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Military Flag Retreat Ceremony Honoring

Edwin Miller

OF
Moberly
Aug 7, 5:15 pm



Army Veteran
Thank you for you service!



Miller Honored At Missouri State Fair

During the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Army Veteran Edwin Miller was honored during a recognition held Thursday, Aug. 7.

Miller is a 1965 graduation of Bowling Green High School and is the son of the late Ansel and Leona Miller of Bowling Green.

Today's Military Flag Retreat Honoree served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1969. During his time in service, he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Fort Polk in Louisiana, Fort Riley in Kansas, and was later deployed to Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division.

While in Vietnam, he experienced the harrowing realities of war. In the fall of 1968, during a devastating attack, he was severely wounded and became the lone survivor of his platoon. Despite his injuries, he courageously crawled over a mile through the jungle to find help. He was eventually airlifted to a hospital in Japan and, months later, returned home to Missouri on Christmas Eve. For his bravery and sacrifice, Ed was awarded two Bronze Stars-one with Valor-a Purple Heart, and a Combat Service Medal.

A man of great humility, Ed rarely speaks about his wartime experience. But those who know him understand the depth of his service and character.

Friends describe him as someone you can always count on: dependable, honest, and deeply respected. He leads by example, never seeking recognition, and approaches life with both steadiness and good humor. One word often used to describe him is steadfast.

Ed is a lifelong resident of Missouri and currently lives in Moberly with his wife of 54 years, Ellen. Together, they've raised two children-Dr. Cliff Miller and Annika Miller-and are proud grandparents to Colin, Grant, Ryan, Evan, and Cason.

Though Ed's idea of free time often involves work or service, he enjoys watching baseball and basketball, playing pitch, and spending time with friends and family.

He's traveled extensively through the Salers Association, touring farms across the world and regularly attends fairs, cattle shows, and livestock sales.

Ed continues to give back to his community in countless ways. He donates blood, serves on the Parish Council at St. Pius, and is an active Fourth Degree member and Commander of the Honor Guard for the Knights of Columbus. He is also the President of the Missouri Sailors Association, Treasurer of the Randolph County Fair Board, and a board member for the Moberly Area Community College Foundation.

Ed's ties to agriculture run deep. A former 4-H and FFA member, he has shown livestock at the Missouri State Fair since the early 1960s and now shares that tradition with his children and grandchildren. He also volunteers annually at the Missouri Cattlemen's Beef House and is a dedicated supporter of Missouri's youth in agriculture.

Today, the Missouri State Fair is proud to honor Edwin "Ed" Miller of Moberly.

Bowling Green R-I Board Addresses Use Of Cell Phones

Student use of cell phones and other personal communication devices was on the agenda for the Bowling Green R-I School Board at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Recent state legislation prompted the board to adopt a new policy that prohibits students from displaying or using personal communication devices during the school day. Students are encouraged to keep cell phones in their locker or in their vehicle during the school day. Consequences for having a cell phone in a student's possession during school hours range from a lunch detention for the first offence to out-of-school suspension after repeated violations of the policy. Parents will be required to come to school to retrieve any confiscated cell phones.

High School Principal, Joe Chinn, and Middle School Principal, Kim Luebrecht, stated that they had had no issues with the new policy during the first days of school.

Property tax rate for residents of the R-I School District will remain the same as it was during 2024. The total tax rate will be \$3.9496 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2025 tax year. Tax statements normally go out in November and payments are due by December 31.

Three high school FFA students, Cody Aslin, Caitlin Grote, and Jake Piper reported on different activities that FFA students participated in over the summer. Several students were successful at the Missouri State Fair held in Sedalia earlier this month. They also reported on leadership opportunities and a "Welding Camp" that students enjoyed. Superintendent Nick Larson reported that the school year had "gotten off to a great start."

Larson credited the efforts of all staff for the smooth start of the new school year. The board approved the bus routes for the school year and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hunter reported on building improvements and repairs that were completed over the summer. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 p.m., in the district meeting room.



National VFW Convention

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post Post 4610 Auxiliary Attend the National VFW Convention in Columbus, Ohio, while there they attended the Patriotic Celebration that was held on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Pictured holding the Patriotic Banner for Missouri is Department of Missouri Senior Vice-President Anita Crowell; Mary Tarpein, Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610; Auxiliary President Joanne Hammuck; and Jeanette Bazan. It was a beautiful celebration with all of the states marching in their patriotic attire. After which, National Commander Al Lippehert and National President Brenda Bryant gave brief remarks. Music was then played by a band that were all Marine veterans. It was an enjoyable event.

Hoover Family Donates Piece Of Vandalia History

Dea Hoover recently donated the 1800s patient chair of Dr. J. C. Parrish to the Vandalia Area Historical Museum.

Dea is the daughter of the late Don and Donna Hoover who owned and operated Vandalia's Firestone since 1977. Dea is also a Van-Far graduate, who resides in St. Louis in the Italian Hill Neighborhood.

Don Hoover purchased the doctor's chair from Mary Alice Parrish, the doctor's wife, decades ago. Once purchased, the chair was placed on the second floor of the Vandalia Firestone where it remained until recently donated.

Dr. Parrish practiced general and surgical medicine in Vandalia from 1877 through 1919. In addition, Dr. Parrish and his wife Dr. Mary Alice Parrish were instrumental in the early growth of Vandalia, helping to bring large industry, improved education and overall development for the community.

The doctor's chair is now on display in the VAHS museum along with Dr. Parrish's medical supply cabinet, surgical equipment microscope and medicine previously donated to the museum by the doctor's daughter, Frances Ann Parrish.

This new display can be seen, along with other new displays for 2025 during museum hours of Sunday 12-4 p.m., or by appointment by calling 573-721-8074.



Dea Hoover stands behind the 1800s patient chair she donated to the Vandalia Area Historical Museum.

Early Deadline For Labor Day
Thursday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.

HAPPY
LABOR DAY

Mistake Or Murder?

Former Louisiana Mayor Dies After Shooting

By BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: Following is the second part of a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

The men charged with determining culpability in the 1915 death of former Louisiana Mayor Alten Walker found more intrigue than answers.

Walker was wounded in the stomach the night of March 2 and died two days later. He and fellow real estate agent Fred Wilkins each adamantly said they had been handling a revolver at Walker's downtown office when the weapon accidentally discharged.

A six-man coroner's jury met at Louisiana City Hall on March 8, the day after Walker's funeral and burial at Riverview Cemetery. An estimated 500 people attended. The crowd began arriving 90 minutes before the 10:30 a.m. start.

"Many of those who came late were disappointed," said The Quincy Daily Whig. "Not even standing room remained for them."

Wilkins was among the throng. He was represented by popular Louisiana attorney Erasmus "Ras" Pearson, who said his client would not testify. The decision led to rumors that Wilkins had something to hide.

Jury foreman Fred Stichter, a Louisiana pharmacist whose store motto was "The Home of Good Goods," was not happy. "If a man is found riding a stolen horse and refuses to tell how he got it, the burden is on him to tell the jury, and the community is not willing to have the door of silence shut in their faces," he said.

Joining Stichter on the panel were John Givens, Thomas Thornton, J.D. McAllister, Victor Agee and Judson McCune.

Since it couldn't compel an explanation from the only living witness, the jury focused upon the five hours leading up to the incident.

"Something was plainly brewing that afternoon that developed in the shooting, whether it was accidental or intentional," The Whig speculated.

Though it wasn't part of the formal testimony, a possible motive emerged when it was alleged that Walker showed up at the Wilkins house. Wilkins' wife, Diana, reportedly had told the story to a family member.

Diana Wilkins refused to let her husband's friend in, but he shoved his way past her. Not long after that, Wilkins allegedly arrived and became angry when he saw the beer and sandwiches and his wife alone with Walker, who was wounded moments later.

A tryst sounded plausible, especially after several witnesses testified at the inquest that they had seen Wilkins helping a visibly-disheveled Walker to his office. The trouble was, Diana Wilkins had also decided to keep her mouth shut.

Left with incompatible details, the best the coroner's jury could do was recommend that Fred Wilkins be held for additional questioning. Since there was no verdict, a judge said he could not under the law issue an arrest warrant.

Stichter offered an explanation – one that probably had Wilkins regretting his decision. "If he had corroborated Walker, we would have felt that was sufficient to overcome the other conflicting testimony and would have exonerated him," Stichter said. "If he had gone on the stand and testified that he shot Walker in defense of his rights, we would have believed him and we would have exonerated him."

"The evidence against Wilkins now is too weak to convict him, it is thought, and his refusal to testify cannot be made to militate against him," the Kirksville Morning News observed. "Louisiana people seem to want a solution of the mystery, rather than the conviction of any person."

Despite the sentiment, Wilkins wasn't off the hook just yet.

Next time: Stridence and silence.

SHOOTING OF WALKER IS STILL A MYSTERY

A headline in the March 11, 1915, edition of The Pike County News.

Community News

DHSS Confirms Death Of Patient With Rare Brain Infection

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is announcing case of an adult Missouri resident with a laboratory-confirmed infection of Naegleria fowleri. Naegleria fowleri is a microscopic single-celled free-living ameba that can cause a rare deadly infection of the brain called primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), also known as “brain-eating” infection. Typically, fewer than 10 people a year in the United States get PAM.

The Missouri patient is currently being treated for PAM in an intensive care unit of a hospital, and currently, no additional suspected cases of PAM are being investigated in Missouri.

The ameba is common and naturally present in warm freshwater such as lakes, rivers and ponds; however, PAM is extremely rare. Between 1962 and 2024, there were 167 reported cases of PAM in the United States.

The source of the patient’s exposure is currently being investigated by public health officials. While not confirmed, preliminary information implies the patient may have been water

skiing at the Lake of the Ozarks days prior to becoming ill. Recreational water users should assume that Naegleria fowleri is present in warm freshwater across the United States; however, infection remains very rare.

Although a rare occurrence, people become infected by Naegleria fowleri when water containing the ameba enters the body through the nose from freshwater sources. The Naegleria fowleri ameba then travels up the nose to the brain where it damages the brain tissue. This infection cannot be spread from one person to another, and it cannot be contracted by swallowing contaminated water.

People can take actions to reduce the risk of infection by limiting the amount of water going up the nose. These actions could include:

Hold your nose shut, use nose clips, or keep your head above water when taking part in activities in bodies of warm freshwater, especially if you jump or dive into the water.

Avoid putting your head under the water in hot springs and other untreated thermal waters.

Avoid water-related activities in warm freshwater

during periods of high-water temperature.

Avoid digging in, or stirring up, the sediment while taking part in water-related activities in shallow, warm freshwater areas. Naegleria fowleri amebas are more likely to live in sediment at the bottom of lakes, ponds and rivers.

Those who experience the following symptoms after swimming in any warm body of water should contact their health care provider immediately as the disease progresses rapidly:

Severe headache.
Fever.
Nausea.
Vomiting.
Stiff neck.
Seizures.
Altered mental status.
Hallucinations.

In response to several media inquiries following up on this case, DHSS regrets to confirm that the patient’s death occurred on Aug. 19 in a St. Louis area hospital. We extend our deepest condolences to the loved ones of the patient.

Information about recreational water safety in Missouri is available on the DHSS website.

For more information about Naegleria fowleri, visit the CDC’s webpage.

Eastern Missouri Family YMCA Announces Fall Programs, Events

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA is excited to announce a full lineup of programs and events for the fall season, offering opportunities for youth, families, and adults to stay active, build skills, and connect with the community.

This summer, the YMCA’s volunteer-based Summer Food Program wrapped up on August 1, serving a total of 1,753 free, nutritious meals to children ages 18 and under. Meals were provided Monday through Friday in the Y Café, with weekend bulk meals distributed on Fridays. Swim lesson participants at the Aquatic Center also received meal deliveries.

Fall Highlights Include:

- Community Service & Special Events:
- Harvest Lucky Bingo Night, Annual Support Campaign: Save the date for Friday, Nov. 1, in the YMCA gym. Doors open at 5 p.m. The evening will feature early bird and regular Bingo games, door prizes,

silent auction items, a taco bar, dessert table, and cash and gift card game prizes. The final game will award a \$400 payout.

- Bingo Blessing for Baptist Homes: Donation drive for the residents’ Bingo Store runs Sept. 1-Dec. 1.
- Welcome to the Y Halloween Event: Saturday, Oct. 25, from 3–5 p.m. at the YMCA. Families can stop by and grab free candy bags and pizza, then head to the Fairgrounds Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m.
- Annual Diaper Drive: Nov. 1-30. Diapers, wipes, and baby creams/lotions may be dropped off in the Y vestibule. All donations benefit local families.
- Prairie Days 5K: The Annual Fall 5K will take place Saturday, September 27, at 7:30 a.m. Registration closes Sept. 5 to guarantee a T-shirt and \$5 YMCA Bucks for use at the Fair Board’s food stand during Prairie Days. Cost is \$30 per participant, or \$20 each for families with three or more registrants.

- Pickleball Tournament: Open to ages 18 and older on Sept. 21. Registration is due by Sept. 12.
- Youth Sports Programs:
- Tumbling & Dance with Bethany: Returning this fall with two sessions. Session one runs Sept. 8-29 for ages 3-4 and 5-6. Session two runs Oct. 6–27 for ages 3-4, 5-6, and 7-10.
- Flag Football & Cheerleading: Oct. 12-Nov. 9 for grades K-6. Registration closes Sept. 22.
- Indoor Wiffle T-Ball: Ages 3-5, Oct. 6-27. Registration through Sept. 22.
- Tiny Time Basketball: Ages 3-5, Oct. 16-Nov. 6. Registration closes Oct. 9.
- Recreational Basketball: Grades K-6, Nov. 8-Dec. 13. Registration ends Oct. 17.

For more information or to register for programs, visit the YMCA front desk or call the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA at 573-594-2208. The YMCA is located at 309 South Main, Vandalia.

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship Applications Now Open

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development is pleased to announce the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship application is open for the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters. This scholarship helps eligible students cover the tuition and fees of dual credit and dual enrollment courses.

Dual credit courses are college-level courses taught by a high school instructor, while dual enrollment courses are college-level courses taught by a postsecondary faculty member. Both dual credit and dual enrollment courses allow high school students to earn high school and college credit for the course simultaneously.

“We are excited to open this scholarship application to help students pay for a college education while still in high school,” said Dr. Bennett Boggs, Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. “Participating in dual credit and dual enrollment courses allows students to jumpstart their postsecondary education, which could ultimately accelerate the timeline to complete a postsecondary degree and significantly reduce overall costs.”

Students can apply for the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship online through the State Financial Aid Portal. Applications for the fall 2025 semester will be accepted through December 1, 2025, while applications for the 2026 spring semester will be accepted through April 1, 2026. Students may apply for both semesters at the same time.

To be eligible for the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship, students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident, have a minimum unweighted 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and have otherwise met the school’s requirements for taking dual credit or dual enrollment classes. Students must also meet one or more indicators of financial need, including immediate family eligible for free and reduced lunch, immediate family receiving public assistance (ex. SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, etc.), living in a foster home or in state custody, homeless (as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act), or living in federal subsidized public housing.

For more information about the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship, including additional details surrounding eligibility requirements and possible award amounts, visit dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants-scholarships/dcde.



Nicholas Pannell
NECC Inmate Facing Further Sentencing

On Thursday, Aug. 14, a Lincoln County jury found Nicholas Pannell, 42, guilty of sexual misconduct in the first degree.

According to Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison, the case originated in Pike County but was moved to Lincoln County on a change of venue motion filed by the defense.

Ellison prosecuted the case at trial and was assisted by assistant prosecutor Shelly Krueger and his office’s legal intern, Sal Niemeyer.

According to prosecutors, Pannell’s offense stemmed from a July 2024 incident at Northeast Correctional Center, where he was incarcerated.

While in the common area of a housing unit wing, Pannell exposed himself to two female corrections officers, which was captured on video by the prison’s surveillance cameras.

The jury trial was presided over by Honorable Milan Berry. Pannell will be sentenced on Oct. 6.

Land, Water Conservation Grant Open

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Division of State Parks is pleased to announce that the 2026 grant round for the Land and Water Conservation Fund is now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and public-school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects.

For more information about this program, to download the grant application and to register for a grant application, visit mostateparks.com/page/61215/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-grants. For questions, contact grants management staff at mspgrants@dnr.mo.gov. The application deadline is Nov. 14, 2025.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Tomato Festival Celebrates 20 Years Of Flavor, Fun

The annual Tomato Festival in Columbia will celebrate 20 years when the free event returns to the University of Missouri’s Jefferson Farm and Garden, 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4.

Since its first harvest in 2005, the festival has grown from a modest tomato tasting into a signature event showcasing more than 150 tomato varieties, peppers, ground cherries and more, says Tim Reinbott, MU Extension director of field operations.

This year’s milestone event will honor “20 Lessons Learned in 20 Years” by blending agricultural wisdom with the Tomato Festival’s trademark fun, says Reinbott, one of the original organizers of the festival.

“The Tomato Festival has always been about more than tasting tomatoes,” he says. “It’s about sharing knowledge, celebrating agriculture and connecting people to where their food comes from. This year,

we’re honoring everything we’ve learned along the way.”

Visitors can sample heirlooms and hybrids, taste a variety of peppers and visit the hot pepper tent, learn the difference between determinate and indeterminate plants, and discover why mulching is more than just a weed-control trick, he says.

The all-ages event includes cooking demos, salsa tastings, kids’ activities, educational talks and tours of the tomato patch. Reinbott says attendees can get practical tips from the field on the importance of cover crops, why calcium nitrate is key to sweetness and how to win the war against tomato hornworms.

MU Jefferson Farm and Garden Extension and Education Center is at 4800 New Haven Road, Columbia.

Admission is free. For more information, visit <https://muext.us/Tomato-Festival2025>.

Lost Sunday School Book

Senda Guertzgen has lost her Sunday School book titled, "The Chosen Bible Study".

It is a light teal color and she had it on Sunday, Aug. 17, but has misplaced it. She thought she had it on the bench in the hall beside the back door on her Bible. She did not have her name in it, but had hand written study notes on some of the pages.

If you have seen this study book, please respond to this email or let Senda or Sherri 573-230-8793 know.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 A.M., September 4, 2025, at Pike County Courthouse at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by Pike County. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for the year 2026 shows to be required from the property tax rate. This rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (By Categories)	Current Tax Year 2025	Prior Tax Year 2024
Real Estate	\$181,981,270	\$175,662,160
Personal Property	\$85,909,886	\$80,192,714
Railroad & Utility	\$119,461,748	\$110,670,254
Total	\$387,352,904	\$366,525,128

Fund	Amount Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2026	Proposed Tax Rates for 2025 (per \$100)
General Revenue	\$1,206,604.30	0.3115
Special Road & Bridge	\$1,258,122.23	0.3248
Hospital Maintenance	\$852,176.39	0.2200
Senate Bill 40	\$774,705.81	0.2000
Total	\$4,091,608.72	1.0563
Surtax on Commercial Property	\$467,317.47	0.32

County Court of Pike County

By _____ Laura Stumbaugh _____

Pike County Clerk

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

The Mission Statement for the City of Bowling Green reads, "The mission of the employees of the City of Bowling Green is to create and maintain a community where people can live, work, and play in an environment that is safe, vibrant and attractive to everyone."

The City of Bowling Green values the interests and needs of everyone living in and visiting the community and the level of service they expect and deserve. We are dedicated to delivering excellent services and engaging in meaningful public participation."

In my efforts to be proactive and have foresight I have written about the expansion of our city's limits, development of businesses around the Square, businesses and services along Highway 54 and Business Highway 54, and the same along Sharry Street.

I have introduced the possibility of the need to replace 150-year-old plus buildings with new structures. I have written about the need for a YMCA type facility for wellness, fitness, recreational, and social interactions for all ages, genders, and races. I've explained that 80 percent of a town's growth comes from within and to attract bigger businesses for more available jobs, (tax incentives are unfortunately required). As our housing needs have grown exponentially, so does our jobs market need to increase via new businesses and services, small manufacturers and small industry.

Sparks Maintenance and Engineering is a prime example of a resident

business expanding to an international entity with the development of over 50 new jobs and employees. Who will be the next generation of business owners and developers that will take over the current generation's operations that services Bowling Green?

Bowling Green is in an exciting phase of development and expansion as this time but we can't stop home and business building. NECAC will confirm the need for apartments in Bowling Green and Pike County which will add to our community population and consumers. Let's keep Bowling Green thriving and expand the potential we have as a town. "Show Me the Possibilities!"

As our Federal Government tightens its deficit spending, many Americans are doing the same, especially until interest rates decline. One of our daycare centers closed its doors recently, in which there is great demand for such in our amazing community. Another aspect of this is after school programs which for decades have kept our youth safe, inspired students to learn, provided enriching opportunities, and helped working families.

We have a high need for high-quality daycare, pre-school, and after-school programs to meet our families' needs and support the outstanding educational structures we have in place in our Bowling Green R-I Schools, St. Clement, Pike County Christian School, The Learning Center, and our HeadStart. This boils down to every one child that has needs for various levels education, two children are waiting to get in currently.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

MDC Virtual Program Reveals Scoop On Black Bears In Missouri On Sept. 5

Black bears are becoming a common part of the Missouri landscape, especially in the southern parts of the state. But sightings are becoming a regular occurrence even in the St. Louis region.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering a chance to learn all about these charismatic creatures through an online event. Missouri Black Bears is a free virtual program happening Friday, Sept. 5, from 3-4:30 p.m. MDC naturalists will cover the most important information Missouri residents

should know about the Show-Me-State's expanding bear population.

Once considered extirpated from the state, Missouri black bears are beginning to make an impressive comeback. This program will explore the complicated history of these fascinating mammals, and the research efforts which are helping them return to their former range. It will also discuss how to reduce human-bear conflict as their numbers continue to grow.

This virtual program is free and open to the public; however, each participant

must register separately in advance at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4vU> to receive an online meeting link. Log in instructions will be provided to participants beforehand. The program will be held via Webex and participants will have the chance to use the chat feature for a Question and Answer portion with the naturalists.

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>.

DHSS Launches On-Demand, Digital Access To Immunization Records

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has announced that Missourians can now securely review, download and share their immunization records through the Docket® smartphone app and web platform.

The service expands digital access for school, travel, health and personal use, streamlining how individuals manage their personal vaccination information. This marks a significant step toward data modernization efforts and enhancing access to immunization information in Missouri.

Missouri residents can now use Docket® to access personal and family immunization records on file with the Missouri Immunization Registry (ShowMeVax). Also, Docket can be used to: View, download and share their personal immunization history.

Access records for children or individuals for whom they are a parent, legal guardian or authorized representative.

Share official immunization documentation with schools, camps, health providers and travel officials.

To use Docket®, individuals must complete a simple identity verification process using an email address or phone number tied to their official record. Privacy safeguards ensure only users with verified legal access may retrieve any record.

Missouri's official immunization registry, ShowMeVax, has historically served as the secure source for vaccine data, accessible to health care providers, schools and childcare facilities. While some providers are re-

quired to report, reporting immunization information to the State of Missouri is not required for all providers. Depending on individual providers' practices, it is possible for an individual to not see all of their vaccinations in this system.

Newly integrated with ShowMeVax, Docket® opens access to the user, empowering individuals and families to independently manage their records.

Getting Started
Download the Docket® app from the App Store or Google Play or visit the web portal.

Create an account and complete identity verification.

Access your record, download or export as needed.

As Missouri students return to classrooms, it is an important time for parents and guardians to ensure children are up to date on

required immunizations. Across Missouri, vaccination coverage among kindergarteners has been declining, with public schools reporting rates well below 95 percent for key vaccines like MMR, DTaP, polio, varicella and hepatitis B for the 2024-2025 school year. Falling immunization rates and rising exemption rates create vulnerabilities for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles, which has seen national resurgence recently.

Missouri Kindergarten Fully Immunized Rates (2024-2025 school year):

DTaP: 90.0%
Hep B: 92.7%
IPV/Polio: 90.7%
MMR: 90.0%
Varicella: 89.4%

More data is available at Health.Mo.Gov.



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Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Everyone is invited to the Hymn Sing at the Detroit Christian Church a week from this Friday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. No admission cost whatsoever. Just come and enjoy and participate. After the Sing, ice cream and fellowship is to follow.

The Big River Band is very excited to announce that starting in September they will be playing at the Courtyard Cafe in uptown Pittsfield at 128 East Adams each month the second Saturday from 6-8:30 p.m. No admission charge but a donation bucket will be passed around for the band. There will be a "Band Menu" available to order something good to eat. A 50/50 drawing and other drawings. They would appreciate your attendance at this new exciting place in uptown Pittsfield.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of Aug. 27-Sept. 2:

Aug. 29 - Mason Myers, Memphis Ostrander, Jane and Dave Dunham

Aug. 31 - Brad Gleckler, Margo and Merlyn Winchell

Sept. 1 - Judy Butler, Lindsey Ruble, Mike and Carmen Price

Sept. 2 - Heather Burnett,

Steve and Jennifer Cox

So extremely much to pray for that I've no idea where to start. We will start with all our family members, and God to guide each and every one of them. Next pray for our country, schools, and churches...pray for guidance and God's will for all. Pray for health issues in both family and friends. Pray for our military, each and every member. Praise God for all He has done for you and continues to do. Thank God for His forgiveness and for all the mercy He shows us continually. Pray more than once a day. And pray for and about everything.

Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

2 Corinthians 10:7

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Russell Harris who recently passed away.

If you would like to hear some good sermons provided by Bobby Johnston of the Detroit Christian Church, you can do so either on Facebook or Youtube. On Facebook, go to Detroit Christian Church in Detroit, Illinois. Then on youtube, go to Detroit Christian Church Sermons.

Another Class of Pittsfield High School Class of 1973 Luncheon was held on Friday, Aug. 22, in Florence at the Riverbank. Those in attendance were: Marion Peters; Theresa Reel; Jeanie Hartman; Dennis Wade; Andy Borrowman; Orin Borrowman; Tonya and Marvin Reel; Cathy Bollegar and Mark Guthrie; Joe Wombles and Mary Bredan; and Sharon Wil-

liams.

There were 19 people that attended the Single Seniors get together at the Wattsup Restaurant in Nebo on Friday, August 22nd, for lunch. I believe everyone had an enjoyable time with good food and plenty of visiting. All that being said, the Single Seniors group is still going strong and will be planning another "meet, greet, and eat" for September. There is no charge to be in this group, but a few simple rules are to be followed, and they are: members need to be 55+ and single either by choice or by life; able to pay for your own meal and transportation; considerate enough to "share" conversations with others (in other words, besides talking yourself, let others talk too); and, last but not least, come with a positive attitude. And this is for both men and women. If you can meet these qualifications and are sincerely interested in being with us, please call or text 1-217-320-8438.

Saturday, Aug. 23, found a good crowd at the Pike County Senior Center enjoying The Big River Band. Besides people from different places in Pike County, there were people from Brussels, Illinois, and Bowling Green, Louisiana, and Vandalia, Missouri. The band appreciated everyone coming out, and they hope you all will be back.

Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. What is the name of the pig in Charlotte's Web?

2. What are the names of Peter Cottontail's sisters in The Tale of Peter Rabbit?

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Each design is iconic, and donors won't know which one they'll get until they open the bag. Additionally, there will be a number of golden tickets randomly in the mystery bags hidden throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag will have the chance to redeem it

through an online form for all four T-shirts.

See RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts for details.

Be a friend to patients in need. Book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Routines are changing, and schedules are filling up before fall which could keep people from coming out to help save lives. In addition, the threat of severe weather and hurricanes remains strong in late summer.



THORNHILL AUCTION

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We will sell the following Real Property of the Late Oliver L. Ziemann, Sr. at Public Auction on:

Sunday Evening, August 31, 2025 at 6 p.m.

SALE SITE: Thornhill Auction Barn; 421 John Deere Dr; Troy, MO 63379

DIRECTIONS: From Troy, MO go south on Hwy 61 to Moscow Mills Hwy C Exit, go east on Hwy C to stop light, turn left on John Deere Drive (by Bank of Old Monroe) and go approximately 1 mile to sale on right, next door to Thornhill Real Estate Office. Sale will be held indoors w/air & seating.

REAL ESTATE TO BE OFFERED AT 6:00 P.M.
(Note: Real Estate will be sold from the Auction Barn & NOT on site.)

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 838 Deer Run Rd; Elsberry, MO 63343

DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY: From Troy go north on Hwy 61 7 miles to right on Hwy V go 6 miles cross Hwy W continue on Hwy JJ 1.8 miles to right on Deer Run Road County Rd 646 & go 2.5 miles, farm starts on right or from Elsberry go south on Hwy 79 to right on Deer Run Co. Rd 646 & go 2.3 miles, farm starts on the left.

REAL ESTATE: 152 acres m/l in Section 20 TWP 50N R2 East in Lincoln County. Farm fronts on blacktop County Rd. 646. Approx. 1/2 open in hay & pasture with balance in woods & valleys. Improvements include a full brick 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch style home built new by Mr. Ziemann in 1985. The home features a kitchen w/cook stove, microwave & dishwasher, formal dining room, living room w/brick wood burning fireplace, main floor laundry, 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths w/cedar line closet in master. Full walkout basement w/2nd kitchen, family room & full 3rd bathroom w/utility & 2 car lower level garage. The home has a propane gas furnace w/central air, central vac, handicap lift on stairway to basement, deep well & septic. Unattached 24'x25' garage & shop w/18'overhead door w/concrete floor & electric, a 26'x50' machine shed & shop & several older storage sheds. Also, an original schoolhouse 100+ years old. Farm will be offered in 2 tracts.

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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: The Ziemanns bought the farm in 1972 & it's never been offered for sale. Here's one when you drive by, you'll have to slow down and admire the pride of ownership this farm displays. If you're looking to invest in northern Lincoln Co. with a farm with access from Hwy 61 & Hwy 79 here it is.

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Obituaries



Amanda Renee DeTienne

Amanda Renee DeTienne, 45, of Mexico died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at St. Brendan Catholic Church, with Fr. Dave Veit officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4-8 p.m., at Arnold Funeral Home in Mexico. Amanda was born Dec. 19, 1979, in Mexico, the daughter of Deana Foster. She graduated with the Community R-VI Class of 1998. On Nov. 7, 2020, she married the love of her life, Tray DeTienne, in Mexico. He survives.

Amanda lived life with a joyful and adventurous spirit. She loved being outdoors, whether tending to her dogs and chickens, camping and boating at Mark Twain Lake, or simply enjoying the sunshine. Music was another great love of hers, and she treasured attending concerts with her family and friends. She also found joy in traveling, always looking forward to vacations and especially cruises shared with those she loved most.

She is survived by her mother, Deana Foster; three children, Trace DeTienne, Connor Watt, and Emeline Watt; a sister, Denise Stroud and husband, Darren; grandparents, Donna DeTienne, Virginia Sec, and Virginia Foster; nephews, Maddox Pope, Kaden Whiteaker, Kashton Rhodes, and Kruz Ogden; nieces, Allison Stroud, Piper Pope, and Layla Ogden; her father and mother-in-law, Tracy and Krystal DeTienne; sisters-in-law, Kassi Barclay and Danielle DeTienne; a brother-in-law, Trenton DeTienne; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, extended family members, and friends who will deeply miss her.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Earl Foster and Richard See.

Amanda will be remembered for her radiant smile, her love of life, and the way she brought people together. She touched countless lives with her warmth and generosity, and her memory will remain a blessing to all who knew her.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to St. Brendan's Church or School. Memorials may be sent, c/o Arnold Funeral Home, 425 S. Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265.



Myrtle Rebecca Bent

Memorial graveside services for Myrtle Rebecca Bent, 91, of Farber were at 9 a.m., Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vandalia.

Visitation was from 8 a.m., until the time of the service at the cemetery.

Mrs. Bent died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

She was born Dec. 24, 1933 in Pike County, the daughter of W.H. and Susie Kerr Johnson. Myrtle married Edward Lee Bent on March 27, 1953 in New London. He preceded her in death on May 22, 2007.

Survivors include one son, Charles Bent of Poplar Bluff; two daughters, Rebecca Suddarth of Vandalia, and Dinah Feldmann of Bowling Green; five grandchildren, Andy Orf, Bernie Suddarth, Garon Suddarth,

Ethan Bent and Makenzie Bent; and four great-grandchildren, Olivia, Lucas, Briggs, and Birkley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one daughter, Peggy Hulse.

Myrtle was a lifetime area resident and member of Farber Presbyterian Church. She was a 1951 graduate of Bowling Green High School and worked for over twenty five years as an assistant to Dr. Rex Carter. She enjoyed going to the river and racing go-carts in years past.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhoff-uneralhome.com



Nancy L. Burkhart O'Brien

Nancy L. Burkhart O'Brien, 73, of Hannibal died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Bro. Kenny Had-dock officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vandalia.

Visitation celebrating Nancy's life was from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday at the Waters Funeral Home.

Nancy was born Nov. 13, 1951, in Laddonia, the daughter of Oscar Paul and Pauline Louise Kelsey Burkhart. She was united in marriage to Glenn Allen O'Brien. He preceded her in death on May 2, 2001.

Survivors include three sons, Jordan O'Brien and wife, Tiffany of Hannibal, Lance O'Brien of Hannibal, and Chad O'Brien and wife, Jeanette of Wentzville; a daughter, Holly Lowary and husband, Alan of Vir.; two brothers, Ronnie Burkhart and wife, Sharon, and Richard Burkhart; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Nancy graduated from North Shelby High School. Professionally Nancy worked as an in home health aid.

She found delight in life's simple pleasures. She could often be found with a word search puzzle in hand, a fresh cup of coffee nearby, and a smile that welcomed conversation. Her Facebook page was a lively hub of recipes, shared memories, and heartfelt connections-a reflection of her love for staying close to those she cared about.

Cheesecake was her sweet indulgence, and she never missed a chance to enjoy it with friends or family. Whether she was

getting her nails painted or swapping stories over coffee, Nancy radiated warmth and kindness. Her greatest joy came from spending time with loved ones-her family and friends were the heart of her world.

Nancy's presence was a gift. She brought comfort, laughter, and a sense of belonging to every room she entered. Her memory will live on in the stories we share, the recipes we pass down, and the quiet moments we remember her by. She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.



Kermit D. Brown

On the morning of August 16, 2025, Kermit D. Brown, 79, of Eolia left this earth and entered his eternal home, meeting Jesus, face-to-face.

Funeral services were held at noon Thursday at Living Water Ministries in Eolia with David Land Jr., and Kevin Brown officiating. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of service Thursday at the church.

Kermit was born Aug. 21, 1945, to Paul LaVerne and Ruth Bradfield Brown in Van Buren County, Iowa. Kermit was the third born of eight children, commonly known to friends and family as the eight "K's". Kenneth (wife Letha), Keith (wife Carol Ann), Karyl Adam (husband Donnie), Karen Wells (husband Larry), Kent (wife Sue), Kristine Cass (husband Larry), and Kevin (wife Margie) made up the eight Brown children.

Kermit was born and raised in the small farming community of Stockport, Iowa, where he attended a 1-room country school for his elementary years and Stockport High School to complete his education. After high school, Kermit enlisted in the National Guard where he served for eight years.

Kermit was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Darlene Bartholomew, on July 10, 1966. From their union they had three daughters, Rebecca, who died soon after birth, Rhonda Kay Best and husband, Mike, and Mikki Jo Balmer and husband, Chris. Kermit's grandchildren are Zoe Best, Hunter and Jade Balmer, who Kermit spoke of with pride and adoration.

He loved working on the family farm with his dad and brothers, where he gained so much knowledge of farming and farm life in general. After his marriage, he continued to work with local farmers, along with doing trucking for the local grain elevator. He later took a job with Merschman Seed & Fertilizer Co., where he

later retired as a manager.

Some of Kermit's gifts were in the helps ministry, administration, discernment and in giving. He served as treasurer and as a deacon at Living Water Ministries. Kermit had a song for every occasion, and always a memory and story to tell. He loved his family and friends. He was a avid bowler and loved to ride his bike and enjoyed snow mobiling in his younger days. Kermit was a wonderful loving husband, a father, grandfather, farmer, trucker. Kermit loved his cowboy boots and owned several pairs.

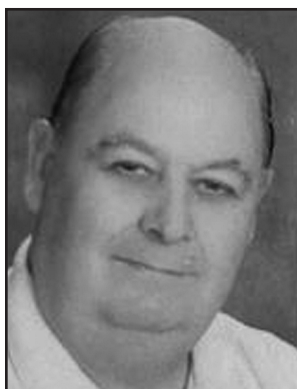
Kermit was a devoted, loving husband to Darlene, caring for her over a ten-year battle of cancer. Due to her death, God opened a new chapter of Kermit's life, that caused a move from Iowa to Missouri.

Kermit met his bride-to-be, Anna Nothaker, on February 14, 2013, in Hannibal. Anna had been widowed for several years and had prayed for a husband. Kermit was the one Anna had prayed for. God orchestrated the union, and they were married in Anna's home on March 6, 2013. They both recognized the hand of God in their coming together which made for a short courtship. Anna is the mother of two children, Tim Nothaker and Lisa McCarthy and husband, Tim. Anna's grandchildren, Neal and Gene, Aiden, Liam and Landon embraced Kermit with open arms. Anna's family was Kermit's family and loved and accepted as if they were his own. Over the 12 plus years of their union, they have shared life, joy, companionship and love, growing, through the good as well as the hard times.

Kermit was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Rebecca Lynn; one brother, Kenneth, along with Kenneth's wife, Letha; a sister-in-law, Carol Ann; one sister, Karen, who died one month earlier; brother-in-law, Larry; nephew, Matt Adam, who Kermit was close to; and a great-niece.

Serving as pallbearers were grandchildren Hunter Balmer, Aiden McCarthy, Liam McCarthy, Landon McCarthy, Neal Nothaker, and Gene Nothaker III. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Zoe Best and Jade Balmer.

Memorials may be made to Living Water Ministries or Stockport Christian Church.



Joseph Donald Rekart

Joseph Donald Rekart, 84, of Silex died Monday, Aug. 18, 2025, at Missouri

Veterans Home in Mexico.

Visitation was Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Silex.

Funeral Mass was Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood. Fr. Clark Maes officiated. Interment was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Millwood.

He was born Oct. 28, 1940 to Arthur Francis and Helen Margaret Christie Rekart in St. Louis. He attended local schools and graduated from Christian Brothers College High School. Joe enlisted in the Air Force in 1961 and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1965. Served at Royal Air Force Base in England and in Nebraska. During this time, he met Kathryn Ruth King, and they were married on May 19, 1962. To this union were born three children, Joseph Jr., Christie and Elizabeth.

After military service he worked for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years at plants in San Jose, Calif., and retired from the Hazelwood plant. He started in the paint department and worked his way up to Supervisor of Quality Control Department. Joe enjoyed traveling, camping, square dancing, fishing and hunting, keeping his lawn neat and taking cruises with family and friends.

Joe is survived by a daughter, Christie Proctor and husband, Roger of Silex; and grandchildren, Jason Proctor and partner Stu Saffranski of St. Louis, Thomas Proctor and wife, Jacquilynn Proctor of Silex; Samantha Childers and husband, Patrick Childers of Crawfordville, Fla., and Natalie and husband, Bobby Tager of Fort Campbell, Kent.; and three great-grandchildren, Brandon Tager, Adalynn Tager, and Noah Tager.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a daughter, Elizabeth, one son, Joseph D. Rekart, Jr., and siblings, Arthur W. Rekart, Richard F. Rekart, and Sharon M. Bell.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Alphonsus Parish.

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



Brian Richard Berghager

Brian Richard Berghager, 61, of Curryville died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, in Frankford.

Private burial was held at Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal.

Friends and family were invited to Brian's Life Cele-

bration at a visitation that was from 5-7 p.m., Thursday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

Brian was born Feb. 10, 1964, in Hannibal to Richard and Patty Brown Berghager Epperson.

Survivors include his mother, Patty Epperson; fiancé, Marilyn Hubert; three children, Kayla Harris and husband, Brian; Richie Berghager and wife, Shelbi, and Jacob Berghager; four stepchildren, Justin Worthington and wife, Michelle, Steven Alexander and wife, Danielle, Brian Worthington and wife, Heather, and Ashleigh Schoneboom; three sisters, Tammy Brown and husband, Craig, Kenya Ken and husband, Donald, and Terry Ross and husband, Kenny; one brother, Daniel Epperson and wife, Jena; a sister-in-law, Linda Epperson; seven grandchildren, Quinn, Korbin, Bella, Lane, Elena, Jaxon, and Karson; and nine step-grandchildren, Rylee, Myla, Macie, Grayson, Jaycob, Ashton, Cooper, Audrey, and Emma.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Richard Berghager; stepfather, Kenneth Epperson; grandparents, Bill and Pat Brown and Al and Justine Berghager; brother, Mike Epperson; and special friend, Chad Laird.

Professionally, Brian was a logger and a farmer for Blackwell Farms.

A true outdoorsman, Brian found joy in fishing on the Mississippi River, mushroom hunting, horseback riding, and camping. His sense of adventure led him to spend many hours exploring trails on his side by side. When not outdoors, Brian could be found watching episodes of "Gunsmoke."

A dedicated family man, Brian cherished gatherings where he could enjoy his mother's famous Kraut Balls while laughing and sharing stories. Known by "Paw-Paw" to his grandchildren and "Sweetheart" to his friends, Brian was loved by many. Above all, Brian's family and grandchildren were the light of his life and he treasured every memory made with them.

Honorary pallbearers were David Houchins, Wes Jameson, Kyle Jameson, G.J. Pugh, Kent Young, Rob Jennings, David Atkinson and his friends and co-workers at Blackwell Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be shared and video tribute may be viewed at www.JamesODonnellFuneralHome.com.

Keith Butler

Keith Butler, 69, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025. Services are private

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Obituary

John Lewellen

John Preston Lewellen, 90, of Eolia died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday (today) at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana with Bro. Don Kelley officiating and lunch following. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

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Best Of Missouri Sale Rasises More Than \$88,000 For Youth In Ag

The Missouri State Fair celebrated youth in agriculture on Saturday, Aug. 16. The Best of Missouri Awards and Sale was a highlight of the Fair. This sale raised more than \$88,000 for Youth in Agriculture.

The Grand Champion Youth Ham was exhibited by Kierstyn Lawson of California. Kierstyn is the daughter of Jason and Stephanie Lawson and is a member of the California FFA Chapter. Her ham sold for \$8,250 and was purchased by Greg and Rachel Logsdon, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Youth Bacon was exhibited by Paxton Crane of Centralia. Paxton is the son of Travis and Stacy Crane and is a member of the Hallsville FFA Chapter. His bacon sold for \$8,900 and was purchased by Brent Hazelrigg, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Youth Steer Carcass was exhibited by Ryder Yount of Belgrade. Ryder is the son of Greg and Rebecca Yount and is a member of the CCK 4-H Club. His beef carcass sold for \$11,400 and was purchased by American Foods Group/America's Heartland Packing, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Youth Barrow Carcass was exhibited by Kendall Brewer of Sweet Springs. Kendall is the daughter of Tara and Jared Brewer and is a member of the Sweet Springs FFA Chapter. Her pork carcass sold for \$8,100 and was purchased by BTC Bank, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Youth Lamb Carcass was exhibited by Callen Fosnow of Jamestown. Callen is the son of Daniel and Emily Fosnow and is a member of the Eager Eagles 4-H Club. His lamb carcass sold for \$4,400 and was purchased by Walt Group and Sheep Merchandising Council, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Youth Meat Goat Carcass was exhibited by Gavin Conrad of Hume. Gavin is the son of Ryan and Kayla Gander and William Conrad and is a member of the Backroads 4-H Club - Vernon County. His goat carcass sold for \$5,975 and was purchased by Missouri Southern Seeds and Zac and Bailey Abell, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Reserve Grand Champion Ham was exhibited by Aubrey Embry of Clarksburg. Aubrey is the daughter of Debbie Williams and Kent Embry and is a member of the Tipton FFA Chapter. Her ham sold for \$4,725 and was purchased by Fordyce Farms and Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council. "Brought to you by Missouri soybean farmers and their check-off," along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Reserve Grand Champion Bacon was exhibited by Aidon Bolton of Bowling Green. Aidon is the son of Steve Bolton and Amanda Perkins and is a member of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter. His bacon sold for \$3,675 and was purchased by the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council. "Brought to you by Missouri soybean farmers and their check-off" and Missouri Pork Producers Association, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Reserve Grand Champion Youth Steer Carcass was exhibited by Tyler Wassmann of Boonville. Tyler is the son of Daniel and Melanie Wassmann and is a member of the Boonville FFA Chapter. His beef carcass sold for \$5,775 and was purchased by Walnut Hill Farms and BTC Bank, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb Carcass was exhibited by Harper Wolf of Chillicothe. Harper is the daughter of Neal and Brooke Wolf and is a member of the Livingston County 4-H Club. Her pork carcass sold for \$7,025 and was purchased by BTC Bank, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Carcass was exhibited by Geena Curtis of Harrisburg. Geena is the daughter of Brian and Elaine Curtis and is a member of the Hallsville Go Getters 4-H Club. Her goat carcass sold for \$3,825 and was purchased by BTC Bank, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

Two award-winning baskets of Missouri Grown Products were donated by

the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Missouri Grown Program and sold in custom wood boxes made by former Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. The proceeds of the Missouri Grown boxes will go to the Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Fund. Box one was purchased by Friends of Missouri Farm Bureau for \$2,500 and box two was purchased by Missouri State Fair Commissioners, Missouri Director of Agriculture, and Missouri State Fair Director for \$2,500.

Two award-winning wine collections were donated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Wine and Grape Board and sold in custom wood boxes made by former Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. The proceeds of the wine boxes will go to the Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Fund. The Best of Class Missouri Wine Collection features 14 bottles of award winning wine and was purchased by Missouri State Fair Commissioners, Missouri Director of Agriculture, and Missouri State Fair Director for \$1,500. The Governor's Cup Wine Case with a bottle signed by Governor Mike Kehoe, featuring Adam Puchta 2024 Dry Vignole, was purchased by Grant Co. for \$1,100.

The Best of Class Cheeses were sold in a custom wood box made by former Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. The award-winning collection of Missouri State Fair Best of Class Cheeses was purchased by Charlie Rosenkrans for \$1,500. The proceeds of the Best of Class Cheese Collection will go to the Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Fund.

Chuck Miller, Superintendent of the Sale of Champions and Co-Chairman of the Missouri State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture Committee, and Rodney Heimer, Co-Chairman, offered thanks and appreciation to all buyers, Youth in Agriculture sponsors and hometown supporters. The Best of Missouri Sale and the Sale of Champions raised approximately \$332,000 for youth exhibitors and youth involved in agriculture across Missouri. A listing of the 2024 Youth in Agriculture sponsors is available on the Fair's website. A listing of the 2025 sponsors will be posted soon. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor can visit the Fair's website to make an online donation. To receive more information about sponsorship, contact Chuck Miller at 573-881-3589, Rodney Heimer at 217-257-6182, or Chip Kemp at 573-239-0524.

HD, members of the public can help us track where the disease is occurring and how it's affecting deer numbers in specific areas."

Missouri's most severe HD outbreak occurred in 2012 during an extreme drought when deer gathered around limited water sources, increasing their exposure to infected midges.

Learn more about hemorrhagic disease at mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/wildlife-diseases/hemorrhagic-disease.

To report a suspected case of HD, contact the local MDC office or speak with a conservation agent. Find local MDC offices and agents online at mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/local-mdc-contacts.

People can also report suspected cases online through MDC's Wildlife Health Event Reporting Application at mdc12.mdc.mo.gov/applications/WildlifeHealthReporting.

Missouri Master Plan On Aging Seeks Final Input From All Missourians

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and Missouri Area Agencies on Aging have published the draft of the Master Plan on Aging: Missourians Aging with Dignity and are seeking comments from the public before the plan is finalized. The comment period is open now through Sept. 15.

A Master Plan on Aging is a cross-sector, state-led strategic resource that can help transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for Missouri's rapidly aging population. The plan helps build bridges across government agencies, facilitate collaboration with diverse stakeholders, promote equity, raise awareness among policymakers and the public, establish statewide priorities, and incorporate an aging and disability lens across state priorities beyond traditional health care and community.

There are currently more than 1.1 million Missourians over the age of 60. Estimates suggest that older adults will outnumber minors for the first time by 2030 and older adults will greatly outnumber minors by 2060, and the older adult population is also becoming more diverse. These demographic shifts will have a profound impact on the volume and types of services and support that states provide to older adults and people with disabilities, as well as family caregivers. Additionally, approximately

15 percent of the state's residents have a disability, the most common of which is mobility disabilities. As the population ages, the number of individuals with disabilities is expected to increase.

Aging with Dignity: Missouri's Master Plan on Aging is a 10-year forward-facing plan that will begin in 2026 and run through 2035. It was established by Governor Parson through executive order in January 2023. The following activities to gain community input have occurred since then:

An advisory council convened to guide the process of creating the plan. Seven subcommittees comprised of subject matter experts from diverse communities of practice and constituents met regularly to assess the resources and services currently available in the state, find areas of duplication or gaps in service, and determine possible areas for growth.

A series of town hall meetings throughout the state was held to gather feedback from local individuals who know about challenges in their own communities. These results were analyzed and provided to the advisory council, seven subcommittees and local agencies.

To gain further insight, the needs assessment was launched in 2024. The effort began with the mailing of over 130,000 postcards to randomly selected residents from all counties of the

state. The survey was open to anyone in Missouri who wished to share their needs and wants as the State continued the process of developing the Master Plan on Aging.

"The amount of participation and support we have seen from Missourians across the state over the past two years has been inspiring," said Mindy Ulstad, who leads the Bureau of Senior Programs within DHSS. "We feel confident that the plan, which is the result of an immense amount of collaboration and active listening, will encompass the needs and wants for all Missourians as we age."

Community participation has been vital to the process of developing the Master Plan on Aging. Missourians are invited to provide feedback on the draft Master Plan on Aging by submitting comments at the bottom of this page or by emailing MOStatePlanOnAging@health.mo.gov. The draft will be available for public comment until Sept. 15. After public comments, the final plan will be delivered to Governor Kehoe before the end of the calendar year.

The overarching goal of the Master Plan on Aging is that all Missourians, regardless of age or ability, will have access to person-centered programs and services necessary to help them age in their environment of choice in a safe and healthy manner. Learn more about Aging with Dignity.

Youth Complete Summer Reading Program At Farber Library

The following completed the summer reading program at the Farber Library recently: Damien Beck, Aiven Ellis, Nash Calhoun, Harper Haynes, Coleman Speagle, Claire Williams, and Caroline Williams.



Damien Beck



Coleman Speagle

pleted the 2025 summer reading program "Color Our World" at the Farber Library.

The Family Readers logged in a total of 377 books and the independent readers 2460 minutes of reading time.



Nash Calhoun



Claire Williams



Harper Haynes



Aiven Ellis



Caroline Williams

DHSS Launches Statewide Telehealth Network For Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Office on Women's Health launched the Sexual Assault Forensic Exams via Telehealth Network (SAFEvT) on July 1, 2025. The SAFEvT Network provides telehealth support to hospitals that do not have forensic nurses available 24/7. It is organized in a hub-and-spoke model with multiple contracted hub sites providing around-the-clock support to assigned satellite hospitals.

Hospitals across the state have choices in how they will provide forensic care to survivors of sexual assault. Some will continue to provide forensic exams with trained forensic nurses on site, and others will use the SAFEvT Network to guide their existing staff through the exams. Hospitals will continue training and starting their forensic programs for the remainder of 2025. The law allows hospitals to have six months from the launch of

the SAFEvT Network, or until Jan. 1, 2026, to start offering forensic exams to survivors of sexual violence.

An online map shows survivors, community members and law enforcement officers where survivors can get a forensic exam near them. The interactive map is updated regularly as hospitals update their services and start their forensic programs. The map can be filtered to show whether a hospital offers exams yet and whether the exam is conducted with telehealth.

The map and more info about the SAFEvT Network, including resources for survivors, can be found at www.health.mo.gov/SAFEvT.

The department released training for the SAFEvT Network to support hospital staff in August 2024. In addition to free in-person trainings for hospitals using the SAFEvT Network, training is also available online at no cost.

Learners wishing to take the on-line training will enroll in the course catalog. Learners may enroll in any or all of the courses. Courses are labeled based on discipline for ease of assigning them. To receive continuing education credit for the courses (provided through the University of Missouri-Columbia).

The Satellite Nurse course is intended to provide a basic overview of the care of a sexual assault survivor presenting to the hospital with the assistance of the teleSANE network.

The prescriber course is intended for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who will be prescribing medication, performing the anogenital examinations and overseeing the care of survivors in the hospital setting.

The cSANE course is designed to help trained and/or certified SANEs learn how to provide consultative services during a SANE exam.

Community News

Twin Pike Family YMCA To Offer Lifeguard Training



Pictured are Sally Logan and Alivia Perrine at, both of lifeguards from Louisiana, performing a speedboard rescue on Joe MacLaughlin, Aquatics Director, at a recent inservice training.

The Twin Pike Family YMCA will offer a lifeguard training course in September. The lifeguard course is designed to provide participants

the knowledge and skills necessary to be a lifeguard and professional rescuer. Teenagers and adults who enjoy swimming and have a desire to help others are being sought. Students will have the opportunity to be certified in Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer, Basic First Aid, Emergency Oxygen Administration and YMCA Lifeguarding. Students must pass a swimming and physical skills test prior to the class and must be 15 years of age by the last day of the class.

The qualifying swim class for the course will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 a.m. Other classes will be held Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and the following Sat-

urday, Sept. 13, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. All classes must be attended to complete the course. Swimming prior to the qualifying class is recommended. In addition, a series of online e-learning classes must be completed before the qualifying class.

The registration fee for the course is \$25. The course fee is \$200. Those interested in being hired as a lifeguard by the Twin Pike Family YMCA may be eligible to participate in the "Futures in the Making Internship". This program will delay the need to pay the course fee before the class. The YMCA hires lifeguards for early morning, morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. The Aquatics Department at the

YMCA offers a flexible, part-time schedule for lifeguards with the benefit of free membership and program discounts with employment.

Those interested in applying for the Lifeguard Course and possibly being hired as a lifeguard at the Twin Pike Family YMCA should contact Joe MacLaughlin, Aquatics Director, at 573-754-4497 or stop by YMCA to fill out an application. Those with questions regarding the course should contact Krista Flowers Luebrecht, instructor, at 573-470-5158.

Registration materials with additional information are available at the YMCA. The deadline to register for the courses and pay a \$25 registration fee is Aug. 30.

Annual Basket Dinner/ Homecoming

White Rose Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual basket dinner/homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.

Speaker for the afternoon will be Pastor Robin Terrell from Second Christianh Church in New London.

Lunch will be served around 1 p.m.

Everyone welcome to attend.

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Where did Labor Day come from?

On September 5, 1882, some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City to participate in America's first Labor Day parade. After marching from City Hall to Union Square, the workers and their families gathered in Reservoir Park for a picnic, concert, and speeches. This first Labor Day celebration was initiated by Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader who a year earlier co-founded the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, a precursor of the American Federation of Labor.

McGuire had proposed his idea for a holiday honoring American workers at a labor meeting in early 1882. New York's Central Labor Union quickly approved his proposal and began planning events for the second Tuesday in September. McGuire had suggested a September date in order to provide a break during the long stretch between Independence Day and Thanksgiving. While the first Labor Day was held on a Tuesday, the holiday was soon moved to the first Monday in September, the date we continue to honor.

New York's Labor Day celebrations inspired similar events across the country. Oregon became the first state to grant legal status to the holiday in 1887; other states soon followed. In 1894, Congress passed legislation making Labor Day a national holiday.

For many decades, Labor Day was used by workers not only to celebrate their accomplishments, but also to air their grievances and discuss strategies for securing better working conditions and salaries. Nowadays, Labor Day is associated less with union activities and protest marches and more with leisure. For many, the holiday is a time for family picnics, sporting events, and summer's last hurrah.



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Two Rivers Marina To Celebrate 6th Anniversary With Open House Events

Two Rivers Marina is celebrating six years of river life at its sixth anniversary open house on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

This family-friendly event is free to the public and promises a festive day held right at Two Rivers Marina, with something for everyone to enjoy.

- Event Highlights Include:
- Antique Boat Show – Explore vintage and historic watercraft.
 - Catfish Races – A quirky, crowd-pleasing marina tradition.
 - Yard Games – Great for kids and adults alike.
 - Food Trucks – Enjoy delicious eats from local vendors.
 - Anniversary Sales – One-day-only deals on marina gear and services.
 - River Living Info Booths – Learn about local wildlife, safety, conservation, and more.
 - Live Entertainment – To be announced soon.
- “We’re so proud to be part of this river community,” said

Cindy Blaylock. “This open house is our way of thanking everyone who has supported us over the past six years. Whether you’re a boater, camper, or just curious about river life — we welcome you to join the celebration.”

The event will be held on-

site at Two Rivers Marina in Rockport, Ill. Free parking is available, and no RSVP is required.

For more info contact: www.tworiversmarina.com or tworiversmarinainfo@gmail.com.

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Blessing Of The Bobcats

Blessing Of The Bobcats was held Sunday, Aug. 17 on the football field. Jessica McCormick and Marissa Bailey coordinated the event. This idea was laid on Jessica’s heart and they planned it all within about 48 hours. Everyone gathered together at central office and prayed for the upcoming school year, for teachers, staff, children, and families of not only Bowling Green R-I, but all area schools and homeschooling families as well. There were almost 100 people in attendance. Local pastors Julie Leverenz and Mike Dallas said a prayer and Marissa and Jessica spoke as well. They also had Jamie Drye from Northroad Church in Moscow Mills come up to pray.

Early Deadline For Next Week’s Paper Is Thursday, Aug. 28 @ 10 a.m.

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