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Pictured are those who attended the dedication of the newly-built 911 Facility on Hwy. 54 in Bowling Green, from left: Jennifer Grote, Larry Beauchamp secretary, Shelby Love Deputy Director, Kassie LaFave Director, Al Murry Chairman, Mary Millan Treasurer, Bill Sterne, Larry LaFave Vice Chairman, Tony Windmiller.
Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Pike County Dedicates New 911 Facility

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Pike County officials dedicated a new 911 facility this week, marking what leaders called the fulfillment of a decades-long vision to strengthen emergency communications and public safety.

The brief ceremony, hosted by the Pike County 911 Board and staff, included remarks from board chair Richard “Al” Murry, 911 Director Kassie LaFave, and guest speaker State Rep. Chad Perkins, Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House. An open house followed, allowing residents to tour the building and meet dispatch staff. Murry noted the project has been “a long time coming,” describing the facility as the next step in a plan that began years ago when voters approved dedicated funding for countywide 911 services. He said the building will be known simply as “Pike County 911.”

LaFave thanked the community, board members past

and present, partner agencies, contractors, and—most of all—the dispatchers who will work inside the new center.

“This is your new home,” she told the dispatch team, getting emotional as she praised their professionalism. “You are the calm in the chaos. You hold this place together... you love your jobs and you love your community.”

LaFave said the facility was designed around day-to-day operational needs and built to serve law enforcement, fire, and EMS partners across the county. Martin General Contracting led construction.

Officials emphasized the building’s hardened design. According to remarks at the ceremony, the structure was engineered to meet stringent storm-shelter standards including being hit by an F5 tornado, so that dispatchers can continue answering calls when residents need help most.

Perkins, who began his own public safety career in dispatch, called 911 tele-

communicators the community’s “first first responders.”

“I’ve never had a job where you had to multitask quite like you do when you dispatch,” Perkins said. “At any given time in Pike County, the most important person is the one answering the phone in that room. When a call comes in during the most critical moment of someone’s life, you are the person they’re talking to.”

While the building is now dedicated, officials said some systems must be finalized to comply with laws protecting sensitive information before the center becomes fully operational. In the meantime, the open house offered residents a look inside the secure facility and a chance to meet the team who will staff it.

LaFave closed by reaffirming the mission: “This new building is not the finish line, but the next step for our future... Our mission stays the same: to serve our community with compassion and excellence.”

Exciting News For Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery

Recently, the Board of Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery received notification of the approval of the associations application for 501(c) 13 tax exemption.

A 501 (c) 13 is the designation for small not-for-profit cemeteries and for the purpose of donations, acts as the same opportunity for giving as a 501 (c)3, which is the designation for larger not-for-profit organizations. This designation makes all donations to the cemetery now a tax-deductible donation for the donor.

The cemetery association has been meeting all financial obligations to maintain and provide perpetual care, but the cost of mowing each year has increased to the point that memorial donations that trickle in are not coming close to covering the annual mowing and insurance expense. The Board has tried increasing funds in the past few years and though the Board is very grateful for those who participated in these efforts, the

money raised over the last two years did not cover the cost of mowing for even one year. Each year we are depleting the financial reserve to meet the annual obligations to the point that within 6-7 years, all funds will be gone, and when they are depleted, perpetual care will cease. Collectively as an association, we knew something had to change.

Two years ago, at the annual meeting, the idea was proposed to apply for a tax exemption certificate was discussed and it was agreed to pursue the process of applying. With the help of Cindy Blaylock and patience, the Board received the much-anticipated letter of approval last week.

The Board is hopeful this new tax-exempt designation will encourage those with family interred or have plans to be interred at Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery to reach out with donations that can now be a tax-deductible donation so the Association can not

only fulfill the mission of maintaining the integrity and beauty of the cemetery but secure its financial stability as well.

For anyone wanting to donate, we now ask that you please complete the attached form and mail the form and your check to: Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 131, Louisiana, MO 63353.

Upon receipt of your donation, a thank you letter acknowledging your donation will be mailed or emailed to you for your tax records.

There have been so many over the years that have donated, volunteered, and served on the association board to keep the cemetery a beautiful place of rest for loved ones – and we thank each and everyone.

We, who are serving now, want this legacy to continue and hope this new opportunity for donors helps to secure the financial future of the cemetery.

NECAC Clarifies Utility Assistance Donation

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

NECAC is clarifying a news release it recently issued concerning Ameren's \$4 million donation that will help qualifying disadvantaged people pay their bills across Missouri and Illinois.

Ameren Missouri customers can participate in bill payment programs in addition to the summer portion of the NECAC-administered Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), a federal effort that provides up to \$300 to those who qualify. The programs are Ameren Energy Relief Grant, Dollar More and Keeping Cool.

Ameren customers in Lewis, Lincoln, Monroe,

Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, St. Charles and Warren counties should make appointments with their NECAC County Service Centers to find out how to qualify and the amounts available.

Ameren recently made the \$4 million donation to Community Action Agencies across Missouri and Illinois. The deadline to apply for the summer portion of ECIP is Sept. 30.

Following is contact information for NECAC Service Centers:

Lewis County: 408 S. Fourth in Canton -- 573-288-3969.

Lincoln County: 11 Woodcrest Dr. in Troy -- 636-528-7604.

Monroe County: 314 N. Washington in Paris -- 660-327-4110.

Montgomery County: 137 Farnen in Montgomery City -- 573-564-3606.

Pike County: 805 Bus. Hwy. 61 North in Bowling Green -- 573-324-2207.

Ralls County: 411 Main in New London -- 573-985-2411.

Randolph County: 1903 N. Morley Suite B in Moberly -- 660-263-6595.

Shelby County: 204 E. Third in Shelbyville -- 573-633-2210.

St. Charles County: 3400 Meadow Pointe Drive in O'Fallon -- 636-272-3477.

Warren County: 120 E. Main in Warrenton -- 636-456-8191.

Vandalia Prairie Days This Weekend

Ruby Leigh Returns To The Main Stage

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The season of fall festivals is well underway, with the Eolia Homecoming this past weekend and Vandalia’s Prairie Days up next on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

Prairie Days will host a variety of entertainment and food for the entire family. The Historical Museum will be open from 6-9 p.m. There will also be a corn-hole tournament held at Horseshoe Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

As for Friday night’s entertainment, Sundown Shot out of Laddonia will kick things off with a variety of rock from many eras from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Whiskey Morning Band out of St. Louis will follow them from 8-11 p.m. WMB is a danceable, 90's-heavy country cover band with a rocking edge.

The celebration continues Saturday morning with the YMCA’s Fall 5K starting at 7:30 a.m. Registration for the run begins at 6:45 a.m.

The Museum will be open once again with tours

starting at 8:30 a.m. This year, there will also be a special mural dedication at 9:30 a.m., at the intersection of Hwy. 54 and Main Street.

Craft vendors will open at 10 a.m., with LaFemme Club returning to sell their most popular pies again this year at the Historical Church.

And of course, no festival would be complete without a parade.

The annual Prairie Days Parade will line up at the South School parking area at 10 a.m., and begin down Main Street at 11 a.m.

Children will have an opportunity to burn off all the candy gathered from the parade in the bounce houses and petting zoo in the Kids Area from 1-5 p.m.

The annual Car Cruise-in begins at 4 p.m., this year.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring bingo under the big top tent starting at 5 p.m.

And the music continues on starting at noon with Scott and Mechelle. The acoustic duo covers artist such as Fleetwood Mac and the Rolling Stones. They’ll

be followed by Becky Denton singing covers of Aretha Franklin, Linda Ronstadt, along with some original works.

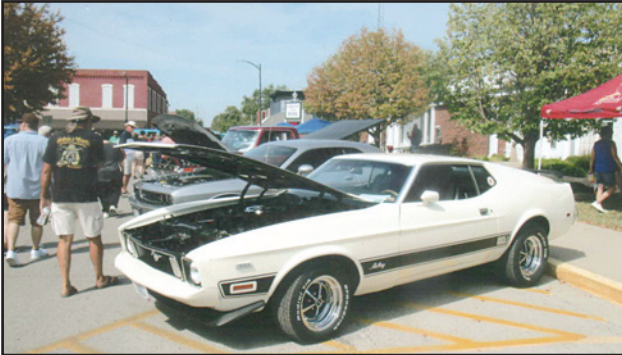
Leading up to the weekend’s headline act is the three-time Arkansas Country Music Awards Nominee (2018, 2022, 2024), Posey Hill. Posey Hill is a regional touring Alt-country/Americana group from Central Arkansas.

The night’s headline act is none other than The Voice season 24 runner-up, Ruby Leigh. According to her website, Ruby has compiled a song list of over 200+ songs she has stored in her memory. She refuses to use paper notes or digital instruments on stage to perform her music and quotes “if you wanna be a singer that’s your job to remember the words“ She’s said that since she was nine years old and still stands behind that today.

Ruby is scheduled to take the stage from 6 – 7:30 pm.

Drawl STL will close out the night with country music done rowdy from 8-11 p.m.

Champ Clark Heritage Festival Car Show Winners



Brothers, George, Larry and Leon Shaw of Vandalia each brought vehicles to the Bowling Green Lions’ Club car and truck show Saturday, Sept. 13 for Heritage Day.

Despite 95 degree weather, 80 classic vehicles participated in the Champ Clark Heritage Festival car & truck show Saturday, Sept. 13 sponsored by the Bowling Green Lions Club.

All participants received a dash plaque with a picture of Kevin Stumbaugh’s beautiful 1970 Dodge Charger. Special awards were presented as follows: Sheriff’s Choice - Wendell Talbert, Vandalia, 2023 Ford Shelby Super Snake; Fireman’s Choice - Andre Salmon, Jefferson City, 1973

Chevy Nova; Future of the Sport -under 21 - Jake Markowski, Troy, 2007 Ford Mustang GT.

The Top *20" awards were presented as follows: Kenney Ball, Kahoka, 1955 Chevy Bel Air; Geoff Sterne, Clarksville, 1958 Ford Skyliner; Todd Moore, Bowling Green, 1971 Chev Chevelle; James and Sherri Graham, Frankford, 1956 Chevy 210, Steve Forte, Troy, 1969 Plymouth Satellite; Bob Hawthorne, Winfield, 1964 Dodge 440; Leon Shaw, Vandalia, 1974 Ford F-100 XLT pickup; Mark Sill, Quincy, Ill., 1964 Corvette; Penny Matthews, Troy, 1956 Chevy Bel Air; Ed Matthews, Troy,

1971 Chevy C10 pickup; Patty Williams, Warrenton, 1971 Triumph TR6; Larry Stewart, Louisiana,

1969 Chevy Camaro; John Lynn, Center, 1966 Pontiac GTO; Steve Wakefield, Griggsville, Ill., 1946 Plymouth P15 Deluxe; Dan & Gina Janes, Hannibal, 1970 Chevy Monte Carlo SS; Nick Ferry, Perry, 1965 Chevy C-10 pickup; Mark

Gamel, Wellsville, 1967 Chevy Chevelle; Chad Paasch, Troy, 1969 Chevy C-10 pickup; Mike Kurz, Frankford, 1969 Dodge Charger R/T; David Stanbridge, Quincy, IL, 1948 Chevy 3100 5 window pickup; Kevin Stumbaugh, Bowling Green, 1970 Dodge Charger 500. Winners of \$50.00 cash drawings included: Jeff & Wanda Patton, Bowling Green,



BGHS Homecoming Royalty

Bowling Green High School held its annual homecoming on Friday, Sept. 19. They were hosts to the North Callaway Thunderbirds who were victorious 60-12. Pictured are queen Jane Delatorre and king Jordan Pasley

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler



Van-Far Homecoming Royalty

On Friday, Sept. 19 the Van-Far homecoming was held. The Indians played Mark Twain and came away with the Farmer’s Trophy for the second year in a row by a score of 40-6. Pictured are queen Makayla McCurdy and king Ty Evans.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

September History Nuggets

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
HOT ONE IN FRANKFORD

The Frankford Chronicle noted that the mercury soared on Sept. 12, 1895. “The thermometer indicated 104 degrees of hotness about noon.” The See HISTORY on page 5

Community News

Mizzou Unit Signature Soybeans In Farm Field

In Missouri, soybeans aren't just a crop; they're the state's top commodity. At the University of Missouri, researchers are developing innovative ways to improve the flavor of soy-based foods, deliver more health benefits and appeal to a wider audience.

In a recent study, Bongkosh "Jeab" Vardhanabhuti, an associate professor of food science, and her team at the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources compared the taste and aroma of four soybean varieties — three specially bred by plant scientists at Mizzou. All the varieties were grown under identical conditions and processed into a raw soy slurry, similar to uncooked soymilk. They found that a variety called "Super" yielded the best results, delivering the most pleasant flavor and aroma, making it more appealing to Western consumers.

"The typical soy foods are soy milk, tofu, soy sauce, tempeh and miso," Vardhanabhuti, who works in the Division of Food, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, said. "People in Asian culture have been using soybean products for centuries. Now, more and more Western consumers are interested in soy products, and we are looking to offer options for everyone."

"The biggest challenge with soy is flavor," she said. "Our research zeroes in on this issue. While the beany

flavor might be acceptable in foods like tofu or soy milk, it's less welcome in products such as plant-based burgers or protein shakes, where you don't want the taste of soy dominating."

SPECIALLY BRED SOYBEANS

The specially bred Super soybean used by Mizzou researchers was designed with a healthier fat profile. Plant scientists also reduced certain sugars that don't offer nutritional value and removed an enzyme called lipoxigenase, a key culprit in creating off-flavor compounds.

"Overall, this research shows that smart plant breeding can make soy-based foods taste better, which could help more people accept and enjoy them," Vardhanabhuti said.

For this study, researchers prepared the raw soy slurry by washing the soybeans, soaking them in water overnight and then grinding them with fresh water. The mixture was strained and refrigerated. They measured protein, fat, moisture, fiber and ash content using standard laboratory methods. Additionally, gas chromatography was used to analyze the types of fats in the soy oil, while ion chromatography and enzyme tests measured sugars such as sucrose.

Finally, several tests were conducted to assess aroma

compounds. Nine trained panelists — all experienced in sensory testing — evaluated the slurries based on 12 traits: color, five aroma characteristics and six flavor characteristics.

SOY OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

With an annual on-farm value exceeding \$2.5 billion, soybeans are Missouri's most profitable crop. Making soybean products more appealing to a broader audience could provide an even greater boost to the state's economy.

"There's a clear need for soybeans with a milder or even neutral flavor profile — beans that can be added to a variety of products without announcing themselves on the palate," Vardhanabhuti said.

This research is the first in a series of studies that Vardhanabhuti's research team is conducting to improve the taste of soybeans. Next, the team will examine improving the taste in products such as tofu, soy milk and soy protein.

Vardhanabhuti and her team reported their findings in the study, "Novel soybean type with improved volatile and sensory characteristics of raw soy slurries," published in Food Chemistry.

Co-authors are Memphis Bancroft, Jhongyan Huang, Stephan Sommer and Connie Liu at Mizzou; Kristin Bilyeu at the United States Department of Agriculture.

MO Lawmakers Pass New Congressional Map, Send Initiative-Petition Changes To Voters

On Friday, Aug. 29, Governor Mike Kehoe announced that he was convening the Missouri General Assembly to "enact legislation establishing updated congressional districts for the state and amend the state's initiative petition process."

The Missouri General Assembly wrapped up that special session on Friday, Sept. 12 by passing the two measures: a new congressional map dubbed the Missouri FIRST Map and a package of changes to the state's initiative-petition process. The map now awaits the governor's signature; the initiative-petition measure must be approved by voters at a future election.

"The Missouri FIRST Map has officially passed the Missouri Senate and is now headed to my desk, where we will review the legislation and sign it into law soon," Governor Kehoe wrote. "The legislature also passed critically needed IP reform, giving Missouri voters the chance to protect our Constitution at the ballot box."

President Donald Trump praised the outcome of the Missouri bills on his social-media account, thanking "the Great State of Missouri" and congratulating Gov. Kehoe, Senate leaders and Speaker Pro Tem Chad Perkins, among others, for their work on "a new, much fairer, and much improved Congressional Map."

Representative Perkins also posted about the moment on his own Facebook page Friday afternoon: "I'm a poor kid from Pike County. Never in a million years, growing up would I have ever dreamed the Pres-

ident of the United States would ever recognize me. I'm honored and humbled to serve just a small role in this."

The decision did not go without opposition. On Wednesday, Sept. 10. Hundreds of people crowded in and around the state capital to protest the bills.

"Today Democratic leaders, union members, activists, organizers, and everyday Missourians from across our state stood in solidarity," The Missouri Democratic Party wrote on Sept. 10. "We shone light on injustice, and raised our voices in defense of our rights and representation. We made sure our message was heard, loud and clear: we want fair maps. We want the right to petition our government. If anyone tries to take that away, we will fight like hell to stop them - and then, we will vote them out."

Republicans currently hold six of Missouri's eight U.S. House seats.

The redistricting will possibly impact Emanuel Cleaver II the Democratic US Representative for Missouri's Fifth Congressional District the most. Congressman Cleaver's district includes Kansas City, Independence, Lee's Summit, Raytown, Grandview, Sugar Creek, Greenwood, Blue Springs, North Kansas City, Gladstone, and Claycomo. The redistricting will take away portions of his Kansas City district.

Cleaver has served in Congress for over 20 years.

"While I'm grateful to the lawmakers in both parties who refused to go along with this power grab, I'm deeply disappointed that Missouri's Legislature

put the wishes of Washington above the voices of their own constituents and the needs of our communities," Cleaver said in a press release. "However, I want to be very clear to those who are frustrated by today's outcome: this fight is far from over. Together, in the courts and in the streets, we will continue pushing to ensure the law is upheld, justice prevails, and this unconstitutional gerrymander is defeated."

WHAT'S IN THE BILLS

Congressional map ("Missouri FIRST Map") The governor's office describes the proposal as compact and contiguous, splitting fewer counties and municipalities than the current map, preserving two districts as drawn, and keeping each member of Missouri's congressional delegation in their current district. Images of the proposed map are posted on the governor's site.

Initiative-petition changes: The measure would ban contributions from foreign nationals to ballot-measure committees; establish a crime for fraudulent signature activity; add a public-comment step before signature gathering; require the full text of each measure at polling places; and require constitutional amendments to win a statewide majority and a majority in each congressional district. As a constitutional change, it goes to voters.

Kehoe, for his part, thanked House sponsors and Republican members earlier in the week when the map advanced, noting the effort was headed to the Senate; after Senate passage he reiterated it was on its way to his desk.

Learn About Hummingbirds At Sept. 25 MDC Virtual Program

Learn How To Maintain Feeders During Fall Migration, What Plants Attract Hummingbirds

Hummingbird migration is in full swing, which means now is a great time to learn about these small and fascinating creatures.

People can learn about hummingbirds at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Birds: Hummingbirds of Missouri" on Sept. 25. This free online program will be from 1-2 p.m. and is open to all ages. People can register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/210777>

At the Sept. 25 program,

MDC Naturalist Wendy Lott will have information about the annual life cycle of a hummingbird. She will discuss this bird's fall migrations to southern Mexico and Central America. These migration trips send many hungry hummingbirds to area feeders. She will also talk about how people can plant native plants to attract these pollinators, as well as other native pollinating birds and insects, to yards and gardens.

Though this program is

free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above.

Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

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

SBC Relief Still Available To Mo Businesses, Private Businesses Affected By Storms

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding eligible businesses, private nonprofits, and residents in Missouri of the Oct. 14 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset physical damage caused by severe storms, straight-line winds, heavy rains, large hail, flooding and flash flooding occurring July 26-27.

The disaster declaration covers the Missouri counties of Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles and Warren as well as the Illinois county of Calhoun.

Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for business physical disaster loans and may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for home and personal property loans and may borrow up to \$100,000 to replace or repair personal property, such as clothing, furniture, cars, and appliances. Homeowners may apply for up to \$500,000 to replace or repair their primary residence.

Applicants may also be eligible for a loan increase of up to 20 percent of their physical damage, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements include strengthening structures to protect against high wind damage, upgrading to wind rated garage doors, and installing a safe room or storm shelter to help protect property and occupants from future damage.

"One distinct advantage of SBA's disaster loan program is the opportunity to fund upgrades reducing the risk of future storm damage," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. "I encourage businesses and homeowners to work with contractors and mitigation professionals to improve their storm readiness while taking advantage of SBA's physical damage loans."

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations including faith-based organizations impacted by financial losses directly re-

lated to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3.625 percent for nonprofits, and 2.813 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms, based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage is Oct. 14. However, after the deadline has passed, there is a 60-day grace period in which SBA will accept applications.

Mark Twain State Park Will Host 2025 Glamp

Have you missed going to summer camp since your childhood days? Have you always wanted to experience what summer camp is all about, but never had the chance to go? If you're a woman aged 21 or older, and you answered yes to either of these questions, then Glamp is for you!

Combining nature with modern comfort, Glamp is a unique opportunity for women to practice outdoor skills in a safe and comfortable setting. All sessions are taught by women and are designed to provide the opportunity to learn by doing. All individuals are welcome.

Each event covers a different combination of skills and activities.

Starting Friday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m., and concluding Sunday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m., women are invited to participate in ac-

tivities such as archery and atlatl, needle felting, kayaking, nature journaling, fire starting and much more! Limited to 60 participants, registration is sure to fill up quickly. Cost to attend is \$50, which covers lodging, food and all materials needed for the classes.

Glamp will take place at Camp Si Colborn at Mark Twain State Park, 36086 Cabin Road, Stoutsville. Camp Si Colborn features four bunk-style sleeping cabins that can accommodate up to 17 people each. Limited primitive camping space is also available. If you would like to use a tent, contact Assistant Park Superintendent Amelia Klenke at 573-248-9986 or amelia.klenke@dnr.mo.gov.

To register, visit icampmo1.usdirect.com/MSPWeb/Activities/Sea

[rch.aspx?search_text=women%20in%20nature](https://icampmo1.usdirect.com/MSPWeb/Activities/Sea), then click on the "Show 1 session" box below the Glamp listing. Click on the green "Sign up!" button to register. All slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions prior to the first day of the event, please contact Kintauna Myles, outdoor recreation coordinator, at kintauna.myles@dnr.mo.gov, or Amelia Klenke at amelia.klenke@dnr.mo.gov.

For detailed information on Glamp, please visit mostateparks.com/events. 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.

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PREFABRICATED HALF THROUGH TRUSS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD IN BOWLING GREEN, MISSOURI, TO INCLUDE NEW CONNECTING SIDEWALKS: Pike County Transportation Alternatives Program, Federal Project TAP-9900(396) consisting of Construction of a single span (150-foot) Prefabricated Half Through Truss Pedestrian bridge as well as approximately 180 linear feet of new ADA compliant sidewalk located at the intersection of Business Highway 61 and the Kansas City Southern Railroad 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 Oct. 7, 2025, at 2 P.M.

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

I love Bowling Green! I love all you people and what our town stands for!

Do you love our city? People love their cities when they are FUNCTIONAL. That is, when they fix the potholes, water and sewer lines are upgraded, snow is removed, and flooding in their yards and driveways are reduced.

People love their cities when it is SAFE. Safe to walk down the streets in the evenings and through the park on the trails. People love their cities when they are COMFORTABLE with good schools, fire and police departments, and when civic elected leaders are transparent. People love their cities when they are convivial-friendly, lively, and have an enjoyable atmosphere.

Finally, people love their cities when they are FUN! Fun is when people are interconnected, involved with people and events, and with social and emotional interactions. Citizens are not proud or in love with their cities when they are boring, ugly, and disconnected.

So what's the "connective tissue" in Bowling Green that binds us together like ligaments bind bones to bones or tendons bind muscles to bone-connective tissue? Is it our Bowling Green R-I School System? It should as it binds generations and pride as an ex-

cellent school in the State!

Is it our historical sites of John Basey's Cabin, Champ Clark's Honey Shuck, our War Memorials and Blue Star Marker, or that we are a Purple Heart City? Do our parks, trails, and lakes bind us together with activities and special events in celebrating our history and heritage? What changes a city's attitudes to love, care, and support instead of vandalism?

Can a new splash pad, cleaned up yards from trash, old tires, and old appliances to plant flowers and cut grass change attitudes and cause beautification and appreciation for your city?

What if we sent LOVE NOTES to our Armed Forces Veterans and/or our shuints, nursing and/or our assisted living facilities were visited? Would you love our city more if we had public art where people took pictures of their time in Bowling Green or would more murals on our buildings make you more proud of your city?

More in love with it. What is the "fabric of our city that holds us together? If you don't love your town, what do we have to do to help you fall in love with it?

Good activity drives away bad activity. Let's not be afraid to try something new!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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As of this writing (Sunday evening, 7:10 p.m.), we've been having alot of rain this evening. And yesterday we had 1 1/2 of rain. Other places around us had hail and lots of wind.

The Big River Band will be making another appearance this month. This coming Saturday, Sept. 27, they will be having a show at the Pike County Senior Center, 220 West Adams, in Pittsfield with the music starting at 6:30 p.m.

Concession stand treats will be available for purchase. No admission charge. Handicap accessible. And a 50/50 drawing will take place. There is a great dance floor there for all those who enjoy moving with the tunes.

This show is for all adults, not just those in the senior

years. Come on out for a great evening.

The Buggs' Family Opry will be this coming Friday evening, Sept. 26, at Pearl with the show starting at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Young at heart Senior Citizens, are you looking for something fun to do but not sure what? Every Tuesday afternoon from noon-3 p.m., at the Admiral Coontz Armory, 301 Warren Barrett Drive in Hannibal, there is a live band called Uptown Strings that plays with a great dance floor and plenty of chairs to sit on and visit with others. It's a great way to meet others, enjoy the music, and, if you choose, get out there and dance. Encouraging you, Seniors, to come on out for a great afternoon.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the weeks of Sept. 24-30:

Sept. 24 - Avery Bradshaw, Edith Turner, Jaime Syrcle, Luke Smith

Sept. 25 - Melissa Johnston

Sept. 26 - McKenzie Gwartney

Sept. 27 - Clint Weir, Tasha Kirk

Sept. 28 - Nicole Brown-ing, Jon and Kerensa Webel

Sept. 29 - Elizabeth Rudd, Emily Rhodes, Pennie Rush, Penny Tedrow, Bill and Laura Grimsley, Nic and Kristina Carter

Sept. 30 - Debbie Fitzpatrick, Rachel McCaherty, Vanessa Edgar

Pray...very simply PRAY!!!! There is power in prayer. So take time out of your busy day, and pray...give God the praise for EVERYTHING He has and will keep doing for you and for others...thank Him for His forgiveness...ask Him to guide your family's lives and your own life.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

We had another good "meet, greet, and eat" of the Single Seniors on Thursday, Sept. 18, at Merna's Kitchen in Bowling Green. Twenty-one people were in attendance. The visiting was good and the food delicious. Oh, and by the way, we have a new name for the group. It is now called Single Seniors + One, and the reason behind this is there are a few of the members married and/or getting married, and we did not want to lose these faithful people, so to "grandfather" them with their spouses into the group, we decided a new name was in order.

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.

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1 Gas Lawn Edger
5ft Poly Metal Bench
Bulletin Board
5gal Deer Mineral Feeder
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OF FALL MUMS
AND OTHER FALL ITEMS

MISCELLANEOUS CONT.
Large Lot of fish Rods & Reels
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Pallet Banding Tools
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New Rod-N-Reels
NEW Horse Blankets
New Pony Saddles
NEW Garden Hose Reels
NEW 2 1/2" Deck Screws

COINS/JEWELRY
1. 1921 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
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6. 1924 US Silver Peace Dollar Coin
7. 1921 Toned US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
8. 1921 S Toned US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
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11. 1921 S US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
12. 1921 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
13. 1921 S US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
14. 1934 S US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coin
15. 1943 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coin
16. 1943 D US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coin
17. 1945 D Toned US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coin
18. 1945 S US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coin
19. 1922 S US Silver Peace Dollar Coin
20. US 1961, 1963, 1964 x2 Washington Quarter Dollar Coins
21. 1969 Canada Silver Dollar Coin
22. 1969 Canada Silver Dollar Coin
23. 1964 US Silver Kennedy Half Dollar Coin
24. 1964 US Silver Kennedy Half Dollar Coin
25. 1964 US Silver Kennedy Half Dollar Coin
26. 1964 US Silver Kennedy Half Dollar Coin
27. 1959 Canada Silver Dollar Coin
28. 1939 Canada Silver Dollar Coin

COINS/JEWELRY CONT
29. 1945 US Silver Mercury Dime Coin
30. ANACS 1921 AU58 US Morgan Silver Dollar Coin
31. 1889 O Toned US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin
10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: No Date, 1919 S, 1920, 1934 S, 1934 D, 1934
32. 1935 S, 1935, 1936 D x2
10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: 1927 S, 1937 D, 1939 D x3, 1940 x2, 1940 S, 1941 x2
34. 10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: 1941 x3, 1941 D, 1941 S x2, 1942 x4
35. 10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: 1942 x3, 1942 S, 1943 x6
36. 10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: 1943 D x4, 1943 S x2, 1943 x2, 1944 x2
10 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins: 1944, 1944S, 1944 D, 1945 x2, 1945 S x2
37. 1946, 1946 S x2
38. 3 US 1947 Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins, 1947, 1947 S x2
39. Unsearched Wheat Pennies
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49. 3 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins, 1943 D x2, 1946 D
4 US Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollar Coins, 1935 D, 1942, 1942 S, 1943 S
51. 4 US Silver Peace Dollar Coins, 1922 x3, 1923
52. 1901 US Silver Morgan Half Dollar Coin
53. 4 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1884 O, 1890, 1891 O, 1900 S Toned
54. 4 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1880, 1885, 1921 S, 1921
10 US Silver Franklin Half Dollar Coins, 1948, 1950, 1951 x2, 1951 S, 1952, 1954 x2, 1954 D, 1954 S
55. 10 US Silver Franklin Half Dollar Coins, 1950, 1952 D x3, 1953, 1953 D, 1954, 1954 S, 1955
56. 1957 S
11 US Indian Head Cent Coins, 1864, 1865, 1879, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1908
57. 11 US Indian Head Cent Coins, 1864, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1886 Type 2, 1888, 1894, 1897, 1900, 1905, 1909
58. 11 US Indian Head Cent Coins, 1875, 1884, 1890, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1903, 1904, 1907, 1908
59. 1944 Wartime Netherlands 25 Cent Coins
60. INB New World Pirate Era Spanish Bronze Nummis Circa. 1400-1500 AD High Grade Coin
61. KEY 1909 F US Wheat Penny
62. 1908 S Indian Head Cent Coin
63. 2 US Silver Franklin Half Dollar Coins, 1955, 1957 S
64. 1955 10 Cent British Caribbean Territories Coin
65. 1964 US Kennedy Half Dollar Coin
66. 4 Pressed Pennies
67. 999 1975 Zane's Trace Commemoration Silver Round
68. Unsearched US Pennies

COINS/JEWELRY CONT
69. Unsearched US Pennies
70. US Coins Belt Buckle
71. Unsearched Foreign/US Coins
72. Sleeved Foreign Coins
73. Sleeved Foreign Coins
74. 1885 US Silver Morgan Dollar Collection Sleeve
75. .999 Fine Silver Wildhorse Resort Extra Large Silver Round
76. 5 US Silver Peace Dollar Coins, 1922 VF, 1924 S XF, 1925 S VF, 1926 D, 1927 XF
77. 5 US Silver Peace Dollar Coins, 1926 S AU, 1926 S, 1928 S Semi Key, 1926 S F1, 1928 S XF
7 US Silver Peace Dollar Coins, 1925 BU, 1923 BU, 1925 BU, 1922 S Choice AU, 1922S Ore Break on Reverse, 1923 BU, 1923 S Choice AU
79. 5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1896 Choice AU x3, 1900 Choice AU, 1900 O Choice AU
80. 5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1892 Good Date, 1890 O, 1898 AU, 1896 AU58, 1889 O
81. 5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1884 S VF, 1885 MS62, 1884 XF, 1880 S AU58, 1881 S
82. 5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1921 MS60, 1921 BU, 1921 S AU, 1921 D AU, 1888 Q
5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1878 S Choice XF, 1878 S Choice AU, 1884 Choice BU, 1884 O BU, 1884 Choice AU
83. 5 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coins, 1890 Choice AU x2, 1889 Choice BU, 1889, 1900 Choice BU
6 US Silver Morgan Dollar Coin, 1921 S, 1904 Toned, 1878 AU 7TF 2nd Rev., 1887 Choice AU, 1888 AU, 1886 BU
Paper Currency US & Foreign, Series 1995 \$2 Federal Reserve Note, Series 2003 A \$2 Federal Reserve Note, 1964 \$1 Bank of Trinidad & Tobago, E Caribbean Currency Authority
84. \$1, 2009 1 Mil Colonos Costa Rica Bill
85. 9 US Ike Half Dollar Coins, 1976 x2, 1972 x2, 1978 x2, 1977, 1971 x2
86. Mixed US Jefferson Nickel Coins, Various Dates
87. Mixed US Jefferson Nickel Coins, Various Dates
88. Mixed US Jefferson Nickel Coins, Various Dates
89. Mixed US Jefferson Nickel Coins, Various Dates
90. US Washington Quarter Dollar Coins, Various Dates
91. Mixed US/Foreign Coins
92. 3 US Sacagewea Dollar Coins, 2000 P x2, 2000 D
7 US Kennedy Half Dollar Coins, 1976, 1972 x2, 1977, 1989, 1991, 1994
94. 2 Sewing Thimbles, 2 Chains

Gun Auction At 2PM

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Obituaries



Edna 'Ruth' Barker Storts

Edna "Ruth" Barker Storts, formerly of Bowling Green died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana at the age of 99.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green on Saturday, Sept. 27. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., with services to follow.

Ruth was born Dec. 15, 1925, in the small rural community of Willmaths-ville. After graduating from high school in Brashear where she enjoyed playing basketball and participating in the school plays and choir, she attended Kirksville State Teaching College (now Truman State University) until her marriage to Vernon J Sloan, M.D. (deceased) in 1944. They had one son, Vernon J Sloan, Jr.

Ruth married I.B. Storts, Jr. "Junior" March 7, 1947, in Kirksville. They moved to Bowling Green in November 1948, eventually settling on a farm in Tarrant Village on the outskirts of town. They added three children to their family, Bruce Storts, Douglas Storts, and Paula Storts Page. They resided on their farm until Junior died in May 1988. Ruth continued living in Bowling Green until moving to Lynn's Heritage House in February, 2018.

Ruth lived a full life. She worked with Junior in his Pike Amusement business, fielding phone calls and paying bills, while raising her children. Later she showed her business acumen while running her own business selling maternity wear and baby clothes on the Bowling Green square.

After Junior's death she began traveling with her sister, Ava Swofford, seeing many countries she never expected to visit. These trips included the Scandinavian countries, the English Isles, Germany and Liechtenstein, Italy and Sicily, Austria and Switzerland, France and Monaco, and Greece and the Greek Islands.

As a long-time member of the United Methodist Church, Ruth was involved with church activities for many years. She enjoyed singing at church services and meeting with the other members to help those in need.

Those left to mourn her death are her sons, Bruce Storts and wife, Amy of Blue Springs, and Douglas Storts and wife, Sheila of Curryville; a daughter, Paula Storts Page and husband, Ed of Overland Park, Kan.; grandchildren, Jamey Sloan, of Sedalia, Stephen Storts and wife, Jeannie of Bradenton, Fla., Jeffrey Storts and wife, Michaelynn of Lee's Summit, Jennifer Storts Radford and husband, Jeremy of Blue Springs, Todd Storts and wife, Amy Jo of Bowling Green, Melissa Storts Weber and husband, Eric of Bowling Green, Erin Storts Comer of Bowling Green, Jessica Storts Coriell and husband, Jon of St. Louis, Nicholas Page and wife, Amber of Overland Park, Kan., Elise Page Lee and husband, Jimmy of St. Paul, Minn., and Drake Page of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Ava Swofford, Columbia; 26 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, I.B. Storts, Jr., her parents, Roy C. and Mary Martin Barker, siblings, Edgar Ray Barker, Rex Barker and Dale Barker; half-siblings, Fred Barker, Freda Chrisman, and Norma Julian; one son, Vernon Sloan, a daughter-in-law, Donna Sloan, and one grandson, Drew Sloan.

Ruth has been known by

many terms of endearment including Mom, Grandma, Grandma Ruth, and GG. She was a sister, an aunt, a friend, and the life of the party. She was an amazing lady loved by everyone who knew her. When she was asked how she managed to go about her life each day as she aged, she responded that if she could do something yesterday, then she could do it again today. She often added "I never have an ache or a pain!"

Pallbearers will be Stephen Storts, Jeffrey Storts, Todd Storts, Nicholas Page, Drake Page, Eric Weber, and Jeremy Radford. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer Radford, Melissa Weber, Erin Comer, Elise Lee, and Jessica Coriell.

Donations in memory of Ruth may be made to the Pike County Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.



Dorris Jean Breneman

Dorris Jean Breneman of Mexico died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, in Mexico at the age of 96 with her loving family by her side at Amanda's home.

The family invited all those whose lives were touched by Dorris to join them for a visitation at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia on Wednesday. It began at 1 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Dorris was then be laid to rest in the Vandalia Cemetery

Dorris was born April 1, 1929, at home in Vandalia, the daughter of Jessie Porter, Sr., and Lillian Gertrude Reese Sanderson. She was united in marriage to Randall Breneman on Feb. 19, 1950 in Vandalia at the First Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1977.

Dorris is survived by her sons, Randy Breneman and wife, Jeannie of Mexico, and Joe Breneman of West Palm Beach, Fla. She took great pride in her grandchildren, Patrick Talbott, Amanda Hodges, Tim Hodges, Lucas Breneman, and Nicole Breneman, and the joy continued with her great-grandchildren, Asa Talbott, Chloe Landrum, Blake Landrum, Aiden Hodges, and Eli Hodges. They were the light of her life, and their laughter and love filled her days with happiness.

Dorris was preceded in death by her parents and husband, a daughter, Nikki Hodges at the age of 39, along with her brothers, Jess Sanderson, Jr., and Dale Sanderson, and one sister, Thresa Bernice Harris.

A graduate of Vandalia High School, Dorris dedicated a significant part of her life to her career as a medical secretary for Dr. Ziegler and Dr. Gualberto. Her professionalism and dedication were admired by colleagues and patients alike, testament to her resilient and caring nature.

Dorris spent many good years in Vandalia raising her family and always considered Vandalia her home. She was known for her welcoming spirit, always opening her home to those she loved. Her passion for cooking and baking provided countless memorable meals that brought family together. Whether it was sharing stories over card games or music and dancing, she created an atmosphere of joy and togetherness that will be dearly missed.

She found immense joy in her hobbies, from reading and cheering for the Mizzou Tigers Basketball team to cherished trips to Florida and the Lake of the Ozarks with her family. The small pleasures of life were what Dorris truly treasured, and she did so with grace and style, always dressed beautifully and fashionably.

Mrs. Breneman was Presbyterian by faith.

Pallbearers will be Pat Talbott, Lucas Breneman, Tim Hodges, Blake Landrum, Asa Talbott, Aiden Hodges, and Eli Hodges.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Little Dixie Shrine Club in memory of Dorris.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Dorris' memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Mildred 'Millie' Elaine Dwyer

Mildred "Millie" Elaine Dwyer, 73, of Bowling Green died Friday, July 4, 2025, at her home.

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

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Millie was born Jan. 4, 1952, in Canton, Ill., to Clarence and Frances Humphrey Yocum. She was united in marriage to Robert Dwyer Jr., on May 18, 1971, in Hannibal. He survives.

Also surviving are children, Rebecca "Becki" Lynn Sims and husband, Ronald of Peyton, Colo., and Robert "Rob" Dwyer III of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Jacob Sims and Katie Rohwer of Pueblo West, Colo., Dayton Dwyer of Bowling Green, Clay Sims of Peyton, Colo., Jessica "Jessi" Sims of Salina, Kan., Emma McMillen and husband, Kayden of Curryville, Madison Dwyer of Bowling Green, Noah Dwyer of Bowling Green, and Tori Green of LaPlata; one great-grandson, Asher Findling of LaPlata; brothers Frank Yocum and wife, Carol of Ipava, Ill., Ed Yocum of Lakeview, Fla., Jim Yocum and wife, Char of Pekin, Ill., Bill Yocum and wife, Charlene of Lewistown, Ill., Tom Yocum and wife, Bev of Lewistown, Ill., John Yocum and wife, Dondra of Lewistown, Ill.; and Sam Yocum of Springfield, Ill.; sisters, Sally Yocum of Lewistown, Ill., Peg Towery of Canton, Ill., Mary Yocum and Bill Garlinghouse of Brutus, Mich., Charlene Hutton and husband, Dannie of Lewistown, Ill.; and many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and extended family.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Donald Yocum; sisters, Frankie Yocum, Geraldine Lybarger and husband, Don, and Clarice Pelton and husband, Gene; brother-in-law, Ray Towery; and sisters-in-law, Bonnie Yocum, and Lucretia Yocum.

Millie grew up as part of a large family and learned quickly to be a hard worker on the family's farm. Millie graduated from Lewistown High School in 1970. After graduation, Millie worked at a local nursing home and at a local restaurant as the head cook.

After marrying Bob, they lived in Hannibal and Palmyra until moving to Bowling Green in 2013. Millie had worked in several restaurants in the Hannibal area, and as a nurse's aide in Quincy, Ill. She later worked at Watlow, and then General Mills, from where she retired.

Millie enjoyed watching murder mysteries on BBC and old westerns. She loved camping, flower gardening, crocheting, sewing, and making quilts for her family. Most of all, Millie loved every moment spent with her family and cherished her long-lasting marriage.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be payable to Community Loving Care Hospice or the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Bowling Green.

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Karla Neumann

Karla Neumann, 63, of Eolia died at home on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Bill Patrick officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 22, 1961 in Pike County to Karl and Helen Hubbard Neumann. She was married to Robert "Bob" Elder on May 26, 2003. He preceded her in death on May 31, 2025.

She is survived by a sister, Judy Asbridge Gollaher; a brother-in-law, Broz Elder; one sister-in-law, Rita Elder; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, three sisters, Marilyn Cole, Paulette Asbridge, and Bunnie Asbridge; and a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Fox.

Karla had worked as a home caregiver, a mail carrier for USPS, and employed at Northeast MO Correctional Center in Bowling Green.

Memorials may be made to the St. Louis Area Food Bank.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Dorothy Jane 'Dottie' Brown-Murray

Dorothy Jane "Dottie" Brown-Murray, 88, of Louisiana died peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

A Mass of Christian burial was at 11:30 a.m., Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana. Fr. Henry Ussher officiated. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 10:30 a.m., until time of service Monday at the church.

A Celebration of Life reception followed at 1 p.m., at the Keely Center in Louisiana.

Dottie was born Oct. 19, 1936, in St. Louis to Lee and Katherine Stevens. She was united in marriage to Clarence "Socko" Brown. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1994. To this union there were eight children.

She later married John Murray on Oct. 23, 2004.

Her devoted husband, John, survives her, along with his two children, Denise Fanucchi and John Murray, Jr.; and four grandchildren.

Dottie's life can be best described by her devotion to her faith, family, community and friends, and her passion for cooking. All of which she did with class and grace.

Faith: Dottie was a devout Catholic, and her daily life served as a testament to that faith. She was an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana, Missouri. Traveling to Rome, Italy during the Great Jubilee 2000 with John was one of her greatest experiences in the Catholic faith.

Family: As a young couple starting out, Dottie was a stay-at-home mom and Socko worked to provide a home for their growing family of eight children. She then went on to become a grandmother and a great-grandmother. Her elegance

and grace were truly notable. To know her was to love her.

Community and Friends: Dottie was very involved in her community. She was a member of the library board, school board, and PEO. Dottie and her husband, John, were very active members of Rotary. She had many close friends, and those friendships encompassed all aspects of her life, and each was very special to her.

Cooking: Above all, Dottie had a passion for cooking and entertaining. She was known for hosting lavish dinner parties and social events. Later in life she managed and was the head chef at the Pike County Country Club and Tievoli Hills Resort. It was considered an honor if you were lucky enough to get one of her own special recipes.

She was also survived by four of her children, Penny Lenten, Ted Brown and wife, Lori of Louisiana, Stacy Grover and husband, Mike of Moscow Mills, Tim Brown and wife, Tracy of Columbia; and a daughter-in-law Lisa Brown of Louisiana. Along with 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four of her children, Cyndi, Steven, Jefferson and Christopher Brown; two daughters-in-law, Marsha and Staci Brown; a granddaughter, Katherine "Katie" Grover; and infant grandson, Nicholas Brown.

She was loved by all and will be truly missed.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or donor's choice.



Jacquelyn Ruth 'Jackie' Singer

Jacquelyn Ruth "Jackie" Singer, 79, of Clarksville, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at the Meadowlands in O'Fallon.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., with memorial service at 7 p.m., Friday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Jackie was born May 6, 1946, to Kenneth Parks Clow and Ruth T. Boykin in Centerville, Iowa. They lived for a while in Madison, Wis., and North Carolina before returning to Iowa to raise their family. Jackie graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1964. She then attended Ottumwa Heights College. After that, she attended Missouri State Teachers College-Kirksville where she received her degree in elementary education in 1969. It was there she met her husband, Dallas V. Singer, and were united in marriage April 26, 1969.

Jackie was a stay at home mom while Dallas worked as a teacher for a few years. They moved to the Clarksville area when he took the job as the elementary principal at Clopton in 1975. Jackie began her 32 years of teaching at Clopton in 1977. She taught remedial reading for two years, then became a second grade teacher in 1979 until her retirement in 2009.

Jackie stayed busy by helping take her kids to all their activities and games. From dance, 4-H, and Khoury League games when they were young, to band and all sports once they were in middle school and high school. She served as cheerleading sponsor for several years at Clopton. She was also a member of the Chataqua Club and the Clarksville Methodist Church.

In her free time, she enjoyed playing bridge, reading, watching Cardinals baseball and visiting her cousins in North Carolina. Jackie was always taking care of others, hence the "Helping Hands" already engraved on her headstone. She took care of Dallas and her mom when they both became ill.

Her joy for the past 34 years has been her grandchildren. They would al-

ways bring a smile to her face. She enjoyed reading to them and taking them out to places. She was able to watch them play soccer and softball, until it became too difficult for her.

She is survived by a son, Shannon Singer and wife, Amy of Wentzville; one daughter, Kelley Wehmeyer and husband, Tom of Elsberry; a brother, Ken Clow Jr., and wife, Pat of Lenexa, Kan.; one sister, Carolyn Llewellyn of Sparks, Nev.; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Mick Maloney of Spearfish, S.D.; granddaughters, Carolyn, Christine, and Callie Wehmeyer of Elsberry, Danielle Riggs and husband, Ty of Sedan, Kan.; great-granddaughters, Etta and Audra; bonus granddaughter, Kylee; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dallas, sister-in-law, Sharon Singer, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Luella and Charles Fancher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Clopton Alumni Association or the Clarksville Methodist Church.



Nathan Curtis Love

Nathan Curtis Love, son of Curt Love and Jeri Smith died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 at his home in Louisiana.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m., until time of funeral service at noon on Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Nathan Adams officiating. A private burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

A Celebration Of Life will immediately follow interment at the American Legion at 420 Kelly Ln. in Louisiana.

Nathan was born Feb. 6, 1993 in Louisiana. He was a 2011 graduate of Louisiana High School. Nathan went on to further his education at Missouri S&T with a major in civil engineering and a minor in explosives. He worked during high school and after with his Papa, Dad, and brothers, Steven and Jeffrey at Love & Sons.

Steven and Nathan decided to venture out on their own and started Love Bros. Contracting. Nathan was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and a member of Operating Engineers Local 513. He loved the outdoors, hunting deer, and fishing for catfish.

He is survived by his wife, Shelby Hunter Love of Paynesville; his parents; brothers, Steven Love and wife, Thressa of Troy, and Jeffrey Love and wife, McKenna Brandt Love of Louisiana. His favorite thing to be called was uncle Nay Nay by Cooper and Lacey Love. He is also survived by a special friend, Anita Lawson and son, Chase Thurman. Other survivors include an aunt, Vicki Everding and husband, Ray, uncle Bryce Love and wife, Doris Jo, aunt Barbara Dulle and husband, Jim, uncle Ronnie Suddarth, and a host of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gerald and Betty Smith, Ray and Sharon Love, aunts and uncles Valirea and Carey Shriver, Debra Clark, and Judy Suddarth, and a cousin, Jon Bergman.

Honorary pallbearers will be Buzz Mendonsa, Ron Ron Ivey, John Richards, Alex Kinsey, Jordan Miller, Kasey Roberts, Kyle Schmitt, Kenny Hanes, Reid LaFave, Michael Everding, Matthew Everding, Daniel Everding, and John Shriver. Pallbearers will be Steven Love, Jeffrey Love, Derek Suddarth, Conner Ahlers, Kevin Sutton, and Saxton Cole.

Memorials may be made to the Nathan Love Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.

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HE SWEARS
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HE DOESN'T SWEAR
In September 1925, the Louisiana Press-Journal praised one of its former workers, A.V. Lindsey, who avoided cursing, as many "printer's devils" did. Instead, Lindsey became a minister, performing 725 weddings and presiding at 2,000 funerals. "He was once a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, but he was too good a man for the job and was beaten."

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DEFINE THAT, PLEASE
On Sept. 3, 1885, the Louisiana Journal provided a definition for a trend that was sweeping Pike County: "A young lady wants to know the particulars of a handkerchief flirtation. It requires two fools and two handkerchiefs."

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Community News

OBITUARIES

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Jay Tims

Jay Tims, 66, of Azle Texas, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2025 at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital.

A graveside service for urn burial was at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. A lunch followed interment at the Clark's family home.

He was born Oct. 28, 1958. Jay loved life, his family and friends. He loved to cook, travel and spend time enjoying the lake. Jay attended Fort Worth Christian and Abilene Christian University.

Jay worked 20 years alongside his family at Dexide, Inc. He started in sales, then moved to marketing and finally appointed chief operating officer before the company was sold in 1999. His love for cars took him down a completely different path than the medical industry.

In 2004 Jay and Janice opened 2J's Automotive. Running the business for 15 years. In 2010 they were recognized as Small Business of the Year by the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. In 2011 2J's was awarded the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Integrity Award Winner for Marketplace Ethics. Jay sold 2J's in 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Clark Tims; children, Bailey Tims, Caden Tims, Allie Farrell and husband, Sean; his parents, Jerry and DiAnne Tims; a sister, Tracy Kile and husband, Kevin; and grandchildren, Rhett Tims and Vivienne Tims.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Rueban Knight, grandmother, Maxine Knight, grandfather, Lloyd Tims, and grandmother, Edna Tims.

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." Jay was a gift to all who loved and knew him. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked for donations to be made to the Community Link in Saginaw or Meals on Wheels Fort Worth.



Mary Lou Tucker

Mary Lou Tucker, 79, of Eolia, died peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025 at Progress West Hospital in O'Fallon.

Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 3 from 4-8 p.m., at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Funeral service will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12 p.m., at Eolia United Methodist Church followed by a brief graveside service at Auburn Cemetery in Silex.

Mary Lou "affectionately called Moo by some" was born June 1, 1946 to Harry and Edith Kilby in Louisiana. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Tucker, on June 17, 1967. He survives.

She is also survived by two daughters, Tammy Miller and husband, Tom of Columbia, and Tara Humphreys and husband, Scott of Bastrop, Texas; granddaughter, Colette Marie Miller of Columbia; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David and Tina Tucker of Eolia; an aunt, Betty Anderson of Fort Worth, Texas, aunt Dortha Cockerham of

Arlington, Texas; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and close friends.

Mary Lou was active in the Aeolian Club, served as a 4-H leader and was an active member of the Eolia United Methodist Church.

Mary Lou stayed home to raise Tammy and Tara until they were old enough for school and she then returned to college. Her daughters remember catching her often studying in the middle of the night after she completed her daily, 60-minute commute to Lindenwood for classes, then returning home to cook supper and have family time. While she must have been exhausted, she never complained as she earned her degree in elementary education in 1983, fulfilling her dream of being a teacher.

She taught at Clopton Schools for her entire 27-year-career, mostly teaching sixth grade, where she impacted the lives of countless students. She loved catching up with former students and always remembered details about their lives. Don will tell people he is known as Mrs. Tucker's husband, and he is very proud of that.

Tammy, Tara and Colette are grateful that Mary Lou passed on to them her love of reading, travel, music and her curiosity about the world. Mary Lou loved Cardinals baseball, shopping and lunch with friends, time with family and cooking and baking with Colette, notably their annual gingerbread house and deviled eggs for every holiday meal.

Mary Lou never met a stranger; she was the friendliest, kindest, most generous person you would ever meet. Her positivity was infectious and something her daughters strive for every day. Mary Lou had a number of health challenges in recent years, but she faced them all with courage, determination and her strong Christian faith. She was loved by many and will be missed.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Sam Kilby, sister-in-law, Roberta Kilby, father- and mother-in-law, Earl and Erma Tucker, brother-in-law, Earl Ray Tucker and sister-in-law, Nancy Travis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital, St. Jude Hospital, or the Clopton Alumni Association.



Larry D. Benjamin

Larry D. Benjamin, 71, of Bowling Green died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 at his residence.

Visitation is from 12:30-4:00 p.m., Sunday at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 701 N. Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green.

Larry's funeral service will follow at 4 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home with military honors. The Rev. Terry Cook to officiate.

He was born May 12, 1954 in Louisiana to Lawrence and Joanne Helms Benjamin, Jr. Larry was raised in Pike County, Ill., and was the oldest of his six siblings. At the age of 13, he helped his grandparents pick apples and spent a lot of time with them.

After graduating from Pleasant Hill High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and was stationed in Germany. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he moved back to Louisiana. This is where he met his soulmate, Lonna Presley. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on Oct. 10, 1982 in Louisiana. To this union were born two children, Lucas and Logan. Larry also had a daughter, Chastity Anderson, from his first marriage. During these years,

Larry was employed as a police officer with the City

of Louisiana.

In 1987, he decided to re-enter the U.S. Army and was sent to Egypt. His country was everything to him and he always wanted to keep it safe. He was stationed in many different cities and countries during his time in service. After he retired from the Army, the couple moved back to Pleasant Hill, Ill. They later relocated to Frankford and lastly Bowling Green.

After the 911 attack, Larry tried to re-enlist, but because of age was not accepted. His love of his country made him sign up with a military contractor in Iraq, serving honorable for six years.

Some of his hobbies included making knives, gun smithing, and leading the local militia. His No. 1 priority was his family; he cherished each and everyone of them and will be greatly missed and long remembered by everyone that knew him.

Surviving are his wife of over 43 years, Lonna Benjamin; his mother, Joanne Benjamin; three children, Chastity Anderson and husband, Mike of Pittsfield, Ill., Lucas Benjamin of Troy, Logan Benjamin and wife, Adriana of Hannibal; nine grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Garret, Gracie, Autumn, Emma, Micah, Isabelle, Kody, and Lily; and one great-grandchild, Lakelynn. He is further survived by three siblings, Brenda Francis and husband, Bill of Frankford, Glenda Myers of Eolia, and Cindy Hargas and husband, John of Frankford; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Benjamin; his three siblings, Susie Benjamin, Tom Benjamin and Vince Benjamin and his grandparents, Lawrence Benjamin and Nora Bell Benjamin.

Memorials may be made to McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Family and friends are invited to sign our online guestbook at: www.mccoy-blossomfh.com.



Alvin Adams Jr.

Alvin Adams Jr., 90, of Eolia died peacefully Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Alvin, who went by the name "Junior," was born Dec. 10, 1934, in Creve Coeur to Alvin and Adele Thomassen Adams. Junior was united in marriage to Rosie Lee Adams on June 19, 1954, at Star Hope Baptist Church in Elsberry. To this marriage were born Larry Eugene, Kathryn Marie, Karen Lee, and Penny Lou. Junior and Rosie raised their children on the farm and instilled their strong work ethic and love for the land in them. Junior loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Farming was his passion and he loved his life as a farmer.

At age 7, Junior and his family moved to Whiteside, where his former schoolhouse now serves as a location for family gatherings. His family began a truck farming business and by age 15, Junior was making trips to St. Louis delivering asparagus and strawberries.

In Junior's early adult years, he worked at the glove factory in Elsberry, the heel factory in Troy, and the Ford Motor Plant in Hazelwood. Along with farming, Junior would cut wood and did what he could to provide for his family.

Junior acquired his first farm in the early 60's and in 1967, Junior and Rosie moved the family to Eolia where he continued to grow his acreage. He began his trucking business in the late 1970s and in 1981 he and his son, Larry, established Eolia Fertilizer. Junior was particularly fond of his cows, which he fed daily in the winter months. He con-

tinued to farm into his 90's and leaves a legacy.

Some of his favorite pastimes were pulling his antique tractors and, in his later years, showing off his 1934 Ford Roadster at car shows and going to the "boat," which, of course, was the casino.

Junior is survived by his children, Larry Adams and wife, Cynthia of Silex, Kathy Gregory and husband, the late Lilburn of Bowling Green, Karen and husband, Robert of Clarks-ville and Penny Adams of Columbia; grandchildren, Carriann Smith and husband Jason, Angie Adams, Joshua Adams and wife, Kenzie, Jacob Adams, Jaclyn Adams, Brooke Colbert and husband, Luke, Bryce Gregory and wife, Kristi, Bridgette Reuther and husband, Patrick, Breanne Clawson and husband, Alex, Dane Omohundro and wife, Kaylee, Jill Granneman and husband, Nathan, Deaven Streed and husband, Dean, Morgan Keener and husband, Jeff, and Marissa Kraus; great-grandchildren, Kendall Smith, Jemma Adams, Brantley Orf, Bennett, Ava, Oliver, and Charlotte Colbert, Adelyn, Carter, Kennon, William Gregory, Andrew, Aubrey, and Asa Reuther, Elliott and Evelyn Clawson, Kade and Kamryn Omohundro, Landon, Mason, Maddox and Chandler Granneman, Blayke, Kacen and Daxton Streed, Jackson, Addison and Logan Keener, sisters; brothers-in-law, Robert and Laverne Wright, Ben and Melba Houston, Paul Krieg, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosie, parents, Alvin Sr., and Adele Adams, sister, Nadine Krieg, in-laws, Homer and Nellie Reed, and son-in-law, Lilburn Gregory.

He will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Visitation was Sunday from 1-5 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy, MO, 63379. Visitation was also held Monday, 10-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Funeral services were Monday at 11 a.m., at the funeral home in Troy. Interment followed in Auburn Cemetery, Silex.

Family and friends may sign the online guest register at mccoyblossomfh.com.



Sandra 'Nana' Kay Allison

It is with profound sadness and immeasurable love that the family of Sandra "Nana" Kay Allison announce her peaceful death, surrounded by family, on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at the age of 77.

A private service for family will be held at Sandi's request.

Sandi will be lovingly remembered by her children, Michelle Leverenz and husband Jeff, Chad Allison and wife, Cheri and Sunshine Williams; grandchildren, Cassidy and husband, Nicholas, Chloe and husband, Luke, Jubal, Journey, Alaina and husband, Ryan, Lance and wife, Kaylee, Linzi, Madison and husband, John, Sierra and husband, Zeke, Shelby and husband, Steven, Trey and wife, Heaven, and Paige; great-grandchildren, Berlynn, Rogan, Callen, Reagan, Lawson, Sullivan, Evan, and Sebastian; and one niece, Nickie; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Sandi was preceded in death by her daughter, Stephanie Allison; sisters, Wanda Horn McCluskey, Norma Horn Williams, Jean Chandler Barley, and Wilma Chandler Lagemann; as well as her parents, Andrew and Sibyl Chandler.

Sandi's life was defined by love and generosity, al-

ways extending her warmth, kindness, and compassion to others. Sandi gave freely of herself to anyone who needed comfort or care. After she retired, Sandi enjoyed running an in-home daycare where she 'adopted' multiple additional grandchildren who she always loved as her own. Sandi cherished time spent watching her grandchildren play sports, always their biggest

fan.

She enjoyed traveling to explore new places, especially the beach. When she wasn't with family, Sandi could often be found getting lost in a good book, with an ever-present Pepsi in hand and her cat, Penny, curled up beside her. Sandi's warmth, generosity and joy in life's simple pleasures will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

MDC Asks Public To Reports Hemorrhagic Disease In MO Deer

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is receiving reports of hemorrhagic disease (HD) in Missouri deer this summer and is asking the public to help determine the extent of the disease by reporting suspected cases.

HD is a general term for two related viruses: epizootic hemorrhagic disease and bluetongue. They are spread to deer through the bite of a tiny, native midge, often called a "no-see-um" or "gnat."

While MDC does not anticipate a large outbreak this year, every report helps biologists monitor deer health and better understand the impacts of the disease.

"Hemorrhagic disease is a naturally occurring virus in Missouri's deer population," explained MDC Wildlife Health Program Supervisor Deb Hudman. "Outbreaks are most common between July and October and typically end after a heavy frost kills the midges that spread it."

Signs of HD in deer can include reluctance to move; difficulty breathing; swelling of the head, neck, or tongue; and unusual behavior such as appearing dazed or unresponsive. The virus can cause high fever, prompting infected deer to seek water. Deer that die from HD

are often found in or near water. Death can occur within days of infection, though some deer survive and develop immunity. There is no cure or vaccine for HD.

HD kills deer quickly, making the effects of the disease highly visible. However, the disease does not have long-term effects on the overall health or sustainability of Missouri deer numbers. Even after a severe outbreak, the deer population recovers within a few years.

"We care deeply about Missouri deer and deer hunting," Hudman said. "By reporting suspected cases of HD, members of the public can help us track where the disease is occurring and how it's affecting deer numbers in specific areas."

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

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

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



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Friday, Sept. 26 Activities
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Join MDC For Deer Management Open Houses Around The State

Enjoy hunting deer or watching them? Want help managing private land for deer? Want to know more about the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) efforts to keep deer healthy? MDC invites deer hunters, landowners and managers, wildlife watchers, and others interested in Missouri's white-tailed deer to a series of community open houses around the state.

Attendees can talk with MDC staff about deer management and regulations, impacts of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) on deer populations, managing private land for deer, and MDC's Deer Management Assistance Program. In addition, MDC staff will share new information on CWD and how MDC is working with hunters, landowners, and other partners to minimize the threat of CWD and keep Missouri deer healthy.

"For generations, Missourians have worked together to protect deer and deer hunting," said MDC Director Jason Sumners. "Fueled by a shared passion for white-tailed deer, hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts inside and outside MDC have built a healthy, abundant herd. These open houses offer a chance to build on that foundation."

MDC staff will share information on the previously mentioned topics and welcome questions and comments from attendees.

MDC invites the public to stop by the community open houses anytime between 4 – 8 p.m. No registration is required. They will be:

Sept. 30 in St. Joseph -- Stoney Creek Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Road

Oct. 1 in Chillicothe -- Litton Agri-Science Learning Center, 10780 Liv 235

Oct. 2 in Lone Jack -- Civic Center, 509 S. Bynum Road
Oct. 6 in Palmyra -- American Legion Hall, 600 Short St.
Oct. 7 in Macon -- Expo Center, 1303 S. Missouri St.
Oct. 8 in Eugene -- Cole County R-V School, 14803 Highway 17
Oct. 9 in Eureka -- Eureka Community Center, 333 Bald Hill Road
Oct. 14 in Poplar Bluff -- Three Rivers College Tinnin Fine Arts Center, 2080

Three Rivers Blvd.
Oct. 15 in West Plains -- Civic Center, 110 St Louis St.
Oct. 16 in Mt. Vernon -- University of Missouri Southwest Research Center Educational Building, 14548 State Road H.
In addition to welcoming public comments at the community open houses, MDC is also accepting public comments about deer management online through Oct. 17 at short.mdc.mo.gov/4yd.

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SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2025 - VANDALIA, MO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - RAILROAD PARK

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)REGISTER FOR TOURS	
Cornhole Tournament (6:30 PM) HORSESHOE PARK	
Sundown Shot Band (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) MAIN STAGE	
Whiskey Morning Band (8:00 PM - 11:00 PM) MAIN STAGE	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - RAILROAD PARK

7:30 - YMCA Fall 5K	REGISTRATION @YMCA 6:45 AM-7:00 AM SPONSORED BY YMCA
8:30 - MUSEUM OPENS * TOURS - (8:30 AM)REGISTER FOR TOURS	
9:30 - Mural Dedication	- HIGHWAY 54 AND MAIN STREET
10:00 - VENDORS OPEN/LA FEMME PIE SALES	
11:00 - PARADE - LINE UP 10:00 AM @ SOUTH SCHOOL	
12:00 - Welcome - Live Music Starts	- MAIN STAGE
12:00 - SCOTT and MECHELLE	MAIN STAGE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
1:00 - KIDS AREA OPENS	PETTING ZOO-BOUNCE HOUSES FACE PAINTING - KIDS TRAIN (1 - 5)
2:00 - BECKY DENTON	MAIN STAGE 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3:30 - POSEY HILL BAND	MAIN STAGE 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
4:00 - CAR CRUISE-IN	(PARK ON MAIN / ENTER FROM N. MAIN)
5:00 - BINGO	(SPONSORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) UNDER THE BIG TOP TENT
6:00 - RUBY LEIGH	MAIN STAGE 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
8:00 - THE DRAWL STL	MAIN STAGE 8:00 PM- 11:00 PM

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