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Pictured left to right: Regional President Derek Stuckenschneider, Chief Lending Officer Don Meyer, Kiley Anderson with the University of Missouri Extension, Regional Senior Vice President Larry Gamm, Taylor Branugardt with Pike County Fair Committee, and Bowling Green Branch Manager Jill Kiel.

Peoples Savings Bank Pledges \$20,000 To New Livestock Facility

Peoples Savings Bank recently pledged \$20,000 to support the construction of a new livestock facility at the Pike County Fairgrounds.

The new building will serve as a vital space for 4-H and FFA members, local exhibitors, and community events — replacing aging structures and ensuring the fairgrounds continue to provide safe, high-quality facilities for agricultural education and activities.

“Peoples Savings Bank is proud to support the Pike County Fairgrounds and the young people who are the future of our agricultural community,” said Larry Gamm, Regional Senior Vice President for Peoples Savings Bank. “Investing in

projects like this strengthens our community and helps ensure that local youth programs continue to thrive for years to come.”

This pledge reflects Peoples Savings Bank’s ongoing commitment to community growth, youth development, and local partnerships across Missouri.

The Lost City Of Pygmies

Editor’s note: This story is the final part by contributing writer Brent Engel.

A centu The Lost City of Pygmies

The idea that Pike County once was home to pre-glacial pygmies was far-fetched from the start.

Scientists quickly put an end to the yarn and the archaeological dreams of its purveyor.

The claim was made in November 1925 by St. Louis excavator R.D. Burchard, who said he found remnants of the ancient, short-statured race on the Merle Baker farm a mile north of Bowling Green.

The “evidence” included what Burchard said were unusual soil samples, concrete-like gravel, rubbery clay and passageways with pillar supports that he and his crew found after digging a 65-foot shaft.

“Whether it was nature’s processes or the work of human hands remains to be seen,” the Louisiana Press-Journal said.

Burchard promised that once electric lights and a ventilation system were up and running, he’d take photos to prove the “mysterious subterranean structure” might be “the burial place of the dead of many centuries ago.” The goal was to find gold or other treasure.

Burchard tried to keep gawkers away, even building a rickety shed over the shaft entrance. The crowds came, anyway. So, the excavator began asking the public to buy shares in the operation, saying he’d already spent the equivalent today of \$164,000.

The Bowling Green Times warned residents to

be wary, saying investors “should carefully investigate” any stock offered.

“If these ventures prove successful, there will be plenty of time to invest in any company and, on the other hand, if they do not prove to be as they are expected, it will be a happy recollection that you have your money in the bank instead of in worthless stock,” the paper noted.

Many in Pike County got an eerie feeling that the scenario had played out before elsewhere in Northeast Missouri. They were right.

In 1885, two Moberly city employees claimed they discovered a 300-million-year-old city occupied by people who were three times taller than humans today. It was bogus, of course, but drew lots of attention.

Burchard carefully avoided questions, saying he remained committed to pursuing his work.

The Associated Press reported that many archaeologists were “dubious about the reported discovery,” but others left the door of possibility open. After all, it was true that some Native Americans had lived underground, but there was no proof that they did so in Northeast Missouri, and certainly not before glaciers.

The door finally was closed when two University of Missouri professors debunked Burchard’s claims.

Geology instructor Edwin Branson and archaeologist John Pickard said the earth and rock formations found by Burchard were common in Northeast Missouri and “no different from that which could be

found in many parts of the state.” They also said excavators had “uncovered nothing to indicate that they have discovered any signs of pre-historic life.”

The professors agreed the elements were “merely laid down by streams and that in the course of years the formations were gradually covered up by streams, wind and slope wash,” the Press-Journal said.

The newspaper said Branson “laughed” when told that bits of blankets, leather and kernels of corn” had been found, saying that “such articles would have decomposed years ago.”

Branson also said the only glacier to touch Northeast Missouri did so 500,000 to a million years ago and “doubted if this country was inhabited that long ago,” according to the Press-Journal.

People wondered if “Burchard” was the excavator’s real name or if it had been altered slightly from legitimate Grand Canyon expert R.W. Burchard of the National Geographic Society.

In the end, it didn’t matter. The R.D. Burchard who stirred up Pike County apparently fell off the radar. Nothing more was printed about the Bowling Green excavation or any others in which he might have been involved.

If there truly is evidence of a “lost civilization” that once called Pike County home, it’s still out there. The problem is, the property is no longer a farm.

Bowling Green Municipal Airport and the North East Correctional Center men’s prison are part of the site.

he was apprehended by the Louisiana Police Department.

“The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office wants to thank both Bowling Green and Louisiana officers’ efforts in helping to get a dangerous drug trafficker off the streets,” Pike County Prosecutor, Alex Ellison wrote.

Shipley Adds Josie Award, Joins Another Grammy-Nominated Album

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Kathryn Washington-Shipley (known to many fans as “K-Ship”) continues to build a legacy in the independent music world, one award and one performance at a time.

At the 11th Annual Josie Music Awards held November 2 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Shipley took home the Social Impact Song of the Year for “Stand,” a collaboration with artists Lee Newton, Nita Perez, Dimitris Nezis, Holly Fischer, Frank Fasano, and Phil Kanakis. The song, praised for its message of global unity and hope, adds another accolade to Shipley’s growing list of honors in the independent music world.

She also took to the stage that night, performing a heartfelt gospel duet with Big Shane Thornton titled “There On The Cross.”

“I am elated that I was given the opportunity to perform with Shane Thornton,” Shipley said. “This was an evening that will be the biggest piece of our music careers... It does not get any better. God is good.”

Thornton also shared the moment’s emotional weight, writing:

“That moment when the curtains opened and we stepped out in the circle at The Josie Music Awards to worship! An insane amount of humbleness came over all of us... A moment I will always remember & cherish!”

The awards show marked Shipley’s ninth consecutive appearance at the Josies, where she’s become a familiar and celebrated presence. Since her debut in 2017, she’s won multiple awards and become a mentor and advocate within the independent artist community.

And just days after the event, Shipley shared even

more good news: she’s part of another Grammy-nominated album. “Colors in My Mind” by Chris Redding—nominated for Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album—features Shipley among its collaborators. While not the primary nominee, she once again finds herself part of a project recognized by the Recording Academy, following her previous contribution to The Fury by Antonio Vergara, a finalist for Best Contemporary Blues Album earlier this year.

Shipley continues to be a source of pride for her hometown.

“Many, many thanks to my hometown of Louisiana, Missouri, who have always supported me,” she said. “I am grateful.”

To keep up with Kathryn’s music and upcoming projects, visit www.kshipmusic.com or follow her on social media @therealkship.

Claudie Barney Is Turning 100 Years Old



Claudie Barney

Claudia Barney of Bowling Green will be celebrating her 100th birthday with a celebration at the Bowling Green Visitor’s Center.

The open house will be held Sunday, Nov. 30 from 2-4 p.m. The center is located at 18047 Business Highway 161, Bowling Green.

Claudia Francoise Montermant Hamlett Barney was born at home in Savigny, France on Nov. 30, 1925 to Jean-Claude and Marie Francoise Bussel-Montermant. Her father was a farmer and mother was a homemaker and vineyard owner. She was born and raised in France.

Claudia has three sisters, Claude Thimonier, Jeanette Voiron, and Clemonce Barlow. She attended a Catholic school until she graduated. Following graduation she helped with the family vineyard and farming.

She has spent all of her married life in Bowling Green. She married Norman Hamlett on Oct. 13, 1945. He died Nov. 6, 1994. She then married Charles Barney on

Dec. 16, 1998. He died on May 2, 2014.

She met her first husband during World War II in Lyon, France where Norman was stationed with the United States Army. She was employer at a snack bar/cafe at Imperial Station in Bowling Green; a cafe in Bowling Green; at the sale barn; drove a school bus for the Bowling Green School District for 19 years, and lastly helped on their farm after retiring.

Norman farmed and drove a truck for the Bowling Green Cheese Factory and for Hannibal Cheese Factory. He also worked for the Pike County Highway Department.

Claudia is the mother of three daughters, Christine Dieckmann, deceased, Linda Robbins and husband, Norman of Laddonia, and Lori Danella and husband, Andy of Lee’s Summit. She is the grandmother seven grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; 10 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Her favorite vacation over the years were going to New Jersey and going back to France for visits. A childhood memory of Claudia’s is growing up during World War II with many memories good and bad.

Claudia collects angel and said visiting the Lourdes in France taking a holy water bath was one of the best places she had been.

Significant moments in her

life have been after the war she came to the United States on an Army ship. That took nine days to get here from France then New York to Chicago, and on a train to Bowling Green to meet her husband. She could not speak a word of English when she arrived in Bowling Green.

If her daughters needed a costume for school, mom made them all by hand - no sewing machine.

At Christmas the kids in the family put their good shoes on the hearth for St. Noel. They received an orange and small toys. This is her childhood memory.

Her great-grandfather built their home in 1769. Claudia left the house in 1946 to come to the United States to join her husband. She had not been back to the house in



Claudie Barney

2004. The current owners let her go in the house and it hadn’t changed at all.

Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration.

Clarksville Tree Lighting, Cookie Walk

Clarksville Tree Lighting and Cookie Walk” The City of Clarksville will have their annual tree lighting and cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m.

The public is invited to visit the small town, shop in the local businesses and take in the festivities.

Each family can grab their “cookie walk cards” beginning at 5 p.m. at the Visitor Center at 106 S. 2nd St. (Hwy. 79). Visit “all” participating locations and return your card before 7 p.m., for a chance to win one of several gifts provided by local businesses, groups, and individuals.

Several festive characters will be roaming the streets for your interaction and Santa Claus will pay a visit to meet the children. The children can write their letters to Santa Claus at the coffee shop to ensure he knows their wishes.

Stop in the Methodist Church for warm coffee and cocoa, the VFW for warm food, and all participating locations for other complimentary treats. You can start your shopping earlier at the Clarksville Antique Center from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. during their Christmas Open House and at other open shops.

This holiday season, and

for all your gifts throughout the year, please remember to 1st shop and support your local businesses. PeaceTree Farms, Eolia provided the beautiful tree. Check days and hours of operations for holiday activities, decorations, and fresh cut Christmas trees.

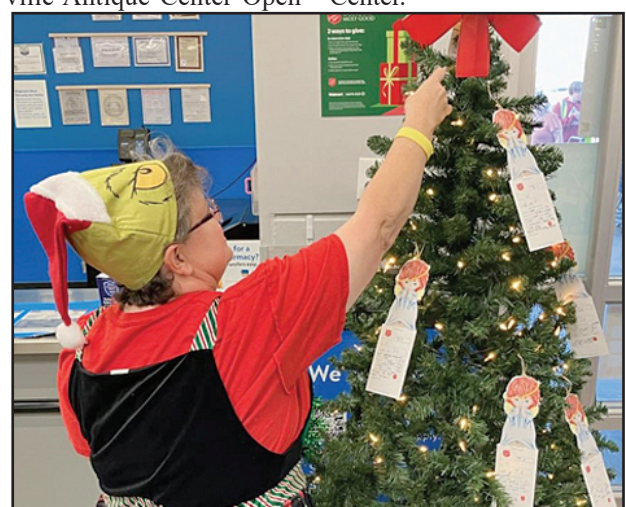
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Clarksville Antique Center Open

House

5 p.m. Cookie Walk Registration at Visitor Center

5:45 p.m. Character Walk and Santa Claus Arrival. Front St. to Howard St.

6 p.m. Tree Lighting at Bel-Rose Park. Howard St. and Hwy. 79, 7 p.m. Raffle Drawing at Visitor Center.



Angels We Have Heard On High

NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon puts tags on the Angel Tree at Walmart in Bowling Green. The program is sponsored by NECAC, Walmart and the Salvation Army and will benefit disadvantaged Pike County residents. People who shop at the store can select a tag and buy the toy, clothing and other requests featured. NECAC will deliver gifts. Tags do not identify recipients, but will have ages and genders. All gifts must be new. Applications are being taken through Dec. 5 and may be made by calling Dixon at 573-324-2207.



HAPPY
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Community News

Thanksgiving Food Safety Tips

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The traditional Thanksgiving feast is one of the most anticipated meals of the year. But amid all the excitement, food safety can often be overlooked, turning a joyful gathering into an unpleasant experience. But by following a few key food safety practices, you can keep the Thanksgiving meal both delicious and safe for everyone at the table.

PREPARATION
Start with the basics: purchasing and handling food safely. Wait until the end of your shopping trip to buy perishable foods such as meat, poultry and dairy, and make sure to store them in your refrigerator or freezer as soon as you get home. Keep raw meat and poultry separate from ready-to-eat foods to avoid cross-contamination.

Before you begin cooking, wash your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Clean all surfaces, utensils and cutting boards that come in contact with raw meat or poultry. Lastly, avoid rinsing the turkey in the sink, as this can spread bacteria to nearby surfaces, leading to cross-contamination.

THAWING THE TURKEY
Improper thawing is one of the most common Thanksgiving food safety

mistakes. The safest way to thaw a frozen turkey is in the refrigerator, allowing 24 hours of thawing time for every 4-5 pounds of bird. Keep it in a tray or pan to catch any liquid or juices that may leak. If you're short on time, the turkey can also be thawed in cold water, but the water must be changed every 30 minutes to ensure safety. Allow about 30 minutes of thawing per pound. Never thaw turkey on the countertop, as bacteria can grow rapidly in the temperature "danger zone" between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit (4-60 degrees Celsius).

COOKING TO THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE

Color is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Use a food thermometer to make sure your turkey reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F (74 C). Insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh and the wing joint to verify accuracy. If you're cooking stuffing inside the turkey, make sure the center of the stuffing also reaches 165 F (74 C). Alternatively, cook stuffing separately for greater safety.

KEEPING HOT FOODS HOT & COLD FOODS COLD

Once your feast is ready, time and temperature are key. Keep hot foods at or above 140 F (60 C), while cold foods should remain below 40 F (4 C). Avoid letting any cooked food sit out at room temperature for

more than two hours (or one hour if the room is warmer than 90 F/32 C). If serving buffet-style, keep hot dishes in slow cookers or chafing dishes and cold items over ice to maintain safe temperatures.

PROPER STORAGE OF LEFTOVERS

Thanksgiving leftovers are often as cherished as the meal itself, but improper handling can lead to foodborne illness.

Refrigerate leftovers promptly: Divide large portions into smaller, shallow containers for quicker cooling. Refrigerate or freeze all leftovers within two hours of serving.

Use within 3 to 4 days: Most refrigerated leftovers are safe for up to four days. If you won't use them soon, freeze them to extend their life.

Reheat safely: When reheating leftovers, make sure they reach an internal temperature of 165 F (74 C) before serving. Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil before serving.

Avoid reheating multiple times: Only reheat what you plan to eat immediately to preserve flavor and reduce bacterial risk.

DON'T FORGET THE DESSERTS

Custard-based or cream pies (like pumpkin or pecan pie) should be refrigerated after cooling. They contain eggs and dairy that can spoil quickly if left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Louisiana Community Christmas Parade

The holidays are upon us and with them, the sparkling spirit of the annual LCBA Community Christmas Parade.

Step into a world of twinkling lights, joyful music and heartwarming community as we welcome the festive season together. Whether you are young or simply young at heart, this is the event you don't want to miss!

The parade will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29, and starts at 5 p.m. The parade will begin at Sunset Park on Georgia Street and proceed to 3rd Street (Hwy. 79) where it will disperse.

The theme for this year's parade is "The Magic of Christmas." Cash prizes will be awarded for first,

second, and third place winners.

Spectacular floats, glittering lights, marching bands, dance troupes, local groups and organizations will all be included. No matter the weather.

Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree will take place immediately following the parade. The children will be ushered in to have visits with Santa at the Louisiana Area Historical Museum.

Festive pop-up vendors will be available for your shopping delight and many of our local merchants will be open late, so be sure to check them out for that "special" gift for family or friends.

All businesses, schools,

clubs and creative holiday enthusiasts are welcome to register your entry and be a part of the spectacular holiday showcase and compete for the cash prizes.

Registrations will be accepted until Thursday, Nov. 27. Parade Registration or Pop-up Vendor forms can be obtained by calling Diana at 314-640-4420 or by email Lmocombtrmt@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendars now, gather your loved ones and get ready for a night of wonder and traditions, old and new. The 2025 LCBA Community Christmas Parade promises to be an event that lights up the winter night and brings the true spirit of the Christmas season to all.

MU Extension Hosts Free Soil Health Webinar

University of Missouri Extension will hold a free virtual workshop on "Understanding Your Soil Needs" 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11.

"We will talk about the essential aspects of soil management to help you maximize your farm productivity," said MU Extension agronomy specialist Rudra Baral, who will host the workshop.

"Whether you are a farmer, gardener or landowner, this event will provide you with practical knowledge and hands-on techniques to enhance soil health and boost crop

growth," he said.

TOPICS

Soil Texture: Understand soil texture and its impact on plant growth and development. Learn practical methods to determine your soil texture.

Plant Nutrients and Roles: Know about key plant nutrients and their functions in plant growth and development.

Soil pH and Nutrient Availability: Understand the effect of soil pH on nutrient availability. Know the optimal pH range for different crops and ways to correct soil pH.

Soil Sampling Tech-

niques: Learn proper soil sampling techniques to obtain a representative soil sample including sampling depth, timing, and location.

Soil Test Report Interpretation: Understand the soil test reports to make informed decisions on lime and fertilizer management.

"This event is ideal for anyone looking to improve their understanding of soil science and gain practical skills to apply directly in the field," Baral said.

Register at <https://muext.us/SoilHealthWorkshop2025> or call 573-369-2394 for more information.

Time To Prevent, Mice And Rats From Coming Inside

Temperatures are dropping, and that tiny mouse in the house looms large as pests make their way inside. University of Missouri Extension state wildlife and fisheries specialist Robert Pierce says it is time to prepare for the unwelcome houseguests.

"You won't be the first person annoyed or outsmarted by a mouse or rat," says Pierce. "These rodents have keen senses of taste, hearing, smell and touch."

THE WHY

House mice and Norway rats can contaminate an area with urine, saliva and droppings. They can transmit diseases such as salmonellosis (food poisoning) and swine dysentery, and they can carry ticks.

THE BIOLOGY

These rodents can multiply quickly. Mice can produce up to 8-10 litters per year with 5-6 young per litter, and rats can produce 3-6 litters of young each year, so populations can build up quickly. Within six weeks, they can create an army of tiny, scurrying nightmares. Fortunately, these species don't ordinarily have long lifespans, as many animals prey on them, but even a few mice or rats in your home can cause lots of problems.

THE HOW TO

Give these rodents an inch and they will take a mile.

Mice can squeeze into the tiniest of spaces and through holes as little as 1/4 inch across. Even more alarming, says Pierce, rats will gnaw and make their way into holes as small as half an inch.

SNAP & TRAP

Although there are numerous rodenticides (toxic baits) on the market, Pierce advises against using them indoors, as the animal will often die behind a wall or in an enclosed area and will cause a terrible odor as they decompose. These products are best used outdoors and with a bait station that provides a safe location for rodents to consume the bait.

Pierce says the cheapest and most effective way to catch a mouse or a rat is with an old-fashioned wooden snap mouse-trap. There are larger versions of the snap trap that will work for rats.

Placement is the key to success, he says. Put traps where rodent activity has been observed and on the floor adjacent to a wall or an edge. Use enough traps in an area so that the trapping effort will quickly be effective. If rats or mice are bait-shy, leave the trap unbaited for a few days so they become accustomed to the trap. Then apply the bait. Mice and rats often will travel in a linear fashion along a wall; however, they are excellent climbers and can run up any rough vertical surface, says

Pierce.

CHOOSY MICE CHOOSE PBJ MINUS THE J

Use a light slather of peanut butter as a bait on the snap trap. Cheese and fruit are good second choices.

An ounce of prevention is the best cure. In other words, stop mice and rats from getting indoors in the first place, says Pierce. Use caulk to seal holes and gaps around windows, doors, dryer vents and electrical and gas lines.

Stuff larger entry points with copper wool (such as cleaning pads) that can't be chewed through. Plastic, wood or cloth won't keep mice at bay. Window and door screens that don't have holes provide good barriers.

Clean the clutter

Remove safe havens near your house such as leaves, brush piles and trash. Clean up clutter outside and inside. Woodpiles and feeders for birds and wildlife are welcome mats for rodents. Seal garbage cans, bags of birdseed, livestock feeds and pet foods, which can attract mice.

TALLTALE SIGNS

Mice leave droppings that look like dark pieces of rice. Norway rat droppings are larger. Rats are burrowing animals that can create entrance holes about 2 inches in diameter. Both species build nests that consist of fine, shredded, fibrous materials, and they may leave behind pieces of gnawed-up wood and food. Other signs include small gnawing marks and dark smudges and rub marks. These rodents are active throughout the day and night, and although you rarely see them, you may hear them moving behind your walls or smell their musky odor.

MU publications free for download

"Controlling House Mice," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g9442>

"Controlling Rats," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g9446>

"Bait Stations for Controlling Rats and Mice," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g9444>

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SEMO Welcomes Students

Southeast Missouri State University is proud to celebrate with our newest students on beginning their first year at SEMO.

Natalie Hickerson of Bowling Green.

Gabrielle Ramirez of Frankford.

These students are stepping fearlessly into a community built on big dreams, bold support, and real-world experience. At SEMO, every student is backed by mentors who believe in their potential, challenged through hands-on learning from day one, and inspired to turn their passions into purpose-driven careers.

With more than 175 programs, Missouri's only campus dedicated to art, dance, music and theatre, championship-winning D1 athletics, and a community that stands shoulder to shoulder with its students, SEMO is where ambition finds its home-and where fearless futures begin.

Candied Yams Recipe

2 pounds sweet potatoes or yams, peeled and sliced into 1/2-inch thick rounds

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper

1/4 cup honey

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1/3 cup chopped pecans

Flaky salt, for serving (we like Maldon)

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 450° F with a rack in the center position. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil.

Toss the sweet potatoes on the prepared sheet pan with the olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread the sweet potatoes out in an even layer. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the bottoms are starting to brown.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, warm the honey, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg over medium-low heat, stirring often, until the brown sugar dissolves, about 2 minutes.

Remove the sheet pan from the oven, then brush the sweet potatoes with half of the honey mixture. Flip the sweet potatoes and brush with the remaining honey mixture. Sprinkle with the pecans and return the sweet potatoes to the oven. Roast for another 8-10 minutes, or until the sweet potatoes are browned and caramelized. Sprinkle with flaky salt to serve.

Louisiana Community Betterment Is Happy To Announce Holiday Home Tour

Louisiana Community Betterment Association is happy to announce the upcoming date for the 2025 Holiday Home Tour. The Holiday Home Tour will take place Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025.

The Home Tour will begin at 3 p.m., and close

promptly at 7 p.m.

There will be a total of six homes on this year's tour.

Tickets can be reserved at: <https://forms.gle/n18CVQZn49Er59117>

A confirmation letter will be emailed to you with instructions on how to pay for

your reserved tickets and where they will be available for pick-up the day of the tour.

For more information about the home tour or how to purchase tickets, please contact Diana Huckstep at: 314-640-4420.

MU Extension Offers No-Cost Technical Assistance For Missouri Non-Profits

University of Missouri Extension now offers non-profit technical assistance (NPTA) to help Missourians build stronger organizations to serve their communities.

This statewide initiative provides a range of educational services and resources to support the full life cycle of Missouri's nonprofits, says Jonathan Mack, senior coordinator for MU Extension Business and Community.

Services and resources include:

One-on-one technical assistance mini-sessions.

Skill-building courses for nonprofit leaders.

Access to a library of nonprofit resources.

Referrals to programs

and resources.

Topics covered range from starting and organizing a nonprofit – such as bylaws, incorporation, and leadership training – to growing and sustaining one through fundraising, marketing, grant writing, financial management and stakeholder engagement.

More information and access to services may be found at <https://muext.us/NPTA>, at a county MU Extension center or by emailing nonprofit@missouri.edu.

Services are intended for educational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice. For legal guidance on nonprofit matters, individuals should consult an attorney.

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MU Looks At Weather Impact On Farmer Mental Health

Researchers Recruiting Midwestern Farmers For Study Of How Extreme Weather, Environmental Concerns Affect Well-Being

University of Missouri researchers are looking at how weather extremes affect the mental health of Midwestern farmers. Jennifer First, an assistant professor with the MU School of Social Work, leads the project with assistance from MU Extension natural resources specialist Michael Sunde. They are recruiting 40 farmers from the Midwest to understand how weather and environmental concerns affect farmers' health, stress, sleep and well-being.

The Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership and the Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems will provide geospatial analysis for the study. Faculty will look at data on past weather extremes and

how it may affect farmer well-being.

Sunde says farmers must be 18 or older and farm in the Midwest. They will participate in a 45- to 60-minute confidential interview

in person, by phone or by Zoom. Participants will receive a \$40 gift card.

To participate, contact Megan Waddle at mnwtz3@missouri.edu or visit <https://bit.ly/4410W95>.



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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Discover the future and keeping it in our focus is vital for the next generations of Bowling Green.

The Bible says that today has enough trials/troubles of its own so we cannot look so much to the future and not focus on the present. In meeting with other mayors and civic leaders in our area, we all share similar challenges.

Whether it is housing, (which is a shortage problem across the US), or lack of industry or manufacturing, we are all competing for the same businesses and experiencing similar problems. We, as a town, are in a very strategic location with fine businesses and services, great schools, nice eating establishments, and historical opportunities to attract and keep our town growing and thriving. We have opportunities that many other towns do not.

Our water and water treatment is in far better condition than in some neighboring areas. Our water and sewer lines are being updated and being replaced with newer materials paving the way for better streets and roads. Bowling Green is still in an important process of building new houses, multi-dwelling houses, apartments, and mobile homes throughout our city.

We are running out of space to build, and we need to either annex property into our town or start to build upward. With more land to build is like a two-edged sword. The value of the annexed properties increases with new water and sewer lines and paved streets as your property gains in value. The downside is that the purchaser pays more for the



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

property to build. However, prices of property in Bowling Green and other small towns around us have sky-rocketed because of lack of availability and greater competition for these properties. Interest rates continue to drop, and it is a good time to purchase or refinance. We must take care of what we have as we discover the future!

As Bowling Green puts on its Christmas decor, there brings a freshness, new life, and potential for wonderful possibilities! Now picture Bowling Green beyond Christmas with new, repaired, painted store fronts, artwork around the stores on sidewalks and buildings, and even painted streets and alley ways which bring newness and excitement, plus action that vitality and thriving is happening in Bowling Green! The city will be putting up new Welcome to Bowling Green and Thanks for Coming signs in strategic areas as people are coming into and/or leaving our fine community! These signs were made possible by people and organizations which donated money for this cause.

I've written about recycling decorations on the inside and outside of our brick-and-mortar businesses and services several times over the years. I would like to continue to encourage each to freshen up your place of work. You would be surprised what paint will do to draw attention and stimulate foot traffic. Right now, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is receiving applications from members for their yearly grant for "dressing up" or updating your store.

Pike To Pike ...



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1-217-320-8438

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

If you have no where to go for Thanksgiving this Thursday, Milkey's in Barry, Ill., will be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings which starts at noon. Yes, I said this is free but also keep in mind, you can make donations to Milkey's for them going to all this work and generosity. No reason for anyone being alone for Thanksgiving.

This Sunday, Nov.30, the Detroit Christian Church will be hosting a Hymn Sing, which includes both traditional hymns and Christmas music, from 3- 4 p.m., followed by cookies and hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be a Meet & Greet Santa Claus at the New Salem Town Hall. There will be a parade at 6 p.m., kids' activities that start at 4 p.m., decorate your house and a pie contest, and prizes. Anyone can join the Pie Contest, and the pies need to be at the Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. The prizes to be given away, the winner must be present to win. Any questions, contact Gloria.

Going to give you a December Schedule for both Buggs' Family Opry and The Big River Band. Friday, Dec. 12, will be the

only show that the Buggs' Family Opry will be having in December, with special guest Debbie Schneider, and it starts at 7 p.m. And the only show The Big River Band will be having in December is on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, with the show starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend both of these shows.

Again, if the weather turns dramatic and the roads get icy on the nights The Big River Band is to play, give any member a phone call or check on the newly made BIG RIVER BAND Facebook page or listen to WBBA or KJFM. We do not want anyone risking to have a fall or a wreck.

"Try living one day without any unhealthy thoughts. It may be very difficult, but try another day, until it becomes habitual, and life will move in the direction of becoming healthy, vital, and alive". from POSITIVE THINKING EVERY DAY by Norman Vincent Peale

Single Seniors + One had another "Meet, Greet, and Eat" this past Thursday, Nov. 20, with 19 present at Milkey's in Barry with delicious food, wonderful service, and plenty of visiting. By the way, we won't be having another "Meet, Greet, and Eat" until January.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week Nov. 26 - Dec. 2:

Nov. 27 - Kacey Smith, Linda Brawdy, Randy and Marie Woods

Nov. 28 - Hannah Dice, Jim Chapman

Nov. 29 - Dennis Ebers, Margaret and Mike Leahr

Nov. 30 - Jillian Myers, Joel Myers

Dec. 1 - Sandy Peterson

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dan "Danny" Blacketer who died unexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 15. I have literally known Danny all my life. He was one of the New Hartford Christian Church kids that we all were a part of for so many years. Danny worked hard all his life, never met a stranger, made himself at home wherever he was, and helped wherever he was needed. He was a son, a brother, a dad, a uncle, and a friend and will always be remembered.

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day. Psalm 25:5

Answered prayers are answered in God's time, not ours. Try to remember that when you are praying for each other and special needs.

A good crowd gathered at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield to enjoy the good show by Big River Band on Saturday, Nov. 22. They appreciated everyone who made the effort to get out and attend the show. They had several Missouri people there as well as people from various places in Illinois.

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Your Local News

DAR America 250 Scholarships Accepting Applications Thru Jan. 31

Undergraduate and graduate students studying American history can apply for a \$25,000 scholarship from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) between Nov. 1, 2025 and Jan. 31, 2026.

The DAR America 250! Scholarship will provide a one-time \$25,000 award to ten students in 2026 and is offered to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of independence.

"We are so thrilled to expand the America 250! Scholarship in its final year of being awarded in order to be able to offer ten \$25,000 scholarships to students," said Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR President General. "We see no better way to celebrate America's 250th anniversary than with these transformative and life-changing scholarships investing in the development of the next generation of American historians who will study our past and help us understand new aspects of the great American story."

The DAR gives more than 30 scholarships annually awarding close to a total of \$250,000 a year to students across the country, but the organization has never provided a singular scholarship of this size. The significant amount of the America 250! Scholarship, and that it will be awarded to ten separate students, is a testament of the importance of American history education that DAR places emphasis on and in honor of the special celebrations taking place throughout 2026 in honor of the 250th anniversary of the nation.

Applicants should apply through the DAR online scholarship portal, DAR Academic Works: <https://dar.academicworks.com/>

Students currently majoring in American history in an accredited university or college undergraduate or graduate program in the year 2026 are eligible to apply. Recipients must be United States citizens, prove a minimum 3.5 GPA on a

4.0 scale or equivalent, and prepare a one-page online essay either on the founding of our nation or on the applicant's personal volunteer achievements for community and country.

Students are urged to apply well ahead of the Jan. 31, 2026 deadline, as the scholarship application requires transcripts and letters of recommendation that must be submitted by others. Applicants will find that the scholarship portal will offer other DAR scholarships they may qualify for as well. Questions can be addressed to america250scholarship@nsdar.org.

Applications may be submitted at: <https://dar.academicworks.com/>

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries.

DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.

Community Calendar...

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

On Nov. 24: There will be a meeting of the Pike County Memorial Hospital Board Of Trustees at 10 a.m., in the second floor conference room of Pike County Memorial Hospital.





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Alderman Ward 1 (two-year term)

Alderman Ward 2 (two-year term)

Alderman Ward 3 (two-year term)

Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, Dec.9, 2025.

Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025.

Interested individuals must file a Declaration of Candidacy, in person, with the City Clerk, 16 West Church Street, Bowling Green, Missouri, beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, and continuing between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025, when the hours of filing will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. City Hall will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025.

**Done per order of the Board of Aldermen
Linda Luebrecht, City Clerk**

Obituaries



William E. 'Bill' Waddell

William E. "Bill" Waddell of rural Montgomery City died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025 at Boone County Hospital-Columbia. He was 82-years-old.

He was born May 23, 1943 in Curryville to Henry and Orpha Brown Waddell, a Pike County generational family. Bill was the fourth generation to live on the farm. Bill graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1961. He stayed back home to help his ill father farm for a year and later attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating with a bachelor of science in Agriculture in 1966. During this time he met his wife, Kaye Kunkel Waddell. They were married Aug. 7, 1966. To this marriage two children were born, James Douglas Waddell and Meribeth Waddell Wortmann.

Bill and Kaye started their life together in Montgomery City in 1966. Here both of them accepted teaching positions at Montgomery County R-II High School.

Bill worked in public service, his entire working career, as well as being an avid livestock producer/farmer.

Starting as a vocational agricultural education teacher in Montgomery County R-II School District - helping to shape the lives of many young men (as females were not in Vo-Ag at the time). Bill then continued as a Livestock Market Field Reporter for the Missouri Department of Agriculture, where he reported feeder-pig sales from local sale barns. Later, he accepted a full-time position with the Division of Marketing within the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Here he was instrumental in starting such programs as "AgriMissouri" that markets Missouri-made products/commodities, the Gold Label program that assisted Missouri Beef producers as well as many other programs that assisted Missouri farmers and ranchers.

One highlight of Bill's time with the Department was being named the Missouri State Fair Director in Sedalia, Missouri in 1985. His previous 20+ years serving on the local Montgomery County Fair Board - along with being an avid youth livestock producer and exhibitor certainly contributed to his love of fairs and festivals. Being on the planning and organizational side of fairs was an enjoyable challenge to him. Bill also served as president of the Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals Association during his seven-year term on the state association's board of directors.

After retiring from the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Bill went on to serve the citizens of the county as the Montgomery County Clerk throughout the 90s and early 2000s. He also served on the Montgomery County Farm Bureau board where he played an instrumental part in securing the office for the Department of Motor Vehicle Licensing (License Office) - an office that the citizens of Montgomery County are still very proud of.

The entire time, throughout their marriage Bill and Kaye worked side-by-side, continuing their hog and cattle production along with hay and row crops. He was certainly glad when his son-in-law, Tony Wortmann, married into the family and had the same love of raising hogs that Bill possessed.

Bill is survived by his wife, Kaye; and a son, Jim, of the home; and his daughter, Meribeth Wortmann and husband, Tony of Montgomery City; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death

by his parents, Henry and Orpha Waddell, brother and sister-in-law, John and Mary Waddell of Curryville.

Per his wishes, there will be no services.



Samuel Owen Gilley Jr.

Samuel Owen Gilley, Jr., 82, of Lake Ozark, formerly of Vandalia died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital in Columbia.

A graveside service with full military honors was held at 12:30 p.m., at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

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

Samuel was born Feb. 24, 1943, in East St. Louis, Ill., the son of Samuel Owen Sr., and Mary Ann Seres Gilley.

Survivors include three sons, Nolan Gilley and wife, Taylor of Lee's Summit, Cody Gilley and Sabrina of Bowling Green, and Sam Gilley III of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Laurie Montoya and husband, Chomper of Denver, Colo.; and grandsons, Carter, Cooper, and Gray.

Samuel was preceded in death by his parents.

Samuel honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Sam was a member of various Veterans' Organizations. He enjoyed drinking coffee, playing solitaire, and watching his team, the Dallas Cowboys. Above all Sam enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

Mr. Gilley was a Christian by faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Danny Shealor

Danny Shealor, 64, of Bowling Green died Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 in Louisiana.

The family had a Celebration of Life from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at Lakeview at the Broken P near Bowling Green.

Danny was born Dec. 22, 1960 in Louisiana to Garland and Pauline Lawson Shealor. He was a graduate of Louisiana High School with the class of 1978 and had lived in several places in his life including state of Texas, Louisiana, and Clarksville.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Welch Shealor; a son, Jonathan Shealor and wife, Ashley of Clarksville; three daughters, Lakin Shealor of Bowling Green, Hannah Ellsworth of Bowling Green, and Whitney Shealor of Wellsville; 12 grandchildren; a brother, Paul Shealor of Texas; five sisters, Sandy Shealor of Bowling Green, Sharon Hickerson of Quincy, Ill., Pat Voepel of Philadelphia, Liz Shealor of Barry, Ill., and Anna Mae Rawling of Camdenton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several siblings.

He worked as a carpenter and handyman and was good at doing many other things. He loved spending time with his grandkids, riding his bike, and being outdoors. He was very creative, good at writing, and was considered a jack of all

trades. He will be remembered as the best Papa around. Danny had the kindest heart always putting others before his self. Danny may have been small, but he sure was dynamite.

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

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Michael Dale Craig

Michael Dale Craig, 75, of Middletown died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, at Landmark Hospital in Columbia.

Funeral services for Michael were Thursday at 11 a.m., at New Hartford Baptist Church. Burial was in Keith Cemetery.

Visitation was Wednesday from 3-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Michael was born March 17, 1950, in Hannibal to Johnny Reid and Pauline Shephard Craig. Michael met the love of his life, Cecelia Marie Schneider, at a New Year's Eve party in December 1971. They were joined in marriage on July 1, 1972, at the United Church of Christ in Jefferson City. Cecelia "CeCe" survives.

Also surviving are children, Rebekah Lea Craig-Keim of Columbia, Joseph Samuel Craig and wife, Jocelyn of Columbia, and Suzanne Marie Roberts and husband, Keith of Columbia; grandchildren, Joseph Jacob Craig, Joshua Michael Craig, Jessica Hannah Craig, and Abbygail Reese Roberts; a brother, Tommy Eugene Craig and wife, Eva of New Hartford; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents.

Michael grew up on the family farm in Pike County. He attended New Hartford Elementary School and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1968. He attended Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal for a year, while also working on the family farm and helping his father build silos, before being drafted into the United States Army in 1970. Michael was stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., during the Vietnam War. He was discharged in 1971. Upon returning, Michael was employed as a phlebotomist at the University of Missouri Hospital. In November 1972, Michael began working at Hercules/Dyno as an insulator. He retired as a plant facility supervisor on April 22, 2016.

Following retirement, Michael helped others farm, along with spending time with his family. He and CeCe spent a lot of time traveling, and had been to Hawaii, Israel, Tennessee, Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Niagara Falls, and Colorado. Michael loved the outdoors, growing a garden to share with others, and elk hunting in Colorado. He also enjoyed history and was very curious by nature. He adored his grandchildren and attempted to attend almost all their games and events over the years. Michael was a very spiritual man, praying day and night. He was a lover of music and knew all the hymns that were sung in church.

Pallbearers were Scott Craig, Jacob Craig, Josh Craig, Evan Craig, Keith Roberts, and David Bierly. Honorary pallbearers were Kim Parrish, Dan Stapleton, Philip Stapleton, Buddy Kattleman, and Tommy Craig.

Memorials may be made to the Keith Cemetery or New Hartford Baptist Church.



Alice M. 'Peach' Anderson

Alice M. "Peach" Anderson, 79, of Ashburn died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 at the Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Greg Darnell will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Bowling Green.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home.

She was born May 28, 1946 in Bowling Green to Lloyd and Alice Stoner Griggs. She was married to William Leonard "Olie" Anderson on May 28, 1964 at Bowling Green. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Griggs and wife, Angie of Shelbyville, and Jimmy Anderson and wife, Christina of Center; a daughter, Melissa Bowen and husband, Sammy of Hannibal; a step-daughter, Cindy Stark and Bill Meier of Jacksonville, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Burbridge of New London and Alberta Griggs of Hannibal; and sisters-in-law, Dixie Griggs and Mary Hampton, both of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Alice Griggs, her husband, William Anderson, brothers, Toney Hampton and Lloyd Griggs, sisters, Betty Jane Silvey and Thelma Smith, and a great-grandson, Ethan Holman.

Peach worked as a certified nurse assistant, and had been employed at Smith-Barr Manor and at Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana. She also was employed with Cerf Brothers in New London until her retirement. She enjoyed reading mysteries, doing word search puzzles, and jigsaw puzzles.

Pallbearers will be Justin Griggs, Dustin Griggs, Dylan Griggs, Zach Bowen, Donovan Bowen, Jacob Anderson, and Michael Holman.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Jody Marie Turner

The world lost a beautiful soul on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, when Jody Marie Turner died at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield after a long, courageous fight with cancer. Jody was surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services were Friday at 12 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Friday from 9 a.m., until the time of service at the funeral home.

Jody was born Jan. 26, 1963 to Donald Glenn and Mary Lou Haynes. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Kenneth Turner, on June 11, 1983.

Jody was the loving mother to Jacqueline Barton and Justin Wommack, Dwane Turner and Becky Turner, and Elizabeth Poyser-Couch and Chris Couch.

Those who knew Jody know that her children and grandchildren were the light of her life. You could find her at many sporting events

rooting them on. She was the proud grandma to Jackson Aaron Charlton, Elsie Jean Barton, Hunter Robert Barton, Jersey Nicole Wommack, Jaxson Neal Wommack, Kaelynn Grace Wommack, Justin William Wommack, Sarah Reece Turner, Maci Marie Turner, Taylor Burdett Couch and wife, Alyssa, Thomas Keaton Couch, Abbigail Nicole Couch, Marshall Aaron Charlton, Ryland Dean Charlton; and one great-grandson, Matthew Taylor Couch.

Jody is survived by her siblings, Joe Sprouse, Judy Liles, Berna Cooper, Roberta Haynes Parks, and Dennis Turner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Maxwell Jamison Wommack, and siblings, Steve Haynes, Jim Sprouse, Jack Sprouse, and John Sandeen.

Until her recent retirement, Jody spent 26 years working for PCADD in Bowling Green. She was passionate about her job and her consumers. She touched many lives during her time there, always advocating for her consumers so they had the best quality of life. She was admired by her co-workers, consumers, and their families.

Jody had many friends. She loved big and made sure her family and friends knew how much they were loved. She was a beautiful soul with a heart of gold. Even on the darkest of days her smile and personality would light up a room. She always made those around her feel loved. She may be gone from our sight, but she will never be gone from our hearts.

Pallbearers were Dwane Turner, Justin Wommack, Chris Couch, Jackson Charlton, Taylor Couch, Thomas Couch, Hunter Barton, and Jaxson Wommack. Honorary pallbearers were Matthew Couch, Justin William Wommack, Marshall James Charlton, and Ryland Charlton.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Pike County Special Olympians.



Thomas William Dietrich

Thomas William Dietrich, 70, of Lake St. Louis died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025.

Born Dec. 20, 1954, in Clarksville, Tom grew up along the Mississippi River and proudly graduated from Clopton High School in 1973.

HiTom dedicated his early career to public service as Pike County Prosecuting Attorney, and later as a judge. He spent more than 40 years as a corporate attorney with Peabody Energy in St. Louis yet never hesitated to offer his "pro-bono" help to anyone who needed

it. His unwavering commitment to justice, integrity, and fairness shaped every part of his work and life.

And A man of faith, Tom attended the Church of Christ and found joy in life's simple blessings and he currently was a member of River Oaks Church in Foristell. He treasured time with his family - especially being goofy with his grandchildren and bantering with his brothers. Whether he was building projects with his children and brothers, spotting wildlife during numerous visits to Alaska, playing a practical joke on someone, or sharing wise advice wrapped in humor, Tom brought joy and laughter to everyone around him.

Tom is survived by his brothers, Terry, Jim, and Eddie Dietrich; his children, Joe Dietrich, Sara Platt, and Ashley Wood; four beloved granddaughters, Emma, Ava, Mayli, and Teagan; his wife, Joyce Dietrich; stepchildren, Alisha, Angel, and Steven; and step granddaughter, Emory Marie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Geneva Dietrich of Clarksville.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his humor, generosity, and unwavering love. His memorial service was Friday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana with visitation from 1 p.m., until time of service at 2 p.m.

To honor his legacy, the family invites donations to the Greenwood Cemetery Fund, Clarksville Community Foundation, a cause close to his heart, and the Humane Society of Union.



Karen R. Craig

Karen Ruth Craig, 66, of Curryville died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025, at her home.

Funeral services were at 11a.m., Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor William Blankenship officiated. Burial will be at a later date in Laurel Hill Memorial Park in St. Louis.

Visitation celebrating Karen's life was at 10 a.m., until the time of the service Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

Karen was born Oct. 29, 1959 in St. Louis, the daughter of Herbert John and Wanda Lou Capps Craig.

Survivors include her siblings, Michael Craig and wife, Ann of St. Peters, David Craig and wife, Arika of Ladue, Juanita Meyer of Curryville, and Lisa Williams and husband, Brice of St. Ann; aunt, Gloria Niederschulte of Hannibal; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nephews and a great-niece.

In addition to her parents, Karen was preceded in See OBITUARIES on page 7

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Trevor Gets First Deer
Trevor Portwood, 6, proudly harvested his first deer during this year's youth season. He took the buck on family property that he and his dad have been working on together to prepare for the hunt. Their time spend scouting, practicing, and getting the land ready made the moment even more special. Their teamwork paid off as Trevor made a successful shot and made an unforgettable moment in the outdoors.

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Van-Far's Historic Season Ends In State Quarterfnal Loss To Hayti

By BRICE J. CHANDLER EDITOR

The best Van-Far football season in a generation came to a close Saturday afternoon, as the Indians fell 38-14 to Hayti in the Class 1 State Quarterfinals. Though the loss was a difficult one, the program walks away with its first district championship in 25 years and a team that brought pride and excitement back to the community.

Van-Far (7-5) struggled early after receiving the opening kickoff. Hayti's speed on offense and pressure on defense helped the visitors jump ahead 18-0 in the first quarter, capitalizing on a safety, a long touchdown pass, and a pair of turnovers that gave them short fields to work with.

The Indians finally settled in during the second quarter. After forcing several incompleitions and holding Hayti near midfield, Van-Far put together its first sustained drive of the afternoon. Gaven Gaston broke free to set up the Indians at the 20-yard line, and Evan Utterback powered in a touchdown with 3:47 left in the half, cutting the deficit to 18-6. But Hayti responded quickly, scoring again in the final minute to take a 26-6 lead into halftime.

Van-Far opened the third quarter with one of its biggest plays of the day when Gaston

intercepted a pass and returned it deep into Hayti territory before an unfortunate injury took him out of the game. His effort set the Indians up for Utterback to score his second touchdown moments later, and the successful two-point run closed the gap to 26-14 with 7:03 remaining in the third.

However, the momentum didn't last. A short kickoff gave Hayti favorable field position, and the visitors answered with another touchdown at the 5:17 mark. Van-Far turnovers and stalled drives prevented further comeback attempts, and Hayti added insurance in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Despite the loss, the Van-

Far School District praised the team's effort throughout the season:

"Our Indian football team came up short against Hayti today, but they never stopped battling. These boys left everything on the field and showed heart from start to finish. What an incredible season filled with much to be proud of."

The Indians end the year as district champions for the first time since 2000. Outgoing seniors, their teammates coaches, and fans can hold their heads high with that accomplishment.

12-0 Putnam County will host the 7-5 Hayti Indians in the Class 1 Semifinals.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Middletown Community Fire Protection District announces the filing for 1 open Board seat begins Dec. 9, 2025 and ends Dec. 31, 2025. Anyone wishing to file for candidacy may do so at at the Middletown Community Fire Protection District's office during regular business hours. Middletown Community Fire Protection Districts Board Member being elected will serve a 6-year term.

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS (Public Notice of Filing)

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For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 573-324-5441.

Filing will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, at 8 a.m., and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Filing will not occur on the days that the School District's offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur on the following days when the School District's offices are closed: Dec. 24, 25 and 26. The District offices will be open on December 30, 2025, from 2-5 p.m., for filing. Filing will end on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025 at 5 p.m. Ballot placement will be determined by the order of candidate filing. There are three (3) positions available with three-year terms.

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Obituaries

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death by a brother, Mark Craig.

Karen graduated from Ritenour High School and went on to further her education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.

Professionally, Karen first started her career as a teacher and later transitioned over as a social worker. Upon returning back to the Vandalia area from the Kansas City area, Karen worked as the house manager at the Agape House in Vandalia.

Away from work, Karen enjoyed crocheting, hiking, gardening, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals. While living in Kansas City, she was strongly involved in the youth group at her church. Karen was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Vandalia and was a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agape House or St. John's Lutheran Church, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Helen Louise Talbott

Funeral services for Helen Louise Talbott, 101, of Vandalia, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia, with Pastor Chris Kuenzle officiating. Burial will follow in Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Talbott died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Helen was born June 23, 1924 in Perry, the daughter of Eugene and Margie Burch Selleck. She married Donald Talbott on Nov. 20, 1941, in Laddonia. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1988.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Talbott and wife, Phyllis of Vandalia and Phillip Talbott and wife, Jackie of New London; six grandchildren, Brenda Hull, Charles Rice, Tracey Stuhlman, Michael Talbott, Cindy Harrison, and Ashley Miller; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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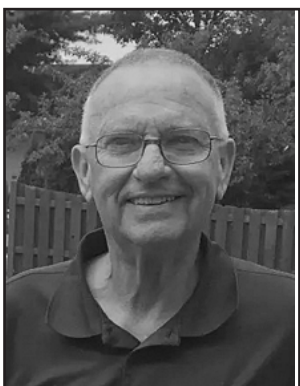
Helen was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one daughter, Cheryl Fort, two brothers, J.W. Selleck, and Bobby Gene Selleck, and one sister, Dolores Murphy.

Mrs. Talbott was a lifetime area resident. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New London and the Eastern Star. Helen enjoyed playing dominos and cards, sewing, crocheting, bowling, and traveling to Texas in the winter.

Pallbearers will be Michael Talbott, Tim Kurz, Lloyd McCurdy, Charles Rice, Danny Branham, and John Selleck.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laddonia Cemetery, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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



Robert Randall 'Randy' Saladin

Robert Randall "Randy" Saladin, 83, of Mount Vernon, Ill., died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, Ill.

He was born Sept. 6, 1942 in St. Louis to Robert and Nellie Bartle Saladin. Robert married Carol Lee Saladin in 1979.

Randy is survived by his wife, Carol Saladin; a son, Brock Saladin and wife, Sharon; step-children, Michael Wheeler, Lee Ann Kelso and husband, Mike, Brittany and husband, Pat, Ragan Saladin, Madison Simms and husband, David; great-grandchildren, Isabella LeVeque; step-grandchildren, Nathan Kelso and husband, Jordan; step-great-grandchildren, Eli Kelso, Lynley Kelso; a sister, Laddonia Bailey and husband, Jack; and several nieces and nephews.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Robert Saladin, and mother, Nellie Saladin.

Randy was born in St. Louis but his journey quickly took him to St. James where he developed a

love for sports, family, and helping others. He excelled in multiple sports growing up, but basketball became his passion. However, he wasn't one dimensional as he earned the distinguished Eagle Scout honor from the Boys Scout of America. The passion for basketball that was displayed on the court would eventually lead him to a career in coaching, where he helped develop many young men on and off the court. He led successful seasons at Van-Far and Meredosia, Ill. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching kids and in addition to being a successful basketball coach, he was a teacher and advanced to become high school principal at Meredosia, Ill. He took his career in a different direction later in his life, and he became a very successful financial advisor for Edward Jones for many years. Ultimately, he loved coaching too much and finished his career coaching basketball at Hermann High School.

Randy always demonstrated love for his family and made sure those he loved most always knew the strength of his love. It was his unwavering love as a son, brother, husband, father and grandfather that made him so special. Whether it was attending family events, celebrating special occasions, discussing his favorite teams like University of Kentucky basketball or St. Louis Cardinals baseball, he always enjoyed time with his family. Family meant everything to Randy and was a part of who he was throughout his life. He was never shy about sharing his family's accomplishments and his love for them with everyone.

He was generous about helping others, whether it was mentoring other coaches, helping students and players learn or helping neighbors with yard work. Randy loved helping others. One activity that really gave him joy, was delivering meals to those unable to get out for themselves in Mt. Vernon. He wouldn't just drop off the meals, but enjoyed taking time to visit with those he had the fortune of meeting during this activity. That was the kind of man he was.

He lived a full life, full of love and kindness and he will be missed by so many.

A visitation was held Sunday from 12-2 p.m., at Hughey Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Funeral services were Sunday at 2 p.m., at the funeral home. Graveside services were held Monday at 11 a.m., at St. James Cemetery in St. James.

Memorials may be made in Randy's honor to Angels on Assignment.



Harry Arthur Daw Sr.

Harry Arthur Daw, Sr., of Troy died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at the age of 82.

Visitation was Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Memorial service was Thursday at 11 a.m., at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Troy with the Rev. Tad Kruthoff officiating.

Born July 31, 1943, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Ida and Tom Daw, Harry grew up with a passion for learning, building, and connecting with others. After graduating from Kahoka High School, he earned both his B.S. in education and his I.A. degree from the Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville in 1966 and 1967.

In 1961, during his freshman year of college, Harry met the love of his life, Alice, at the School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla (now Missouri S&T). They were married for 62 years and built a life centered on family, commitment, and shared purpose. Together they raised two children, Harry and Myron.

Harry began his teaching career in Wellsville, Missouri, in 1966. Two years later, he moved to Troy, where he quickly became an integral part of the school community. In his first years there, he led the track program and coached the freshmen and JV basketball teams. When he took on the role of athletic director in the 1970-71 school year, he also became the varsity basketball coach for three seasons and the golf coach for the next 18.

Harry served as athletic director at Buchanan High School for 16 years, a period of tremendous growth during which sports such as football, girls' volleyball, and girls' basketball were established. Later in his career, he transitioned from the physical education department to industrial technology and continued teaching until his retirement in 1996.

A lifelong enthusiast of ham radio and electronics, Harry spent decades helping people communicate across the globe. When cell phones

first came on the scene, he was among the earliest in Troy to sell them through A&W Communications store. His retirement years were filled with work he loved- installing communication systems and radios in such places as police cars, buses and even prisons. He also continued to drive and care for the antique cars his father, Tom had restored, including a few they worked on together.

Harry is survived by his wife, Alice; two sons, Harry and Myron and wife, Amy; and his four cherished grandchildren, Abigail, Alexis, Austin, and Brendan.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Troy Bread For Life Food Pantry or the Moscow Mills Community Food Pantry. Donations to either can be left with the funeral home.



Randy Bruemleve

Randy Lee Bruemleve, 60, of Bowling Green, died peacefully Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at his home in Bowling Green.

He was born on July 23, 1965, in St. Louis to Ronald and Eula Masters Bruemleve Sr. He graduated from Lincoln County R-II High School, Elsberry in 1983. Professionally, Randy was the co-owner of Ron and

Randy's Autobody for 10 Years. After the body shop closed, he worked as a civilian in Iraq, driving a semi-truck "outside the wire" for the United States Military. Later in life, he utilized his mechanical education to repair boat engines along the southwest coast.

Randy's love of driving took him from two wheels near the beaches of North Carolina and Florida, to 18 wheels in the deserts of Iraq. He was a true highwayman. He enjoyed playing with his grandkids and building forts to have popcorn and watch a movie in. He never met a stranger; with a mustachioed smile and a story to share with everyone he talked to.

Randy is survived by a daughter, Randilee Bruemleve of Bowling Green; mother, Eula Bruemleve, Bowling Green; three grandchildren, Alex, Liam, Evelyn; two brothers, Ronald and Kimberly Bruemleve Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., and Roger Bruemleve of Elsberry; a sister, Michael Mike and Rhonda Powelson of Bowling Green; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Welcoming home to heaven was his father, Ronald Bruemleve Sr.

Per Randy's request, there will be no services. Memorial donations in his name may be made to: The Bruemleve Family, checks made out to Rhonda Powelson, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home and Crematory. All proceeds will be donated to Male Breast Cancer Research.

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