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Bob and Karolyn Green of Vandalia are pictured with the book “Our Big Book, Dick & Jane” they donated to the Vandalia Area Historical Museum.

Vandalia Area Historical Society Receives Iconic History

The book "Our Big Book, Dick & Jane" published by Scott, Foresman, and Company was donated to the Vandalia Area Historical Museum by Bob and Karolyn Green of Vandalia. This book was in Miss Leta Moore's first grade classroom between the years 1935 through 1965 in the North Elementary School and used to teach

thousands of Vandalia area children. It measures 26" x 19", has large print and was placed on an easel in front of the class. When the North and South Elementary schools were closed and moved to the current school site, extra items not needed were sold at auction. Bob bought this book, had it on display at

their house but later wrapped it up for safekeeping. While moving this year, it was discovered again. Bob and Karolyn Green are life-long residents of Vandalia, both graduating from Van-Far High School. Bob in 1960 and Karolyn in 1966. Bob and Karolyn were former owners of Green Supply in Vandalia.

LHS Interact Club Helps With Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project



Grant and Carolyn Hemphill have been assisting members of the Louisiana Rotary Club with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project for the past three years. Whether it is using their trailer to haul items or going into the homes of families to deliver and set up new beds, they are faithful workers for the cause.

Members of the Louisiana High School Interact Club helped unload lumber and mattresses for beds for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project that is locally managed by the Louisiana Rotary Club. The motto of SHP is “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in

Our Town” and the local Rotary members intend to help follow through on that promise. Interact, a high school division of Rotary, is under the leadership of LHS teacher Maggie Ne). They live by the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” and will be engaged with the community in helping with many service projects during the coming school year. Grant and Carolyn Hemphill picked up parts of the twin-sized beds in their covered trailer and the students made a quick job of unloading them to the local storage

facility at Speed Commerce. The Louisiana Rotary Club is grateful to Speed Commerce for providing such a wonderful storage unit for the beds and bedding until they can be placed in the homes of families in our area. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for a new bed, please contact Sherry McCarty at 573- 470-0325. There is a simple online application form that she can help complete. Each new bed comes with a new pillow, mattress, sheets, and comforter with no charge to the recipient.



Pictured are members of the Louisiana High School Interact Club, from left: Olivia Mooney, Nakya Griffith, Madi Jenkins, Payten Anderson, Reece Wommack, and Daymien Slater.

R-I School Board Hears Proposal For Sidewalk At Frankford School

BY LARRY TWELLMAN Students at Frankford Elementary School may have a new sidewalk for students to use to go from the school into town.

The Bowling Green R-I School Board heard a request for a permanent easement from Pike County Presiding Commissioner Bill Allen. Allen and Matt Walker, an engineer with Hutchison Engineering, asked that the Board allow them to proceed with a grant application that would allow the construction of a handicapped accessible sidewalk that would allow students to travel in safety between the town and the school. Allen explained that Pike County was planning to apply for a grant that would pay 80 percent of the cost of construction but that the school district would have to grant the county a permanent easement for the area where the sidewalk would be built. Care for the sidewalk and any liability for injury would be the

county’s responsibility and not the school district’s. Board members agreed to the concept and wished the commissioner luck with the grant. The Board approved the purchase of a skid steer for the Vocational Agriculture department from Meyer Implement at a cost of \$80,000. 75 percent of the cost, or \$60,000 would be paid for by a grant. Athletic Conference affiliation was brought up for discussion by the district’s Athletic Director, Matt Chance. Chance reminded the board that a possible change in conference affiliation was discussed at a school board meeting last year. At that time, the district had been invited to join the Clarence Cannon Conference. Then, Chance recommended taking no action and thought the matter was dropped. Recent events have brought the topic up again. The Bowling Green R-I School District has been a member of the Eastern Missouri Conference since the conference was formed over

70 years ago. Chance discussed with the board the pros and cons of remaining with the EMO Conference or joining the CCC Conference. Chance recommended that no action be taken now but to wait until next spring to see if there are any new developments that would provide a more persuasive argument for switching athletic conferences. Courtney Young, Director of Curriculum for the district, presented a plan to the board for a pilot program that would have one of the district’s Title I teachers work with classroom teachers to update their skills in the instruction of Language Arts. The Title I teacher would spend one day per week in several classroom assisting teachers with Language Arts instruction. The pilot program would run for twelve weeks during the spring semester in 2026. The next meeting of the school board will be Tuesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m., at the district office.

Gun Brought To Louisiana R-II School Recovered By Police Department Without Incident

The Louisiana Police Chief Josh Baker reported the Louisiana Police Department responded to an incident Monday, Oct. 20, involving the discovery of a weapon on a student within the Louisiana R-II School District. Officers and school officials acted swiftly to ensure the safety of all students and staff. The weapon has been secured and taken into evidence. This matter remains under active investigation. The individuals responsible

will be held fully accountable according to the law. At this time, there is no ongoing threat to students or staff. The safety of our children is, and will always remain, the utmost priority. The Louisiana Police Department works closely with the Louisiana R-II School District to maintain a safe learning environment for every student. They would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the staff and administration of the Louisiana R-II School District for their quick response,

professionalism, and continued dedication to the safety of our community’s children. The Louisiana Police Department would also like to remind all parents and guardians to do their part in helping keep our schools safe. Please ensure that any firearms or weapons in the home are securely stored, locked, and kept out of reach of children. Together, through proactive responsibility and communication, we can help prevent incidents like this and protect the well-being of our students and community.

Arrest Made Following Narcotics Investigation



The Louisiana Police Department announces the arrest of Danane G. Kelley, 51, of Louisiana following a traffic stop and subsequent narcotics investigation. On Sunday, Oct. 19 Kelley was stopped by officers for a traffic violation. During the course of the stop, officers discovered that Kelley was in possession of illegal narcotics and drug

paraphernalia. Kelley was taken into custody and transported to the Pike County Jail. Further investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at Kelley's hotel room at River's Edge Motel, 201 Mansion Street, Louisiana. During the search, officers located heroin, cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, and additional paraphernalia associated with narcotics use and distribution. Pike County Prosecuting Attorney, Alex Ellison, has charged Kelley with the following offenses:

- class D felony – possession of a controlled substance (heroin)
- class D felony – possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)
- class D felony – possession of a controlled substance (hallucinogen)
- class D felony – possession of a controlled substance

• class D misdemeanor – unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia The Honorable Judge Milan Berry has set Kelley's bond at \$50,000 cash only. Louisiana Chief of Police Josh Baker commended the efforts of the responding officers and investigators, stating, “This case demonstrates our continued commitment to removing dangerous drugs from our community and holding accountable those who choose to distribute them.” The Louisiana Police Department would like to extend its gratitude to the Pike County, Ill., Police Department for their assistance with their narcotics detection canine, as well as to the Pike County Prosecutor's Office for their continued partnership in addressing narcotics-related offenses.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Thorpe Arrested For Drug Trafficking

During the morning hours of Wednesday, Oct. 22, an Audrain County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a vehicle stop of a passenger car for a traffic violation along U.S. Highway 54 near Mexico. Once contact was made with the driver, identified as Joey Allen Thorpe, 44, of Vandalia, it was determined that his driving privilege had been suspended. During a search of Thorpe's vehicle, approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine packaged for sale were located and seized.

Thorpe was arrested for drug trafficking in the first degree and was transported to the Audrain County Jail. The Audrain County Sheriff's Office remains



Joey Allen Thorpe 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 that crime tips may be provided anonymously by calling CRIMESTOPPERS at (800) 392-TIPS or (800) 392-8477 and/or online at <https://www.audrainsheriff.com/report-a-crime>.***

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

Early Deadline For Nov. 4 Issue Of The People's Tribune
Deadline for news and ads will be Thursday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.



Billings Bags 18-Pointer Brandon Billings of Bowling Green is pictured with the 18-point buck he shot during bow season.

Community News

Missouri Among First States To Fully Implement The Older Americans Act Final Rule

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) State Unit on Aging, in collaboration with the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), announced that Missouri is one of only a handful of states to come into full compliance with the Older Americans Act (OAA) final rule. This milestone marks Missouri as a leader in advancing accountability, transparency and quality in services for older adults and their caregivers.

"Missouri is proud to be leading the way in implementing the Older Americans Act final rule," said Mindy Ulstad, DHSS Chief of the Bureau of Senior Programs. "Through collaboration, transparency and accountability, we are ensuring that programs serving older Missourians and their caregivers are stronger and more responsive to those in need than ever."

In February 2024, the Administration for Community Living, within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, published a final rule for the OAA. This was the first update to the OAA regulations since 1988. The rule required states to comply fully by Oct. 1, 2025, or submit a corrective action plan. The State Unit on Aging and AAAs acted quickly to develop a plan of action to comply with the final rule, and Missouri was the first state to come fully into compliance.

To achieve this, DHSS and the AAAs convened a two-day joint planning session to develop comprehensive policies and procedures. The session produced several key out-

comes, including:

Agreement on definitions and development of comprehensive policies and procedures for the State Unit on Aging, AAAs, and service providers who contract with the AAAs.

A new area plan process that provides more information and greater transparency to the public.

Agreement on standardized monitoring documents for both the State Unit on Aging and the AAAs to ensure contractors remain compliant with the final rule.

Updated statewide data requirements aligned with the final rule and state program report, enhancing accuracy and consistency across programs.

"Missouri's ten Area Agencies on Aging applaud the swift action by the State Unit on Aging to ensure Missouri is among the first states to move into compliance with the Administration for Community Living's final rule on the Older Americans Act," said Julie Peetz, Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging Executive Director. "This update, the most substantial since 1988, is critical for modernizing the national aging network. Our proactive compliance demonstrates Missouri's deep, unified commitment to prioritizing the most vulnerable older adults, streamlining service delivery, and securing the long-term sustainability of programs like nutrition assistance, in-home care, and legal aid. We are proud to lead the nation in adopting these standards, ensuring Missourians can age with dignity, independence, and the highest level of coordinated care."

The State Unit on Aging also launched an extensive training and implementation campaign to prepare partners statewide. Efforts included:

Multiple in-person and virtual trainings, with recordings available for ongoing use.

Sample documents and one-page resources to support easy adoption of new requirements.

Training sessions on critical topics such as:

Conflict of interest safeguards.

Performance and data reporting standards.

Advisory council requirements.

Client and service prioritization.

Contract and commercial relationship requirements.

Policy and procedure updates.

Service provider standards.

Fiscal accountability.

Area plan process requirements.

In addition, DHSS held targeted trainings for service providers and their boards of directors to ensure every level of leadership understands and meets compliance standards.

DHSS also hosted the first-ever Missouri Senior Center Summit on Oct. 6. The summit brought together AAA representatives, senior center administrators, and senior center board members from across the state to strengthen communication, share best practices, and reinforce statewide alignment with OAA requirements.

For more information on the work of the Area Agencies on Aging, visit health.mo.gov/seniors/aaa.

MU Extension Expands Food Waste Reduction Program In Rural Missouri

University of Missouri Extension is expanding its "Freeze It!" food waste reduction program across rural Missouri.

Food waste is an escalating environmental and health issue, says MU Extension nutrition and health specialist Rachel O'Halloran. The "Freeze It!" program responds to this challenge by empowering rural families to better manage their meals and reduce waste through strategies like meal planning, freezing meals and sharing excess food, she says.

Funding for the expansion is through a grant from the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development.

"Our goal is to reduce food waste and promote healthy, home-cooked meals, especially in rural areas where access to waste diversion programs and health education can be limited," O'Halloran says. "This grant allows us to build capacity and reach more families with proven strategies that make a difference."

The grant will support delivery of eight "Freeze It!" program series in rural Missouri communities, professional development for MU Extension health faculty on partnering with local waste

management agencies and development of a statewide infrastructure for long-term support of the program.

O'Halloran says pilot programs have already shown promising results, reaching more than 75 rural residents and achieving measurable reductions in household food waste. "Freeze It!" participants report cooking more meals at home, eating healthier and wasting less, all while saving money, she says.

The program also addresses critical health disparities in rural Missouri, where residents face higher rates of diet-related illnesses, poverty and limited access to nutrition education, says MU Extension nutrition and health specialist Carrie Elsen.

"By teaching effective meal management and food literacy, we're not just reduc-

ing waste, we're improving lives," Elsen says.

The project, "Addressing Household Food Waste in Rural Communities," is led by O'Halloran, Elsen and Sarah Wood, assistant extension professor in the MU Department of Health Sciences.

For more information on "Freeze It!" or to get involved, contact your local MU Extension Center or visit <https://muext.us/FreezeIt>.



NECAC Collecting Food In Pike County

NECAC is seeking donations of non-perishable food for distribution to The Hope Center Bowling Green and the Louisiana Food Pantry. Canned goods and boxed meals may be dropped off at the NECAC Pike County Service Center at 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green from 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. More information is available by calling NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon at 324-2207.

Agape House Board To Decorate For Christmas

The Agape House board met in October with the following members present: Jane Duffner, Rich Duffner, Janet Heim, Karen Holbrook, Sterling Holbrook, Ruth Miller, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett, and Mary Thomas.

President Rich Duffner reported that four ladies and two staff came Tuesday, Oct. 14 from WERDCC to do the fall cleaning and did an excellent job.

Manager Karen Craig reported that in addition to guests from Missouri, there were guests from Oklahoma and Idaho in September. The board will meet again

Dec. 2 and will also decorate the home for the holidays.

Monetary donations were received in September from Bethlehem Baptist of Centralia, Curryville Baptist, Antioch Presbyterian Church, Cyrene Baptist, and Edgewood Baptist of Bowling Green, Farber Baptist, Middletown Christian Church, First Baptist, First Christian First Presbyterian, Southside Baptist, and WERDCC Restorative Justice of Vandalia, Hopewell Baptist and John Yost

of Thompson, United Way of Audrain County, Knights of Columbus Council 6473 of Louisiana, Knights of Columbus 6525 of Troy, United Methodist Women of Canton, St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Auxiliary 10381 of Gravois Mill.

Juanita Lynn of Vandalia donated used ink cartridges. They are in need of more used ink cartridges to help them obtain office supplies. Contact any board member if you have some you would like to donate.

Lord's Acre Sale, Supper Is Nov. 7

The annual Lord's acre sale and chili/soup supper will be held at New Harmony Christian Church on Friday, Nov. 7.

The menu for the meal will be chili, potato soup, vegetable soup, sloppy joes, pulled pork, or hot dog sandwiches.

Auction items will include quilts, craft items, baked goods, etc.

The meal will begin serving at 5 p.m., and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Am I a good Mayor for Bowling Green? Are you contributing to Bowling Green in a positive way. Are we "TAKERS ONLY" and not "GIVERS?"

Do we strengthen our town, or our neighborhood? Every resident, young through old, can make a positive contribution to the growth and development of Bowling Green and its citizens.

Now more than ever with our Federal Government shutdown, many people are one-two paycheck away from bankruptcy, being evicted, losing their vehicle, or having to drop out of college or trade school to help parents and/or loved ones. In last week's Poverty Simulation, I was a 40-year-old single parent whose wife left him, had a 20-year-old daughter who had a baby, and had a nine-year-old challenged son.

I lost my job in the process of trying to work with a bank, mortgage payments, utility monthly payments, food to feed my family, cost at my children's schools, daycare for my granddaughter who needed daycare while my daughter was in college.

At one point I had to hock our sound system for less than it was worth and had to go to jail where my nine-year-old son was because I didn't pick him up from school after dismissal. Family Services were notified (this happened twice). I didn't qualify for housing assistance at one point. My daughter had to drop out of college and helped tremendously. However, she could not find a job and especially one where she could afford to pay for daycare.

She was more successful than I and some time through all the ordeals, she became the parent and was taking care of me instead of me, as a father that should be taking care of his family.

Even though I was role playing, the impact of my frustration was extremely demoralizing, and I lost all self-esteem. We spent time in a homeless shelter more than once and we went without food for a week at one point. I am quite sure that we have people in our wonderful town that may in or near some of these same conditions with which I was confronted.

With the Federal Government shutdown, how many of our citizens are approaching these similar challenges as I experienced for only a few hours.

Look around Bowling Green and let's see if we can help a neighbor or even a family member. Many people are very proud and may not take you up on your offer. For instance, at one point in the simulation, I threatened to rob a bank. I role played a lot and showed frustration and expressed abandonment. Nobody offered any help or solutions. Instead of trying to stay above my circumstances and keep my family tightly knitted and positive, I became "Bitter" and not "Better."

We, as a community, need to reach out and be a VISITING ANGEL or GOOD SMARITAN. Too many times, I've thought, "If they would just go out and get a job!" "If they weren't so lazy!" That's "Stinking Thinking." It's good to help those in need!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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"No one should mind being average, because it means you're as close to the top as you are to the bottom".

Halloween will be celebrated at the New Salem Town Hall Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 5:30 p.m., with Trunks n Treats for the kids. This is a safe way for the kiddos to go trick or treating, plus an easy way for the adults to deliver the treats in one place.

Saturday, Nov. 1, the Big River Band will be performing at the Pike County Senior Center, 220 West Adams, Pittsfield, with the show starting at 6:30 p.m. No admission. Concession stand will be open. Wonderful dance floor. And a 50/50 drawing will take place. Come on out for a great evening of entertainment!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 2, and standard time starts, so that means sets your clocks back one hour at midnight on Nov. 1.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week Oct. 29 - Nov. 4:

Oct. 29 - Dale Robbins, Landon Rudd
Oct. 30 - Duncan Bradshaw
Oct. 31 - Bob Rue, Nora Dee Bedenbender, Rita Rush
Nov. 1 - Lynda Blacketer, Margaret Myers, Roger Bonnett
Nov. 2 - Sara and Micah Rudd
Nov. 3 - Mike Leahr
Pray....very simply pray!!!
There is power in prayer. So take time out of your busy day, and pray. A few prayer requests that I

know of would be for Sharon Straus, Christy Burdick, America, and we have an unspoken request.

O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Psalm 25:2-4

Jamie and I attended the last junior varsity football game of the season in Bowling Green, Missouri, Monday night, Oct. 20. We enjoyed watching Jamie's grandson Michael Niffen play, and visiting with his mom Tracy Niffen and sister Allison. Michael's uncle James Niffen of Annada also came to watch. Bowling Green won 42-14.

Thursday, Oct. 23, the Big River Band had a practice session at the Davis/Niffen household for several hours. Not sure how many of you know just how much work goes into getting ready for a show, but there is plenty to do. And a person really has to enjoy music to be in a band.

Branson trip from Oct. 20-23. Told by one who participated: Our first dinner was at the Grand Country Buffet prior to Dean Z (Elvis impersonator), Toured College of the Ozarks and the Ralph Foster Museum there including a wonderful formal lunch at the Keeter Center where food is grown, prepared and served by students; David at the Sight and Sound Theater; Pierce Arrow Country; Hot Rods and High Heels (a high energy 50s music show); the Celebrity Dinner Theater prior to and in the same theater as the Hughes Brothers Music Show.

We stayed at the Branson Towers hotel and had time for shopping in old downtown Branson or the Landing. Terri and Steve Smith were our hosts and the whole trip was planned by the Smiths and Carla and Steve Ingram of Travel Planners out of Decatur who also had a bus. Carla and Terri are sisters.

It was a great group of travelers, some we already knew and

some we became acquainted with. Folks from many towns represented: Perry, Chambersburg, Griggsville, Pittsfield, Mt. Sterling, Camp Point, Baylis, Meredosia, Versailles, Camden, Detroit, Liberty, Pearl, Rushville, Macomb, Decatur, Neoga, Bloomington, Warrensburg, Hannibal, St. Peters, and New London.

Friday, Oct. 24, the Pittsfield High School Class of 1973 Luncheon was held at Milkey's, and those who attended were: Joe Womble and Mary Breden and Mary's granddaughter Alaina Cummings; Jeanie Hartman; Nancy Bloom; Teresa Reel; Debbie Harshman; Tricia Carnes; Gary and Sharon Williams; Cathy Bollegar and Mark Guthrie; and Gene and Cheri Myers. The next luncheon will be a combination November/December event due to all the activities and family get-togethers that will be planned for those two months.

Friday, Oct. 24, Shirley and Mike Straus went with Wyvetta and Jamie to Pearl to attend the Buggs' Family Opry. Very good evening of entertainment. Definitely worth our time to go. Several "guests" were asked to come up on stage and sing....Jamie Niffen, Bobby Johnston and Leeland, and April and Rocky Sally. Of course, Steve Cox sang a couple good songs and did a skit. He is a regular there and a good friend.

Sunday, Oct. 26, Jamie and I were among the good crowd that went to Rumors in Griggsville to listen to this very talented young man Casen Shoemaker sing.

Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. What U.S. Route is the longest U.S. Highway? And how many miles is it?
2. Fill in the blanks of this scripture from James: For as the body without the spirit is _____, so faith without works is _____ also. (both blanks are the same word.)
3. Which states had the longest and shortest mileage on Route 66? And how many miles is each?

Adopt These Habits To Save Energy, Money This Fall

As fall brings cooler mornings and milder afternoon temperatures, it's the perfect time to revisit home energy habits and prepare for the winter heating season. Ameren encourages customers to actively monitor their energy usage – a routine that can help save money at home and work, and reduce strain on the grid.

Here's an easy, step-by-step guide for customers to better understand their home energy usage – and how a few small actions can make a big difference:

Visit the energy usage online dashboard. Log in to your online Ameren account and navigate to the usage section to view your current energy usage details. (Pro tip: Download the Ameren mobile app for on-the-go access to your usage information and savings tips.)

Take the home profile survey within your account dashboard for customized insights into where your energy is going, based on your home, appliances, and habits.

Put your insights into action to start reducing energy consumption.

Enroll in alerts to get notified when your bill is nearing your preferred spending limit.

Check your online account regularly for new

money-saving tips and insights.

"We want customers to have the information and tools they need to take control of their energy usage," said Tony Lozano, director of energy efficiency and demand response at Ameren Missouri. "While saving energy can help them lower their bills, it also gives them an opportunity to adjust their daily energy habits and ultimately help strengthen the grid for everyone."

Customers can also start forming several energy-friendly habits to become more energy efficient this fall and beyond:

Unplug "always on" electronics and small appliances when not in use, or connect them to smart plugs or power strips that can shut them down completely to avoid energy drain. This could save you as much as \$100 per year.

Throw in reusable wool dryer balls with your laundry instead of dryer sheets to cut your drying time nearly in half.

Shorten your shower time by three minutes – from an eight-minute shower – to help reduce your energy spending and conserve water.

Open your windows when the weather is good. To encourage efficient air flow and welcome in fresh

fall air, open windows on opposite sides of the room.

Program a smart thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature when you're away, which saves an average of 8%, or \$50 per year. You can also earn \$50 for enrolling in the Peak Time Savings (PTS) program.

Ameren customers can participate in PTS year-round. In Missouri, customers must have an electric heat pump to participate this winter.

Replace your furnace filter every three months to save up to 15% and help your furnace run efficiently. A dirty filter also allows dander, mold and dust to circulate throughout your home.

"As the seasons change, our habits change along with them, so it's the perfect time to modify your routine," said Pat Justis, director of energy efficiency at Ameren Illinois. "Whether you own a company, rent an apartment or manage a household, your choices contribute to something bigger."

Rebates and savings opportunities on energy-saving products are available at AmerenMissouriMarketplace.com or AmerenIllinoisEEMarketplace.com.

Fall Tree Planting: Rooting For A Greener Tomorrow

As autumn paints Missouri's landscapes in brilliant hues, it also signals the start of the best season for planting trees, says University of Missouri Extension state forestry specialist.

"Fall offers a unique window of opportunity for tree establishment, making it the preferred time for forestry professionals, municipalities and homeowners alike," says Stelzer.

WHY PLANT IN FALL?
Cooler weather reduce stress: Trees planted in fall face less heat stress, letting them acclimate more easily to their new environment.

Increased soil moisture: Seasonal rains help keep soil moist, supporting root development without the

need for frequent watering.

Dormancy promotes root growth: As trees enter dormancy, they shift energy from leaf production to root establishment, giving them a strong foundation before spring.

Fewer pest and disease pressures: Cooler weather means fewer insects and pathogens, reducing the risk of damage to young trees.

Better long-term survival: Trees planted in fall are often better prepared to withstand the heat and drought of the following summer.

Across Missouri, organizations like Forest ReLeaf are mobilizing volunteers and distributing thousands

of trees to communities in need, Stelzer says. ReLeaf's CommuniTree program (<https://moreleaf.org/project-communitree>) supports public and nonprofit planting projects. Fall planting helps rebuild urban canopies and reconnect people with nature.

"Whether you're planting a native tree in your backyard or joining a community effort, fall is the season to dig deep and invest in a healthier, greener future," he says.

For more information, see the MU Extension guide "How To Plant a Tree" (G6850) at <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6850>.

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Obituaries



Carrie Ann Johnston Ringler

Carrie Ann Johnston Ringler, 31, of Columbia went to join Jesus on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025.

Celebration of Life services were Saturday at River-view Cemetery in Louisiana with Andrew Jay Van Bieber officiating. The services were at 11 a.m.

Carrie was born Sept. 9, 1994 in Columbia, the daughter of Roy L. and Rebecca K. Scott-Johnston, they survive. She married Donovan Ringler on March 20, 2024. He survives.

Also surviving are her Momma Callie Fowler, sons, Michael Chris Craig-miles III and Owen Renley Craigmiles; brothers, Mat-thew Harris, Donnie and Brittany Fowler, Travis Fowler, Gene Fowler and Hannah Smart; nephew and nieces, Allen Harris, Teagan Fowler, Hayzlee Fowler, and Myla Fowler; uncles, Kevin Johnston, Scott and Stephanie Johnston, one special aunt, Cindy Clark; and a special uncle, Bob Puder; cousins, Kevin C. Johnston, Matthew Johnst-on, Nicole Johnston, and Katlyn Johnston; and her ex-husband, Michael Craig-miles.

Preceding her in death are grandparents, Gary and Wanda Rogers, Donald W. "Bill" and Emma A. Scottie Gray; and her three angel babies, Sawyer Stephen Craigmiles, Penelope Kate Ringler, and Baylor Lee Ringler.

Carrie will be remem-bered as the caring, giving, fun loving, full of life girl who fought to keep her life as hard as she could. She loved with all her heart. She will be deeply missed in all the hearts who knew her.

Rhoda Darlene Kerr, 82, of Vandalia died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at Baptist Home of Tri-County in Van-dalia.

Funeral services were at 12 p.m., Saturday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia with Pastor Charlene Wheeler-Williams D.D. of-ficiating. Burial followed in the Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Rhoda's life was from 11 a.m., until the time of the service Saturday at the fu-neral home.

Rhoda was born Sept. 16, 1943 in Louisiana, the daughter of Irvin W. Childs and Mary Nell Washington Thornton. She was united in marriage to Harold Edward Kerr. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1998.

Survivors include her a granddaughter, Diamonique Kerr, currently serving in the United States Navy in San Diego, Calif.; brothers, Joseph "JT" Thornton and wife, Nicole of Forney, Texas, Eric Thornton and wife, Robbie of Glenn Heights, Texas, Richard Thornton of Bloomington, Ill., Stevie Thornton of Bloomington, Ill., Robert Childs of Fulton, Irvin Childs and wife, Vickie of Hannibal, David Childs LaeTonyah of Fulton, and John Edward Childs of Den-ver, Colo.; sisters, Betty Thornton-Blue of Decatur, Ill., Jean Ann Thornton of Stone Mountain, Ga., Phyl-lis Collins and husband, Eric of Bloomington, Ill., Lin-nette Thornton-Walls of Bloomington, Ill., Juliet Simmons and husband, Will

of Bloomington, Ill., and Wanda Hunter of Lithonia, Ga.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rhoda was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Kerr, brothers, George Allen Thornton and Dennis Childs, stepson, Larry Chat-man, grandson, Emeri Kerr, sister-in-law, Rhonda Thornton and brother-in-law, James Walls.

Rhoda was an alumnus of Bowling Green High School. She worked at Tri-County Care Center in Van-dalia in housekeeping for 39 years before retirement.

She had a kind heart that showed love for her family and her job. She enjoyed cooking for family events and hosting family and friends in the comfort of her home. Rhoda will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Pallbearers were Eric Thornton, Robert Childs, Richard Thornton, Irvin Childs, Fred Jones, Stevie Thornton, Deonte Thornton, Alferd "Boney" Hutt, Bryan Thornton, and Michael Reynolds. Honorary pall-bearers were qJoseph "JT" Thornton, David Childs, Paul Lewis, and William Wheeler.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Home of Tri-County or the Vandalia Second Christian Church, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family.

A video tribute viewed on Rhoda's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.

Earl Farrell Ray Jr.

Earl Farrell Ray, Jr., 82, of Louisiana died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, in his home, surrounded by his family.

To honor Earl's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Earl, the eldest son of Earl F. and Jane Armstrong Ray, was born Jan. 22, 1943, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Ray, whom he mar-ried on April 18, 1964, in Emerson, Iowa.

Other survivors include his two sons, Earl Farrell Ray III and wife, Mari of Louisiana, Phillip G. Ray and wife, Anazette of How-ell, N.J.; three brothers, John Ray and wife, Carla of Mis-sion Viejo, Calif., James Mi-chael Ray and wife, Johanna of San Antonio, Texas, David Ray and wife, Mindy of Louisiana; one sister, Lisa Helm of Louisiana; and grandchildren, Addison J. Ray and Callum C. Ray.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Dennis Helm.

Earl graduated from Lou-isiana High School in 1961 and then honorably served his country in the United States Air Force. Thereafter, he obtained his BS Ed. from NMSU in 1970. Earl had many vocations throughout his life, including teacher, salesman, cook and business owner.

His enthusiasm for life was contagious - whether he was hosting a tailgate, a party at home or at the ma-rina, Earl made everyone feel welcome. His laughter, stories, and kindness created memories that will be cher-ish-ed by all who knew him. Earl was a lifelong boater, who could never be too far from the Mississippi River. He was also an avid sports fan, especially for his be-loved Missouri Tigers... MIZ.

Always willing to lend a hand, Earl was a member of many community organiza-tions, including the Lions Club and Elks Lodge. Fol-lowing several members in his family, he was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Order. Earl embodied camaraderie and loyalty through-out his life.

Earl was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana.

Earl's warmth, humor, and friendship touched countless lives, and his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Online condolences may be made to the family on Earl's memorial page at [www.smithfuneralho-meandchapel.com](http://www.smithfuneralhomeandchapel.com)



Christopher Alle Gerdeman

Christopher Allen Gerde-man, 31, of St. Louis, formerly of Vandalia died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at Waters Funeral Home. The Rev. Jamie Franke will of-ficiate.

Visitation to celebrate Christopher's life will be held from 12 p.m., until the time of the service, Saturday at the funeral home. A pri-vate family burial will be in Vandalia Cemetery.

Christopher was born March 14, 1994, in Troy, the son of Linda Wehmeyer Gerdeman.

Survivors include his mother, Linda Gerdeman of Vandalia; a brother, John Gerdeman Ray of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Sarah Gerde-man of Houston, Texas; one niece, Versaya Salgado and nephew, Elisandro Chris-topher Salgado; and numer-ous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward and Carol Wehmeyer; and great-grandparents, Kenneth and Patsy Todd.

Christopher graduated from Van-Far High School in 2012.

Professionally, Chris-topher was employed by Waters Furniture and more recently as a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service in Chesterfield.

A true outdoorsman at heart, Christopher found joy and peace on the water - and whether kayaking, fishing, or simply soaking in the calm. He had a special love for the mountains of Col-orado, where he'd escaped to reconnect with nature and himself. He found passion for adventure, finding joy in traveling the country to new places with friends and loved ones.

His adventurous spirit and love for the outdoors were matched by his com-mitment to health and fit-ness; he found energy and purpose in working hard, staying active, and encour-aging others to do the same. He inspired those around him to better themselves and to better understand others.

Christopher also had a keen interest in genealogy research, an interest he picked up from his Grandpa Wehmeyer. He dedicated time to exploring his fam-ily's history and connec-tions, cherishing the stories and lineage that shaped his identity. This pursuit deep-ened his appreciation for family and the bonds that connect generations. This in turn helped him to under-stand and value the connec-tions between past and present family members.

But above all, Chris-topher treasured friends and family. He never missed a quiet moment with those he loved most. His laughter, stories, and presence brought warmth and con-nection to every room he en-tered.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Gerdeman Ray, Evan Case, and Paul Ray.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral arrangements, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Christopher's memorial page at www.watersfu-neral.com.

Kody Robert Manning Coats

Kody Robert Manning Coats, 31, of New Smyrna

Beach, Fla., formerly of Silex died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025 in Florida.

Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m.-noon at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone St., Troy.

A funeral service to fol-low at noon on Friday at the uneral home's Troy location. Interment will be in Mill-creek Cemetery, Silex.

Memorials may be made to Kody's children, c/o his parents.

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

Betty Alice Salois

Betty Alice Salois, 91, of Vandalia, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at Baptist Home Tri-County, SNF in Vandalia.

A memorial visitation for Betty was Saturday from 4-6 p.m., with sharing of mem-ories and short prayer from 5:30-6 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Cre-matory in Bowling Green.

A Mass of Christian Bur-ial will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 5567 Gildehaus Rd., Villa Ridge, MO, 63089, with a visitation from 9 a.m., until the time of service. Bu-rial will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Villa Ridge.

Betty was born Nov. 15, 1933, to William John "Bill" and Mildred Kathleen Kintz Ronan in St. Louis, Missouri. She was united in marriage to Paul Salois on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1952. Paul pre-ceded her in death.

Betty grew up in St. Louis, next to Sportsman Park and was a lifelong Car-dinal's fan. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic grade school and graduated from Rock Catholic High School, both in St. Louis. Betty and Paul moved to Bowling Green in 1966.

Before marrying, Betty was employed as a secretary. Once married, Betty was a stay-at-home mom until she and Paul established the local radio station, KPCR, upon relocating in 1966. At that point she and Paul worked together to operate the sta-tion. They owned the station until 1996, just short of 30 years. They were members of the Missouri Broadcaster's Association, where they re-ceived many awards for their efforts.

Betty also belonged to the Red Hatters, Eagle RV Club, and other RV clubs, and most recently the Missouri Good Hands Cribbage Club #344 in Washington.

Some of Betty's interests included painting, creating stained glass masterpieces, playing golf, traveling in the RV, swimming and playing cribbage. Nothing meant more to Betty than her faith and family. Betty was a de-vout Catholic her entire life.

Betty is survived by one son, Joseph Salois and wife, Debbie of Vandalia; daugh-ters, Sister Michelle Salois, RSM of St. Louis, Patricia "Patty" Marshall of Scotts-dale, Ariz., Mary Salois of Weldon Spring, and Marga-ret "Peggy" Pruett and hus-band, John of Bernie; grandchildren, Stephen Mar-shall and wife, Ashlee, Ben-jamin Marshall and wife, Susan, Nicole Marshall and husband, Alejandro, Jeff Sa-lois and wife, Gina, Matt Sa-lois, Tiffany Wilcox and husband, Garrett, and Allison "Ally" Beausejour and hus-band, Hays; and great-grand-children, Jillian, Kevin, Madeline, Eliana, Harrison, Logan, and Grayson; along with many nieces and nephews, cousins, and ex-tended family.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; hus-band, Paul; sister, Billie; and son-in-law, Charlie Marshall.

In lieu of flowers, mem-orials may be made to Mercy Professional Services, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or Community Loving Care Hospice.

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



George Graver

George Graver of Bowl-ing Green died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in Hannibal.

Visitation for George will be Wednesday from 1-4:30

p.m., with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Cre-matory in Bowling Green.

A full obituary will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

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20	300 & Down	460	612	15	300 & Down	430	595
50	300-400	435	532	49	300-400	430	490
152	400-500	430	495	160	400-500	390	456
172	500-600	430	490	124	500-600	370	434
245	600-700	407	438	112	600-700	370	390
69	700-800	360	385	18	700-800	335	335
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Community News



Van-Far Class 1957 Holds 68th Reunion

Van-Far Class of 1957 had its 68th reunion at The Junction in Perry, Saturday, Oct. 18 with nine members present. They shared what they have been doing this last year. Ronnie Smith led prayer before the meal. This is the last reunion to be held. Pictured, front row, (l-r): Julia Stroker Taylor, Curryville, Ronnie Smith, Vandalia, Reva Todd Terry, Hannibal, Norma Todd Bland, Vandalia. Second row: Dora Kerns Nation, Garden City, Anita Haverich Meinert, German Hills, Ill., Connie Ruggles Strother, Vandalia, LaVonne Nolan Jones, Vandalia, Ronnie Smith, Curryville. Dora Nation traveled the most distance from Garden City. A letter was read from Peggy Weilmunster Wright from Branson. The class received a phone calls from John Morlan of Excelsior Springs, and Bill Scrogin, Centralia. Also attending was Dora Nation's daughter, Theresa Abbott and Richard Jones, Donna Smith and Gene Taylor.

Early Deadline Next Week Thursday, Oct. 30 @ 10 a.m.

Medicare & Healthcare.gov are now open again for New & Renewal Enrollment
Call the Hamilton Agency 573-324-3000

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NECAC To Host Trivia Tourney

NECAC is seeking teams for a trivia night fund-raiser.

The event is Friday, Nov. 21, in the fellowship hall at the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene, 807 S. Court. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the tourney beginning at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and soft drinks available.

Teams of one to eight people are welcome. There will be 10 rounds with 10 questions each on a variety of topics. The fee is \$20 per person. Half of proceeds will go to the winning team, with the other half going to NECAC programs that help the disadvantaged. Payment may be made in advance or the night of the event.

Reservations are requested by Nov. 17, and may be made by calling NECAC Public Relations Officer Brent Engel at 1-800-748-7636, ext. 10119.



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ACCEPTING SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The City of Middletown, Mo. is accepting snow removal bids until noon, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 for the following streets/lots:

South and North Caldwell, S. Cherry (from 161/Johnson St. to South St., side streets between North Cherry and North Caldwell, Post Oak School Road, Straube St., Main Street, South Street, and the parking lot at City Hall.

Bid specifications are available at City Hall, or by calling 573-549-2220. Successful bidder must have liability insurance. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, and to determine the best bid. Please mark sealed bids as ``Snow Removal Bid.”

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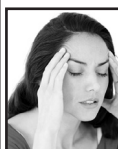
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MOTORISTS

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

PARENTS

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

COSTUME DESIGN

- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retroreflective tape should be used to make children visible.

CHILDREN

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

SAFE TREATS

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

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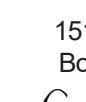
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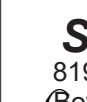
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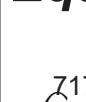
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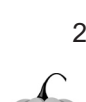
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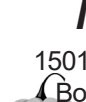
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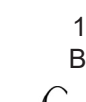
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