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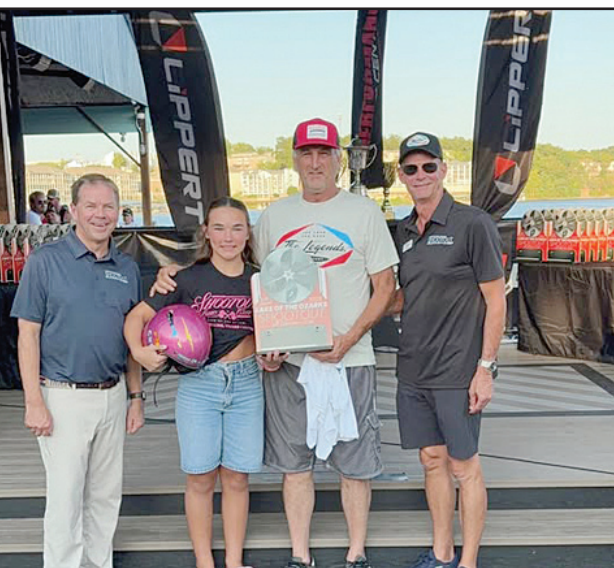
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New Pike Assessor Sworn In

Pike County Clerk Laura Stumbaugh (right) is pictured swearing in the newly-elected Pike County Assessor Kelly Crane on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at the Pike County Courthouse commissioner's office.

Moore Breaks Personal Record At Lake Of The Ozarks Shootout



Ron Moore of Vandalia recently beat his old record of 70 with a score of 73 at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout held Saturday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Aug. 31.

Moore competed in his 1984 Formula 242 with a 468 engine Chevy big block with a 671 blower. The boat has a Mercury XR drive and Bravo 25 with a pitch propeller.

The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States, named one of the nation's eight "must-see" boating events according to Powerboat Magazine, the Shootout takes place for the 13th year at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach



Ron Moore and granddaughter, Presley Morgan, are pictured signing various banners at the 2025 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout held Aug. 30-31.



NECAC Senior Fairs

NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, right, offers information about agency programs to Edna Dolbeare during a Senior Citizen Information Day Saturday, Aug. 18 at The Trimble House in Louisiana. Dixon held a similar event Aug. 20 in Bowling Green. More information about NECAC services is available by calling Dixon at 324-2207 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

Free Breakfast For Heritage Day

Begin your Heritage Day celebration with a free breakfast at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, located at the corner of Church and Broadway Streets.

Pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee will be served from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. This is the 12th breakfast the church has provided to the community through its Acts of Kindness ministry.

Additional Acts of Kindness ministries the church supports includes providing a hygiene care box for the community, handing out candy and serving food during Halloween Trunk or Treat, providing children with Christmas gifts, assembling Festival of Sharing personal hygiene kits, hosting blood drives, supporting the Every Child Every Day program, and providing food to the Hope Center.

The Methodist Church's mission is to reach out, as a

community of believers in Jesus Christ, to all persons, to nurture them as Christian disciples, and to enable them to share with the world God's love and grace. The church welcomes everyone with open hearts, open minds, and open doors to their worship service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

To learn more about the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, visit the church's Facebook page at Bowling Green First United Methodist Church.

Mistake Or Murder?

Former Louisiana Mayor Dies After Shooting

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

The trial that was supposed to resolve questions in the March 1915 death of former Louisiana Mayor Alten Walker did just the opposite.

Twenty-six-year-old real estate agent Fred Wilkins was charged with murder for shooting Walker in the stomach.

Before dying, the 46-year-old staff member of Missouri Gov. Elliott Major repeatedly said it was an accident. Both men swore they were handling the gun at the same time when it fired.

After months of delays, a jury finally was impaneled in January 1916 before Judge Edgar Woolfolk. The Gillum Opera House in Bowling Green substituted for the county courthouse, which had been destroyed by fire in October 1915.

A twist in a case that seemingly had an endless supply came a week before the proceedings. Wilkins was busted for fraud, accused of bilking Anna Doyle of Hannibal by giving her a bogus promissory note in exchange for an \$800 cash loan – the equivalent today of \$25,000. Wilkins pleaded not guilty.

Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Tom McGinnis faced an uphill battle in the Walker case. Other than Wilkins, there were no direct witnesses. More than a dozen men who saw a wounded Walker shortly after the shooting heard him exonerate the suspect. There were also three missing elements.

The first was the disappearance of a prosecution witness who had claimed he heard a shot at Wilkins' house the night of the incident. That would have contradicted the story by both of those involved that Walker was wounded in his office.

The second was the gun. Authorities had not col-

lected the .38-caliber revolver at the scene and it could not be found.

The third was that Wilkins, as he had from the start, refused to testify.

McGinnis was left to argue that the desperate suspect and his wife, Diane, blackmailed Walker for money, lured him to their home and shot him when he refused to cooperate.

There was one problem with the theory. As a friend, Wilkins would have certainly known that Walker faced huge financial troubles of his own and was a poor candidate for extortion.

Instead, McGinnis put on the stand witnesses who said they saw a disheveled Walker accompanied by Wilkins the night of the incident. He also tried to show that Walker's clothing indicated the shot had been deliberate.

"The evidence will show that the bullet had passed only through Walker's shirt, and that he had been disrobed at the time he was shot," McGinnis said. "The bullet did not pass through his coat, vest or trousers."

Wilkins' attorneys, Ras and Eugene Pearson, repeated the claim that the shooting was unintentional and that there was no motive.

"Walker was a man of strong character," Ras Pearson said. "He had many friends, many enemies. He knew best of all how he was wounded, and he repeatedly said that Fred Wilkins was in no way to blame for his death."

McGinnis countered that Walker freed Wilkins from responsibility in an effort to protect his own reputation.

The opera house was packed with spectators, including Wilkins' wife and two of the couple's young children. Diane Wilkins also declined to testify, but she certainly spoke rather melodramatically to the newspapers.

"I never knew what it was to really live until I sat by my husband's side and felt my heart beat with his as the different witnesses

went upon the stand and told stories that might cost him his life," she said.

Mrs. Wilkins added it was difficult to hear testimony against her husband, but that the Pearsons had told her to maintain decorum.

"I just kept on smiling," she said. "It must have been a foolish smile. Possibly, it deceived the crowd, but I guess the women in the opera house, or courtroom, must have understood a little how I was feeling. It is an experience a woman can never forget. You just sit on edge all the time, and yet bound hand and foot by rules."

After two days of testimony, the jury took three-and-a-half hours to acquit Wilkins. He and his wife shook hands with each juror. For the many who had hoped for greater detail, the outcome was disappointing.

"The scandal seekers at the trial did not get their money's worth," one newspaper reported.

It's unclear what happened with the fraud charge. But, as with so many elements of it, the unpredictable nature of the shooting case carried over.

The same year of the incident, Wilkins began studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1921 and spent the next 40 years practicing in Louisiana, including a stint as city attorney.

Wilkins died of an apparent heart attack at age 72 shortly before noon on June 19, 1961 – just as he was returning to his rural Louisiana home from a client's court hearing in Bowling Green. As with Walker, he is buried in Louisiana's River-view Cemetery.

In 1916, the Pike County News had summed things up in a post-acquittal observance that could as easily have been more than a century later.

"The shooting of Walker remains as much of a mystery today as it has from the first, and there is little likelihood of it ever being cleared up," unpredictable.

Fugitive Arrested In Vandalia Area Manhunt

During the night hours of Tuesday, Sept. 2 into the early morning hours of Wednesday, Sept. 3 members of the Audrain County Sheriff's Office received reports of a wanted subject in the area of Home and Central streets in Vandalia.

The subject identified was a fugitive from justice, and had a felony warrant out of Marion County.

The subject was identified as Scott Joseph Adams, a 41-year-old white male from Bowling Green. Adams was wanted on a Marion County felony arrest warrant and was last seen in the area of Central and Home Streets during the late night/early morning hours of September 3, 2025.

A perimeter was set by numerous members of the sheriff's office and Missouri State Highway Patrol, and as daylight hours came, the perimeter was methodically searched, cleared and closed.



Scott Joseph Adams

At about 10:30 a.m., the subject was located near Walsh and Lincoln streets and taken into custody. During the arrest, a Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper suffered a leg/ankle injury and was transported to University Hospital-Columbia in stable condition.

The Sheriff Matt Oler would like to thank the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Deputies and Troopers assigned to the Operation Re-

lentless Pursuit Task Force and members of the Van-Far and Audrain Ambulance Districts for their assistance in this operation.

Adams will face additional charges for offenses committed during the course of this operation.

**** All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law ****

The Audrain County Sheriff and his staff remain committed to working with our communities, community partners, and other area law enforcement agencies to make Audrain County a safe place to work and live. The support of and the input from the community is appreciated. Citizens are reminded crime tips may be provided anonymously by calling CRI-MESTOPPERS at (800) 392-TIPS or (800) 392-8477 and/or online at <https://www.audrainsheriff.com/report-a-crime>.

Community News

September Library Book Review



Brenda Gower
September 2025
Library Staff Book
Review That Last
Carolina Summer by
Karen WhiteReviewed by
Brenda Gower, Farber
Branch Manager

The Last Carolina Summer has two main women that it follows, who are Phoebe and Celeste.

When Phoebe was young, she survived a lightning strike and developed the gift of premonition through her dreams. Plagued throughout her early life with these dreams, she moved to the other side of the United States and started a new life.

But then she receives a call from Addie, her older sister, to come home and help with their ailing mother. Her return brings back all the tensions and conflicts within her family plus her dreams. Phoebe finds a friend in Celeste, who is there and provides the guidance and support needed when things at home seem overwhelming.

Does Celeste, whose granddaughter went missing years ago, have ulterior motives? Can she be trusted? How does the history of these two families entwine? You will have to read The Last Carolina Summer to find out. This was a good read if you enjoy a book full of secrets to unravel.

I have read several books by Karen White and am looking forward to her next new book. I would give the book a 5/5, and it can be found at the Mexico Audrain County Library.

**Library Staff
Book Review
Impossible
Creatures by Katherine
RundellReviewed by
Brenda Gower, Farber
Library Branch
Manager**

I enjoyed this junior fantasy, Impossible Creatures.

The story is about a hidden world called Archipelago where all magical creatures are now living safely away from the 'normal' world.

Those in the normal world have forgotten that magical creatures really exist and are not aware that Archipelago exists. The story centers around two young children, Christopher, who lives in the normal world, and Mal, who lives in Archipelago. Wild animals have always been drawn to Christopher, and, on a visit to his grandfather's, he is told their family has been responsible for watching over one of the secret passages into the world of Archipelago.

Christopher meets Mal, a young girl from Archipelago, who passed through the secret passage between the two worlds. She is in desperate need of help, someone is chasing her and her world seems to be dying. Together, the two go on a search to find out who is after Mal and why the magical creatures are acting strange and dying.

The closer they get to understanding what is happening, the clearer it becomes that only they can correct the problem. This is the first book in a series with the second book, The Poisoned King, scheduled to come out September 2025. Impossible Creatures can be found in the Mexico Audrain Library System.



Kasi Welborn
September 2025
Library Staff
Young Adult Book ReviewOut of Air by Rachel

Reiss Reviewed by Kasi Welborn, Library Assistant, Mexico Public Library

Phoebe, known as Phibs to her friends, might as well live in the ocean. She feels called to the depths and scuba diving is her passion.

Then she and her friends take a trip to Australia for a last hoorah before college. They go out diving and find a beautiful and enchanting underwater cave. After leaving the cave, things start to change.

Phoebe's friends are all angry, at life and each other. One friend is convinced the cave they found is cursed, and Phoebe is starting to believe her when she starts changing, from the inside out.

This book is fast paced and keeps you intrigued with flashbacks to important times in Phoebe's life, as well as times where her and her friends were in immense danger.

Told from Phoebe's point of view, it feels like you are the one living through these terrifying adventures, and just trying not to lose your mind.

Scott Named To Dean's List

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least six credit hours during the summer semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kirsten Scott of Vandalia made the list. Scott was among more than 1,200 students named to the summer 2025 dean's list.

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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.

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When It Rains, It Pours Mopheads, Lacecaps

Those billowy white panicles seen on flowering shrubs in late summer are not puffs of cotton candy, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. They are the flowering structures of Hydrangea paniculata, one of several hydrangea species that grow well in Missouri.

Fall is an ideal time to establish hydrangeas in the landscape. Hydrangea is a genus of nearly 75 species of shrubs or small trees, most native to Asia and the Americas. The name comes from the Greek hydro, meaning "water," and angeion, meaning "vessel." Although the name comes from the shape of its seed pods, it is appropriate for another reason: "As a rule, hydrangeas require more water than most ornamental shrubs and should never be allowed to become drought-stressed," Trinklein said.

Hydrangeas come in two main groups: mophead and lacecap. Mophead flowers are large, round and billowy. Lacecap flower heads are round and flat. They are composed of small, fertile florets surrounded by showier, sterile florets that create a lacy appearance. In both, what appear to be flower petals are showy sepals. Panicle hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata) is a woody, tree-like hydrangea that produces large clusters of white flowers that are somewhat pyramidal in shape. According to Trinklein, many consider it to be the easiest hydrangea to grow. It puts on a stunning display of large mophead flowers that dominate the landscape from late July to August.

Of the many named cultivars of Hydrangea paniculata, "PeeGee," "Limelight" and "Dolly" are among the best, Trinklein said. If space is limited, the dwarf cultivar "BoBo" forms large panicles but achieves a mature height of only about 3 feet. Hydrangea macrophylla, also known as bigleaf or florists' hydrangea, has been an important greenhouse crop for decades. Individual flowers of bigleaf hydrangea have large, showy sepals surrounding a center core of smaller, less conspicuous flowers. This species has been dubbed the chameleon of hydrangeas, since the color of its flowers can be controlled by altering the plant's soil environment. Flowers are pink if the plant is growing at a soil pH nearly or slightly above neutral. Aluminum sulfate can produce blue flowers by acidifying the soil, making the aluminum more readily available for plant uptake. The color of white hydrangea flowers cannot be changed.

Another popular hydrangea species is Hydrangea arborescens, often called smooth hydrangea. Unlike macrophylla, this species flowers on new growth. Although available only in white, it bears large, attractive flower clusters. Annabelle, a popular cultivar of smooth hydrangea, bears large white mophead flowers. Flower heads appear in late spring and can approach 12 inches.

Oak-leaf hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia) is attractive and well-adapted to Missouri's climate. Its large, lobed leaves turn red in the fall. It grows and flowers well in shade and is a good choice for difficult, low-light areas, said Trinklein. Oak-leaf hydrangea produces white, somewhat pyramidal flower heads in early summer that gradually change to pinkish purple. It has relative few problems and deserves more attention than it receives, he said.

Generally, hydrangeas are relatively easy to maintain. Most species prefer a rich, well-drained garden loam. Optimum sun exposure varies by species, but in many cases, hydrangeas fail to bloom because they do not get enough sun. Soil should remain constantly moist but not wet.

Hydrangea species that flower on "new wood" (current year's growth) should be pruned in late winter or early spring. Species that flower on "old wood" (growth from the previous year) often need very little pruning. When pruning is needed, it should be done shortly after flowering to allow for bud growth and development during the remaining growing season.

For more information, visit the website of the American Hydrangea Society.

Hydrangeas burst with blooms summer and fall in colors ranging from blues and white to lavender and pinks. Photos courtesy of Katie Kammler.

Tips On Sowing Native Seeds

Growing native plants from seed is a good way to pass on a plant's hardiness and adaptive qualities to the next botanical generation. Fall and winter are often the best times to sow seeds of native plants.

People can learn more about sowing native plant seeds at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) online program Native Plants: Seed Sowing Basics. This virtual program will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 19. This program will not be recorded. People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3.amazonaws.com/Event/EventDetails/210726>

At this program, MDC Naturalist Jordi Raos will discuss the best times to sow native plant seeds. She will discuss seed bed preparation and sowing techniques. She will also have information on how to collect and store native seeds for the next growing season. This program is for all ages.

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 presenter.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the Pike County Transportation Alternatives Program, 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.

Federal Project TAP-9900(396) located at the intersection of Business Highway 61 and the Kansas City Southern Railroad in the City of Bowling Green, Missouri.

WILL be received until: 10 a.m., Thursday, October 9, 2025

at the office of County Commission, Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334 and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

Any and all bids received after the time specified above will be returned unopened. The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the bid proposal. When Federal wage rates are applicable and included, this contract is subject to the "Work Hours Act of 1962," (P.L. 87-581; 76 Stat. 357) and implementing regulations. The higher of the Federal or State Wage rates shall apply.

The prime contractor must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per the most current version of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, including all revisions. The contractor must have a fully responsive questionnaire on file with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) at least 7 days prior to bid opening.

Bidders are required to submit the corresponding documentation of enrollment in the E-Verify program. This documentation includes the Memorandum of Understanding between the company and Department of Homeland Security and the Affidavit of Compliance. MoDOT will accept the first page and the signature page of the agreement as proof of participation.

The County of Pike hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The bidder will insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will have the opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract and or any subcontracts. Goals for the amount of work to be awarded to DBE's will be 4% of the total contract price. DBE subcontractors must be on the MRCC DBE Directory prior to bid opening. Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works project provide a 10-Hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

A digital copy of the plans and specifications may be purchased from the office of Hutchison Engineering, Inc., 8965 Highway 36, Suite 5, Hannibal, MO 63401 for a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Hard copies of the plans and specifications may be purchased upon request for an additional non-refundable fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a total of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). All bidders must purchase plans and specifications through Hutchison Engineering, Inc. and be on the plan-holder list in order to bid the project.

Please contact Kim Harris with Hutchison Engineering via phone at (573) 240-9577 or via email at kharris@hutchisoneng.com to request plans and specifications.

A certified or cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal.

No 2nd tier subcontracting will be allowed on this project.

Proposals must be on forms provided and all unit price bids, extensions and totals provided thereon shall be completed fully.

The project will be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Special Needs: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify Matthew Walker at (573) 470-2187, at least five (5) working days prior to the bid opening you plan to attend.

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

In decades of "self-help" to "do it yourself" culture, society tells us we should be able to make it on our own.

The world celebrates independence, but God has a different story which is, we were created for connection. This is connection with God and with one another. We were never meant to walk this life alone. Friendship is one of Bowling Green's greatest gifts as we experience love, encouragement, support, and care for one another during life's highs and lows. God designed friendship to provide support and strength when unexpected challenges—health issues, financial struggles, family problems, and spiritual battles.

As we work together as a community meeting needs and wants of a thriving prospering economy, there are mandatory procedures to initiate. We need to be a well-managed town where we analyze demographic data and market capacity. Question. Does Bowling Green need three vaping businesses or 13 insurance companies? We all like choices and competition is a foundation of capitalism, but if we, as a city, do not allow for a viable chance for success we will experience market oversaturation. We will experience a cycle of business failures. We must ask ourselves, "Are the new businesses that have started up in the last 5 years still in business?" Businesses that align with our community's needs have a greater chance for success and longevity. Bowling Green has experienced a very nice tourist season especially with our strong dining culture, our historical sites, our home décor businesses, and building sup-

pliers. Contractors in Bowling Green and even out-of-town contractors are still busy with building and repairs both in and around our city as well as benefiting our neighboring villages and towns. This is data supported.

For five and ½ years I have promoted businesses, sent post cards, put up posters, and pleaded in these weekly articles to SHOP LOCAL. When you shop local revenues go directly to the business owner who lives in our city and needs to support his family. A portion of his/her profits covers the profits needed for restocking inventory which most often keeps money in our region. Sales tax is collected goes to city and state revenues which funds road repairs, schools, police and fire departments, etc. Our BG businesses are our neighbors, spend their earnings in our town, hire local workers who also spend their wages in our town, and they donate funds to our schools, non-profits, support and promote charities. When you shop locally you circulate and synergize local money to support Bowling Green. When you shop online 100% of the profits go to their headquarters, they may pay some taxes, their hiring for jobs mostly occurs at their distant warehouses, and their paychecks are spent far from our town. There is no secondary spending in Bowling Green which weakens our local economy over time.

September is full of great civic activities. Please check out Fieldhouse 54 for their amazing weekly live music, farmers markets and multiple vendors. Heritage Day is Saturday Sept. 13.

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JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Van-Far Alumni Announces More Scholarship Recipients

During the Thursday, Aug. 28 meeting Van-Far Alumni and Friends Association members learned of the recent announcement of scholarships to post-high school students, Gage Gibson and Mara Jensen.

These two students as well as earlier recipients will be invited to the all-school reunion to be held on Sunday, Sept. 28, at Van-Far Elementary School. There the students are encouraged to tell of their plans as they attend universities or trade schools.

Additionally, alumni and friends attending the reunion will enjoy a catered meal as well as engage in school trivia.

Kevin Langston, 1979 alum and retired director of economic development and tourism for the state of Georgia, is the featured speaker.

Those wishing to attend the reunion are encouraged to submit their reservations by Sept. 10.

Board members in attendance were Jim Deppe, Debby Moore, Janet Heim, Carol Schambach and Laura Straube.



A Triumph For Free Speech

Kaylee Davis records "History Lives" segments at KJFM Radio in Bowling Green. Topics for September are a Louisiana freedom of speech and religion case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court, the 2017 groundbreaking for a new bridge at Louisiana, a movie star who left a lasting legacy, the debate over having two county courthouses or one and a murder with no apparent motive. "History Lives" is sponsored by the Louisiana Area Historical Museum and KJFM.

Photo by Walter Logan, LCBA committee member



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Quilts-Furniture-Antiques P.A.C.S. 81808 Pike 466 Curryville, MO 63339	Commissions: 20% up to \$25; 15% for \$26-\$150; 10% for \$151-\$500; \$50 flat fee for \$501-\$700; 7% for \$701+; \$3.00 and under tickets go to the school. For more information call Mitzi at 573-213-1355	Coins and Guns Jacob Eicher 11350 Pike 486 Bowling Green, MO 63334
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Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
1-217-320-8438

The Big River Band members are excited to announce they will be having their first show at the Courtyard Cafe, 128 East Adams Street, in Pittsfield, this Saturday, Sept. 13, with the show starting at 6 p.m. On their "Band Menu" that evening will be choices of smothered pork loin and smothered chicken breast with the sides of twice baked potato casserole, green beans, and roll with a drink. There will also be an assortment of various desserts. Everyone is encouraged to attend. No admission charge. There will be a 50/50 drawing and other drawings as well. Come on out for good music, good food, and a great time.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser Fish Fry this Thursday, Sept. 11, 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with three set sides

which will include this month potato salad, pea salad and mixed melon plus your choice of dessert and tea. Eat-in or carry-out. All ages are welcome. For more information please call 217-285-4969. We also have gift certificates available for any amount.

The Buggs' Family Opry will be having their show this Friday, Sept. 12, in Pearl, with the show starting at 7 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the weeks of Sept. 10-16, 2025:

Sept. 10 - Ginger Whitlock, Lee J. Akers, Myesha Edwards, Reid Verastique, Chris and Steve Shafer

Sept. 11 - Billy DeJaynes
Sept. 12 - Damien Baxter, Jayna Verastique, John Brown, Monica Geiselman, Lonnie and Marsha Triplett

Sept. 13 - Dan Blacketer
Sept. 14 - Cathryn Myers, Creighton Ruble, Jerome York, George and Kim Gregson

Sept. 15 - Amy Roland, Ryan Dice

Sept. 16 - Diana Gregory, Pam Myers

Pray for forgiveness, guidance, and mercy. Pray for each other. Pray several times a day.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Trivia Answers from Two Weeks Ago:

1. What is the name of the pig in Charlotte's Web? (Wilbur)
2. What are the names of Peter Cottontail's sisters in The

Tale of Peter Rabbit? (Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail)

What a wonderful Hymn Sing was hosted by the Detroit Christian Church the evening of Friday, Aug. 29. Thirteen churches were represented and 72 people were in attendance there to enjoy the precious old hymns. The congregational singing was at its best. After the sing, ice cream and other tasty treats were provided by the church.

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Obituaries



John David Hakenwerth

John David Hakenwerth, 59, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at University Hospital in Columbia.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Friday at 10 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial was in St. Clement Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

John was born Nov. 22, 1965, in Louisiana to Urban and Hilda Scherder Hakenwerth.

John was raised on the family farm on Crow Lane in St. Clement. He attended St. Clement Elementary School and was a 1984 graduate of Bowling Green High School where he was active in football and FFA. Following graduation, John continued working on the family farm.

John was a member of St. Clement Catholic Church and was a Third Degree Knights of Columbus member. He loved working on the family farm and enjoyed spending his free time fishing and deer hunting. He also enjoyed playing cards with friends and loved a good game of pitch. John was known for being a guy with a positive personality and a huge smile. He enjoyed his family and hanging out with friends on the weekends. He loved living in Pike County.

John is survived by a brother, Allen Hakenwerth of Bowling Green; two sisters, Marilou Schumacher and husband, Doug of Troy and Linda Strickfaden and husband, Jim of Raymore; sister-in-law, Kelly Hakenwerth of Bowling Green; along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Jim Hakenwerth.

Pallbearers were Danny Deters, Darren Bird, Scott Meyer, Paul Merz, Tim Niemeyer, and David Hakenwerth. Honorary pallbearers were Jason Hakenwerth, Ryan Hakenwerth, Kayla Bryant, Shannon Berry, Megan Smelser, John Schumacher, Katelyn Ellis, and Donald Hakenwerth.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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



Donna L. 'Pat' Gentry

Donna L. "Pat" Gentry, 86, of Middletown died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Pat was born July 18, 1939 in Zephyr Hills, Fla., the daughter of Kenneth and Harriet Potts Dowell. On July 6, 1956 at the Christian Church in Daleville, Ind., she married Milo Gentry, who preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2019.

Pat was a hardworking, kind-hearted woman who poured so much of herself into everything she did. She spent many years managing the family farm, Gentry Farms. It was hard work, but she gave it her all. Over the years, she also worked as a beautician and at the post office. She always gave her time generously, especially through her volunteer work at the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital. In her quiet

moments, Pat enjoyed sewing, crocheting, flower gardening, and cooking. She was always creating and always giving.

Survivors include two sons, Freddie Milo Gentry and wife, Debbie Jo, of Curryville and Terry Bruce Gentry and wife, Diane, of Middletown; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Milo, Pat was preceded in death by her parents.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the Missouri Veterans Home Residents Fund. Memorials may be sent, c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 E. Bates, Wellsville, MO 63384.

Online condolences may be left at www.myrsfuneralhome.biz



Anna Lee Beeson

Anna Lee Beeson, 87, of Silex died Friday, Aug. 29, 2025.

Visitation was Thursday from 3-7 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Troy.

Funeral service was held Friday at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home in Troy. Interment followed in Troy City Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, c/o the funeral home.



Shirley Ann Elliott

Shirley Ann Elliott, 82, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2025, surrounded by her family following a short illness.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 29, 2025, at Greenlawn Cemetery in Bowling Green with the Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green handled arrangements.

Shirley was born Feb. 21, 1943, in Perry. She was the youngest of 11 children to William and Bessie Krigbaum Goodhart. Born and raised in Perry, she was Christian by faith, attended Perry public schools and shortly after graduating, married Calvin Elliott on June 6, 1961, and began her family. Shirley and Calvin were united in marriage for 40 years until his death Dec. 11, 2001, and together they raised two daughters who carried on their legacy.

Shirley and Calvin moved to Bowling Green shortly after uniting in marriage and spent many years owning and operating Elliotts' Greenhouse in Bowling Green. Following the closure of the greenhouse, Shirley spent her days delivering meals for Meals on Wheels in Pike County.

Shirley enjoyed the companionship of Jack Spegal for the past 22 years and together they enjoyed being with family, going to casinos, as well as going to local oprys, where they enjoyed listening to country music and dancing.

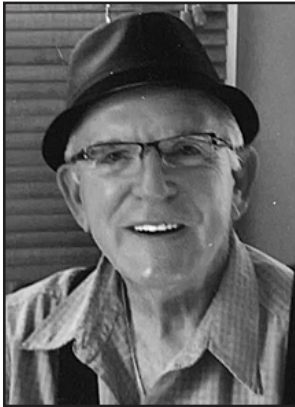
Shirley leaves behind her daughters, Tammy Douglas of St. Joseph, and Cindy Elliott of Bowling Green; grandchildren Jenna, Emma, Benjiman, Dustin, Daylan, Amber, and Adam; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Jaiden, Justice, Grayden, Brylee, and Noah; great-great-grandchild, Parker; and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 10 siblings.

Memorials may be made

to the Pike County Home Health & Hospice.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com



Richard Dane Lewis

Richard Dane Lewis, 87, of Salisbury, N.C., formerly of Vandalia and Hannibal died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025, at North Carolina State Veterans Home.

A graveside service with full military honors was at 11 a.m., Saturday at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vandalia. Bro. Kenny Haddock officiated.

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

Richard was born July 14, 1938, in Vandalia, the son of Floyd and Lillian Teacutter Lewis. He was united in marriage to Vikkie A. Oberling on Feb. 7, 1981, in Hannibal. She preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 2011.

Survivors include his daughters, Debra Lewis of Winston-Salem, N.C., Diane Lewis of Vandalia, Dawn Millsaps of Winston-Salem, N.C., Denise Lewis-Zumpano of Winston-Salem, N.C., Darlene Lewis-Kemp and husband, Terry of Ranger, Ga., and Faye Lynn Lewis of Hannibal; siblings, Floyd "Randy" Lewis of Vandalia, Sherri Lewis of South Pekin, Ill., Judy McMackin of Peoria, Ill., and Rose Welch of Vandalia; numerous, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by two daughters, Delores Quillen and Leilani Kimberly Hodde; and a brother, Marvin Lewis.

Richard honorably served his country in the United States Navy.

Professionally Richard worked on the family farm and later had his own trucking business and was co-owner alongside his wife in Pudd N Heads in downtown Hannibal.

Away from work, Richard enjoyed watching dirt track racing especially the modified's, NASCAR, riding motorcycles and fishing. Farming and trucking were truly Richard's favorite past-time. Richards most cherished times were spent with his family and friends as much as possible.

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

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

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Mary Louise Mollet Wilson

Mary Louise Mollet Wilson, 81, Des Moines, Iowa, and formerly of Vandalia died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025 from Alzheimer's disease.

At the family's request, there will be no services held.

Mary Lou was born June 22, 1944 in Mexico to Ralph Alvin and Alvina Beamer-Mollet. She was a loving mother and daughter who was known for her outgoing nature and love for people. She was an active member of the Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive, Iowa.

She was a devoted housewife who loved her husband, Bailey with all of her heart. Her life was devoted to her husband and children. She was a member of PEO, a Wedgewood collector, and enjoyed ceramics and painting.

She enjoyed reading and sitting with her family on the back patio. She also loved her fur babies, Bridget, Gretchen, Kendra and Ella.

She is survived by her husband, Bailey Wilson; two children, Kelli Wilson of Greenwood, Ind., and Craig Wilson Of Tampa, Fla. She is also survived by a brother, Kenneth Mollet and wife, Willa.

Mary Lou was preceded by her father, Ralph and her mother, Alvina Mollet.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that all donations be made to the Alzheimer's foundation of America, providing support, services, and education to families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's.



Hayden Adkison

Hayden Adkison died peacefully on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 at the Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana, following an eight-day stay in Hannibal Regional Hospital in the stepdown unit.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Terry Cook officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. A reception followed interment from 12-4 p.m., at the Keely Center in Louisiana.

He was born July 3, 1928

to father, Lonnie Adkison and mother Roxie Adkison. He has lived and enriched full life of 97 years surrounded by family and friends.

He was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Louisiana, attending Sunday School as a youth. He attended Louisiana Public Schools graduating high school. At age 17, he enlisted into the United States Marines and served from June 3, 1946 with an honorable discharge on May 30, 1947 as a Private First Class. This service was at the end of WWII.

He was drafted into the US Army on Sept. 7, 1950-Sept. 9, 1952 during the Korean War. He proudly served his country and spoke frequently with reverence regarding his experiences.

After his discharge from the United States Marines, Hayden enrolled and attended Chicago Technical College in Chicago, Ill., where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in building construction Engineering on Sept. 26, 1950.

Hayden has spent most of his life in Louisiana. He worked at the Button Factory during high school. Also, he lived in Elsmere, Kent., for one and a half years working for the Vulcan Company. He had worked for Hercules in Louisiana for many years until retiring from there.

Hayden was married to

Phyllis Schade in Quincy, Ill., at the Lutheran Church on Oct. 17, 1955 from this date until the time of his death.

He is survived by three sons, Larry Adkison of Springfield, Kevin Adkison and wife, Jacque of Loveland, Colo.; and Rod Adkison and wife, Dianna of Jefferson City, and two daughters, Marcia Dryden and husband, Jeff of Republic, and Kris Adkison of Dennison, Ill.

Hayden has six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doris Jane Dawson.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Tim Dryden; one brother, Bill Adkison; and a sister, Roxanna Adkison.

Hayden was a lifetime member of the American Legion; member of the VFW; member of the Apple Core Drill Team and went to many National Conventions. They are known throughout the United States. He was an avid hunter, especially the hunts and adventures with his son, Rod. He also enjoyed flea markets, playing pinochle, and gun shows. He especially enjoyed gardening and planted many tomatoes. His presence will be missed by all.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Ellison Boys Grow Big Pumpkin

Max Ellison, 5, right, and Parker Ellison, 3, along with their baby brother, Evan, grew this pumpkin over the summer and when picked, it weighed 112 pounds. They grew it at their home in rural Bowling Green, they helped plant and take care of the patch all summer. They are the sons of Alex and Lauren Ellison.

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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.

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Community News

Employment Program For Seniors Highlighted During National Employ Older Workers Week

Missouri's "Outstanding Older Worker of the Year" award program seeks to honor a Missouri resident who is 55 or older, employed at least 20 hours a week, and displays dependability and new skills on the job. Nominations are currently being accepted. The winner will be recognized at a ceremony during National Employ Older Workers Week in Jefferson City, held on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the State Capitol.

National Employ Older Workers Week recognizes the vital role of older workers in the workforce. It aims to increase awareness of this labor segment and develop innovative strategies to tap it. It also showcases the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

Missouri's Senior Community Service Employment Program recognizes the value of older workers in our workforce and provides job training for individuals aged 55 or older who wish to enter or reenter the workforce but need a little extra training to do so. The purpose of the program is to provide job skill training for the participants and to provide needed support to community host agencies, which consist of not-for-profit 501(c)(3) or governmental agencies. Host agencies benefit by having

someone who is subsidized by the SCSEP program, helping them fill positions they could not afford to pay for on their own.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employers rate older workers high on characteristics such as judgment, commitment to quality, attendance and punctuality.

"Older workers excel in mentorship," said Kristin Davis, the State of Missouri's Senior Community Service Employment Program Director. "In addition to their knowledge and mentorship capabilities, older workers often demonstrate a strong work ethic and reliability. Their commitment to their roles can inspire others and set a professional standard. In an age where adaptability is key, older workers also showcase resilience, having navigated various changes in their careers and learned to embrace new technologies and methodologies."

Nominations were accepted through Tuesday, Sept. 2 for the "Outstanding Older Worker of the Year." Submissions should include a narrative description of why the individual should be chosen as the Outstanding Older Worker of the Year. Completed entry forms can be emailed to SCSEPEmployment@health.mo.gov or mailed to Missouri Outstanding Older Worker Contest, Bureau of Senior Programs, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a U.S. Department of Labor funded job training program for persons 55 years of age and older who wish to enter the workforce and need extra training and job placement assistance. The purpose of the program is two-fold; to provide job skill training for the participants and to provide needed support to community host agencies, which consist of not-for-profit 501(c)(3)'s or governmental agencies. Host agencies benefit by having someone who is subsidized by the SCSEP program helping them fill positions they could not afford to pay for on their own.

Individuals interested in learning more about obtaining a paid training assignment and 501(c)(3) or governmental agencies interested in serving as a host agency may contact the department for more information at 573-526-4542 or visit Missouri's Senior Community Service Employment Program website.

The University of Missouri continues to grow cancer-fighting drug production

The University of Missouri hosted a groundbreaking ceremony today for two new additions to the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) facility enabling the expansion of critical radioisotope production.

Totaling more than 29,000 square feet, the two additions will streamline operations and greatly increase the number of cancer-fighting drug doses available for patient care. The first — an 11,200-square-foot addition — will house three production lines for making FDA-approved no-carrier-added lutetium-177, an active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) used in cancer-fighting drugs. The second — a 17,900-square-foot addition — provides space for API production lines.

"The continued growth at MURR is essential to being able to meet the national demand for radioisotopes used in lifesaving, theranostics and cancer-fighting drugs," University of Missouri President Mun Choi said. "The continued investment to build new infrastructure here will allow us to help many more patients across the country and around the world."

MURR is the only source in the United States for four medical radioisotopes used to treat more than a dozen types of cancers, including liver, pancreatic, prostate and thyroid cancers.

"The Board of Curators is proud of the success of MURR and Mizzou and the impact we have on patients every day," Todd Graves, chair of the UM Board of Curators, said. "As the nation's only source of these critical radioisotopes, we are advancing science and research for our state like never before, and the expansions being built are emblematic of that."

Missouri's central location ensures the medical isotopes produced at MURR can be deployed quickly around the country, which is critical because of their short half-lives.

"As the only reactor in the world that runs 52 weeks per year, we are a reliable source of these much-needed radioisotopes for patients, medical providers and the pharmaceutical industry," Matt Sanford, executive director of MURR, said. "The demand continues to grow, and these new additions will provide more capability to meet the needs of the nation. Together, these new additions will keep MURR and Mizzou at the forefront of isotope production."

The Board of Curators approved the additions during the April 2024 board meeting.

ABOUT MIZZOU

Mizzou is the flagship, land-grant university in Missouri. Counted among the leading research universities in America, the university is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities and the Southeastern Conference, the premier athletics conference in the United States. Mizzou is ranked No. 4 Best Value among public flagships in the U.S., according to U.S. News & World Report. Within six months, 95 percent of Mizzou graduates are successful by securing jobs or continuing their educational endeavors. Mizzou's researchers make significant impacts on the world, including developing life-saving cancer treatments at the University of Missouri Research Reactor — the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Home to more than 31,000 students, Mizzou is located in Columbia, Missouri — consistently named one of the best college towns in the country.

University Of Missouri Continues To Grow Cancer-Fighting Drug Production

Preparedness Starts At Home

September is National Preparedness Month and the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis urges everyone to protect their loved ones by getting their households ready now.

This spring, Missouri experienced a series of destructive tornadoes that serves as a stark reminder of the growing frequency and intensity of natural disasters across the country. Between July 2024 and June 2025, the Missouri and Arkansas region of the American Red Cross responded to over 15 disaster relief operations including those spring tornadoes. Additionally, the Red Cross of Greater St. Louis responded to over 500 home fires assisting nearly 2,000 people.

Following the May 16 tornado in St. Louis, the Red Cross opened eight shelters to serve those who had been displaced, providing more than 27,000 overnight stays. At the height of the response, we had approximately 260 people in five different shelters. Other partners including Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis also provided shelter through hotels.

More than 7,000 people were provided direct assistance to include help with finding housing. Nearly 184,000 meals and snacks were provided.

Approximately 7,600 households received disaster emergency supplies from the Red Cross.

More than 10,400 damage assessments were completed.

More than 8,400 Red Cross disaster responders from across the U.S. assisted in the response.

"National Preparedness Month is a great time to ask whether your family would be ready if something unexpected happened tomorrow," said LaKricia Cox, Executive Director, Red Cross of Greater St. Louis. "It's not about being scared; it's about being smart and looking out for the people you love. Taking a few simple steps now so that you have a plan can make all the difference when it matters most."

HOW TO GET READY

Disasters don't wait for the "right time" — they can happen in the middle of the night, during your commute or while your kids are at school. Protect your family by making a plan to stay safe, gathering important supplies and knowing how you'll stay connected by taking these steps:

Depending on the emergency, you may need to stay where you are or go somewhere else to stay safe. If you may need to leave, think about where you'll go, how you'll get there, where you'll stay and what you'll take with you. Plan well in advance if you'll need help leaving or use public transportation.

Next, gather and organize critical supplies — like food, water and medicine — into a go-kit and a stay-at-home kit. Make sure to include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.), a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and critical personal records.

Your go-kit should include three days of supplies that you can take with you. Your stay-at-home kit should have two weeks of food and water, and a one-month supply of medications, if possible.

Customize your kit to meet your household's specific needs. If you have young children, don't forget formula and diapers. If you have pets, include leashes, carriers, food, bowls, litter and a litterbox.

Finally, make a plan to reconnect with loved ones if you are separated or if the phone or internet is down. Write down important phone numbers on a contact card and carry it with you.

Download the free Red Cross Emergency app for weather alerts, safety steps for different emergencies and expert advice in both English and Spanish. Don't forget to sign up for local government emergency alerts to get critical local information — like evacuation notices — during an emergency.

People can also help their community be better prepared for disasters by giving blood, taking a class in lifesaving skills like CPR, or becoming a Red Cross volunteer. Visit redcross.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to learn more today.

Registration Opens For MO Governor's Conference On Agriculture

Registration is open for the 51st Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture, scheduled for Nov. 12-13 at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia.

"As a first-generation farmer and proud supporter of our state's top economic driver, I look forward to joining agriculture partners from across the state in Columbia for this conference," said Governor Mike Kehoe. "A priority of our administration is to help create opportunities to add value to the agriculture products grown and raised here. The Governor's Conference on Agriculture will bring all aspects of the industry together to talk about ways to move agriculture forward."

Missouri farmers, ranchers, agribusiness leaders and aspiring agriculturalists are invited to enjoy the program, which will include a commodity outlook, awards luncheon and nationally recognized speakers. The popular Best of Missouri Grown reception will also return Wednesday, Nov. 12.

"We are excited to host the Governor's Conference on Agriculture with Governor Kehoe," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "A tremendous speaker lineup will offer valuable information for farmers, ranchers and agribusiness owners. We look forward to welcoming producers from across Missouri."

The Missouri Agriculture Awards will honor two individuals who are leaders in

Missouri agriculture education and food animal veterinary medicine. To nominate a leader for a Missouri agriculture award, visit Agriculture.Mo.Gov/awards. Nominations are due by Sept. 30.

Conference registration is required and is now available here.

Members of the media planning to cover the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture should contact Christi Miller at Christi.miller@mda.mo.gov or (572) 751-4211 for additional information and media registration.

For more information about the Missouri Department of Agriculture, visit the Department online at Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

MU Expands Continuing Education For Vets Who Work With Food Animals

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine is expanding access to veterinary education, ensuring veterinarians who work with food animals have the latest information to protect animal health, support producers and strengthen the food supply.

The college recently launched five on-demand continuing education (CE) courses for veterinarians, featuring experts from across the country, said Craig Payne, director of veterinary extension and continuing education. The courses provide practical education in food animal medicine and production. Learners can complete modules at their own pace while earning up to 0.5 hours of CE credit per course.

The courses were developed through the Show-Me VET ECHO (Veterinary Education and Training Through Extension and Community Healthcare Outcomes) program. Since its inception in 2021, the program has delivered more than 50 interactive sessions that bring university faculty and practicing veterinarians together for case-based discussions that reflect real challenges faced in the field, Payne said.

Contributors include Pamela Adkins, food animal internist, MU; Corinne Bromfield, swine extension veterinarian, MU; Tim Evans, toxicologist/the-

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riogenologist, MU; Tamara Gull, food animal internist, MU; Craig Payne, beef extension veterinarian, MU; Scott Poock, dairy extension veterinarian, MU; Cody Secrest, rural large-animal practitioner, Whetstone Veterinary Clinic; and Brian Shoemaker, food animal internist/herd health, Texas A&M University.

"The release of these online courses allows us to extend the reach of veterinary education even further," said Payne. "They represent the next step for the college to provide flexible, accessible continuing education to veterinarians, and we aim to release a new course each month."

Mark Twain Lake Reservations For 2026 Camping Season

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Mark Twain Lake announces that reservations for the 2026 camping season will be delayed until Feb. 15, 2026, due to ongoing infrastructure improvement projects.

Traditionally, campsite reservations open six months in advance, starting in October. However, this temporary delay is necessary to support upgrades currently underway at recreation areas around the lake. These work items will include existing sewer system upgrades, culvert replacement, and roadway rehabilitation.

Work progress will be re-evaluated on Feb. 15, 2026, and an additional press release will be issued to confirm the opening date for reservations on Recreation.gov.

Campers are encouraged to continue planning for the upcoming recreation season. This delay is a precautionary measure, as select areas will be opened by the recreation season. Adjusted availability will be in accordance with the work schedule.

If you need additional information, please contact the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center at 573-565-2112, email marktwaininfo@usace.army.mil, or follow us on Facebook (Mark Twain Lake - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) for the most up to date information. Remember to boat safe, be safe, and wear your lifejacket.

MU Extension Names New 4-H Director

Tim Tanner has been appointed the new director of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development, effective Sept. 15, 2025.

"Dr. Tanner's extensive experience in youth development and leadership in 4-H programming makes him ideally suited to guide Missouri 4-H into the future," said Chad Higgins, vice chancellor for extension and engagement at the University of Missouri.

Tanner brings 23 years of experience in youth development, including 17 years in county and state extension and 4-H roles in Ohio and South Dakota. For the past six years, he has served as the state 4-H program director with S.D. State University Extension. He holds a doctorate in Educational Sciences (Leadership) from the University of Kentucky.





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USDA Announces Forest Health Resilience Projects To Improve Timber Production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing more than \$8 million for five new projects to reduce wildfire risk, protect water quality, and improve forest health across the nation. This expands President Trump's mission to improve the lives of American families, support rural communities, and expand domestic timber production.

The announcement builds on Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins' commitment to wildfire preparedness and President Donald J. Trump's vision to safeguard American families. USDA and its agencies are working together to take action to protect people, communities, and the natural resources on which this country depends.

The Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Program is a collaborative effort between USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Forest Service to work across public-private boundaries and at a landscape scale. The \$8 million investment in new projects is in addition to \$32 million for 24 existing three-year-long Joint Chiefs' projects.

The five new projects are:

- Alabama – National Forest in Alabama “Alabama Chattahoochee Fall Line Restoring Longleaf”
- Colorado and Wyoming – Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest “Headwaters of the Colorado”
- Montana – Lolo National Forest “Blackfoot River Valley Landscape Mosaic”
- North Carolina – National Forests in North Carolina “Uwharries to Sandhills, Phase 2”
- Oregon – Mt. Hood National Forest “Hood River Wildfire and Watershed Resilience”

"Wildfires have no boundaries, and neither should our prevention work," said Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz. "We need everyone at the table to deliver the kind of active management that will return our forests to health and productivity. Joint Chiefs' puts local leaders in the driver's seat, enabling cross-boundary work based on shared priorities with states, partners, industry, and forest landowners. It's a win-win."

"With the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership, NRCS is implementing our Farmer-First mission with our nation's foresters," said NRCS Chief Aubrey J.D. Bettencourt. "Providing technical and financial assistance to private forest landowners is key to supporting locally led conservation, especially in the wildland-urban interface. This allows us to address multiple challenges in one project, such as reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, protecting clean water, and improving wildlife habitat."

Results Of 2025 Cuivre River Electric Election



Walt Gregory

Members of Cuivre River Electric Cooperative (CREC) elected four board members to CREC's Board of Directors at their annual meeting on Thursday, Aug. 28, held at the co-op's headquarters in Troy.

In the four districts with seats open, the three incumbents who chose to run for re-election were selected by members for new three-year terms, continuing their service to the cooperative.

Jeff Geisendorfer was re-elected in Lincoln County District 2. Diane Saale was re-elected to St. Charles County District 2, Walt Gregory was re-elected to Pike County, and in Warren County District 1, a new

Board director, Jeff Culbertson, was elected. This year's election brought in a total of 2,106 votes, with 2098 from online voting and three mail-in ballots before CREC's annual meeting on Aug. 28.

Five ballots were cast in person at the meeting. Election results were announced at the annual meeting, which was streamed live on the co-op's YouTube channel.



Diane Saale

A recording of the broadcast is available on CREC's YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/live/KGK1QnO4uLo>. Following the annual meeting, free electricity prizes were awarded. Survey & Ballot Systems, the third-party company that handles CREC's election, randomly drew winners from those members who had voted in the election, either absentee or at the meeting.

This year's winners of free electricity are: Mike W. Schloeman - \$1,500; Kimberly K. Gilbert - \$500; Melissa M. Moody - \$500; Pamela Koehler - \$250;

Larry A. Lehmkuhl - \$250.



Jeff Culbertson

In addition, 12 more members each won a free month of electricity (up to \$200 in value): Chelsea D. Anderson September 2025; Julie A. McDaniel October 2025; Joseph T. Allen November 2025; David M. Taubig December 2025; Ira V. Chandler January 2026; Maureen R. Levan February 2026; Anthony G. Davis March 2026; Jeffrey Degrendele April 2026; Alexa S. Shumate May 2026; Qiaoyi Wang June 2026; Diane Dinwiddie July 2026; Lee Ann Daming August 26.

About Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Founded in 1941, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest of Missouri's 40 consumer-owned electric distribution cooperatives, providing electricity to over 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.

Nominations Now Open For 2025 Missouri Agriculture Awards

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Missouri Agriculture Awards.

Designed to recognize outstanding Missouri Agriculture leaders, the awards will be given at the 2025 Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture Nov. 12-13 at the Wyndham Executive Center-Columbia.

Award categories include:

- Agriculture Education Leader: An educator or advisor in the Missouri school system highlighting the importance of agricultural education to our state's youth while also advising them on becoming future leaders in the industry. This award recognizes teachers, advisors and leaders in primary, secondary and higher education systems. Nominees will be judged on the overall impact they have on upcoming youth in the agriculture system.
- Food Animal Veterinarian: A Missouri food animal veterinarian who has gone above and beyond. This award will recognize a food animal veterinarian who works to protect animal health & welfare, prevent & relieve animal suffering, conserve animal resources, promote public health and advance medical knowledge. This individual must have provided veterinary care for the food production industry through surveillance for emerging diseases and demonstrated best practices for animal health and well-being of food animals.

Nominations are now open and due by Sept. 30, 2025.

For more information and to submit a nomination visit, agriculture.mo.gov/awards.

Missouri Reports Drop In Alcohol Use

A new study on behalf of Trace One has identified which U.S. states are seeing the largest decline in alcohol use.

Alcohol consumption in the United States has shifted noticeably in recent years, with a growing share of adults choosing to drink less—or not at all. Public health experts point to a combination of factors driving this trend, including increased awareness of alcohol's health risks, the expansion of cannabis legalization, and changes in social habits as more young people connect online rather than in person. Shifting cultural norms, a broader focus on wellness, and evolving alcohol beverage labeling requirements have also played a role in reshaping drinking behaviors and consumer choices across the country.

At the same time, the market for alcohol alternatives has expanded rapidly. Internet searches for products such as non-alcoholic beer, zero-proof cocktails, and other alcohol-free beverages have surged, reflecting both consumer curiosity and growing retail availability. Beverage companies have responded by rolling out new product lines and catering to consumers who want the taste and social experience of drinking without the intoxicating effects.

Donor Generosity Propels Mizzou To Highest Fundraising Year In University History

The University of Missouri has set a new philanthropic record, achieving the highest fundraising year in its 186-year history.

"Philanthropy continues to sustain Mizzou's mission in academics, research, engagement and athletics," University of Missouri President Mun Choi said. "Thank you to those on campus, including Vice Chancellor for Advancement Chris Smith and Director of Athletics Laird Veatch and their teams, for helping secure the many contributions that led to this remarkable fundraising year."

More than 28,000 donors contributed during the past year, with gifts coming from all 50 states and 16 countries. This marks the third time in four years that Mizzou has achieved a new mark for fundraising, demonstrating remarkable and sustained momentum.

"Such generosity underscores our donors' trust in Mizzou and shared belief in our vision for the university's future," Smith said. "We are grateful for their confidence and remain committed to stewarding their gifts with care and purpose."

Across the institution, private support expanded scholarships, bolstered academic and research programs, and deepened Mizzou's community impact with a total giving of \$269 million (compared to \$152 million in 2017 when Choi became president of the University of Missouri System). Mizzou Athletics also set a new record, raising more than \$140 million with a focus on the Memorial Stadium Centennial Project.

Major donations fueled opportunities to advance the university's mission, including:

- Two major gifts to transform Memorial Stadium facilities as a premier venue for college football while honoring its tradition of excellence and service.
- Growing alumni support for documentary filmmakers, another major gift from American television producer Jonathan Murray, BJ '77, is furthering the Jonathan B. Murray Center for Documentary Journalism's leadership in nonfiction storytelling.
- Investing in student and faculty success in the College of Health Sciences,

Barbara and Leonard Bush, BHS '82, committed a major gift from their estate – the college's largest ever – to broaden student scholarships, endow a professorship and support the dean's strategic priorities.

Upgrading Mizzou's outdoor track and field and soccer stadium, Audrey J. Walton made the largest gift in Mizzou history for Olympic sports, renovating the venue's competition surfaces and enabling Mizzou Athletics to host high-level competitions.

Strengthening the arts at Mizzou, UM Board of Curators member Dr. Jeanne Sinquefeld made another major gift to advance the Mizzou New Music Initiative and supercharge student and faculty efforts to redefine the sounds of tomorrow.

Propelling cancer research and animal-human health, Cot Fox, BJ '71, expanded his support to support research in the College of Veterinary Medicine that turns discoveries into diagnostic tools and treatments for animals.

A total of 38 gifts of more than \$1 million in FY 2025.

Third Person Charged In Scheme To Smuggle Drugs Into Audrain Jail

A third person has been charged in connection with a scheme to smuggle drugs into the Audrain County Jail.

Rheanna Lee, of Mexico, is charged with conspiracy to commit a felony and money laundering.

The investigation into Lee began in September of 2024, when an inmate at the Audrain County Jail reported that Lee, also an inmate, had ingested a powder substance. A search of Lee's cell turned up a rolled piece of paper that tested positive for heroin.

During the investigation, deputies reviewed recorded jail telephone calls that revealed a scheme to introduce drugs into the jail in exchange for money. Court documents state that Lee conducted several phone calls to arrange for items to be picked up and money dispersed as part of the scheme.

Two others, including a former Corrections officer, have already been charged in connection with this scheme. In October of 2024, former officer Kyle McIntire, of Perry, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance. His employment was also terminated. A second person, Jameera Keen, of Mexico, was charged with conspiracy to commit a felony, possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court records, McIntire said that Keen had delivered pill tablets, concealed in a sandwich, to him while he was on duty. McIntire said he then delivered the sandwich to an inmate.

Keen was due in court on Sept. 8. McIntire has a hearing scheduled for Oct. 14.

Fischer Arrested On Numerous Charges

A Pike County man faces a long list of charges after ramming a car with his pickup truck in neighboring Audrain County.

Joseph Fischer, of Curryville, is charged with three counts of first-degree assault, armed criminal action, first-degree stalking, and tampering with evidence in a felony prosecution.

The investigation into Fischer began earlier this month, when a woman reported that her ex-boyfriend, Fischer, had sent her six threatening Snapchat videos. According to court documents, the victim showed officers videos in which Fischer threatened to kill her and send her nude photos to her employer. In some of the videos, Fischer said he was in the process of chasing down a vehicle because he believed she was a passerger.

The victim wasn't in that vehicle. But as she was talking to officers, they learned that there had been a hit and run crash at the intersection of South Main and Woodlawn streets in Vandalia.

A Missouri State Highway Patrol responded to the crash site to find a damaged car occupied by a man, woman, and a young child. One of the occupants said someone in a white pickup truck had struck them on purpose. The unoccupied truck was later found abandoned in Pike County. The driver was determined to be Fischer, who was arrested the following day during a traffic stop in Pike County. He allegedly admitted to striking three grams of methamphetamine.

Court records state that while Fischer was being examined at a hospital, he tried to disarm a deputy in an escape attempt, and that he has a history of fleeing from and assaulting law enforcement.

Gov. Kehoe Proclaims September Workforce Development Month

Governor Mike Kehoe signed a proclamation designating September as Workforce Development Month in Missouri, celebrating the impact workforce development initiatives have on the state and the collaborative efforts that create a talent pipeline and strengthen the labor force.

"Higher education institutions, Missouri Job Centers, workforce boards, employers, and organizations working together in their regions builds a stronger Missouri workforce as a whole and establishes a labor force that is armed with the education and training that businesses desire," Governor Kehoe said in his proclamation.

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) is commemorating the month by raising awareness of department initiatives and services that aim to increase the number of available pathways to quality careers and highlighting the free employment and training services available at Missouri Job Centers across the state.

"We encourage Missourians to visit their local Missouri Job Center and explore all of the services, education, and training available to pave the way toward success," said Dr. Bennett Boggs, Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

"We value the partnerships we build with businesses, organizations, and higher education institutions across the state to help individuals reach their full potential and prosper in the state's workforce."

MDHEWD is committed to providing services and support to help Missourians get the skills and training required to find success in their career. Apprenticeship Missouri, a collaboration between the department, employers, and providers, boosts apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities that lead to high-quality careers. Missouri currently ranks third in the nation for new and completed apprentices. Additionally, the department partners with the Missouri Department of Corrections to offer reentry services, such as employment and career goal setting, résumé building, and job interview skills, to justice-involved individuals to help them succeed in their communities after release. There are also initiatives in place to help support veterans, youth, and employers that need to connect with skilled job seekers.

"There is no singular path toward a high-quality career," said Julie Carter, Director of the Office of Workforce Development. "Missourians of all ages and circumstances have access to services, resources, and programs to pursue their desired

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- On Sept. 13:** The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Assoc., planning committee will meet at 10 a.m., at The Trimble House. It's open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- On Sept. 13:** Free pancake and sausage breakfast on Heritage Day, 7:30-9:30 a.m., at the Bowling Green First United Methodist Church located at 8 N. Broadway in Bowling Green.
- On Sept. 16:** Pike County Democratic meeting at 6 p.m., at the Bowling Green Community Center located at 201 W. Locust, Bowling Green.

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