003-002-004.000 BURSE, DONTE 600 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353-	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W W 1/2 LOTS 14 & 15 BLK 2 JOHN A YOUNG ADD TR 60 X 120 719 JACKSON ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$110.92 \$111.37 \$113.73 \$135.00 \$471.02	
Acct: 3019 Pare: 08-04-18-003-002-006.000 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 13 BLK 2 JOHN YOUNG ADD TR 60 X 120 600 N 7TH	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$363.91 \$364.92 \$401.09 \$135.00 \$1,264.92	
Acct: 3060 Pare: 08-04-18-003-009-002.020 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W TR 120 X 120 1004 ALLEN ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: 2021: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$140.90 \$141.37 \$112.79 \$124.84 \$135.00 \$654.90	
Acct: 3084 Pare: 08-04-18-003-009-027.010 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W THE W 58' OF LOTS 639 & 638 BLK 78 TR 58 X 120 818 JACKSON ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$33.08 \$33.29 \$73.20 \$135.00 \$274.57	
Acct: 3103 Pare: 08-04-18-003-012-007.000 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W ALL OF LOTS 502 & 503 BLK 61 ORIG PLAT LA TR 120 X 120 410 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: 2021: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$275.52 \$283.64 \$289.61 \$322.36 \$135.00 \$1,306.13	
Acct: 9151 Pare: 19-08-27-001-013-004.000 CARTER, EUGENE & CHARLENE C/O JANE NALLEY PO 30746 COLUMBIA, MO 65205-	0.00 Acres Sec:27 Twn:52 Rng:3W ORIG PLAT LOT 7 60 X 195 PIKE 497	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$45.88 \$51.14 \$47.73 \$135.00 \$279.75	
Acct: 3180 Pare: 08-04-18-003-027-004.000 DAVIS, LEETHA C THEN TO 1215 GEORGIA ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 49 BLK 14 LUCE & MC ALISTER ADD TR 60 X 114 1215 GEORGIA ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$1,767.54 \$1,771.86 \$1,566.97 \$135.00 \$5,241.37	
Acct: 11418 Pare: 25-07-26-000-000-001.000 DEMPSEY LAND, LLC 620 LORREE LANE LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL 60156	39.73 Acres Sec:26 Twn:51 Rng:4W BEGIN IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 ALL IN SECTION 26 ALL THE PORTIONS OF THE SE NE LYING N OF HWY 161 & ALL OF THE E 165' HWY 161 NEW HARTFORD	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$361.45 \$413.31 \$464.19 \$135.00 \$1,373.95	
Acct: 3485 Pare: 08-04-18-004-032-001.000 DTR LOGISTICS, LLC 1742 MEREDITH LANE BELLE AIR, FL 33756	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 413 BLK 54 ORIG PLAT TR 60 X 114 600 GEORGIA ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$1,753.03 \$1,849.89 \$2,922.67 \$135.00 \$6,660.59	
Acct: 3021 Pare: 08-04-18-003-003-001.000 GRIFFITH, ADRIANNA S 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W E 1/2 18 BLK 7 MS ALLENS 2ND ADD TR 60 X 60 622 N 8TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$47.67 \$47.95 \$56.65 \$135.00 \$287.27	
Acct: 3026 Pare: 08-04-18-003-003-005.010 GRIFFITH, ADRIANNA S 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W E 30' LOT 18 BLK 3 JOHN YOUNGS ADD TR 30 X 60 600 N 8TH LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$206.61 \$207.23 \$226.98 \$135.00 \$775.82	
Acct: 3014 Pare: 08-04-18-003-002-001.000 GRIFFITH, CATHERINE E 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOTS 10 & 17 BLK 2 JOHN YOUNG ADD TR 60 X 240 620 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$276.34 \$277.10 \$295.15 \$135.00 \$983.59	

Acct: 3032 Pare: 08-04-18-003-004-004.000 GRIFFITH, KENNETH 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W S 1/2 LOT 33 BLK 10 M S ALLENS 5TH ADD TR 60 X 60 811 ALLEN ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$47.67 \$47.95 \$42.79 \$135.00 \$273.41
Acct: 4468 Pare: 11-05-16-002-019-006.000 GRIMMETT, SARAH THEN TO 208 LIND QUINCY, IL 62301	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E ORIG PLAT LOTS 246 30 X 110 4TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$63.97 \$72.22 \$33.45 \$135.00 \$304.64
Acct: 12642 Pare: 14-01-01-000-000-007.010 HARRELSON, MARTHA LOU & 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353	1.04 Acres Sec:1 Twn:53 Rng:3W RURAL 15868 HWY UU LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$480.90 \$550.48 \$814.98 \$135.00 \$1,981.36
Acct: 10590 Pare: 23-04-19-002-006-001.000 HARRISON, WILLIAM 60 FOX HOLLOW LN EOLIA, MO 63344	0.00 Acres Sec:19 Twn:52 Rng:2E LOTS 9 & PT 10 BLK 2 ORIG TOWN ANNADA PLAT BK 1 PAGE 76 TR 74 X 117 IRR 100 PIKE ST ANNADA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$436.60 \$492.00 \$545.75 \$135.00 \$1,609.35
Acct: 3118 Pare: 08-04-18-003-015-003.000 HATHAWAY, CAROLYN 1102 KENTUCKY ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 8 BLK 7 LUCE & MC ALISTER ADD TR 60 X 114 207 N 11TH LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$80.12 \$80.44 \$74.10 \$135.00 \$369.66
Acct: 7606 Pare: 14-07-26-002-014-019.000 HAYNES, STEVEN G C/O REYNA COBB 122 CAROL DR TROY, MO 63379	0.00 Acres Sec:26 Twn:53 Rng:3W S 1/2 LOT 92 & N 1/2 LOT 93 MEADOWLARK ADD TR 60 X 115 S 17TH ST	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$88.94 \$87.16 \$96.88 \$135.00 \$407.98
Acct: 3421 Pare: 08-04-18-004-023-013.000 HAYS, EDDIE 701 N 15TH ST, LOT 1 BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334 3RD OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W S 20' LOT 170; N 30' E 1/2 LOT171 N 10' W 1/2 LOT 171 BLK 23 ORIG TOWN TR 50 X 120 IRR 106 N 3RD ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: 2021: 2020: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$190.82 \$464.30 \$553.02 \$616.58 \$1,690.99 \$135.00 \$3,650.71
Acct: 6940 Pare: 14-07-25-002-050-015.000 HENDRIX, LARRY E 311 W ADAMS ST BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334	0.00 Acres Sec:25 Twn:53 Rng:3W LOTS 5 & 6 ADELIN FISHER ADD TR 100 X 182.5 311 W ADAMS ST	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$583.66 \$569.63 \$629.63 \$135.00 \$1,917.92
Acct: 4376 Pare: 11-05-16-002-010-016.000 JOHNSTON, WILLIAM C/O MRS CLARENCE HUFF JR 941 14 AVE ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. PT LOT 17 75 X 110 SCALED 5TH ST	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$31.18 \$34.42 \$37.65 \$135.00 \$238.25
Acct: 6017 Pare: 14-06-13-000-000-003.040 KREIN, RICHARD A & JEANNE E 2351 BOURNE AVE ST PAUL, MN 55108	10.40 Acres Sec:13 Twn:53 Rng:3W RURAL PIKE 139	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$24.50 \$26.66 \$28.75 \$135.00 \$214.91
Acct: 2352 Pare: 07-08-27-000-000-005.000 LEEWARD SHORES LIMITED 11770 HAYNES BRIDGE ROAD ALPHARETTA, GA 30009	2.00 Acres Sec:27 Twn:54 Rng:2W TR 190 X 462 IRR 19662 HWY UU	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$933.84 \$1,074.91 \$1,105.94 \$135.00 \$3,249.69
Acct: 14199 Pare: 08-04-18-002-003-013.000 MAHER, WILLELLA B & FRANCIS 220 HILLVIEW DR LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOTS 10 & 11 BLK 1 TEMPLETON HILLS SD PLAT BK 4 PG 23 TR 190 X 169 IRR 220 HILLVIEW DR LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$226.07 \$226.74 \$255.59 \$135.00 \$843.40
Acct: 4461 Pare: 11-05-16-002-018-002.000 MALLOY, MARK S & DEBBIE L PO BOX 163 CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E ORIG PLAT LOT 276 60 X 110 5TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$117.60 \$134.07 \$110.84 \$135.00 \$497.51
Acct: 4370 Pare: 11-05-16-002-010-010.000 MC GUIRE, ELIZABETH 209 E RAMSEY ST BUFFALO, MO 65622	1.70 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. PT LOT 11 200 X 405 IRR N 6TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$37.61 \$41.79 \$107.70 \$135.00 \$322.10
Acct: 3467 Pare: 08-04-18-004-029-006.000 MILLER, RANDY 20 ABERDEEN WAY BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W BLOCK 3 MCPIKE TRACT IN LOUISIANA 60 X 67 121 S 9TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$430.42 \$431.57 \$487.63 \$135.00 \$1,484.62
Acct: 2756 Pare: 08-04-18-002-006-008.000 NIFFEN, RYAN 1887 W RANCH RD NIXA, MO 65714	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W M.S. ALLENS 3RD ADD S.D. LOTS 56,57, & 58 BLOCK 6 TR 45 X 180 216 NORTH C ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$54.95 \$55.22 \$62.17 \$135.00 \$307.34
Acct: 12757 Pare: 23-07-26-000-000-008.010 PADFIELD, MARGARET 1/2 & C/O NATALEEN PADFIELD 4077 BRADFORD DR ST CHARLES, MO 63304-	2.44 Acres Sec:26 Twn:52 Rng:2E RURAL PIKE 202 ANNADA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$14.50 \$15.16 \$15.87 \$135.00 \$180.53
Acct: 10698 Pare: 23-07-26-000-000-018.000 PADFIELD, MARGARET 1/2 ETAL C/O NATALEEN PADFIELD 4077 BRADFORD DR ST CHARLES, MO 63304- 2ND OFFERING	0.40 Acres Sec:26 Twn:52 Rng:2E TR 165 X 165 X 210 IRR PIKE 202 ANNADA	2024: 2023: 2022: 2021: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$96.16 \$109.33 \$73.58 \$81.04 \$135.00 \$495.11
Acct: 11677 Pare: 08-04-19-001-004-001.020 POTTER, RANDALL 1021 TAYLOR ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353-	0.00 Acres Sec:19 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 25 BLK 2 DRAPERS 2ND ADD TR 60 X 120 1021 TAYLOR ST LOUISIANA	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$426.35 \$444.57 \$468.29 \$135.00 \$1,474.21
Acct: 1479 Pare: 06-07-35-000-000-012.010 RIFFLE, SAMUEL DALE 14095 PIKE 132 BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334	0.66 Acres Sec:35 Twn:54 Rng:3W TR 165 X 184.75 IRR 14095 PIKE 132	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$492.24 \$563.49 \$558.95 \$135.00 \$1,749.68
Acct: 9859 Pare: 21-08-28-004-002-009.000 RODRIGUEZ, JENNIFER R 539 N MAIN ST EOLIA, MO 63344	0.00 Acres Sec:28 Twn:52 Rng:1W ORIG TOWN PRAIRIEVILLE 135 X 195 IRR 539 N MAIN ST	2024: 2023: 2022: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$577.74 \$690.36 \$623.10 \$135.00 \$2,026.20

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Community News

Time To Head Out, Sow Some Chinese Cabbage

The sunny, warm days and cool nights of a typical Missouri autumn are ideal for cool-season vegetables such as Chinese cabbage, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. Now is a good time to sow Chinese cabbage seeds so plants will be ready to establish in the garden in late summer.

Archeological records indicate Chinese cabbage has been cultivated for more than 6,000 years. The common name “Chinese cabbage” refers to several subspecies of Brassica campestris, which is a member of the mustard plant family.

Chinese cabbage tolerates cold but not heat. When it develops in primarily hot weather, it forms a flower stalk (bolt) rather than a head. “Planting this crop in the spring often results in disappointment when tem-

peratures warm prematurely,” said Trinklein.

Sow Chinese cabbage seeds now to make early growth during hot weather. They will not get big enough to flower, but when it cools and plants become larger, they will form heads instead of flowers.

Sow the seeds in flats or pots in a soilless germination medium. Place containers in a protected location with morning sun and afternoon shade. Fertilize and water young plants as needed.

Alternatively, wait until late August and sow seeds directly in the garden to avoid the need to transplant. However, soil may crust from overhead irrigation or pelting rains. This usually leads to poor germination. If possible, lightly water seeds sown directly in the garden daily. This keeps the soil

moist and cool and improves germination.

Most Chinese cabbage varieties need about three to four weeks to grow large enough to transplant and another 65-70 days before harvest. Mature heads can endure light frosts but not severe freezes.

Soil considerations (such as fertility, pH and preparation) for Chinese cabbage are much the same as for regular cabbage, said Trinklein. Choose soil with good structure, fertility and water-holding capacity. Chinese cabbage prefers soil with a pH in the 6.0 to 6.2 range.

Timing of nitrogen application is important. If you make a preplant application of fertilizer, side dress with nitrogen at 10-day intervals after transplanting or thinning. However, too much nitrogen leads to lush vegetative growth that is prone to disease.

Chinese cabbage’s improvement over the years has resulted in several new varieties. An excellent variety among the taller-headed (Michihli) types is Jade Pagoda, said Trinklein. It is relatively heat-tolerant and produces firm, cylindrical heads 16 inches long and about 6 inches wide. Green Rocket is another good variety with long heads, crisp leaves and good storage life, he said.

Blues and China Gold are two relatively new, barrel-shaped Napa types of Chinese cabbage. Both mature early, which makes them good choices for fall planting. Both are slow to bolt, form firm heads and have good external and internal color and quality.

Another Asian vegetable you can start now is pak choi, also known as bok choy or Chinese celery cabbage. Its white stems somewhat resemble celery. Most varieties need about 50 days to mature. Because it grows rapidly, start pak choi later in the fall than Chinese cabbage. Asian Delight and Bopak are two new varieties that won the coveted All-America Selection award. Both form 5-7-inch heads with tender, white stems and dark green, textured leaves.

Insect control on young Chinese cabbage or pak choi plants is important. Cabbage worms can quickly devour the young, tender plants. Leaf damage at this early stage also can slow growth. If injured severely, young plants might not have time to recover and form heads before the weather turns cold.

Harvest Chinese cabbage when heads are firm and compact. Store up to six weeks in a plastic bag in the crisper compartment of a refrigerator.

MU Vet Recommends CVI For Safe Showing Of Animals

Biosecurity should be top of mind when showing animals at county and state fairs, and having the paper to prove their health is important, said University of Missouri Extension veterinarian Cory Bromfield.

Shows and fairs may require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), sometimes referred to as a “health paper,” from a veterinarian. A CVI helps to ensure only healthy animals go to shows, reducing the likelihood that your animal will pick up something at the show and bring it back home.

Also, if you notice signs of contagious disease in your animals, such as coughing, diarrhea, rashes, etc., you can help keep fairs healthy by leaving the animal at home.

WHAT TO DO ON-FARM NOW

Many think biosecurity needs to be intense and expensive, but small, consistent actions can pay big dividends, Bromfield said. Especially now, in fair season, there are easy things people can do to improve

biosecurity and help minimize transmission of diseases, she said.

- Dedicated clothing. People taking animals to fairs should wear dedicated clothing and footwear at the fair and not bring them home to their other animals. This is also important around animals staying on the farm. Dedicated clothing/footwear that doesn’t leave your farm also helps minimize the chance of bringing something back to the farm.
- Isolate animals after the fair. If animals are returning to the farm after the show, house them away from the home herd for at least two weeks, and work with them after working with the home herd. Another option is terminal shows, where the animals will not return to the home herd.
- Bring home animals only. Don’t bring anything from the fair that doesn’t need to come home, such as food, shavings or manure. Wash the trailer to clean off manure. Always wash your hands after interacting with animals.

Free MU Tool Can Help Plan For Flooding

Understanding your land’s geological features, terrain and climate is crucial for anticipating and responding to natural disasters, says University of Missouri Extension assistant professor Ryan Milhollin. “A little planning and knowledge about your land can significantly enhance disaster resilience,” Milhollin says.

MU Extension offers a free web-based tool to learn about soils and their productivity, flood hazards, karst geology, streams, wetlands, climate, watershed and more from a defined parcel of land. Milhollin says it is routinely used by potential landowners, farmers, bankers and real estate appraisers to understand the quality of land in all 50 states.

The AgSite Assessment Tool (<https://agsite.missouri.edu>) lets users make an outline of a property on a computer, tablet or phone and run a report to help predict flood behavior and plan evacuation routes, he says.

“Having a predetermined escape route and communication plan for family members can go a long way in emergency response,” he adds.

The flood hazards table in AgSite shows the number of acres that fall within a flood-way, 100-year floodplain and

500-year floodplain. An aerial map shows hazards on your defined property, including possible flood hazards according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In addition to providing information for current property owners, the tool can help prospective landowners learn more about land before buying, including information such as productivity, hydrologic characteristics and environmental concerns. The tool also lists threatened or endangered species that might be on a piece of property.

A climate summary from nearby weather stations shows monthly normal precipitation, high/average/low temperatures and wind direction. The AgSite Assessment Tool draws data from numerous sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

AgSite is an educational product of the University of Missouri and funded in part by USDA. The University of Missouri is not responsible for decisions made because of information on the AgSite report.



Gospel Sing

Five-year-old Landry Norviel enjoys the Pike County Gospel Sing July 20 with his mother, Jenna, and his four-year-old sister, Lily. The three were among more than 200 people who attended the annual event.

WE WELCOME YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Second Missionary Baptist Church

West Hwy. 54 - Vandalia

FISH FRY

Friday, Aug. 1 - 11 a.m.-2

\$13 Serving catfish, fried potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Van-Far Fire Protection District Special Election will be held in the County of Pike on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, as certified to this office by the participating entities of Pike County. The ballot for the election shall be in substantially the following form:

Polling Location For 8/5/2025

Pike County Clerk's Office
115 W Main St. Ste. 23
Bowling Green, MO 63334

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

To vote, darken in the ovals(s) completely next to your choice(s), like this: ☒

If you are in favor of any question submitted up this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "YES"

If you are opposed to any question submitted upon this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "NO"

If you tear, deface, or make a mistake and wrongfully mark any ballot, you must return it to the election judges and receive a new ballot.

VAN-FAR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PROPOSITION 1

Shall there be incorporated a fire protection district?

☐ YES

☐ NO

PROPOSITION 2

Five directors will be elected, and their terms of office shall be at least six (6) years for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes, at least four (4) years for the candidates receiving the second and third highest number of votes, and at least two (2) years for the candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes.

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE FOR FIVE (5)

☐ HEATHER G. WILLIAMS

☐ DEAN MIDDLETON

☐ MARVIN YAGER

☐ JUSTIN HOPKWE

☐ MARK WOODWARD

☐ LEE SCROGIN

PROPOSITION 3

Shall the Board of Directors of the Van-Far Fire Protection District be authorized to levy a tax rate of not more than thirty cents (.30) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation to provide funds for the support of the district?

☐ YES

☐ NO

I, Laura Stumbaugh, County Clerk/Election Authority within and for the County of Pike, State of Missouri, do hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of the Candidates entitled to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held on August 5, 2025.

s/ _____
Laura Stumbaugh, County Clerk

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Acct: 3036 Parc: 08-04-18-003-004-008.000 SCOTT, ARTEMUS C/O SHIRLEY WILLIAMS 11325 SUGARPINE DR, APT 232 FLORISSANT, MO 63033 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W S 1/2 LOT 39 BLOCK 10 715 N 9TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: \$299.85 2023: \$300.68 2022: \$332.93 2021: \$370.73 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$1,439.19
Acct: 9325 Parc: 20-02-10-004-005-002.000 SEAGER, SHANE 20949 PIKE 307 BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334	0.00 Acres Sec:10 Twn:52 Rng:2W LOTS 2,3,4,6,7 & 8 EXCEPT PART OF HWY BLOCK 5 ORIGINAL PLAT TR 180X169 20949 PIKE 307 BOWLING GREEN	2024: \$1,198.80 2023: \$1,374.50 2022: \$1,546.02 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$4,254.32
Acct: 12102 Parc: 13-05-22-000-000-009.020 SEYFRIED, GARY D 1263 BLODGETT DR ST LOUIS, MO 63137	6.30 Acres Sec:22 Twn:53 Rng:2W BENT OAKS ESTATES PLAT BK 6 PG 183 16909 PIKE 9227 BOWLING GREEN	2024: \$31.63 2023: \$34.85 2022: \$38.00 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$239.48
Acct: 3359 Parc: 08-04-18-004-016-008.000 THOMAS, CHARLES S 218 N 5TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 326 BLK 41 ORIG TOWN TR 60 X 120 218 N 5TH ST LOUISIANA	2024: \$487.18 2023: \$488.45 2022: \$560.39 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$1,671.02
Acct: 3358 Parc: 08-04-18-004-016-006.000 THOMAS, CHARLES SCOTT 218 N 5TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 327 & E 1/2 LOT 328 BLK 41 ORIG TOWN TR 120 X 60 IRR 501 TENNESSEE ST LOUISIANA	2024: \$710.12 2023: \$717.01 2022: \$896.84 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$2,458.97
Acct: 1722 Parc: 07-05-22-000-000-010.000 TURNER, JAMES & TURNER, 19749 PIKE 136 LOUISIANA, MO 63353-	1.20 Acres Sec:22 Twn:54 Rng:2W S PART LOT 1 DOGWOOD TREES COUNTRY SD PLAT BK 4	2024: \$472.89 2023: \$543.54 2022: \$513.56 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	
Acct: 10672 Parc: 23-07-25-003-003-008.000 WOODS, JON D, MARILYN A C/O DIXIE ROBBINS 9 CADY DRIVE FERGUSON, MO 63135	0.00 Acres Sec:25 Twn:52 Rng:2E TR 100 X 200 39239 PIKE 202	2024: \$492.80 2023: \$566.60 2022: \$686.83 Publ. Fee: \$135.00	Total Due: \$1,881.23

COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Tara Eskew, Collector of Pike County, State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct list of lands and lots and owner thereof as appears on our land tax books, that will be offered for sale.

Dated: July 25, 2025
Pike County Collector

Tara Eskew

Pike County Fair Highlights



The truck and tractor pull on day two of the 2025 Pike County Fair drew a large crowd to watch local favorites and more compete on the Nolan Miller Pulling Track.



The band, Disengaged CoMo, entertained the crowds at the food stand pavilion on day four of the 2025 Pike County Fair on Friday, July 25.



Country Soul performed for the crowd at the beer garden on Friday, July 25.



The adults weren't the only ones getting into the demo derby spirit. The Power Wheels Derby operated by Roach Power Wheels Derby Team drew in dozens of young competitors.



Pictured is one of many inside exhibits at the 2025 Pike County Fair.



Haley, Thea, and Zoey Turner all enjoy one of the crowd favorite rides at the 2025 Pike County Fair that was held July 22-26.



Emilee Philips tried catching a breeze on the swing ride to beat the high temps on Friday, July 25.



The rain couldn't stop the Demolition Derby on Friday and Saturday night of the 2025 Pike County Fair. Pictured, one car's engines spouted flames as it spun along the track on Friday, July 25.



Young and old enjoyed feeding the animals at the petting zoo at the 2025 Pike County Fair.



The Outlaw/BJ Rodeo is always a crowd pleaser during the Pike County Fair held July 22-26.