

THE PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

NEWS FOR PIKE, EASTERN AUDRAIN & NORTHERN LINCOLN COUNTIES

Published Every Tuesday • Vol. 29 - No. 43 • Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025 • Online at www.thepeopletribune.com



Relay For Life Returns To Pike County After Hiatus

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

After a long absence, Relay for Life is returning to Pike County on Saturday, Oct. 4, thanks to the dedication of organizer Jane Gartman and a growing group of community volunteers.

Gartman began organizing the event after a conversation with her daughter, Hannah, revealed that Pike County no longer hosted a Relay. "She was just shocked when I told her," Gartman said. "She said, 'Oh my God, Mom. Really?'"

Hannah was determined to see Relay for Life return to the county. Gartman said that after their conversation, they looked to the Mexico Relay for Life for help bringing the event back to Pike County, and for ideas and inspiration.

The Mexico event coincides with Heritage Days which Gartman plans on attending both.

Though Hannah passed away before the event could be realized, Gartman is determined to carry the goal forward in her honor.

"I hope this strikes an interest that we need to support our cancer patients," Gartman said. "We need to support the people that are fighting cancer."

The Relay will begin at 4 p.m. with a symbolic "Walk of Life" from the Cancer Memorial Park on the Bowling Green square to

the city park. Transportation will be available for those who cannot make the walk. From there, events will continue in the Bowling Green City Park through 9 p.m.

Activities planned include a silent auction with more than 70 donated items, food trucks, bingo with prizes, a cake walk featuring 300 Little Debbie snacks, and performances from local groups including the Pee wee Cheerleaders.

"We've had fantastic support from the community," Gartman said. "Just yesterday I had eight or ten more people volunteer to help."

Several vendors and food booths will be on site, with local 4-H members selling cookies and cupcakes to support their club. Cotton candy and kettle corn will also be available for purchase.

Gartman encourages everyone to attend: "Even if they can only come for a short time, just show up. Show up to support the vendors who are willing to be there."

A luminaria ceremony honoring survivors, fighters, caregivers, and those lost to cancer will take place around 6:45 p.m. Luminarias are \$5 each and can be purchased in advance or the day of the event. Forms are available at several local businesses. They will also be sold at Heritage Days on Sept. 13 in front of the Cancer Memorial Park where Gartman will also be selling raffle tickets for items including a half beef bundle, landscaping rock, and more.

People unable to make it to Heritage Days can still purchase tickets by visiting Sally Jane Beauty Shop or Ann Layne Botique.

The Bowling Green FFA has volunteered to help set up the luminaries. Want to help? Planning meetings are open to the public. The next will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Sept. 9 at the Bowling Green Visitors Center, followed by a final layout meeting on Sept. 30 in the city park.

Gartman also asks for volunteers with golf carts or side-by-sides to help shuttle attendees from parking areas. Anyone needing a ride on the "people mover" from the square to the park should contact her ahead of time. "So far, we've had three people notify us that they need assistance. But I bet there's more who will want to ride. I really need an idea of how many need this transport."

She also encourages attendees to bring chairs.

"Ryan Bibb is going to bring a tent to set up and he's also bringing chairs to sit down on the basketball court, but I don't know how many," she added. "We've got a lot going on, and it's only a five-hour event, but it's going to be a good one."

Portion Of Hwy. 54 In Pike County Named For Cotton Fitzsimmons

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Bowling Green native and Basketball Hall of Fame coach Lowell "Cotton" Fitzsimmons will be honored in Pike County with a highway designation bearing his name.

The Missouri General Assembly recently approved House Bill 2797, which designates the stretch of U.S. Highway 54 from Industrial Park 2 Road east to Business 54 in Pike County as the Cotton Fitzsimmons Memorial Highway. According to the bill, the Missouri Department of Transportation will install and maintain the signage, with costs covered through

private donations.

The announcement was highlighted during a recent Rotary Club of Bowling Green meeting. State Representative and Speaker Pro Temp Chad Perkins shared the news with club members and guests, including local coach Gene Hall.

"Many things around Pike County are named for Champ Clark and rightfully so," Perkins said about the designation. "However, when someone grows up in our area and becomes a member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame, they deserve recognition also. I think it's a fitting tribute to Cotton Fitzsimmons and his contributions."

Fitzsimmons, who passed away in 2004, is remembered as one of the most successful coaches in NBA history, earning Coach of the Year honors in 1979 and 1989 and amassing 832 career wins. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021, becoming the only Pike County native to receive the honor.

Before his professional coaching career with teams such as the Phoenix Suns, Atlanta Hawks, and Kansas City Kings, Fitzsimmons starred at Bowling Green High School and credited local coach James A. Wilson as a major influence on his life and career.

Finch To Speak At The 40th Annual Bowling Green Alumni Banquet



Zola Hickey Finch

The BGHS Alumni Association will be hosting the 40th Annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the James A. Wilson Gymnasium.

This year honored attendees include those from all classes before 1965 in addition to those from the classes of are 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2015. Graduates

from all classes are welcome and urged to attend. The event is always a great night of entertainment, food and fellowship.

In addition to the annual banquet, there will be an after-banquet event at Merna's Kitchen to allow for visiting and extension to the alumni experience in a relaxing environment.

This year's banquet speaker will be Zola Hickey Finch, a 1979 graduate of

BGHS. Zola also graduated from William Woods University. Zola is a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional through The National Development Council (NDC) Zola is Executive Director of Rural Missouri Incorporated (RMI) Business Finance.

Zola is the chairman of the Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership and the Secretary of the Jefferson City Chamber Forward Jefferson City Committee. She is president-elect of the Jefferson City West Rotary.

Her talk should be interesting to hear about economic development in our rural areas and her BGHS influence.

Entertainment will be provided by a choir of alumni lead by former Vocal instructor, Jack Bibb (1971).

Each year the BGHS Alumni Association sponsors scholarships to BGHS seniors to assist in furthering their education in college or technical education.

For more information you can check out our Facebook page at Bowling Green High School Alumni Association or call Zella Eliason at 573-754-2449 or email zaeliason@gmail.com.

Five Missouri Counties File Suit Against State Tax Commission

Pike County, along with four other Missouri counties, has filed suit against the Missouri State Tax Commission.

According to the counties, the State Tax Commission threatened to withhold critical reimbursement funds if local governments refused to comply with the mandate. These reimbursements are vital for maintaining essential county services.

Pike County officials and the Board of Equalization are trying to protect the interests of Pike County residents. The State Tax

Commission has mandated Pike County to raise personal property tax 15 percent.

The lawsuit challenges the State Tax Commission's authority to impose such sweeping valuation adjustments and alleges that the directive undermines both local control and taxpayers' rights.

The counties argue that property assessments should reflect fair market value and be determined through transparent, localized processes-not by unilateral mandates from Jefferson City.

The five counties are

seeking judicial intervention to halt the forced reassessments and to preserve local authority in determining property valuations. The suit also requests that the State be barred from withholding reimbursement funds as a punitive measure against counties that resist the directive.

County leaders emphasized that they remain committed to fairness and accountability in property assessments but insist that those decisions must be made at the local level with the best interests of residents in mind.

NECAC Welcomes Ameren Funding

NECAC is applauding Ameren Missouri for a \$4 million donation that will help qualifying disadvantaged people pay their utility bills.

The company made the announcement Monday, Aug. 25, with Community Action Agencies receiving portions of the funding.

"It's important that we partner with local agencies that can bundle our energy assistance programs and provide additional services for our customers," said Joe Solari, vice president of customer experience for Ameren. "Please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance, even if you're unsure about your eligibility."

"We are grateful for the

Ameren donation and look forward to using the additional funding to help our neighbors in need," said NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page. "We know there is a need because we see it every day. We've had a great partnership with Ameren and this is one more example of how our teamwork can assist people."

For NECAC clients who are Ameren customers, the funding covers the summer portion of the Energy Crisis Intervention Program. ECIP pays up to \$300 toward disconnect notices for any heating or cooling energy source.

NECAC is accepting ap-

plications online at www.necac.org or in person at NECAC Service Centers. People may also call 573-324-0120. Income limits do apply and applicants must have received a utility shut-off notice.

ECIP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is distributed through the Missouri Department of Social Services, which then contracts with NECAC and other Community Action Agencies to administer the service. Payments are sent directly to utility companies.

The deadline to apply for the summer portion of the program is Sept. 30.

Mistake Or Murder?

Former Louisiana Mayor Dies After Shooting



Fred Wilkins

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

In just two days, Fred Wilkins went from escaping blame to being accused of premeditated murder.

Further scrutiny by Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Berger McGinnis was the key.

Former Louisiana Mayor Alten Walker was shot in the stomach the night of March 2, 1915. He and Wilkins said they were examining a revolver together when it accidentally discharged. Walker died two days later.

A coroner's jury on March 8 did not issue a verdict. That didn't stop McGinnis from digging deeper.

One of 11 children, the 52-year-old farmer's son had studied law with Champ Clark and taught school in Curryville, Ashley and Cyrene. He was a seasoned prosecutor whose reputation for thoroughness was the bane of defendants.

"He has much natural ability, but is withal a hard student and is never contented until he has mastered every detail of his cases," according to the book "Centennial History of Missouri."

Nonetheless, McGinnis faced hurdles in the death of Walker. Wilkins and his wife, Diana, refused to testify, and the inconclusive

finding of the coroner's jury left no solid evidence to support criminal charges.

McGinnis urged anyone with information to step forward, and on March 10 he got a break. Mississippi River boat operator William Brazier filed a complaint claiming Wilkins had shot Walker "on purpose and with malice aforethought."

Brazier had testified at the inquest, saying he saw Wilkins and a disheveled Walker going down Third Street toward the former mayor's real estate office the night of the shooting. Brazier lived on North Fourth Street not far from Wilkins, but it wasn't clear if the two were acquainted.

Brazier provided no other details in his complaint, but it was enough for Pike County Judge Ellis Omohundro to issue an arrest warrant. Wilkins was picked up the next day by Louisiana Constable George Jennings.

The suspect "quietly submitted to the arrest and maintained the silence in regard to the case that he has from the start," the Pike County News reported.

Wilkins was released on \$3,000 bond and a preliminary hearing was set for March 17.

"The persistence of McGinnis, in the face of so many difficulties, indicates that he will prosecute the case vigorously and solve the mystery in which, to a great extent, the killing of Walker is still shrouded," the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said.

McGinnis was "well-pleased with the progress being made" and "hoped the affair would have a clear and satisfactory explanation at the preliminary," the News offered.

Brazier was skewered at the hearing by Wilkins' attorney, Ras Pearson. One question was if Brazier had recently been indicted for allegedly brawling with a man.

"You ought to know," Brazier shot back. "You were my attorney." There was still no firm

motive in the shooting of Walker, who was on the staff of Missouri Gov. Elliott Major. One that had been suggested was Wilkins and his wife were black-mailing Walker for money and set him up. The story went that the couple lured Walker to their home with the promise of sex and shot him when he refused to cooperate.

It seemed plausible after newspapers found that Wilkins was on the hook for an \$800 loan in Hannibal. Today, that would be \$25,000.

Then again, Walker was in financial straits, too. He was fighting a \$10,000 judgment - \$312,000 now - for allegedly attacking stenographer Evelyn Ogden at his office the previThere was a bit of humor amid the tragedy. It seems Wilkins and Walker weren't the only ones with money worries.

McGinnis said it would be more convenient if the preliminary hearing took place in Louisiana because all the witnesses lived there. Omohundro did not object, but noted it was financially impractical to move the court from Bowling Green.

McGinnis offered to provide a meal of stewed chicken and dumplings, and Dr. James W. Crewdson - who had cared for Walker - agreed to pay the judge's round-trip train fare of 83 cents, or about \$25 now.

Omohundro made it to Louisiana, but the case would ultimately be heard by Circuit Judge Edgar Woolfolk. A trial was postponed twice before finally being set for January 1916 at the Bowling Green Opera House, which was put into use after the county courthouse burned in October 1915.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat said there was "a prevalent belief" that Wilkins would never face justice. The News hit the nail on the head when it wrote that "all predictions are only problematical."

Next time: Predictably unpredictable.

Community News

2025 BGHS ALUMNI BANQUET TRIVIA

1. What was the first BGHS Class to graduate in the James A. Wilson Gymnasium? _____
2. Who was one of the BGHS Band Majorettes in 1970 and 1971? _____
3. What is the name of the street going in front of the new Early Childhood Center? _____
4. Who was the 2010 BGHS graduate mentioned during the last six months on the Donnybrook PBS TV show as a Frankford legend? In addition, this person was chosen as Mizzou's Homecoming King during his college days. _____
5. According to the 1990 Speaker yearbook, which senior was quoted as saying "School is like girls, you can't live with it and you can't live without it..." _____
6. Approximately how many Alumni letters are mailed to BGHS graduates each year. _____
In 1985 when the first letters were mailed postage for a letter as 22 cents – Today Forever Stamps are 78 cents!!!
7. This Frankford couple were 1965 graduates and both were later teachers in the BG R-1 School System. _____
8. This 1975 graduate can repair any major appliance and works for a local business. _____
9. Graduating in 1974 this lady works diligently at her business to keep all her customers able to hear what is happening. _____
10. This 1979 graduate is a proud parent _____ of the 2024-25 school year
Homecoming Queen _____ and Prom Queen _____
11. This 1995 graduate loves to serve you "two scoops" for delicious eating. _____
12. The 2005 Prom King and Queen were? _____
13. This 1955 graduate has served many students a well-balanced meal at Bowling Green R-1 School. _____
14. The current BGHS Fight Song music is the tune of the University of Texas Fight Song. What is the title? _____

Niemeyer Named Boone County Fire Chief



M. Jay Niemeyer

M. Jay Niemeyer has been selected as the Fire Chief for the Southern Boone County Fire Protection District.

Chief Niemeyer brings over 35 years of extensive experience in the fire service. He began his career in 1990 as a volunteer with the

Boone County Fire Protection District and is concluding 24 years of service with the Jefferson City Fire Department, where he currently serves as an assistant chief.

His experience also includes seven years as a paramedic in Columbia and four years as a firefighter with the Lee's Summit Fire Department before joining the Jefferson City Fire Department.

Chief Niemeyer holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, is a nationally registered paramedic, and is certified in Missouri as fire officer 4, fire instructor 2, and safety officer, among

include Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Florence, and Hurricane Katrina, as well as state disaster responses such as the Joplin Tornado. Additionally, Chief Niemeyer is an Adjunct Instructor with the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Institute.

Chief Niemeyer currently resides in Jefferson City and is actively involved in the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Mizzou Alumni Association.

He is the son of Marcine and Elaine Niemeyer of Bowling Green.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pike County Highway Department is now accepting bids for a new SKID STEER LOADER.

Sealed Bids must be received at the Pike County Clerk's Office 115 W. Main St., Bowling Green, MO 63334 by 10:00 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2025. Please contact Pike County Highway Department for specifications or questions at 573-324-3902.

Pike County reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids.



We will sell the following Real & Personal Property of the Late Ernest Wm. Brown at Public Auction on:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Beginning at 9:30 A.M.

SALE SITE: 809 W. Locust Street; Bowling Green, MO 63334

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 61 to the Bowling Green/St. Clement Hwy 161 & 61 Exit, take business Hwy 61 N to right on W. Locust to 2nd home on left. Thornhill Auction sign in yard.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION SELLS AT 10:30 A.M.

REAL ESTATE: 809 W. Locust St. being approx. 65'x200' & fronting on W. Locust in the city of Bowling Green. Exact legal to govern. Improvements include approx. 1185 sq. ft. 4 room 2 bedroom 1 bath frame house built in 1930, w/attached 1 car garage.

The home is on natural gas furnace w/central air (presently not working) city water & sewer.

Terms: 10% down day of sale with the balance of cash at closing on or before 30 days after the sale with possession at closing.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC.: Amana approx. 15 cu. ft. chest type deep freeze; Whirlpool 4 burner natural gas cook stove; Whirlpool auto washer; Whirlpool electric dryer; Oversized power lift chair, same as new cost over \$1,100 new; Dining room table, chairs & buffet; Kitchen table & 4 chairs; 3 piece bedroom set; Sanyo flat screen TV; Recliner love seat; 2nd power lift chair; 3 cushion sleeper sofa; 2 swivel rockers; Singer sewing machine w/cabinet; Desk; 4 piece bedroom set w/queen size headboard; Dirt Devil classic 10 vacuum; Kirby vacuum, like new; Crock pots, Mr. Coffee, electric knife; Lot Tupperware; Lot pots, pans, bakeware; Lot glassware; Coleman lanterns; Coleman cook stoves; Canning jars; PA System; mic, stand, etc.; 3, 2 door metal cabinets; Partial list.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Frosted glass kitchen cabinet, top only; Smoke stand; 1950s 2 door utility cabinet; Toys; tin army truck, tin turtle, jeep, toy top, army men, etc.; 1950s small formica table; Books; Galvanized wash tubs; Tool chest; Meat cleaver; Porcelain wash pans; Tools; Cigar boxes; Glassware; Retro desk lamp; Partial list.

SHOP TOOLS, LAWN & GARDEN: Clark portable air compressor; Roll around floor jack; Milwaukee Sawzall; Poulan wood shark chainsaw; 6" bench grinder; DeWalt 9.6v hammer drill; Makita miter saw; Bostitch 18v power tool set; Porter cable sabre saw; 12v 2 amp battery charger; Sockets; Pliers, wrenches; Aluminum ext. & step ladders; House jack; Extension cords; Toolboxes; Belt sander; Router; Vice; Partial list

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Earnest was a carpenter by trade; building & working with several contractors in the area. This home has been in the family for 3 generations. Big lot just off Business 61. Home sells to the highest bidder, come bid to buy. See you at the sale. David, Dusty & Bill

OWNERS: HEIRS OF THE LATE ERNEST WM. BROWN

DAVID THORNHILL

314-393-7241

TROY, MO



DUSTY THORNHILL

314-393-4726

TROY, MO

BILL UNSELL

573-470-0037

FRANKFORD, MO

All buyers will be photographed. Terms: Cash or Good Check with Current Photo I.D. Owner & Auction personnel not responsible for accidents day of sale! Announcements made day of sale take precedence over any advertisement!

Troy Office: 636-366-4206

Thornhillauction.com



Agape House Board Holds August Meeting

Members present for the August meeting of the Agape House board included Rich and Jane Duffner, Janet Heim, Ruth Miller, Floy Oliver, Phil Pennington, and Mary Thomas.

House manager, Karen Craig, reported our highest monthly attendance this year during July which included eleven children accompanying adults.

Richard Duffner reported that his grandson, Flynn Sullins, completed four hours of volunteer work recently for his next level in life scouts. Jobs included working on landscaping, cleaning the cold air return vents, washing the entry rugs, and cleaning the porch.

Guidelines for service animals were adopted at the July meeting and forms were given to the house manager at this time. A copy of the 2025 annual report flyer was reviewed by board members and will be mailed soon.

Janet Heim is to check with the prison regarding having a cleaning crew come. The annual fire alarm testing will be done the first week of September.

The manager reported a need for bottled water, single serving size snacks and

breakfast cereal, individual size macaroni and cheese, and Lysol disinfectant spray. If you have any used ink cartridges you would like to donate please contact any of the board members as these are used to obtain office supplies.

Monetary donations were

received in July from Bethlehem Baptist Centralia, Curryville Baptist, Edgewood Baptist of Bowling Green, Farber Baptist, Hopewell Baptist and John Yost of Thompson, Laddonia Christian, First Baptist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, and Spencer Creek Baptist, all of Vandalia.

Second Missionary Baptist Church
West Hwy. 54 - Vandalia

FISH FRY

Friday, Sept. 5 - 11 a.m.-?

\$13 Serving catfish, fried potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw
Carry-Outs • Delivery Call 594-2146

CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, Sept. 13

Sponsored by Bowling Green Lions Club
at Champ Clark Heritage Festival
on the square in Bowling Green
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Rain or shine

Participants can compete for trophies or cash

JONES PAINTING
(573) 470-9445
Serving Pike County Missouri & surrounding area

Bobby Jones
Owner

Interior painting
Power washing
Window washing

Scherder Autobody LLC

Phone: 573.324.6023
Email: scherderaautobody@gmail.com

16637 Pike 318
Bowling Green, MO 63334

5.4 miles from St. Clement on Hwy J
(call for directions if needed)

- Collision repair
- Insurance work welcome
- Free estimates
- Pick up and delivery



We will sell the following Real & Personal Property of the Late Ernest Wm. Brown at Public Auction on:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Beginning at 1 P.M.

SALE SITE: 620 W. Centennial Ave.; Bowling Green, MO 63334 (Just 1 street south of the home on Locust St.)

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 61 to the Bowling Green/St. Clement exit 161 & 61, take Business Hwy 61 N to right on W. Centennial Ave. to home on right #620 Thornhill Auction sign in yard.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION SELLS AT 2:00 P.M.

REAL ESTATE: 620 W. Centennial Ave., lot is approx. 80'x120' in the city of Bowling Green. Exact legal to govern.

1½ story frame home built in 1910 w/2 bedrooms, combination living room/dining room & kitchen, washer/dryer hookup & full bath. The home has a 2nd living quarters w/access from a stairway on the east side of the home w/4 rooms; 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room & bath. Updates include a new Lennox natural gas & central air in 1997, built in dishwasher in 2000. Other improvements include an unattached utility shed w/concrete floor approx. 16'x20' real nice building.

NOTE: Floors have settled.

Terms: 10% down day of sale with the balance of cash at closing on or before 30 days after the sale with possession at closing.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC.: Whirlpool 2 door refrigerator w/water & ice dispenser; 2009 Maytag gas cookstove; 2008 Maytag automatic washer & electric dryer; Sofa; Pine washstand; Platform rocker; 2 Rocker recliners; TCL flat screen TV; Oak entertainment center; Desk & chairs; 6 drawer chest; Domestic sewing machine & cabinet; Bookshelf; RCA stereo; Community Plate flatware set in case; Oneida flatware set in case; 2 door pine chest; Childs chair & rocker; Marble top hall table; Bakers rack; Chicken décor; Lawn chairs; 2 barrel chairs; BBQ grill; Lot Christmas décor; Tupperware; Kitchen utensils; Pots, pans, bakeware; Set Egg Shell china; Set Japan china; Sewing box; Partial list.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Oak kitchen cabinet w/flour bin; A.J. Childs, St. Louis, MO, nice piece; 1940s Art deco dining room set; table, 6 chairs & buffet; Oak kitchen table; 4 spindle back kitchen chairs; Tin stamped oak laced camel back trunk, super condition; Piano stool; Copper wash boiler; Oak washstand; Lot blue jars w/zinc lids; Cedar chest; Oak case wall clock; Approx. 12 quilts; Art Deco blanket chest; 2, 1940s 1 drawer end tables; 2, 1940s living room rocker & chair; Glass washboard; Galvanized wash tubs; Art deco lamp; Set Blue Danube china; Set 22 kt. Golden oven china; Partial list.

LAWN, GARDEN, SHOP & HAND TOOLS: Black & Decker Hyper Tough 18v weed eater, blower; Troy Bilt 21" push mower w/bagger; Wheelbarrow; Wen electric sander; Garden hose & reel; Hammers, pliers; Lot 20v max lithium batteries; Socket sets; Yard & garden tools; Lot flower pots; Lot yard & garden supplies; Partial list

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Investors be sure & check this home out, great curb appeal, fix the floors & here's one to flip. Nice clean furnishings w/several nice antique pieces. See you at the sale. David, Dusty & Bill

OWNERS: HEIRS OF THE LATE ERNEST WM. BROWN

DAVID THORNHILL

314-393-7241

TROY, MO



DUSTY THORNHILL

314-393-4726

TROY, MO

BILL UNSELL

573-470-0037

FRANKFORD, MO

Troy Office: 636-366-4206



All buyers will be photographed. Terms: Cash or Good Check with Current Photo I.D. Owner & Auction personnel not responsible for accidents day of sale! Announcements made day of sale take precedence over any advertisement!



Thornhillauction.com

Community News

Make Reservations Sept. 1-18 For MDC Managed Waterfowl Hunts

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds waterfowl hunters to make reservations online from Sept. 1-18 for MDC managed waterfowl hunts coming up this fall.

Reservations are required to guarantee an opportunity to hunt on MDC's 14 intensively managed wetland conservation areas.

There are two ways to obtain a managed waterfowl hunt reservation online. The pre-season reservation period will run Sept. 1-18. Hunters may apply for pre-season reservations at up to three managed waterfowl hunting areas. In-season weekly drawings will take place on Monday afternoons starting in mid-October with a seven-day application period that opens the Tuesday before and closes the Monday of the drawing at 3 p.m.

Pre-season and in-season waterfowl hunting reservations together will comprise 50 percent of daily hunting positions. Of the 50 percent of positions going to reservation holders, half will be from pre-season applications and half from in-season applications.

The remaining 50 percent of spots will go to hunters who do not have reservations but who participate in the daily morning drawing, called the "poor line." For example, if an area has 20 hunting spots, 10 will be allocated through the poor line, five through pre-season reservations, and five through in-season reservations.

Only Missouri residents and qualifying non-residents, such as students from out of state attending a school in Missouri or members of the military stationed in Missouri, can apply online for a reservation to guarantee them an opportunity to hunt on a specific day on a specific area. Residents and non-residents can arrive at a managed waterfowl hunting area the morning they wish to hunt and wait in line for the possibility of getting a hunting spot. Residents and non-residents can also hunt with a reservation holder. Hunting parties are limited to a maximum of four people.

Applicants for waterfowl reservations must have their required permits to apply, and their Federal Duck Stamp to hunt.

Successful pre-season and in-season reservation applicants will be notified after their respective drawings via email or text message with their hunt date, area, and pill assignment. "Pills" designate the order hunting parties select their hunting location on the area. The lower the number, the sooner hunting parties get to select their hunting location.

Hunters with disabilities can apply to use ADA hunting blinds through the online reservation system during the same timeframe as the pre-season application period. ADA blinds that are not allocated during the pre-season drawing will be placed in the weekly in-season draws.

In addition to managed waterfowl hunts offered by MDC, waterfowl hunting opportunities can be found on other conservation areas, as well as Missouri's rivers, streams, and reservoirs.

For more information, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov and search Waterfowl Reservations, visit the Waterfowl Reservations page directly at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/waterfowl/managed-hunts-waterfowl/waterfowl-reservations, or get a copy of MDC's 2025-2026 Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest, available online and where permits are sold.

Two People Hurt After Crash In Audrian County

The Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report states the crash happened at 7:10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24 at Highway 54 and County Road 485.

The crash report states the crash involved three vehicles: a 2014 GMC Terrain, a 2015 Mercedes ML350 and a 2005 Dodge Caravan.

Troopers said an 89-year-old man from Martinsburg was driving when he hit the back of the GMC Terrain that was stopped for an uninvolved vehicle making a turn.

The man hit the 31-year-old woman from Vandalia and then continued and hit the back of the third vehicle, being driven by a 31-year-old from Vandalia.

The 34-year-old was taken to University Hospital with serious injuries. The 89-year-old man was taken to the VA Hospital in Columbia with minor injuries, according to the report.

Satisfying Smoothies Help Power Your Day

Milk and dairy foods provide essential nutrients that all individuals need. From calcium that helps keep bones strong to B vitamins that help bodies use carbohydrates, proteins and fats for fuel, all 13 essential nutrients found in milk are vital for overall health.

And, while consuming dairy is as simple as drinking a glass of milk or adding a slice of cheese to a sandwich, you can find fun, creative ways to work a serving of dairy into your daily routine. Enter smoothies!

In recent years, the popularity of smoothies has continued to rise. Combining milk and yogurt with fruits (and even vegetables) has helped individuals boost their dairy servings along with other food groups. Smoothies are both an easy grab-n-go option for busy work mornings and a quick-fix breakfast that powers brains and bodies for the day ahead.

Servin' Up Smoothies in Schools

Schools have also jumped on the rising popularity of this creamy beverage. Smoothies offered in schools contain a serving of milk (which is required at both breakfast and lunch), a serving of meat/meat alternatives (think protein), and a serving of a fruit or a vegetable. These delicious drinks are the perfect option for students making their way through the breakfast line or looking for a lunch item to help power them through the afternoon.

"When you consider the 13 essential nutrients found in milk, along with the protein in yogurt, smoothies provide lasting nutrition and at least one full serving of dairy for the day," said Jessica Kassel, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC). The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends individuals consume three servings of dairy every day. One cup of milk, one cup of yogurt and 1.5 ounces of cheese each count as one serving.

"Servin' Up Smoothies" grants were recently offered throughout SLDDC's 131-county service area, and 20 schools were awarded grants. Each school received an immersion blender, mixing bucket and recipes suited for school breakfast and lunch.

Schools will offer smoothies at least two days per week, and all smoothie recipes will meet school nutrition requirements. "The Servin' Up Smoothies grant is the perfect opportunity for school cafeterias to provide milk and yogurt to their students in a creative and delicious way," Kassel said.

Creating Sensational Smoothies

When creating smoothies at home, make sure to include foods from multiple food groups. This variety will help deliver many different nutrients needed for optimal health. Start with a base of three ingredients, such as milk, yogurt and fruit. Ingredients can then be added to the base. Some SLDDC favorites include chocolate peanut butter banana smoothie (made with chocolate milk, yogurt, banana and peanut butter), strawberry banana smoothie (made with milk, strawberry yogurt, strawberries, banana and spinach) and mango avocado smoothie (made with milk, yogurt, mango, banana, avocado and

honey). Finally, don't be afraid to try new combinations, such as your favorite flavored milk or yogurt, or seasonal fresh produce like peaches, avocados or even kale! For more information on smoothies and smoothie recipes, visit www.stldairy-council.org. You can also contact Jessica Kassel at 314-835-9668 or jkassel@stldairy-council.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at STLDairy-Council.

The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) is a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers. Since 1932, SLDDC has served 131 counties in central/southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as the go-to educational resource and advocate for the role of dairy foods as part of a healthful diet. As the Nutrition Education People, we are proud to spread knowledge to local communities, bridging the gap between local dairy farmers and consumers.

Hart Care Chiropractic



Got pain?

Digestive problems?
No Energy?

L. Shane Hart D.C.
Serving the
region
for 32 years

**Being healthy and staying healthy
is really QUITE SIMPLE!**

Call today - 573-324-2225

300 W. Main
Bowling Green



PLUMBING SERVICES

Our Services:

- Sewer Camera Inspections
- New Construction
- Tankless Heater Installations
- Sales & Service

573-719-9474

mingramplumbing@gmail.com

18080 Bluebonnet Lane, Bowling Green, Missouri

Fieldhouse 54 Opens As Bowling Green's New Hub For Music, Food And Family Fun

Bowling Green native Amy Worthington has returned to her roots, opening a new family-friendly entertainment center that she hopes will give the community a place to gather, enjoy live music, and make lasting memories.

Fieldhouse 54, located on the southwest side of town, offers a mix of food, drinks, yard games, and live performances. With six thousand square feet of indoor space, the center is designed to host events year-round from concerts and trivia nights to children's activities and holiday celebrations.

Worthington, a graduate of Bowling Green High School and longtime business owner, said her inspiration came from her time in the St. Louis area, where music venues were a regular part of her life.

"Music is universal," Worthington said. "It connects and resonates with people. I wanted to create an atmosphere here where families can go, where the music is suitable for all ages, and where kids and adults can enjoy something together."

Although Fieldhouse 54 features a bar and evening entertainment, Worthington emphasized her goal of keeping the atmosphere family-friendly. Plans already include princess meet-and-greets, children's events, and outdoor activities designed to make the venue inviting for all ages.

At present, Fieldhouse 54's dining options come from a variety of food trucks, but Worthington said a permanent kitchen is in the works. Until then, guests can enjoy rotating dishes, comfort food favorites, and beverages ranging from soft drinks to beer and wine.

The venue's flexibility allows it to operate all year. "We can run all winter long," Worthington said. "The building is insulated and heated so we can have events no matter the season."

The transition hasn't come without challenges. Worthington said the biggest hurdle has been getting the word out to both Bowling Green and surrounding counties.

"Word of mouth has always been good for me in my other business," she said. "But not everyone is on social media, so we're figuring out how to educate people about what we have here. We think it's a good concept, but we want to make sure it reaches everyone."

Fieldhouse 54 already has a slate of events lined up, including a sip-and-paint, a chili cook-off, music trivia, and a fall "Engagement & Event Extravaganza" for couples planning weddings and parties. Live music will continue through the fall and winter, with plans for line dancing and Christmas-themed events.

Worthington has more improvements in mind, including adding a patio for outdoor seating and continuing to upgrade the interior. She has also assembled a team to help make her vision a reality.

"I hope people take the opportunity to come out and see what we're doing," Worthington said. "Otherwise, they have to drive somewhere else for entertainment. We want people to think of Fieldhouse 54 when they think of activities in this area."

Fieldhouse 54 is currently open Thursday 2-10 p.m., Friday noon-10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

For more information visit their Facebook page, website.Fieldhouse54.com, or their facility located at 13203 Business Hwy 54 W, Bowling Green, MO 63334. For event info or questions, call (314) 873-0072.

BIDS WANTED

Bleigh Construction Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites the submission of bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Bleigh Construction Company, a local General Contractor, is seeking subcontractor/Supplier "DBE" means a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in the following project:

ADA IMPROVEMENT IN BOWLING GREEN, MISSOURI, TO INCLUDE NEW SIDEWALKS AND MISC. DRAINAGE STRUCTURES: Pike County Transportation Alternatives Program, *Federal Project TAP-9901(305)* consisting of construction of approximately 2,300 linear feet of new 6-foot and 5-foot sidewalk with paved and aggregate approaches. located directly adjacent to Business Highway 61 from Ayers Oil Company South to the Northern Entrance to Bowling Green Elementary (Wisdom Street) in the City of Bowling Green, Missouri.

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

Interested parties may contact Bleigh Construction Company, P.O. Box 957, Hannibal, MO 63401, or by calling (573) 221-2247 on how to obtain plan documents.

Bids must be received by September 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM.



After collecting for over 40 years, it's time to scale down & downsize as our son is moving into our home place & we're moving into their home. We will sell all the following at Public Auction on:

Saturday, September 13, 2025
Beginning at 9:30 A.M.

SALE SITE: 19256 Pike Co. Rd. 476; Bowling Green, MO 63334
DIRECTIONS: From Bowling Green go west on Hwy 54 or from Curryville go east on Hwy 54 to south on Pike Co. Rd. 465 to left on Pike Co. Rd 466, ¾ mile to the Junction of Pike 466 & 476, turn left on Pike 476 (dead end road) to homestead on the right.
LAMP COLLECTION+: 100+25 Aladdin & Lincoln Drape; 50 Oil lamps; 50 Thumb lamps.

**LARGE DEPRESSION GLASS COLLECTION
COMPLETE SET SERVICE FOR 8 JOHANN HAVILAND BAVARIA
GERMANY CHINA
20 WATER SETS
8 TEA SETS
50+ SALT & PEPPER SETS
CREAM & SUGAR COLLECTION 125+ SETS MOST COLORS
CARNIVAL GLASS
NESTING BOWL SETS 4 PIECE
PYREX, FIRE KING, CLEAR
LARGE ENAMELWARE COLLECTION 200+ PIECES
POCKET KNIFE COLLECTION 100+
POCKET WATCHES**

ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES & FARM PRIMITIVES: Walnut wardrobe (old family piece); Kitchen cabinet w/flour bin; Oak library table; Buffet; Griswold skillet with lid; 10 gallon brass kettle; 2, 30 gallon cast iron lard kettles w/stands; Enterprise sausage stuffer; 6 Coated wire egg baskets; 1 Moorman; Galvanized tubs & buckets; 5 Lions stock remedy jars w/lids; Lot blue jars; Hens on Nest; Pine benches; 2 Cedar chests; Barn lanterns; 7 sets tall iron wheels; MoorMan's Advertising Feed Sign; Jim & Sandy Gray.

HOUSEHOLD: New Perfection 5 burner oil cookstove; New Perfection 3 burner oil cookstove; 5 China hutches; Double poly washtubs & stand; Lot pressure canners w/knobs.

SHOP TOOLS & FARM SUPPLIES: 3 Handyman jacks; 2 Craftsman tool-boxes; Roll around tool chest; #70 anvil on stand; 2 Bench type post vices; Large C-clamps; 2, 24" pipe wrenches; Wooden pulley block & tackle; Wooden barn pulley; Log chains; Old dial produce scale; Bench drill press; Potato plow; Steel traps; Craftsman open end wrench set; Silage forks; 2, 16 hole metal egg nest; Lot hammers, wrenches, chisels, punches, etc.; Partial list.

**BAKE SALE
LUNCH STAND BY AMISH LADIES**

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: David & Lizzie have a beautiful farm, they've raised 12 children & now it's time to let the younger ones take the reins. This is a beautiful Amish area, big shady yard, come & enjoy an old time country auction. David, Dusty & Bill

OWNERS: DAVID & LIZZIE GIROD

DAVID THORNHILL
314-393-7241
TROY, MO



BILL UNSELL
573-470-0037
FRANKFORD, MO
Troy Office: 636-366-4206

DUSTY THORNHILL
314-393-4726
TROY, MO

All buyers will be photographed. Terms: Cash or Good Check with Current Photo I.D. Owner & Auction personnel not responsible for accidents day of sale!

Thornhillauction.com



Obituaries



Evelyn Elaine Graham

Evelyn Elaine Graham died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

A graveside service was held at Fairview Cemetery Frankford on Friday at 10 a.m. Bro. Chris Peterman officiated.

She was born Nov. 1, 1944 in Hannibal to Walton and Rosalie Ford. Evelyn was a long-time resident of Frankford. She was a graduate of Frankford High School and went on to attend Hannibal-LaGrange College. Evelyn met her husband, Cliff Graham and they were later married on May 11, 1969 in Frankford Christian Church. To this marriage were born two children, James Ford and Susan Elaine.

Evelyn worked for Pike County Home Health and Hospice for 25 years. She also owned Heartstrings in Bowling Green for many years. She loved her children, traveling, estate sales and shopping. She loved to dance and live it up. Always spicy and never held back. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

She is survived by her two children, James Ford Graham and wife, Sherri, and Susan Fox and husband, Bennie; three grandchildren, James Mason Graham and wife, Kayla, Hannah Elaine Fox, and Wyatt Glen Fox; one great-grandchild, Dallas James Graham; a brother, Jim Ford and wife, Carol; nieces, Terry Ward, Kelly Potts; a nephew, Jody Ford; other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to Blessing Foundation, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory 1304 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379

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



Roger D. Beer

Roger D. Beer, 73, of New London died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev Charles Moore officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was from 12 p.m., until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Roger was born July 26, 1952 in Harden, Ill., to Howard and Darlene Barnes Beer. He was married to Cheryl Maas on Sept. 23, 1972 in Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Beer; two sons, Robert Beer of New London and Christopher Beer of Texas; his adopted daughter, Melissa Spencer; two grandchildren, Brittany Beer Shane Beer, and Cody Schaffer; three great-grandchildren, Halen Rayl, Christopher Rayl, and Braden Beer; a brother, Virgil Beer of Louisiana; four sisters, Hermoine Weatherby of Louisiana, Shirley Glover of Middletown, Melva "Sam" Day of Trenton, and Henrietta Robinson of Louisiana; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, Mildred Meyers, Frieda Peterbaugh, Barbara Ann Gibson, Brenda Beer, and Hilda Teague; a brother, Gerald Beer, sister, Bernadette Beer, and infant brother, Melvin Beer.

Roger had attended

school in Louisiana. He worked at various jobs until he operated his own garage as a mechanic for over 20 years. He also worked with Bob Lee's Construction in New London. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Honorary pallbearer was Matt Romig. Pallbearers were Donnie Spencer, Andy Creech, Darryl Smith, Tom Martin, Gary Morton, Cody Schaffer, Scott Cotton, Nick Long, and Sammy Bowen.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



John Preston Lewellen

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

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

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling the cremation rites.

John was born Jan. 1, 1935, to Jack and Margaret Sisson Lewellen in Louisiana.

He graduated from Louisiana High School and attended Rolla School of Mines. He was also in the Army Reserves.

On Nov. 28, 1959, he married the love of his life, Naomi Mitchell Lewellen. To this union were born two children, Jon Kevin Lewellen and Bronwyn Ann Lewellen Schulte.

John spent most of his career at Hercules, Inc. in Louisiana. He was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church in Louisiana.

John was preceded in death by a son, Jon Kevin Lewellen; one son-in-law, Larry Schulte; his parents; his in-laws, Devold and Florence Mitchell; three brothers-in-law, Sidney Mitchell, James Crouse, and Bill Bouyea; and nephew, Brent Crouse.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi of 65 years; a daughter, Bronwyn Schulte; grandchildren, Haley Lane and husband, Jake and Joshua Lewellen; daughter-in-law, Marsha Lewellen; three great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins and in-laws.

John was well-known for his wealth of knowledge and willingness to give good advice. He loved reading and learning new things. He was an avid Cardinal fan.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Louisiana or Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Marvin Daniel Brown

Marvin Daniel Brown, born in St. Louis on Sept. 9, 1952, passed on to a better world on June 1, 2025.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2-4 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 at the Fourth Street Event Center, 121 N. 4th St. in Louisiana.

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

Put
Our
Classifieds
To Work
For You



TechFab Structural Steel Opens New Facility In Vandalia Creating 34 New Jobs

TechFab Structural Steel, a new steel fabrication company, announced today the opening of an advanced steel fabrication facility in Vandalia, investing more than \$6 million and creating 34 new jobs. The facility combines cutting-edge technology with optimal efficiency to meet the needs of modern structural steel production.

"Missouri continues to stand out as an ideal location for innovative manufacturers like TechFab Structural Steel," said Governor Mike Kehoe. "We're proud to see a new employer investing and creating jobs in Vandalia while strengthening our state's vibrant manufacturing industry."

TechFab Structural Steel's new steel fabrication facility, considered one of the most advanced in the Midwest, spans more than 126,000 square feet and is fully climate controlled. The facility is dedicated to machining and fabricating raw steel products, such as I-beams, into usable building assemblies. TechFab Structural Steel welcomes fabricators and contractors to tour the state-of-the-art facility and witness the company's dedication to quality and innovation.

"I'm very excited to be part of bringing high-tech, high-paying jobs to my hometown of Vandalia," said David Kurz, Operations Manager for TechFab Structural Steel. "This is an incredible place to work, and I look forward to helping fabricate the structures and infrastructure that make our nation stronger and more prosperous."

"TechFab Structural Steel's new facility in Vandalia is a perfect example of business growth enriching a community," said Michelle Hataway, Director of the Department of Economic Development. "We're excited that this company chose to establish here and look forward to seeing it help Missourians prosper for years to come."

TechFab Structural Steel's ISO 9002-compliant quality control processes, highly trained workforce, and direct access to factory materials ensure consistent and reliable results. The company is built on a foundation of low debt and minimal overhead, allowing it to deliver cost-effective and timely structural steel solutions.

New jobs added as part of TechFab Structural Steel's establishment in Vandalia will pay an average wage well above the county average.

For this expansion, TechFab Structural Steel will benefit from the Missouri Works program, a tool that helps companies expand and retain workers by providing access to capital through withholdings or tax credits for job creation.

About TechFab Structural Steel

With its advanced capabilities and collaborative spirit, TechFab Structural Steel is positioned to become a major force in the structural steel industry. A unique aspect of the company's business model is its collaboration with other fabricators. TechFab offers confidential assistance for backlogs or specialized needs, helping its peers suc-

ceed without creating competition. This innovative approach underscores the company's commitment to being a trusted industry partner.

To learn more about TechFab Structural Steel, visit techfabsteel.com.

About the Missouri Department of Economic Development

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) works to create an environment that encourages economic growth by supporting Missouri's businesses and diverse industries, strengthening our communities, developing a talented and skilled workforce, and maintaining a high quality of life. As one team built around the customer and driven by data, DED aspires to be the best economic development department in the Midwest. Through its various initiatives, DED is helping create opportunities for Missourians to prosper.

For the latest updates on DED's current or future programs and initiatives, visit DED's website.

About the Missouri Works Program

As the state's number one incentive tool for expansion and retention, the Missouri Works Program helps businesses access capital through withholdings or tax credits to embark on facility expansions and create jobs. This program can also help businesses purchase equipment to maintain its facility in Missouri.

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Celebrates 75,000th Meter Installation



Pictured from left, Chris Ryan, vice president of member engagement and technology, with Wilma and Terry Eivins, CREC members.

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative (CREC) recently announced a significant milestone -- celebrating the installation of its 75,000th electric meter.

To commemorate this achievement and thank its growing community, the cooperative is recognizing the member who received the 75,000th meter.

Terry and Wilma Eivins were surprised with a \$750 bill credit and a gift bag of cooperative merchandise,

including hats, blankets, coffee mugs, and more.

The Eivins, members of CREC since 1979, recently built a new home in Eolia, which marked the cooperative's 75,000th active service connection since its founding in 1941.

"This milestone is more than just a number; it's a powerful reflection of the trust our communities place in us, and celebrates the incredible growth in our service area," said CREC

President/CEO Doug Tracy. "We are proud to be a vital part of this expanding region, and we look forward to serving the next 75,000 members with the same dedication to reliability and community partnership."

"The cooperative has experienced steady growth over the years, driven by new residential and commercial developments within its service territory. The last milestone of 50,000 meters was in 2004, and the co-op has added thousands of new members since then, reflecting a vibrant and growing community."

About Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Founded in 1941, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest of Missouri's 40 consumer-owned electric distribution cooperatives, serving more than 75,000 homes and businesses in Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, and Warren counties in Missouri. For information, visit cuivre.com or call 800-392-3709.

Fellowship Workshop Service

The Southern Pike Interchurch Council to hold Fellowship Workshop service at New Life Christian Church in Eolia on Sunday Sept. 7, at 2 p.m.

The pastors of the churches will be doing tag-team messages of 3-5 minutes along with music by choirs, soloist, etc. They are looking to have a spirit filled evening.

A free-will offering will be taken. The Interchurch Council, helps in many ways, gift cards at Christmas for food, donations to Clopton School to teachers for supplies and to the health department and to the Lucy Tray program, at Clopton also they give to persons in need of help with electric, water etc., in the Southern Pike County area.

Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is welcome to attend. Looking forward to having a glorious time. Please try to attend if you can.

Grape Myrtle: Colorful Shrub

Crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) is one of the most useful flowering shrubs grown in southern states, said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension. It is long-lived, withstands droughts and is relatively free of disease and insect problems. It also adds brilliant color to the landscape when few other trees or shrubs are in bloom.

While older cultivars lacked the cold-hardiness needed to survive Midwestern winters, breeding work has resulted in crape myrtle cultivars with better cold tolerance and disease resistance, improved flower and fall leaf color and more handsome bark, said Trinklein.

For strong growth and abundant flowering, crape myrtle needs full sun. Lack of sunlight and competition for moisture with large shade trees will reduce growth and flowering and increase disease problems. Although crape myrtle can adapt to many soil conditions, it prefers a well-drained garden loam. Good drainage is important for the prevention of root diseases.

When planting crape myrtle, dig a hole at least twice as wide as the root ball. Set the plant in the hole no deeper than it originally grew in the production container or field, and backfill with the soil removed from the hole. Research has shown that amendments to backfill soil encourages roots to stay within the hole and not grow outward into the surrounding native soil.

It is a common misconception that crape myrtles require pruning to flower. In fact, the most natural and beautiful crape myrtles result from limited or no pruning.

In addition, aggressive pruning leads to increased suckering, which is not only undesirable but could result in powdery mildew spreading from the suckers to the canopy of the plant. It is far better to plant more compact cultivars that grow to desired mature heights than to continue fighting with larger cultivars planted in a too-small space.

Vandalia Barber Shop

215B S. Main - Vandalia
573-594-3521
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday By Appointment
All haircuts \$10
Harold Williams

Card Of Thanks

The family of John Lewellen would like to thank Bro. Don Kelley, First Baptist Church in Louisiana, our neighbors and friends for all the many acts of kindness shown us during the passing of our loved one, John.

**Naomi Lewellen
Bronwyn Schulte**

Classifieds

All classified ads are payable in advance. 40-cents per word, \$4 minimum. Deadline: Monday at 11 A.M.

GARAGE SALE

TWO YARD SALES - Thursday, 12-6 p.m.; Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m., 1016 SOUTHWAY COURT, B.G. Kitchen items, decorator items, holiday decorations including outdoor Christmas, flower pots, misc. 1019 SOUTHWAY COURT, B.G. Girl's clothes 3 month-5T, women's clothes M-L, kitchen items, toys, stuffed animals, baby items, kid's cups and bottles, kid's books, girl's shoes up to 12, kid's decorating items, misc.

MOBILE HOMES

USED DOUBLE-WIDE - DUTCH. Amish built in Indiana, excellent condition, 3 bed., 2 bath. **FINANCING**. Call for info 573-249-3333, marktwainmobile-homes.com. (tf)

I BUY used mobile homes. Call or text 573-338-6250 or email GregS.CDH@outlook.com. (tf)

FOR RENT

SELF-STORAGE - In Vandalia. Units in 3 sizes - 10x20, 10x10, and 8x10. L&S Storage, 573-248-4563. (tf)

MODERN MATUR-ITY BUILDING - Vandalia - Family reunion, shower, birthday. Call Art Wiser, 594-3224.

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)

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

METAL ROOFING. Wagler Metals: 21764 Pike 409, Bowling Green. (tf)

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

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME house keeper. 324-5343. (c3-40)

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

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING, Murry Shephard Farms. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries or accidents.

NO TRESPASSING OR HUNTING on the property of Cherlyn Boots. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents on property. (tf)

SERVICES

PREMIERE PRES-SURE WASHING - Outside hthouse cleaning, soffits, driveways, decks, patios, fence cleaning, farm equipment, and trailers. Free estimates. 573-253-8811. (tf)

GEEKY HILLBILLY COMPUTER SERVICES LLC - B.G. computer repair & recycling, 573-324-7176, 573-567-6164. (tf)

NO HUNTING

RICK'S LAWN EQUIPMENT & GOLF CARTS - Sales, service, and parts. Used golf cars and mowers. Hwy. 54 West, Louisiana, MO 63353, 573-754-5055. (tf)

B&J SEPTIC PUMP-ING - Commercial or residential, septic pumping & repair, sewer augering & repair, grease trap pumping and porta potty rentals. Butch Menne, 573-384-5536.

BROWN'S SEPTIC PUMPING - Commercial or residential, portable toilet rental, job sites, special events, auctions. Brown's Septic Pumping, 206 Brown Lane, Louisiana, 754-5812. (tf)

SERVICES

NAME DOILIES - Hand crocheted by Ann Hecox. Make great personal gifts. 217-656-3654 annahcx@gmail.com.



We Buy Salvage Cars & Farm Equipment
Will Pick Up
Ben's
Auto Salvage
754-3265 or 754-0508

HUME

REMODELING

Plumbing • Electric
Painting • Cabinets • Flooring
Concrete Vanity & Kitchen
Tops - Window & Door
Replacement
Tex Ceiling Fix

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
BBB
T.

FREE ESTIMATES
Call Ty Hume - Cell 573-470-6148

Be Part of the MoDOT Team!

MoDOT IS NOW HIRING FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKERS FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: BOWLING GREEN, CANTON, ELSBERRY, MEMPHIS, MOBERLY, NEW FLORENCE, TROY, WARRENTON, WAYLAND, AND SIGN & STRIPING - MACON

Join a team environment to help the Missouri transportation system progress! MoDOT is now hiring quality individuals with a good work ethic and positive attitude.

Maintenance workers perform general duties related to maintaining Missouri's roadways and facilities. Starting salary is \$19.91/hour with complete benefit package. Career ladder opportunities are available with these positions. Qualified applicants will have a valid operator's license and a passing grade on the written portion of the CDL exam; or a Class B CDL with tanker endorsement and no air brake restrictions.

To be considered for these opportunities apply on-line at www.modot.org/careers by Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

Drug Free Work Environment • Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer M/F/D/V

www.thepeoplestribune.com

Cut Rate Plumbing, Sewer & Drain Service

Gary Motley

CALL TODAY - 573-330-8507

"Specializing in home repair, plumbing, drain cleaning & service work"

PETE NASIR

AUDIO SERVICES

573-473-2273
pnasir1955@gmail.com

LaCrosse

A STEP AHEAD

RED WING SHOES
EST. 1905

DOUBLE-H Boots

HOURS: Sat. 9 a.m.-noon

Hickerson Shoe Repair

116 N. Court - Bowling Green
573-470-3413

TARGET

WINDOWS & DOORS

Now under new Management

Local Manufacturer
Now Accepting Applications
Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Health & Life Insurance / 401K
Paid Holidays / Paid Vacation

Apply in person at:
Target Windows & Doors
800 W. State St.
Vandalia, MO 63382

EOE

\$22,985

Stock #935 - 2024 Chevrolet Trax LT, Exterior Color Mosaic Black Metallic, Interior Color Jet Black, 4WD, Auto, 34,599 miles

Poage Ford

573-324-5130

1110 Bus. Hwy. 61 S. • Bowling Green, MO

Shop 24 hours at
www.poageford.com

ONE STOP

to handle your insurance...
auto, home, life, farm, business

STOP
GREAT RATES
PERSONAL SERVICE

We're your Shield.
We're your Shelter.

ShelterInsurance.com

Brent Branstetter
740 S Bus Hwy 61, Ste A
Bowling Green
573-324-2446
BBranstetter@ShelterInsurance.com

Ashley Jenkins
3404 Georgia St.
Louisiana
573-754-3453
TJenkins@ShelterInsurance.com

Frank Wallace
610 W Hwy 54
Vandalia
573-594-2235
FEWallace@ShelterInsurance.com

Community News



Pictured are Lydia and Andrew Niemeyer who donated their hogs at the Missouri State Fair recently to help with hunger in Missouri.

Bowling Green Youth Exhibitors Donate Hogs To Fight Hunger In Missouri

After competing at the Missouri State Fair, Andrew and Lydia Niemeyer of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter, chose to donate their market hogs through Hogs for Hunger, a program that turns livestock projects into high quality protein for Missouri families facing hunger. 4-H and FFA members from across the state have joined with Missouri Farmers Care to make a difference far beyond the showing this year.

Andrew and Lydia were among 32 youth exhibitors who joined in the effort to commit 53 hogs, to provide approximately 27, 825 servings of protein and, to prove that even one animal can make a major difference when agriculture and generosity go hand in hand. A single hog is processed into approximately 525 servings of lean, high-quality pork, enough to help feed hundreds of Missourians facing food insecurity.

"Hogs for Hunger shows the heart of Missouri agriculture," said Ashley McCarty, Executive Director of Missouri Farmers Care. "These young people are doing more than just raising animals, they're stepping up to serve their neighbors in a powerful, tangible way."

"Missouri agriculture is about more than crops and

livestock—it's about people," said Governor Mike Kehoe. "The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids opens the door for Missourians to make a difference in the fight against hunger, and Missouri FFA and Missouri 4-H members are leading the way. Claudia and I are proud to join these leaders to make an impact and work toward a stronger, healthier Missouri."

The pork donated through Hogs for Hunger is distributed to Missouri food banks through Feeding Missouri. Processing is completed by Kempf's Custom Butchering, Sedalia, and costs are covered by the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids, presented in partnership with Brownfield Ag News, ADM and partners across Missouri agriculture.

Missouri's agriculture community makes Hogs for Hunger possible through the generous support of: ADM, Brownfield Ag News, American Family Insurance /AmFam Dreams, NutraBlend, MFA Incorporated, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, The Poultry Federation, FCS Financial, Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Smithfield Foods, Missouri Farm Bureau, Martin Rice, Missouri FFA Foundation, Missouri Soybean Merchandising

Council, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri 4-H Foundation, Missouri Pork, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas and Lucas Cattle Company, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Midwest Dairy, and Empower Missouri.

For more information on the program or to see how to get involved in 2026, visit www.MOFarmersCare.com/hogs-for-hunger.

MISSOURI FARMERS CARE

Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend. The coalition of more than 45 leading Missouri agricultural groups promotes the growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities through coordinated communication, education and advocacy. www.MOFarmersCare.com.

MISSOURI FARMERS CARE FOUNDATION

Missouri Farmers Care Foundation enables Missourians to understand the influence and importance of agriculture in their daily lives by serving as the centralized hub of the unified educational programs, awards, and hunger relief efforts of Missouri's agricultural community. www.MOFarmersCare.com.

Deters Donates Hog To Fight MO Hunger

After competing at the Missouri State Fair, Grace Deters of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter, chose to donate her market hogs through Hogs for Hunger, a program that turns livestock projects into high quality protein for Missouri families facing hunger. 4-H and FFA members from across the state have joined with Missouri Farmers Care to make a difference far beyond the showing this year.

Grace was one of 32 youth exhibitors who joined in the effort to commit 53 hogs, to provide approximately 27, 825 servings of protein and, to prove that even one animal can make a major difference when agriculture and generosity go hand in hand. A single hog is processed into approximately 525 servings of lean, high-quality pork, enough to help feed hundreds of Missourians facing food insecurity.

"Hogs for Hunger shows the heart of Missouri agriculture," said Ashley McCarty, Executive Direc-

tor of Missouri Farmers Care. "These young people are doing more than just raising animals, they're stepping up to serve their neighbors in a powerful, tangible way."

"Missouri agriculture is about more than crops and livestock—it's about people," said Governor Mike Kehoe. "The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids opens the door for Missourians to make a difference in the fight against hunger, and Missouri FFA and Missouri 4-H members are leading the way. Claudia and I are proud to join these leaders to make an impact and work toward a stronger, healthier Missouri."

The pork donated through Hogs for Hunger is distributed to Missouri food banks through Feeding Missouri. Processing is completed by Kempf's Custom Butchering, Sedalia, and costs are covered by the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed

Kids, presented in partnership with Brownfield Ag News, ADM and partners across Missouri agriculture.

Missouri's agriculture community makes Hogs for Hunger possible through the generous support of: ADM, Brownfield Ag News, American Family Insurance / AmFam Dreams, NutraBlend, MFA Incorporated, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, The Poultry Federation, FCS Financial, Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Smithfield Foods, Missouri Farm Bureau, Martin Rice, Missouri FFA Foundation, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri 4-H Foundation, Missouri Pork, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas and Lucas Cattle Company, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Midwest Dairy, and Empower Missouri.

For more information on the program or to see how to get involved in 2026, visit www.MOFarmersCare.com/hogs-for-hunger.

Delaney Feldman Donates Hogs

After competing at the Missouri State Fair, Delaney Feldman of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter, chose to donate her market hogs through Hogs for Hunger, a program that turns livestock projects into high quality protein for Missouri families facing hunger. 4-H and FFA members from across the state have joined with Missouri Farmers Care to make a difference far beyond the showing this year.

Delaney was one of 32 youth exhibitors who joined in the effort to commit 53 hogs, to provide approximately 27, 825 servings of protein and, to prove that even one animal can make a major difference when agriculture and generosity go hand in hand. A single hog is processed into approximately 525 servings of lean, high-quality pork, enough to help feed hundreds of Missourians facing food insecurity.

"Hogs for Hunger shows the heart of Missouri agriculture," said Ashley McCarty, Executive Direc-

tor of Missouri Farmers Care. "These young people are doing more than just raising animals, they're stepping up to serve their neighbors in a powerful, tangible way."

"Missouri agriculture is about more than crops and livestock—it's about people," said Governor Mike Kehoe. "The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids opens the door for Missourians to make a difference in the fight against hunger, and Missouri FFA and Missouri 4-H members are leading the way. Claudia and I are proud to join these leaders to make an impact and work toward a stronger, healthier Missouri."

The pork donated through Hogs for Hunger is distributed to Missouri food banks through Feeding Missouri. Processing is completed by Kempf's Custom Butchering, Sedalia, and costs are covered by the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed

Kids, presented in partnership with Brownfield Ag News, ADM and partners across Missouri agriculture.

Missouri's agriculture community makes Hogs for Hunger possible through the generous support of: ADM, Brownfield Ag News, American Family Insurance / AmFam Dreams, NutraBlend, MFA Incorporated, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, The Poultry Federation, FCS Financial, Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Smithfield Foods, Missouri Farm Bureau, Martin Rice, Missouri FFA Foundation, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri 4-H Foundation, Missouri Pork, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas and Lucas Cattle Company, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Midwest Dairy, and Empower Missouri.

For more information on the program or to see how to get involved in 2026, visit www.MOFarmersCare.com/hogs-for-hunger.

MO Corn Adds A-Maizeing Complexity To Whiskey

Corn whiskey has long been an American tradition and a vital part of Missouri's economy. University of Missouri Extension researchers are working to help corn growers that provide locally sourced corn to distilleries for brewed corn whiskey.

Missouri's distilling history dates to the mid-1800s, when Holladay Distillery in Weston became one of the first bourbon makers west of the Mississippi River. As of 2024, the state was home to 71 active craft distilleries, according to the American Craft Spirits Association.

The corn whiskey business, as part Missouri's broader distilling industry, has a substantial economic footprint, according to a 2020 report from MU Extension.

In the report, MU Extension assistant professor Alan Spell says that Missouri's distillers employed 600 workers in 2019 and played a part in contributing \$357 million to Missouri's gross domestic product.

"Given the 30 percent growth in distilleries since that study, their impact is certainly greater in 2025," Spell says. "That said, the increased competition and changing consumer preferences towards ready-to-drink and nonalcoholic cocktails make it increasingly difficult for small craft distillers to succeed."

MU Extension horticulturist Todd Higgins grows research plots of heritage and specialty corn at MU Hundley-Whaley Extension and Education Center at Albany to help distillers succeed.

Unlike Irish and Canadian whiskeys, which are

made from cereal grains, American whiskey is made from corn, says Higgins. Corn is an American plant species, bred by Native Americans from varieties adapted to locales and uses over thousands of years.

"Missouri distillers seeking the 'Missouri bourbon' label can potentially benefit by collaborating directly with local farmers to source specialized corn varieties and explore place-based opportunities to make their product stand out in a crowded market," says Mallory Rahe, associate extension professor. "MU research showed that by the time that corn is turned into bourbon, its value has increased as much as eight-fold. That said, producers will incur higher costs to grow truly distinct organic and or heritage corn varieties that may or may not help a product attract a strong consumer base."

Most large-scale American whiskey producers use No. 2 yellow dent corn commonly grown throughout Missouri. As a commodity crop, a load of No. 2 yellow dent corn may arrive at a national distillery having been grown from anywhere.

Some craft distillers are bucking the No. 2 yellow dent trend by using open pollinated varieties of corn, such as Bloody Butcher or Country Gentleman, says Higgins. Unlike No. 2 yellow dent corn, open pollinated corn varieties have a slightly lower starch content than No. 2 yellow dent and are generally higher in protein. These differences influence the flavor of the finished whiskey product.

Many craft distillers are using red and blue colored

corn varieties such as Jimmy Red and Ohio Blue Clarage, which are rich in anthocyanins. Not only are anthocyanins powerful antioxidants, but they also impart complexity to the flavor of a whiskey. Anthocyanins contribute notes of graham cracker, cinnamon and maple to whiskey's flavor profile, says Higgins.

White corn is also used for making whiskey. Whiskey distilled from white corn has a sweet and buttery flavor profile with notes of vanilla and maple syrup, he says. Country Gentleman and Boone County White are examples of white corns often used in distilling with some cultivars having higher anthocyanin content than yellow corn.

Like wine grapes, corn grown for whiskey can develop flavor profiles unique to the environment where it grows, a phenomenon known as terroir. Terroir is the result of the interaction of three distinct contributing factors: the physical environment, biological environment and cultural practices.

Whiskey corn is not a single specialized variety or type of corn. Corn varieties selected for making whiskey are based on alcohol yield potential or flavor profile desires. Mass-produced whiskey tends to use corn having higher alcohol yield to reduce costs. Craft whiskey distillers can make smaller batches of whiskey using different corn varieties to achieve different sensations in the final product.

The bottom line is that it is corn that makes whiskey. "Another a-maize-ing Missouri agriculture product," says Higgins.



Buie Wins \$500 Grant

Shelly Buie, pre-school teacher at Van-Far Elementary School, won a \$500 grant from the Missouri Retired Teacher Foundation to fund an Outdoor Classroom/Garden for the whole school. Shelly was excited to receive a facsimile check and a real one on the first day of school, Aug. 19. She was surprised by visitors Carolyn Hobbs of the Audrain unit of MRTA and MRTA-F Treasurer Mary Ridge. Also in attendance were Principal Brian Hummel, classroom aide Mary Williams, and a roomful of excited pre-schoolers. Shelly wrote in her application: "This financial support will allow us to reach our goal in building and maintaining a fenced-in area with raised beds, walking paths, and a shelter where teachers can conduct classes." Shelly was one of 84 receiving classroom grants this fall, out of hundreds applying.

Buy Native Trees, Shrubs From MDC

Need trees and shrubs for your landscape? Go native with tree and shrub seedlings from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Native trees and shrubs can help improve wildlife habitat and soil and water conservation while also improving the appearance and value of private property.

MDC's George O. White State Forest Nursery offers a variety of low-cost native tree and shrub seedlings for sale for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control,

wildlife food and cover, and other purposes.

The nursery provides mainly one-year-old, bare-root seedlings with sizes varying by species. Seedlings varieties include pine, bald cypress, cottonwood, black walnut, hickory, oak, pecan, persimmon, river birch, maple, willow, sycamore, blackberry, buttonbush, hazelnut, redbud, ninebark, elderberry, sumac, wild plum, witch hazel, and others. MDC recommends ordering early for the best selection.

Fiaoni added that even if

a species is listed as "sold out," customers can still place an order for those seedlings because other orders may get cancelled, freeing up inventory. Customers won't be charged for seedlings unless they are available to ship.

Seedlings are available in bundles of 10 or increments of 25 per species. Prices range from 40 cents to \$1.17 per seedling. Sales tax will be added to orders unless tax exempt. There is a shipping fee and a handling charge for each order.

WE WELCOME YOUR LOCAL NEWS



Your Community, Your News, Your Newspaper

We're committed to bringing you the stories that matter most because this is our home, too.

- ✓ High School Sports – Game highlights, athlete spotlights, and the stories behind the scores.
- ✓ Community News – Local events, businesses, and the people making a difference.
- ✓ Local News – Accurate, unbiased reporting on the issues that impact you.

Support the Area's Only Locally Owned & Operated Newspaper!

THE AREA'S ONLY LOCALLY-OWNED & OPERATED NEWSPAPER | EST. OCTOBER 1, 1996

THE PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

NEWS FOR PIKE, EASTERN AUDRAIN & NORTHERN LINCOLN COUNTIES

Read online at www.thepeopletribune.com or Follow us on your favorite social media



Community News

Brewster Family Holds Annual Reunion

The 47th Annual Brewster Reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 10.

Four generations of Brewsters gathered at the Don Brewster Farm just east of Bowling Green. A very happy 50 family members gathered for a carry-in lunch, visiting, up-dating family history and picture taking. Family gathered from California, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

Over the past year we lost family member, Alice Marie Terry.

Those attending were: Ron and Marilyn Needham of Apple Valley Calif.; Cathy Brewster, Julie Crabb and Luella Crabb of Overland Park Kan.; Susan Brewster of Olathe Kan.; Charles McCurdy, Wayne and Janice Baker, all of Vandalia; Gene and Julia Taylor of Curryville; John Margaret Terry and Isabelle Terry, all of Columbia.

Also Byron Perron; Spencer Perron; Keith and Kim Perron; Kevin Perron; Brian and Holly Hoaglin and Jordan Hoaglin, all of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Butch and Pamela Perron of Clinton, Iowa; Jim and Karen Taylor of Sturgeon; Jonathan Taylo Julie and Gary Allen, Kimberly Shepard and Jeff Rucker, Callysta, Cordelia, Charisma, Cadence, Cassidy and Clinton Shepard, all of Jefferson City; Samantha and Lance Miles, Rachel, Zoe, Reuben, Tobias, Kirby Miles, all of New London; Jan and Alan Brake of Montgomery City; Carla Bergkoetter of Lake St. Louis; Linda Gruszka Brewster, and the hosts, Don and Dorothy Brewster, all of Bowling Green.

After a brief meeting the family voted to have the reunion on a Saturday instead of Sunday next year. The 2026 reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Brewster Farm.

The Kountry Store

Please join us for an
21st Anniversary Celebration!

**Friday, Sept. 5 &
Saturday, Sept. 6**
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**822 Bus. Hwy. 61 N.
Bowling Green**
573-324-3395

FREE GIFTS WITH MINIMUM PURCHASE!
*Come In & Check Out All Of Our
NEW MERCHANDISE!*
Sales Throughout The Store
**Thank you for 21 years of
continued support!**

Cindy & Anna

HARVEST LUCKY

EASTERN MISSOURI FAMILY YMCA
ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

\$400!!
Final Game
Payout

10 Early
Bird Games
5:30pm

Good
Neighbor
Prizes

50/50

Extra Game
Cards
Available

Taco Bar
\$10; Opens 5pm
To Go Available

Silent
Auction
Items

Family
Fun
Event

BINGO!
20 Regular Games
Begin 7pm

DOORS OPEN 5PM
EASTERN MISSOURI FAMILY YMCA GYM
309 SOUTH MAIN • VANDALIA, MO

Car Cruise

SEPTEMBER 6th, 2025
Vandalia Fairgrounds- 1501 S Main Vandalia, MO



Fish fry at 4pm **Music & Bonfire after cruise**

Car Cruise- line up at fairgrounds at 530pm then head into town for some good ol cruisin'



PEOPLES BANK & TRUST

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Saturday, September 20th
9:00am - Noon
106 Business Hwy 61
Bowling Green, MO 63334

All are welcome, but we do ask that you please bring a donation item or monetary donation for the Refuge Church Paper Pantry in exchange for shredding your documents. A list of commonly requested donation items can be found here:





**PIKE COUNTY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**



Restorix Health®
Excellence in Wound Care

WOUND CARE CLINIC

Dedicated to healing wounds, preventing lower limb loss and optimizing outcomes for our patients

WOUNDS TREATED:

- Non-healing, surgical wounds
- Post-radiation injury to tissue or bone
- Compromised flaps or grafts
- Traumatic wounds
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Crush Injuries
- Venous ulcers
- And More!



CONTACT US

877-295-2273
www.PCMH-MO.org



**Pike County
Home Health & Hospice**
Caring for our Communities since 1969
573-324-2111
www.pikecountyhealth.org

We're hiring!

RN'S

APPLY TODAY!



FULL TIME
Flexible Schedule
Amazing Benefits

We are seeking to immediately hire a Home Health & Hospice RN Case Manager!

Scan to learn more & apply online!





Pike County Health Department
Home Health & Hospice
PikeCountyHealth.org 573-324-2111

8.2025

HOMETOWN BANKING AWAY FROM HOME.





Whether it's basketball games, family vacations or work commutes, making it to the bank isn't always possible. But, thanks to Peoples Bank Mobile Banking, the tools available for banking on the go are all available from the palm of your hand.

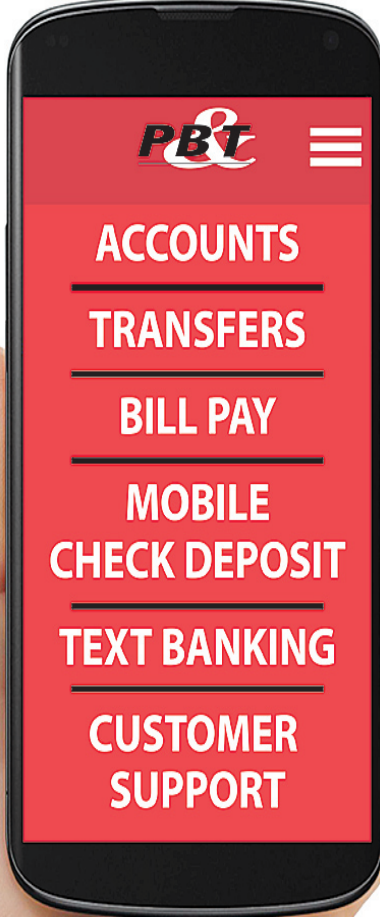


PEOPLES BANK & TRUST
www.pbtc.net

106 S. Business Hwy. 61 • Bowling Green 324-2525
101 S. Third Street • Louisiana 754-5517

**Download our free
Mobile Banking App today!**





ACCOUNTS
TRANSFERS
BILL PAY
MOBILE CHECK DEPOSIT
TEXT BANKING
CUSTOMER SUPPORT