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Heritage Day Draws Large Crowd
Bowling Green Heritage Day was held Saturday, Sept. 13 on the square. A large crowd attended the event.
Trib photos by Kimberly Chandler



The Shriners always put on a show at the Heritage Day parade held Saturday, Sept. 13.



The "Pride Of Bowling Green" marching Bowling Green High School Band participated in the Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, Sept 13.

Louisiana Teen Gavin Woodruff Named Quarterfinalist



Louisiana High School student-athlete, Gavin Woodruff, 15, has been selected as a quarterfinalist in Colossal Media's Youth Athlete of the Year competition, a national program celebrating outstanding young athletes across the United States.

According to a press release from Colossal Media, Gavin is known for giving 100 percent of himself in everything he does—whether on the field or in the classroom. He participates in football, baseball, track, and marching band, excelling as a true all-around student-athlete.

When asked what he loves about sports, he said: "I love the mental and physical challenges of all the sports I play. But football gives me the greatest joy. I love the adrenaline and the rush, because it feels the best when I break through the others' line, or scoop through the line getting

to the quarterback. It's the only sport that gives me that intense feeling on the field..."

The release went on to state that his inspirations include his coaches, who push him to keep improving even when the going gets tough, and his family, who support him on and off the field.

According to Colossal, one of the defining moments in Gavin's athletic journey came when he sustained a heavy hit during a football game. Despite the being hurt, he got back up and finished the game strong, wearing a smile and playing "nothing short of impressive." That resilience is something he holds with pride.

By advancing in the Youth Athlete of the Year competition, Gavin is not only striving for recognition which includes being featured in a 3BRAND ad in Sports Illustrated and being awarded up to \$25,000, but also helping raise funds and awareness for two charities: The V Foundation for Cancer Research and Why Not You Foundation

Donations and votes cast in support of Gavin help both organizations. The competition is run by Colossal, a nationally-registered public charity, which grants the proceeds to these partner charities.

Why this matters.

Small-town pride, national stage: As a student from Louisiana, Missouri, Gavin's success demonstrates that talent,

hard work, and heart don't depend on zip codes.

- Character under pressure: His story of getting up after a hit, playing through adversity, and balancing athletics with academics and community involvement reflects the kind of integrity and grit the competition seeks to honor.
- Real impact: Beyond personal achievements, the contest's charitable component means fans, community members, and voters are supporting meaningful causes. Every vote—free or donated—contributes to the fight against cancer and the empowerment of youth through the Why Not You Foundation.

How You Can Support Gavin

- Vote daily at the Youth Athlete of the Year website (free or by donation). (athletoftheyear.org/2025/gavin-c49d)
- Share Gavin's story on social media.
- Rally support from friends, family, classmates, and local businesses in Louisiana and Pike County.

The Youth Athlete of the Year competition, run by Colossal, celebrates young athletes from around the country. In partnership with Sports Illustrated, the V Foundation, 3BRAND, and the Why Not You Foundation, it honors athletic performance, community involvement, and character, while raising funds for charitable causes.

Search For Missing Louisiana Man Ends In Tragedy

BY BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

The search for a 77-year-old Louisiana man diagnosed with dementia ended Friday morning.

According to a press release from the Louisiana Police Department, the body of Franklin Barker was located at approximately 9:50 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 12.

An Endangered Silver Advisory was issued by the Louisiana Police Department stated that Barker had last been seen walking away from his residence around 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6;

however, another witness reported to have seen him the following morning at 7 a.m.

Search parties which included a canine search team set out in the area surrounding possible sightings but came up empty handed

"We extend our sincere gratitude to all of the individuals and agencies who assisted in the search efforts for Mr. Barker, including the Louisiana Fire Department, the Buffalo Township Fire Protection District, the Northeast Correctional Center's K-9 Team, and the

many volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts," Louisiana Police Chief, Josh Baker said in the release. "Our thoughts are with Mr. Barker's family and loved ones during this difficult time."

An investigation into the cause of his death is underway. The Louisiana Police Department has requested the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control as well as the Pike County Sheriff's Office to aid in the investigation.


Pike County Jury Found Pinter Guilty Of Sex Crimes

BY BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

After a two-day trial starting on Wednesday, Sept. 10, a Pike County jury found Thomas Pinter of Pleasant Hill, Ill., guilty of child molestation in the second degree.

The charges arose out of events occurring in Clarks-ville in 2018, when he molested a nine-year-old girl.

Pike County Prosecuting Attorney, Alex Ellison prosecuted the case originally investigated by the Pike



County Sheriff's Office.

According to Ellison, Pinter will face sentencing on Nov. 4 in front of the Honorable Judge James Beck.

Eolia Homecoming Is Sept. 20

The Annual Eolia Homecoming will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Eolia City Park.

The day will start with a parade at 11 a.m. Followed with several events in the park, including a vendor fair, baby show, little Mr. and Miss contest, bounce house, kids' games, and a free-throw contest, Kona Ice will be on site from noon-3 p.m., and food will be available. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing for cornhole boards.

The day will wrapped up with music by Jesse Vaughn and a fried chicken dinner to be held in the community center.

Please come join them for a day of fun in the park.

Watch Next
Week's Tribune
Schedule For
Vandalia
Prairie Days
Friday, Sept. 26
& Saturday,
Sept. 27

'Hearts Together' Event Aims To Restore Trust, Invite Dialogue

Community members are invited to a public gathering, Hearts Together: Restoring Trust in Our Community, on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Bowling Green City Park.

According to event organizer Kellie Lybarger, the event is designed as a community-wide time of prayer, reflection, and action to strengthen relationships and promote healing across Pike County. According to the event flyer, the focus is not on any single case or issue, but on "healing, unity, and building a stronger future together." All are welcome.

What to expect

Build relationships: Opportunities for community members, churches, law enforcement, and local officials to connect through prayer, dialogue, and shared experiences.

Give people a voice: Space for residents to ask questions, share concerns, and feel heard by those in leadership.

Provide resources: Information on victim advocacy, counseling, recovery services, and faith-based support groups.

Promote healing & unity: Testimonies and a focus on forgiveness, hope, and reconciliation.

Encourage action: Invitations to take next steps—such as prayer, volunteering, attending follow-up sessions, or supporting one another.

The flyer frames the event's vision this way: Pike County can be a place "where neighbors look out for one another, where leaders and citizens work together, and where unity and trust can be restored." It also includes the verse "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Organizers are also asking attendees to complete a brief survey via the QR code on the flyer before arriving.



WERDCC Restorative Justice Donates

On Thursday, Sept. 11, Deputy Warden Derek Hendren and Functional Unit Manager Jeffrey Law met with the Executive Director of the Northside Community Housing, Inc., Michael Burns and Missouri House Representative from the 77th District Kimberly-Ann Collins. The purpose of this meeting was to deliver a \$1000 donation from the WERDCC Restorative Justice Program to aid families who were affected by the St. Louis tornado. In addition to these funds, toiletries and food were donated by the resident population and WERDCC staff. Currently, WERDCC Residents are participating in an ice cream fundraiser and we hope to hand over another monetary donation to this very worthy cause soon. This fundraiser was inspired by a proposal written by MPTP Resident Tina Grimmertt whose family and friends were affected by this damaging tornado. The mission of Northside Community Housing Inc. is to provide high-quality, affordable housing to low-moderate income area residents and to create opportunities for them to improve their lives and revitalize the community.

Community News

Mizzou Launches Historic Campaign To Address Global Challenges

The University of Missouri has launched the largest fundraising campaign in its 186-year history. Uniting alumni, friends and partners, the transformational initiative will shape the future of Mizzou's campus, impacting education, research, community engagement and health care.

University of Missouri President Mun Choi joined the University of Missouri Board of Curators, faculty, staff and guests today to kick off the campaign at a public celebration.

"This is a pivotal moment in Mizzou's history and a generational opportunity to expand our contributions to society," Choi said. "With this campaign, we are advancing a bold vision to transform lives, fuel research innovations, compete for championships and strengthen Missouri communities."

With a landmark goal to raise \$2 billion, the initiative, "Power the Roar," ranks among the largest campaigns ever undertaken by a U.S. public university.

"This campaign builds on the strong support Mizzou receives from the State of Missouri and amplifies the vital contributions of our land-grant mission," Todd Graves, chair of the UM Board of Curators, said. "We are grateful for the incredible support this campaign has received, and we are confident that Power the Roar will continue to build on this university's mission to benefit all Missourians."

Power the Roar is focused on five priorities that

continue to elevate Mizzou's mission and expand its reach. That includes educating future leaders through the Missouri Method; creating life-saving medicines; leveraging expertise in agriculture, engineering and science to improve lives; strengthening communities through education and economic development; and developing champions on and off the field.

The campaign will be donor-driven, empowering supporters to help shape university priorities and directly impact initiatives they care about.

"From its inception, Mizzou has been an institution built on generosity, and it's inspiring to see donors, alumni and volunteers sustain that legacy through Power the Roar," Chris Smith, Mizzou's vice chancellor for advancement, said. "Through philanthropy, they are making a tangible difference, empowering students, driving discovery and creating opportunities that change lives."

The campaign's leadership, or quiet phase, began July 1, 2022. Since then, more than 61,000 donors have contributed nearly \$760 million, with broad support for all colleges and programs. This past year, rising momentum propelled Mizzou to its best fundraising year with \$269 million raised, and significant gifts are already empowering students and driving innovation aligned with the campaign's priorities.

Power the Roar is supported by a volunteer campaign committee co-chaired by Paul Vogel, BS Acc '89, M Acc '90, JD '93, and his wife, Lynn Ann, of St. Louis.

"Alumni know firsthand the value of a Mizzou education and the lasting connections it creates for students, families and communities," Paul Vogel, managing partner with Vogel Law Office, said. "Through Power the Roar, we can extend that legacy, ensuring Mizzou remains a leader in education, discovery and service far beyond our campus."

Other committee members include Brett Begeman, BS Ag '83 (Chesterfield, Missouri); Roger Harris, BS BA '73, and Jane Harris, BS Ed '93 (Naples, Florida); Patricia Hummel, BS Ed '86, and Robert C. Hummel II (Leawood, Kansas); Reuben Merideth, BS BA '70, DVM '78 (Fayette, Missouri); Richard Miller, BA '70, LHD '00 (Pittsburg, Kansas); and Frank Shelden, BS Ed '77, and Val Lawlor, BA '89 (Dallas).

"Mizzou is part of our traditions and shared memories, like so many families, and it is deeply meaningful to give back," Lynn Ann Vogel, also a partner with Vogel Law Office, said. "It is an honor to serve alongside so many passionate alumni and supporters who share our love for this institution and our commitment to ensuring it continues for generations of Tigers to come."



Reserve Early Sr. Heifer Calf Champ
EXAR Frontier Gal 4874 won reserve early senior heifer calf champion at the 2025 Missouri State Fair Angus Show, Aug. 8 in Sedalia. Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green owns the winning heifer.

Photo by Adam Conover, American Angus Association

Reinvigorated Farm To School Grants Supporting American Farmers, Children

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is delivering on its commitment to support child health and American agriculture by opening applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grants.

Through this grant opportunity, USDA will invest up to \$18 million in farm to school projects that connect farmers to USDA's child nutrition programs through local food procurement, agricultural education, school gardens, and more.

New this year, USDA reimagined the Farm to School Grant program, implementing several improvements, including streamlining the application, removing barriers to innovation, and emphasizing partnerships to give small family farms the best chance at success.

"Yesterday at the MAHA Report announcement, alongside Secretary Kennedy, we announced one of the key actions USDA has already taken to contribute

to making our children healthy again — Farm to School Grants. These initiatives are one of the best ways we can deliver nutritious, high-quality meals to children, while also strengthening local agriculture," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "These grants will open new doors for small family farms, expand access to healthy food in schools, and inspire the next generation of Great American Farmers. Under President Trump's leadership, USDA is proud to streamline this program, so it works better for families, farmers, and communities across our nation. Putting America's Farmers First starts with putting our children first."

Since the Farm to School Grant program's inception in 2013, USDA has awarded a total of \$100 million to more than 1,200 Farm to School Grant projects across the country. This year's grants represent the largest total amount USDA has offered in Farm to School Grants in a single year.

Farm to School Grants support projects that:

Incorporate more unprocessed, locally sourced foods into meals served at school, summer sites, and/or by child care providers;

Provide producers training on procurement requirements and food safety standards to protect child health;

Integrate agricultural education into career and technical programs to support the longevity of America's agricultural legacy;

Encourage increased consumption of fresh, whole fruits and vegetables; and more.

This grant opportunity is open to state and local agencies, Tribes, child nutrition program operators, small- to medium-sized agriculture producers, groups of agricultural producers, and nonprofits. Detailed information about eligibility and application requirements can be found in the request for applications. Applications close on Dec. 5, 2025.

Fall Tips To Beat Winter Hassles

Once the grass gets its final cut and the leaves are handled, it's time to swap out the mower, blower, and trimmer for the snow thrower, generator, and chainsaw. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) says a little prep now means less stress—and fewer repair bills—later.

"Your end-of-season routine sets the stage for when the weather turns colder," says Kris Kiser, OPEI President and CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars.

Here are OPEI's eight quick tips for getting ready for fall and winter and storing warm-weather tools the right way:

1. Follow the manual. Review the manufacturer's guide (download it if you've misplaced it) and follow all safety steps—especially how to shut down equipment quickly. Never disable or remove safety features.

2. Service before storage. Do all maintenance as directed by the owner's manual. Clean, change oil, swap filters, and handle any repairs before parking summer gear. Give winter equipment a once-over, too.

3. Manage fuel smartly. Be sure to run tanks empty before storage. For winter equipment, use fresh fuel (most engines run on no more than 10 percent ethanol), add stabilizer according to manufacturer's guidelines, and use fuel within 30 days.

4. Charge and store batteries right. Fully charge them, keep them away from metal, and store in a climate-controlled space.

5. Keep gear sheltered. Store summer equipment clean and dry. Keep winter gear handy but out of the weather.

6. Clear the way. Make space in the garage or shed now. Remove yard debris, toys, and other hazards from the yard before snow hides them.

7. Be generator-ready.

Stock heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords long enough to run your generator at a safe distance from the house. Never operate indoors or near openings.

8. Keep what's most important inside. When operating any outdoor power equipment, kids and pets should be indoors and supervised.

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After A Hot Summer Most Welcome Fall

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages everyone to enjoy fall foliage through camping, hiking, driving tours, or even floating. To help, MDC offers weekly online fall color updates from agency foresters all over the state at mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor.

"Our weekly fall color updates are a great resource for the public," said MDC Forestry Field Programs Supervisor Russell Hinnah. "Foresters begin posting reports in mid-September that show users where trees are beginning to turn and even suggest great places to see changing leaves."

Hinnah said the dry summer conditions will likely cause fall color to start sooner than normal.

"Due to recent dry weather across central and southern Missouri, we're already starting to see trees change and some may even lose leaves early," he explained.

The chilly evenings we see in the

fall season are critical for leaves to change color.

"Sugars produced by photosynthesis are trapped inside leaves by the cool autumn nights," Hinnah explained. "Those sugars are the building blocks for the rich red, yellow, orange, and purple pigments. Chilly nights cause the breakdown of green pigments, allowing the fall colors to show through."

Missouri trees first begin changing color in the northern part of the state, then move southward. Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper are some of the earliest to change in mid-September. In late September, black gum, bittersweet, and dogwood are turning. The peak of fall color usually hits around mid-October.

"Trees like maple, ash, oak, and hickory are at the peak of their fall display by the middle of October," Hinnah noted. "Normally by the end of the month, colors are fading and leaves are falling."

Missouri's fall color can be enjoyed from almost anywhere. For spectacular vistas, choose routes along rivers with views of forested bluffs, and along ridges with sweeping scenes of forested landscapes.

"MDC conservation areas or Missouri state parks are wonderful places to take in the fall color," suggested Hinnah.

And fall color isn't just limited to trees. Prairies and roadsides display beautiful shades of gold, purple, olive, and auburn with autumn wildflowers, shrubs, and grasses. In cities and towns, enjoy places with mature trees such as older neighborhoods, parks, and even cemeteries.

MDC provides its annual fall color update at mdc.mo.gov/fall-color. The weekly reports include what species of trees are turning and suggestions on best places to see them. The updates run September-November.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Who gets to decide Bowling Green's future? You do!

With your votes, with your involvement, searching out the beliefs of would- be elected officials, and then voting for the people you believe in for propelling Bowling Green for tomorrow and beyond. People that attend city meetings, support fundraisers, engage in our fantastic Bowling Green R-I School District, are involved in our city library, fire department, and our little league programs, are all a part of our caring community that should desire to be the best we can be for ourselves, our children, the next generation, and for the overall welfare of all our citizens!

Who will be the next person that takes over our Champ Clark Heritage Day Festival if Sarrah G retires? Who will be our next Bowling Green Chamber board president, who will our Genealogy and Jail Museum president? Much like our last couple of businesses that have closed, who will take over those businesses or are they a lost service to our wonderful town?

Meme's has been doing it right as they have trained up two generations now to take over when retirement is inevitable. Ingram's Plumbing did it right with training Mike to continue the legacy and plumbing service to Bowling Green, Pike County, and beyond. Spark's Maintenance where Brad has brought his sons into the business and has expanded to an international manufacturer has prepared for the future.

Imagine the future of Bowling Green. We all have a role to play in creating a future for our awesome community. Be a participant in the development of our town. When citizens come together with their time, imagination, finances, involvement, and ideas, we come together as a community with collective wisdom and direction for the present and the future.

Thanks to all who engaged in and supported Champ Clark Heritage Festival last weekend. The parade was fun, the vendors offered many unique varieties, the food was suburb, the car show was amazing, and the weather was beautiful! Thanks to all the helpers who made this year another success!

A lot of other wonderful activities are going on throughout Bowling Green with Bobcat games in football, our marching band, (Best Band in the Land), girls' softball and volleyball, cheerleaders, dance teams, and FFA flower sales. Dancing in the Park is Saturday, Sept. 20 from 7-9 p.m., with D J Eric McGlenn. Fieldhouse 54 continues with their weekly famers market, craft vendors, food trucks, bake sales, and music concerts for all ages. Please support these activities that are designed to offer Bowling Green, Pike County, and neighboring communities/counties fun and interesting events in which to participate.

Good citizens inspire themselves! Great citizens inspire their community! Small cities are like solid fences, but you can't strengthen them with white-wash. Progress is not created by people that are content! A mediocre citizen goes about their own business. A good citizen stays informed. A superior citizen models and gets involved, but an outstanding citizen inspires others to become active and engaged in their community!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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I would certainly appreciate any news you have to share in this column. Just give me a call at the above number or send me a text with all of your news, and we will go from there.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the weeks of Sept. 17-23, 2025:

Sept.17 - Dawn Troxell, Nolan Baker, Thomas Brown

Sept.18 - Bill Dean, Jamie Wintjen

Sept.19 - Ashley Davis, Joe Anderson, Lucus Ruble, Michael Troxell, Tristan Rudd, George and Brenda Crawford

Sept. 20 - Rachel Smith, Cory and Holly Young, Randy and Sally Garner

Sept. 21 - Trish Doyle

Sept. 22 - Paul Roland

Sept. 23 - Bob Lipcamon, Jeff Fesler, Mary Cobb, Shevi McCoy

Gwendolyn Rebecca Ann Niffen arrived on the scene in the Hannibal Regional Hospital at 3:20 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 8. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long, and her proud parents are Jacob and Katy. Local great grandfather is Jamie Niffen. Of course, Jamie and I made a trip over to Hannibal to see her on Tuesday, and each of us got to hold her.

Pray for the United States of America. What a terrible, terrible tragedy happened in America this past week! Charlie Kirk was a man of faith, proclaimed Bible doctrine, and a man of wise words. Our country was founded on freedom of speech and freedom of religion, and Charlie died a martyr because of those freedoms. Never take our freedom for granted and stand up for what you believe.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! Psalm 46:10

Wednesday evening, Sept. 10, supper guest of Jamie and I was my son Na-

than. Enjoyed a delicious meal and a good visit. Then Friday evening, grandson Wess Davis arrived to help us with our television and afterwards, he enjoyed a supper meal. It's always nice to have family.

We went to town Saturday afternoon and saw the most amount of people on the Courtyard lawn than I had seen in a long time. Gobs more than had been there during the Fall Festival. The Pittsfield High School Homecoming was taking place and everyone was there either to take pictures of their youth all dressed in their finest or they were the youth themselves. All around the square no parking spots were to be found. Kudos to everyone being there to show support to our youth.

If you didn't make it to the Courtyard Cafe in Pittsfield Saturday evening, September 13, to hear The Big River Band, you really missed it. There was a good crowd there with excellent service and food and wonderful entertainment.

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

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Opens 2025-2026 Bus Grant Program

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks is pleased to announce the opening of the next round of the Bus Grant Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

This is a noncompetitive grant that is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. The deadline to apply is May 12, 2026.

The Bus Grant Program is available to public school districts, private schools, charter schools and youth-

focused nonprofit organizations with 501(c) 3 status. The Bus Grant Program is available only to Missouri schools and nonprofit organizations.

Missouri State Parks offers busing grants to underwrite the cost of field trips for schools (pre-K-12th grade) and nonprofit organizations to connect youth with nature at our Missouri state parks and historic sites.

For more information about this program and to

download the Missouri State Parks Bus Grant Application Guidance, visit mostateparks.com/page/94781/missouri-state-parks-bus-grant-program.

For questions, contact grants management staff at mspgrants@dnr.mo.gov.

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.



Glenn & Anita Niffen



Glenn & Anita Niffen - 1965

Niffen Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary

Glenn and Anita (Welch) Niffen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025 with a surprise party given by their children and grandchildren. They celebrated with friends and family.

Glenn and Anita were married Aug. 1, 1965 at Edgewood Baptist Church.

In 60 years of marriage, they had five children, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Minor Named To President's List

Laura Minor of Louisiana has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Sept. 25: There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.



Fall Fun: Five Ways To Get Outdoors

The TurfMutt Foundation is encouraging families to take advantage of fall's cooler temperatures and vivid scenery by spending more time in their own backyards and local green spaces. Outdoor activity in the autumn months isn't just enjoyable, getting outside is linked to lower stress, sharper focus, and better overall health.

"Mulligan the TurfMutt and I enjoy this time of year when the air is crisp and the leaves are changing," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation. "You don't have to travel far to find adventure. It's right outside your door, and your dog will be more

than happy to come along to all these activities."

The TurfMutt Foundation offers these ideas for making the most of the season:

1. Become a Backyard Scientist: Download free (and fun) educational materials at turfmutt.com/education and turn your yard or local park into an outdoor STEM classroom.
2. Host a Fall Scavenger Hunt: Organize a search for seasonal items like colorful leaves, acorns, and feathers — or whatever is indicative of fall in your climate zone.
3. Take in the Scenery: Walk or bike through your neighborhood or park to take in fall foliage while

watching for migrating birds and wildlife.

4. Spend an Evening Under the Stars: Grab blankets, hot cocoa, and s'mores fixings to host an evening in your yard around a firepit or spread out a blanket to gaze at (and teach to kids!) the constellations.

5. Make Yard Clean-up Fun: Turn garden clean-up and fall bulb planting into games or challenges for kids. Let kids jump in leaf piles or hide your dog's favorite toy for a "treasure hunt."

For more fun fall ideas and to learn how to create a healthy green space for families and pets, visit www.turfmutt.com.

Mizzou Economist: 2025 Farm Income Boosted By High Cattle Prices

Net farm income in the United States is projected to reach \$177 billion in 2025, a sharp increase from \$128 billion in 2024.

This is according to the latest update of the annual U.S. farm income and consumer food price report by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Record cattle prices and large one-time government payments have boosted 2025 income but declines in crop prices and projected reductions in future government support raise concerns about the outlook for 2026.

"Despite strong income this year, much of the gain is temporary," Pat Westhoff, director of FAPRI, said. "As emergency payments dry up and crop prices remain weak, we project a \$31 billion decline in farm income next year."

The report incorporates data available in August 2025, including United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) crop production estimates and economic forecasts from S&P Global. It also accounts for modifications in

key farm programs and tax credits related to biofuel production that were included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act signed into law in July.

Key findings from the update include:

Corn prices fall significantly due to record production, with the 2025-26 marketing year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31) average price projected at \$4.05 per bushel, slightly above USDA's latest estimate. Modest price recovery is expected in 2026-27.

Soybean prices increase slightly to \$10.16 per bushel in 2025-26 as reduced acreage and strong biofuel demand tighten supplies. Continued demand from the renewable fuels sector could drive further gains in 2026-27.

Other crop prices remain weak, with large global supplies pressuring wheat, rice, sorghum and barley. Cotton is a notable exception, with a smaller crop supporting prices at 66.5 cents per pound.

Cattle prices hit new records. Tight supplies and strong domestic demand push prices even higher in 2026 before increased production brings moderation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025.

CITY OF VANDALIA,
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Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties; and WHEREAS the City of Vandalia recognizes the importance of educating citizens about the Constitution and encouraging civic engagement, especially among youth and future leaders; and WHEREAS the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations across the nation promote Constitution Week through educational programs, public events, and community outreach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vandalia, Missouri, that:

The week of Sept. 17-23, 2025, is hereby proclaimed as Constitution Week in the City of Vandalia.

All residents are encouraged to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and to participate in activities that honor the enduring legacy of the U.S. Constitution.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to local schools, civic organizations, and media outlets to promote awareness and participation.

Obituaries

Ageing Alone: 311,774 Missourians Living In Constant Loneliness, Finds Study

Loneliness has been shown to take a serious toll on both mental and physical health - and the risk is especially high for older adults who have lost a partner or live on their own. Using County Health Rankings data, paired with their own survey insights, A Mission for Michael were able to identify the loneliest areas in Missouri. This research shines a light on the realities of isolation - and why connection, purpose, and community support matter more than ever. The results paint a striking picture, with 20 percent of Missourians stating they feel

lonely, and 6.4 percent (311,774 people) admitting that they are 'always lonely', suggesting loneliness isn't just frequent - it's relentless. Zooming in, the local contrasts are just as revealing. The top 5 counties for chronic loneliness are: St. Louis City: 7.4% Audrain: 7.2% Mississippi: 7.2% Morgan: 7% Warren: 7% On the other end, the following counties have the smallest proportion of residents who describe themselves as always lonely:

Platte: 5.8% Ralls: 6% Miller: 6% Macon: 6% Jefferson: 6% What's clear is that loneliness isn't evenly distributed across the state, and the difference between being "sometimes" lonely and "always" lonely can dramatically affect someone's quality of life. These findings highlight not just where loneliness exists, but where it may be most urgent to strengthen community connections and outreach efforts. "Loneliness can feel overwhelming, and for some people and genealogy. "She taught me to always be myself," Henson said. "I'll always remember my grandmother Anna Marie—she was my role model and a kindred soul." Henson plans additional entries in the series and hopes to offer a print edition in the future.

BGHS Grad Publishes Debut Fantasy eBook

Bowling Green High School graduate Bethany Henson has released her debut fantasy novel, The Dragon Wolf Queen: In-between State Lines, now available in ebook format. According to Henson, the story follows Annabelle, a 17-year-old who discovers she is part wolf and

part dragon. As she learns about a hidden mythical realm, Annabelle confronts an ancient curse threatening the dragons and must decide how far she will go to protect their world. Henson said her late grandmother, Anna Marie Henson, encouraged her interest in writing

Cornet Chop Suey

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2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Highway 79 in Clarksville

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Doors open at 1 p.m. Cash bar and snacks.

General admission tickets available at the door. All premium seating and table reservations must be made in advance by calling 573-754-0335.

Girod Family Auctions
Real Estate & Personal Property
PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, September 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
27387 Hwy AC, Middletown, Mo 63359

Real Estate Legal Description:A tract of land being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 51 North Range 4 West Pike County, Missouri.

Real Estate Consists of 7.15 Surveyed Acres with a 1600 sq. ft. Slab Home with a Loft and 14'x30' Attached Garage. Also has a 30'x 40' Stud Framed Shop Building Fully Finished and Insulated. Has Radiant in Floor Heat. Shop also has Water and Electric. Shop also has a Finished Bedroom in Loft. Home and Shop are both on Rural Water. Home has up to Date Septic System. The Whole Front of the Property Borders Hwy AC. Take a look at this nice Property in the Country Preview property Wednesday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by appointment. Call Enos at 573-470-3660 Seller will supply buyer with a Clear Title. There will be a closing cost share between Seller and Buyer. 10% Down Payment Required Day of Purchase with Closing to be 30 Days or less there after. 2025 Taxes will be Pro-rated.

Real Estate to Sell at Noon, followed by Tractor, Pickup, Trailers and Equipment.

HOUSEHOLD AND MISCELLANEOUS
Cake Stands; Cookie Jars
Wooden Bowls; Aluminum Bowls
Air Fryer; Dehydrator
Toaster; Butter Churn
Cast Iron Skillets-Numerous Sizes
Quilting Frame & Lots of Quilting Fabric; Quilting Books
Quilted Table Runners & Place Mats
Overlook Sewing Machine
Several Thread Holders
Knitting & Crochet Books
Antique Dresser; Four Drawer Chest; Box Fans
Circular Table; Trunk; Lots of Yarn
Old Coffee Grinder; Kerosene Lamps
Canners & Stock Pots; Crock Pots
Several Roasters;Hand Meat Slicer
Meat Grinder; Noodle Cutter; Food Processor
Kitchen Scales; 4) 6' Folding Tables; 1) 8' Folding Table
Humidifier & Dehumidifier
Floor Loom; 50 gal. Fish Tank
Oak Dining Table and 4 Chairs
Oak Coffee Table and 2 End Tables
Round Pedestal End Table
Card Table; Wine Rack
Patio Table w/4 Metal Chairs
Doctors Scales; Large Dog Carrier
Dog House; Canon Desk Jet Printer
Milk Stool; For Trade Digital Scales; Upright Freezer
New Label Printer
Side by Side Refrigerator & Freezer
2) Frames of Arrow Heads, Very Nice
Lots of Unlisted Household

SHOP TOOLS & RELATED ITEMS
Approx. 400' of Corrugated Pipe
Sweetwater 220V & 110V Air Blowers
Milwaukee 7 1/4" Circular Saw
Craftsman Belt Sander & Router
Roto Zip tool
10" Power Miter Box
Porter Cable Saber Saw
4" Angle Grinder
6" Bench Grinder
Bench Top Drill Press & Vise
18 Volt Dewalt Reciprocal Saw
2) 18 Volt Dewalt Power Screwdrivers
Pumpkin Air Compressor
2-wheel Dolly
24' Alumn Extension Ladder
10" Alumn Step Ladder
6' & 4' Fiberglass Step Ladders
Ram Set
Framing & Combo Squares
Electric Staple Gun
3/8" Air Impact
Trans Air Nailer
Large Lot Hand Tools

Shovels, Silage Fork, Post Digger, Grub Hoe & Pick
New 6.5 hp Motor Horizontal Shaft
Extension Cords
Lot PVC Fittings 1/2" to 3"
Multiple Rolls of 12 & 14 ga. Wire
2) Jet Pumps
2) 30" Box Fans
7) 4' Commercial Wire racks
Generac Generator
2) Smaller Tool Boxes
Six Drawer Base Tool Cabinet
2 & 4 Drawer Top Tool Chests
Come Alongs
Log Chains; 5' Pry Bar
2) Hand Saws & Bolt Cutters
Lot Wrenches & Sockets
18" Pipe Wrench;
Crescent Wrenches
6) 250 gal. IBC Totes (with tops cut out)
Several Blue Plastic Barrels
4' Work Bench; Unlisted Shop Items
Several New Metal Various Style Yard
Spinners-Heavy Duty

TRACTOR•PICKUP•TRAILERS•RIDING MOWERS•AND EQUIPMENT

2012 New Holland Boomer 50 Tractor w/Loader
2003 Dodge Ram 1500 4 door 4WD Pickup
2013 16' Doolittle Cargo Trailer
2003 Wesco 12' Tilt Utility Tractor
6' Cammon Hydraulic Earth Movers
3 pt. 4' Raised Bed Maker
3 pt 6' King Kutter Tiller Canoe
JD 115 Riding Mower 42" Deck
Cub Cadet 3660 Commercial Mower w/60" Deck

GUNS & GUN SAFE
Guns to sell approximately 2:00 p.m.

Liberty Gun Safe
Remington Wingmaster Model 870 12 ga. Pump-Nice
Ruger 10/22 22 cal-NIB
Custom Made 32 cal. Muzzleloader w/Scope
Mossberg Model 500A 12 ga. Pump Camo, Comes with 24" & 28" Barrels
Winchester Model 94 30/30 Lever-Very Nice
Browning A5 12 ga. Auto, Gold Trigger
Winchester Model 1300 NWFE 12 ga. Pump Vent Rib
Stevens Visible Loader 22 Pump
Rossi 22 Cal. Single Shot
Savage Model 72 22 cal. S-L-LR
Visible Loads, Octagon Barrel, Like New
Norinco Interarms ATD 22 cal. Butt Tube Feed, Beautiful Gun
Several Containers of Reload Ammo
6) Old Cannon Balls-Steel

Sellers: Dave & Beverly McConnell
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FOR SALE

CLEARANCE SALE - Eureka vacuum cleaners. Vandalia Firestone, Appliance & Furniture, 573-594-6624.

FOUR used dryers. Call for price. Vandalia Firestone, Appliance & Furniture, 573-594-6624.

REFURNISHED COMPUTERS, parts, accessories. Call Geeky Hillbilly Computers 573-324-7176. (tf)

FOR SALE

GOOD used tires, passenger & light truck, \$15 & up. Vandalia Firestone & Appliance, 594-6624.

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HYDRAULIC rock clearing rake, \$1,500. 636-697-8499. (tf)

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Pike, Missouri, Division No. 1, Case No. 25PI-FC0039 made entered on the record on 08/04/2025, the name of Noah James Baker was changed to Noah James Outlaw.

NO HUNTING

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. 420 Hwy 161, Middletown, Mo 63359

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD AND MISC.

Brass Bucket; Old Trunk; Baby Cradle
Stand up Mirror; Small Wooden Trunk w/Handle
Antique Color Wheel for Aluminum Christmas Tree
2) Wire Bakers Racks; Basket of John Deere Tractors
Tote of Hot Wheels; Tote of Small Monster Trucks
Lot of John Deere Toys; Tonka Fire Truck
Large Lot Metal Tonka Construction Toys
Several Thomas Train Sets; Big Tonka Hummer Truck
Portable Washing Machine
John Deere Wheel Barrow/Bike/Wagon
Wooden Trunks; 2) Totes Beach Toys; Pepsi Crate
Wire Egg Basket; Tote of Monster Trucks
Box of Wooden Blocks; Tote of Semi Truck Hot Wheels
Several Potato Chip & Cracker Tins;
Small Kitchen Scale; Box Misc. Dishes
GI Joe Dolls & Army Top; Several Child's Chairs
Ragged Ann Dolls; Tote of Rag Dolls
Wicker Toy Bench w/Dolls; Doll Clothes;
Tote of Black Dolls & Doll Clothes; Medicine Cabinet
Child's Kitchen Set; Camel Hair Rug;
Fisher Price Toys; Brier Lamp; Trombone & Case
6 String Guitar; Old Victrola; 6" Brass Blade Fan
Painted Saw Blade; Wood Long Bow
Dekalb Thermometer; Radio Flyer Wagon w/Racks
International Tractor Wagon; Antique Butter Churn
Bake Lite Radio x2, 1 Pink; Antique Can Radio
2) Large Meat Cleavers; 1) Ice Tongs
10) Breyer Horses in Boxes
Lot Longabarger Baskets; Several Sleds
Copper Wash Boiler w/Lid
Lot Crosscut & 1 Man Saws; Lot Old Tins
Lamp w/Cast Iron Holders & Shades
Lots of Milk Glass; Cartoon Glasses
Vintage Pitcher & Bowl Set; Various Cast Iron Skillets
Miniature Case Iron Sad Irons
Lufkin Machinist Level; Lot Blue Canning Jars
Glass & Wooden Butter Molds; Kraut Cutters
Doll High Chair w/Porcelain Doll; Wooden Stools
Some Fenton Glass Baskets & other glass baskets
Lot of Glassware
Complete Set of Sango China; Old Books

Special Mention Bitter Springs, 1 Mile North of Bowling Green, MO Crock Jug. No Cracks

Silverware Chest w/Silverware; Blue Graniteware
Nice Old Wooden Comb Box; Child Rocker
Lot of Fisher Price Toys
#8 Dutch Oven w/Lid; Wooden Hanging Light
Large lot approx 100 pcs. Stoneware-Crocks, Crock
Jugs, Crock Jars, Large & Small Crock Bowls,
Some Very Unique Pieces. *Check AuctionZip for
photos-Very Nice Collection.*
Old Wooden Egg Crate; Old Wooden Sugar Bucket
Old Wooden Trunk-WWII Era
Several Blue Jars Full of Marbles
1960's Childs Jumping Horse
2) 8' Folding Formica Top Tables; Antique Junior Bike
Singer Sewing Machine Complete w/Foot Pedal
1950's Table & 4 Chairs; Games; Lots of Pots & Pans
Painted Cow Head; Big Cow Skull; Pressure Canners
Robins & Meyer Brass Blade Fan
2) Person Glider; Kids Swing
Antique Scale; Horse Clock
Large Lot Blue Canning Jars; Small Animal Feeder
Glenfield Model 75 22 LR

There will be several tables of Toys and Misc. items.

A like new Wheelchair, Several Curio

**There will be several tables of Toys and Misc. items. A like new
Wheelchair, Several Curio Cabinets, all from the Jamie Shaw
Estate.**

**The following items are from Michael &
the late Mary Beth Roesner**

Oiler Jars; Old Judge coffee Jars w/Lids
Dazey #40 & #60 Butter Churns
Several Jars & Containers w/1000's of Old
Buttons-Take a Look
3) Wooden & 2) Plastic Snow Sleds
PQ Reel Mower; White Clad Cabinet
Large 3-Room Tent; 3) Army Cots
Collapsible Picnic Table; Gold Fish Pond
Roll Top Picnic Table;
Several Coleman Lanterns & Camp Stoves
Proctor-Silex Roaster; Presto Pressure Canner
Buffet Service Pans; 5 Gallon Water Cooler
Old Pulleys; Hand Drills; Engine Hand Cranks
17 cu. ft. Lawn Cart & 2 Other Lawn Carts
Cast Iron Tractor Seat; Tote of Frog Togg Gear
2 & 3 Burner Kerosene Stoves
Several Totes of Christmas & Other Holiday Decor
Mallinkrodt Crate
Reese Hitch 2/Sway Bars for Camper
3 Rolls Galv. Hardware Cloth;
Small Tool Boxes & Tools; Earthquake 43 cc Tiller
Echo SAM225 Weedeater; Husky 330 cc Weedeater
Ryobi 3300 PSE Power Washer

TOOLS

Truck Tool Box; Electric Power Washer
2) USA Bench Vises; Ryobi Compound Miter Saw
Lots of Misc. Power Tools

***There will be a trailer load of Tools & Misc. from the
Jamie Shaw Estate.***

FURNITURE

Library Table w/Drawer; Large Wooden Trunk w/Handles
Twin Size Jenny Lynn Bed; 2) Curved Front Curio Cabinet
Church Pew-handmade; 3) Dressers w/Mirror; Dresser-No Mirror
3) Swivel Bar Stools; Round Oak Kitchen Table
Black & Wicker Rocking Chair; Retro Green Kitchen Table

2) Barrel Bar Stools; Old Smokers Table
Hickory Bent Wood Rocking Chair
Queen Size Bed w/Memory Foam Mattress
Several Washer & Dryer Sets; Lane Cedar Chest w/Tray
Several Wicker Bottom Rockers; Nice Parlor Love Seat & Chair
Old Parlor Table w/Porcelain Castors; Old Punch Tin Pie Safe

**There will be approx. 10 Pieces of Antique
Furniture. Check AuctionZip #49777**

COINS

1954-S Proof-1968-D-1969-P & 1971-S Lincoln Cents
1957 & 2) 1958 Flying Eagle Cents-Sell Choice
1835 Half Cent Choice+
2) 1864 2¢ Pieces-Both Very Choice Quality
2) St. Gaudens, 1 oz..999 Fine Copper Rounds
1828, 1831, 1837, 1844, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1851, 1852, 1856 Large 1¢, Sell
Choice, All VG or Better; 1865 3¢ Nickel
1938 NNC MS67FS Jefferson Nickel; 1907 & 1911 V Nickels
2) 1953 & 1954-S Jefferson Nickels
1884-O, 1897-P, 1899-P, 1901-P, 1910-P Barber Quarters, Sell Choice
1928-S Walking Liberty Half
3) 1964 90% Silver Kennedy Halves, 2 are UNC
1966 Silver Kennedy Half, 40%
1942-S Walking Liberty Half
1929 The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, II, \$20 National Currency
1880-S Morgan; 1884-O Morgan; 1882-S Morgan; 1887-O Morgan
1889-O Morgan; 1890-P Morgan; 1890-CC Morgan Key
2) 1891 Morgan; 1892-P Morgan; 1896-P Morgan; 1904-P Morgan
1962 NGC Proof 67 Franklin Half
1878-S Morgan; 1882-O Morgan A.U.; 1886-P Morgan, B.U.
1888-O Morgan ANACS MS63; 1890-O Morgan Toned; 1891-S Morgan B.U.
1892-S Morgan Rare Key Date
1896-P Morgan B.U.; 1898-P Morgan MS; 1901-O Morgan
1902-P Morgan AU/MS; 1921-S Morgan; 1928-S Peace Dollar Key
2022 NGC MS69 First Releases ASE-in wooden box
1925-P \$2 1/2 Indian Gold, Raw, But High Grade
1926 ICG AU55 \$2 1/2 Indian Gold
1897 \$5 Liberty Gold Raw Coin, But Easily MS 62/64
8 Proof Washington Quarters 1971-1955
1959 Proof Set Sealed & 1960 Proof Set
1962 Proof Set in Plastic Holder
1986 Prestige Proof Set w/Ellis Island Silver Dollar & Clad Half
1987 Prestige Proof Set w/Constitution Silver Dollar
1989 Prestige Proof Set w/Congress Silver Dollar & Clad Half
2)2003 First Flight Silver Dollars 1 Proof, 1 UNC
2) 2004 Thomas Edison Silver Dollars, 1 Proof, 1 UNC
1994 UNC ASE Toned, Better Date
2013 W Enhanced UNC ASE
5) 2024 UNC ASE
2022-W 1/10 oz Gold Eagle NGC MS70
Set of 5 40% Silver Kennedy Halves 1965-1969
5) Lincoln Cents off Center Mint Errors
Complete 11 pc. Set of World War II Silver Nickels
1883 Seated Liberty Quarter-Strong Bold Liberty
1831 Capped Bust Quarter
1921-S Walking Liberty Half, Key Date
1878-CC Morgan, First Year
1879-S Morgan PCGS MS66 High Grade-WOW
1882-S Morgan
1884-O Morgan Lustrous
1885-O Morgan PCGS MS63
1889-S Morgan; 1890-CC Morgan; 1896-S Morgan; 1904 Morgan
1928-A \$1 Silver Certificate, Funny Back
1928-B \$1 Silver Certificate, Funny Back
1953-A \$5 Red Seal US Note; 1953-B \$5 Red Seal US Note
Bag of Foreign Coins
1858 Flying Eagle Cents Nice
1889 & 1904 Indian Cents Full Liberty
1909-S Indian Cent Choice, Key Date
43) Indian Cents in Bag, All One Money
5) 1/2 Cents, All One Money
1818 Bust Quarter Nice +
1926-S, 1928-S, 1929-P, 1930-S Silver Quarters, Sell Choice
1864 Indian Cent
1945-P & 1947-D Lincoln Cents, Red/Brown Gem BU
1876-CC Seated Dime, Full Liberty, Better Date
1925 Stone Mountain Comm. Half NGC MS66-WOW
1936 Gettysburg CAC Sticker PCGS MS65 Another-WOW
1923-S Walking Liberty Half-Nice
1938-D Walking Liberty Half Nice+
1941-P Walking Liberty Half Gem BU
1944-P Walking Liberty Half PCGS MS65
1946-D Walking Liberty Half Choice BU
2) 1945-P Walking Liberty Half Choice
1947-P Walking Liberty Half Choice BU
1955-P & 1958-P Franklin Halves, Both Gem BU
Buffalo Nickel 2. oz .999 Silver Round
1994 & 2001 Proof ASE, Sell Choice
1825 & 1827 Bust Half Dollars
1921-D Walking Liberty Half, Key Date-NICE
1934-P & 1936-D Walking Liberty Halves, Nice+
1943-D Walking Liberty Half Choice+
1956-P Franklin Half, Gem BU
4) 2012 UNC ASE; 4) 1995 UNC ASE; 4) 2025 UNC ASE
1959, 1960, 1961 Silver Mint Sets, Sell Choice
1965 Special Mint Set
1970 Mint Set; 1971 Mint Set, is Still Mint Sealed; 1979 Mint Set
1999 Silver Proof Dolly Madison Silver Dollar; 1956 Silver Proof Set
2) 1961, 2) 1963, & 1964 Silver Proof Sets, All Mint Sealed
1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 Silver Proof Sets, Sell Choice
1883-P Morgan, Choice Gem BU
1889-P Morgan, Choice Gem BU
2023-S Morgan Ultra Cameo NGC Proof 69
1878-CC Morgan NGC MS63, First Year
1882-CC Morgan PCGS G6
1889-CC Morgan, Key Date, Nice
1890-CC Morgan
1893-CC Morgan, Key Date
1922-P & 1924-P Peace Dollars, Choice BU
Roll of 20 Mixed Silver Dollars
1863-S, \$2 1/2 Gold NGC VF35, Rare Coin, Take a Look
1999 1/10 oz. \$5 Gold Gem BU

Sellers: Erin & Mickey Stewart, Diane & the late Jamie Shaw, Mike & the late Mary Beth Roesner

Come Prepared. We will Run 2 Rings. Open all Day Friday, September 19 for Preview. Lots and lots of unlisted items. This is a Huge Auction.
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Community News

Increase Flower Power By Dividing Overgrown Perennials

As clump-forming perennials mature, they often become overcrowded, competing among themselves for light, water and nutrients. This typically results in fewer blooms, said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

Don't despair. "With a little garden surgery, new life can be installed into ragged, overgrown perennials," said Trinklein.

While division may seem like a spring task, early fall is ideal, he said. Cooler weather and reduced water stress help plants recover and reestablish roots before winter. Root growth continues into late fall as long as soils remain warm.

WHY DIVIDE PERENNIALS?

Overcrowding stresses plants and reduces flowering.

Dividing them restores vigor and lets gardeners expand their beds or share plants with others.

How To DIVIDE PERENNIALS

A sharp spade or garden fork works best.

Slice the clump, making sure roots remain intact.

Take half the clump with as many roots as possible.

Refill the original hole with good soil and replant the removed portion elsewhere, or pass it along to a friend.

Keep the soil moist for several weeks while the plant settles in.

What to divide, and what not to

Some perennials thrive when divided, including:

- Daylilies.
- Irises.

Ornamental grasses.

Black-eyed Susans.

Purple coneflowers.

Not all perennials require division. Peonies prefer to stay put. If unsure, check plant care recommendations or consult the MU Extension website.

FERTILIZING: TIMING MATTERS

Avoid fertilizing in fall, since winter cold may damage new growth. Wait until spring, when plants break dormancy. Use a balanced fertilizer and follow label instructions.

SHARE THE LOVE

"Gardeners rarely throw away plants," Trinklein noted. "They use divisions to expand their gardens or share with friends." Label your divisions so you remember what you planted and where.

September Is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to spread hope, share resources, and remind our communities that help is available. Show-Me Strong Farm Families has a Mental Health toolkit available at extension.missouri.edu/

Living and working on a farm or ranch can be isolating. Rural areas have fewer counselors, and the work never stops. However, help is available if you or someone you know is struggling.

The University of Missouri Psychological Services Clinic (PSC) offers no cost telehealth, confidential counseling for rural families in partnership with MU Extension. Any Missouri farmer, rancher or immediate family member over 16 years of age is eligible. To setup an appointment: Call 573-882-4677

Schedule an online appointment by filling out the informational form and privately submitting at muetx.us/PSCFarmRanch

For more information and resources, check out Show-Me Strong Farm Families | MU Extension.

Transportation Committee Approves Bill To Dramatically Reform FEMA

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved legislation on Wednesday, Sept. 10 to provide the most robust legislative reform of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and federal disaster assistance programs in decades.

The Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act of 2025 (H.R. 4669) streamlines the federal government's disaster response and recovery programs while also making FEMA a cabinet-level agency once again that is directly accountable to the President. The bill rewards effective state and local preparedness, protects taxpayers, cuts red tape, and ensures that relief efforts are fast, fair, and free from political bias.

"The FEMA Act is designed to address one simple fact that we all recognize, especially Americans who have been impacted by disasters: FEMA is not working the way it should for our communities," said Chairman Graves. "This bill makes FEMA directly accountable to the President, replaces the slow and bureaucratic rebuilding process, makes critical reforms to speed up federal processes, makes disaster assistance work better for survivors, demands greater transparency from FEMA, and more."

The FEMA Act was introduced by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO); Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA); former Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee lead Republican Daniel Webster (R-FL); and Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee Ranking Member Greg Stanton (D-AZ).

MU Extension: More Than 90 Percent Of The State In Drought As Harvest Draws Near

As harvest nears, University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialists see signs of flash drought creeping into Missouri farmland and threatening crop yields.

According to MU Extension state climatologist Zachary Leasor, the U.S. Drought Monitor map for Missouri released on Sept. 4 shows that 93.68 percent of Missouri is at least abnormally dry following an unusually wet spring.

The southeastern and southwestern parts of Missouri are hardest hit, but the rest of the state except for northwestern Missouri is showing emerging signs of drought.

Soybean Specialist: Anticipate Harvest

The rain shortfall comes just as most soybean are in the seed-filling stage, when demand for water is highest to produce and transfer photoassimilates into seed reserves, says MU Extension state soybean farming systems specialist Andre Froes de Borja Reis.

"Under dry conditions, soybean seeds may become undersized, resulting in yield loss," Reis says.

He recommends that growers consider anticipating harvest. "Drought has already reduced seed formation in some regions and planting date scenarios, and any rainfall on harvest-matured beans could trigger seed deterioration and price penalties," he says.

Undersized and over-dried beans are particularly vulnerable to deterioration if rainfall there's rain after harvest maturity. Beans with low moisture content become especially prone to damage following rainfall, says Reis.

Low test weights are already expected due to drought during the seed filling, as predicted by the University of Missouri's Soybean Growth and Yield Tool.

Something similar happened in the 2024 growing season when Hurricane Helene brought heavy rainfall to southern Missouri in late September, exposing mature beans to excessive moisture.

However, seed deterioration and other quality issues only became apparent after the storm. Deteriorated seed from the 2024 storm was tested and found to contain species of *Fusarium*, *Cercospora* and *Diaporthe*, which can lead to dockage at the elevator, says Mandy Bish, MU Extension state plant pathologist. Learn more from the MU Integrated Pest Management article "Soybean Seed Deterioration in Southern Missouri."

Reis notes that the Soybean Farming Systems Yield Prediction Tool currently forecasts a yield decrease in several areas. More details are available at MU Extension Soybean Growth Monitoring.

Weed Scientist: Watch For Herbicide Carryover

MU Extension weed scientist Kevin Bradley says growers should watch for herbicide carryover to cover crops that will be seeded or planted soon. Residual herbicides applied later than usual in corn or soybean this year may not have fully degraded because of dry conditions at the end of the season. This creates the potential for injury of cover crops species planted in the coming weeks, says Bradley.

Disease & Drought

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Offices are closed and regular routes will not be running on Oct. 13 due to the Columbus Day holiday.

MAHA Commission Unveils Sweeping Strategy To Make Children Healthy Again

The Make America Healthy Again Commission today released the Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy, a sweeping plan with more than 120 initiatives to reverse the failed policies that fueled America's childhood chronic disease epidemic. The strategy outlines targeted executive actions to advance gold-standard science, realign incentives, increase public awareness, and strengthen private-sector collaboration.

Chaired by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Commission is tasked with investigating and addressing the root causes of America's escalating health crisis, with a focus on childhood chronic diseases.

"Today's MAHA Commission report is another historic milestone for our country and a testament to President Trump's leadership and commitment to Make America Healthy Again," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "America's farmers and ranchers are at the heart of the solution — alongside doctors, parents, and communities — to fight chronic disease and protect future generations. Under this Administration, we are not just talking about healthy outcomes; we are delivering them by securing voluntary commitments to remove artificial food dye from major brands, providing technical assistance to States interested in restricting junk food and soda from SNAP, and providing growers with new tools to maintain and improve soil health, including the introduction of a regenerative farming practice pilot program. Together with our partners at HHS and EPA, we are charting a new course, strengthening the health of our families, and ensuring the United States leads the world with the safest, strongest, and most abundant food supply."

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE STRATEGY

Restoring Science & Research: Expanding NIH and agency research into chronic disease prevention, nutrition and metabolic health, food quality, environmental exposures, autism, gut microbiome, precision agriculture, rural and tribal health, vaccine injury, and mental health.

Historic Executive Actions: Reforming dietary guidelines; defining ultra-processed foods; improving food labeling; closing the GRAS loophole; raising infant formula standards; removing harmful chemicals from the food supply; increasing oversight and enforcement of direct-to-consumer prescription drug advertising laws; improving food served in schools, hospitals, and to veterans; and reforming Medicaid quality metrics to measure health outcomes.

Process Reform & De-regulation: Streamlining organic certification; easing barriers to farm-to-school programs and direct-to-consumer sales; restoring whole milk in schools; supporting mobile grocery and processing units; modernizing FDA drug and device approval; and accelerating EPA approvals for innovative agricultural products.

Public Awareness & Education: Launching school-based nutrition and fitness campaigns, Surgeon General initiatives on screen time, prioritizing pediatric mental health, and expanding access to reliable nutrition and health information for parents.

Private Sector Collaboration: Promoting awareness of healthier meals at restaurants, soil health and land stewardship, and community-led initiatives, and scaling innovative solutions to address root causes of chronic disease.

With this strategy, the MAHA Commission leads the most ambitious national effort ever to confront childhood chronic disease and Make America Healthy Again.

"Protecting human health and the environment while powering America's comeback isn't just about serving Americans today; it's about ensuring future generations inherit clean air, land, water, and the foundation for healthy lives," EPA Administrator Zeldin said. "The Make America Healthy Again strategy outlines the keys to success from pro-growth policies that advance research and drive innovation to private sector collaboration and increased public awareness. I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively across the federal family to ensure our kids and our environment are protected."

"For too long health care has used a reactive approach to chronic diseases," FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary said. "I am pleased to support the findings of the MAHA commission and to promote a more proactive approach, tackling root causes undermining the health and happiness of American children."

"The MAHA Report provides a blueprint for the entire government to focus on solving the chronic disease crisis facing American children," NIH Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya said. "We must make America healthy again so our children live longer and healthier lives than we will."

Today's MAHA Commission press event included: HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., DPC Director Vince Haley, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, NIH Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary, HHS Deputy Secretary Jim O'Neill, NEC Director Kevin Hassett, CEA Vice Chair Pierre Yared, and OSTP Director Michael Kratsios.



Grand Champion Bull

Meyer Commerce 4008 won grand champion bull at the 2025 Missouri State Fair FFA Angus Show, Aug. 7 in Sedalia. Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green owns the March 2024 son of Connealy Commerce. He first claimed junior champion. Randy Mullinix, Toulon, Ill., evaluated the 56 entries.

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Community News



Annual Salt River Quilt Show Is Oct. 4-5

The eighth annual Salt River Quilt Show will be held Oct. 4-5 at the Mark Twain Memorial Shrine in Florida.

The quilt show, hosted by Missouri State Parks and the Monroe County Historical Society, will open each day at 9 a.m., and close Saturday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m.

America's 250th anniversary celebration has already started and quilters are invited to help say "happy birthday" to our country! The quilt show theme, "Spirit of America," covers our country's history, natural wonders, American heroes, hopes for America or whatever is loved about our nation or is uniquely American.

Local quilters are invited to show their designs and ideas through their quilts.

Admission to the show is free and open to the public, but there is a \$5 entry fee per quilt that goes to the local historical society to aid in their efforts to preserve the history of Monroe County. Quilters may enter as many quilts as they wish. Quilts will be judged by an independent judge and ribbons and prizes awarded. More information on the quilt show and entry forms can be found online mostateparks.com/event/109686/eighth-annual-salt-river-quilt-show. To request a physical copy of the entry form, contact Marianne Bodine at 573-248-9983.

Three programs will be given at the show: two on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and one on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. The Saturday programs will feature storyteller and songwriter Heather Harlan and the Sunday program might include a bit of whimsy from Mark Twain himself.

The Mark Twain Memorial Shrine is located within Mark Twain State Park and State Historic Site at 37352 Shrine Road in Florida.

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.

Give Hope, Donate Blood, Platelets

In September, the American Red Cross reminds people that giving blood now helps support patients the moment they need medical care.

Donors of all types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are asked to make an appointment to give.

National Preparedness Month is underway – a time to remember lifesaving blood products are an essential part of preparedness for every type of disaster, whether it be home fires or natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. Severe weather can disrupt blood collections by causing blood drive cancellations and impacting donors' ability to give. Additionally, trauma patients may need blood product transfusions within minutes of entering emergency rooms. Those who give now could help someone in dire moments.

People coming together to care for one another is the humanitarian spirit shared by our Red Cross community and fans of PEANUTS for the past 75 years.

Those who come to give by Sept. 21 will receive an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs, while supplies last. Thousands of golden tickets are also randomly hidden in mystery bags throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag can redeem it through an online form for all four T-shirts.


Bonus: Those who come to give platelets Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2025, can also receive a classic Red Cross x PEANUTS sweatshirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts for details on all offers.

To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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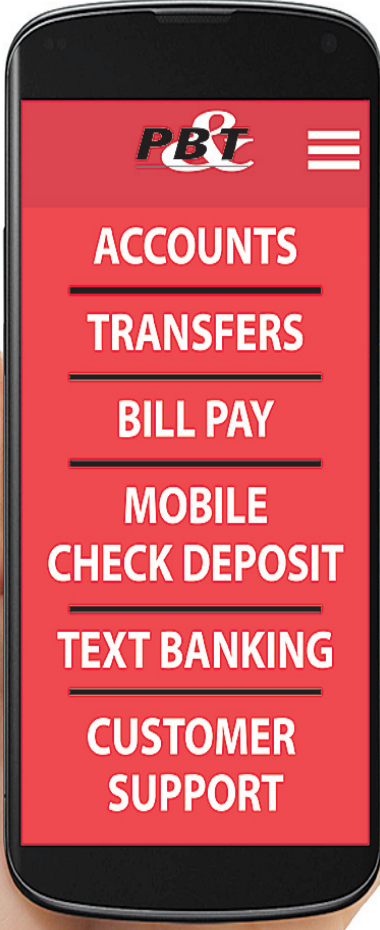
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