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‘Baseball Freak’ Part Of Major League Prank

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One of the most spirited, enthusiastic and wacky players in Major League Baseball came from the West-Central Illinois town of Pearl.

“Daredevil” Dave Altizer was born in November 1876. He played professionally for four teams from 1906 to 1911, and had a respectable .250 lifetime batting average and .952 fielding percentage.

But the infielder fell prey to a big-time prank during a game in 1909, and it was just one of several astonishing incidents for which he would be remembered.

Altizer was colorful and dedicated, but easily provoked. Loved by fans and teammates, he was cantankerous with umpires and management.

The Spokane Press called him “one of those players who always gives his employers ‘the best he has got.’ Dave is in every game clear up to his ears, and he never quits.”

“Altizer is probably the fastest player in the American League, not even excepting the great Tyrus Cobb,” one Chicago newspaper proclaimed.

“Altizer is a wonderfully fast fielder and has one of the best arms I ever saw,” said Larry Sutton, a scout who helped build the Brooklyn Dodgers. “He sure pegs ‘em around the bases with remarkable speed and accuracy.”

Others weren’t so sure. “He is a baseball freak,” declared the Chicago Day Book. “He is as much of a baseball mystery as the ‘why’ of the spit-ball.”

“Altizer at times played great ball, but he was so erratic that he would upset the whole infield, and his batting hardly came up to the standard to be expected from a player whose fielding was unreliable,” the Washington Herald said.

Dick Egan, a second baseman who roomed with Altizer when the two played for Cincinnati, saw a more noble warrior.

“When Altizer was complete, he was like some grand old knight of the Middle Ages in full armor,” Egan said. “Too bad he didn’t stick in fast company, for he was a good ball-player, sincere and loyal, and one of the finest chaps imaginable.”

The Chicago Tribune also sided with Altizer, blaming other papers for casting undeserved ridicule.

“The only trouble with ‘Dare-devil Dave’ was that a bellwether in the scribing flock fancied to cast him for a clown part.”

LATE-BLOOMER
Altizer was the fourth of seven children, and loved to go deer and duck hunting.

Baseball came along a bit later. His father, William, died when Altizer was just six years old and his mother remarried three years later. In 1899, the 23-year-old enlisted in the army and saw action in China’s Boxer Rebellion. He also was an orderly for two prominent generals.

It was while serving in the Philippines that Altizer showcased his skills on the diamond, helping to popularize the game there. The Wilmington Evening Journal would later call him “the best baseball player” in the service.

Altizer said he and his buddies “played ball every day when not out chasing some of the trouble-makers.”

An honorable discharge came in 1901 from the American governor in the Philippines, William Howard Taft. Altizer met the future president after helping capture Philippine leader Emilio Aguinaldo. He turned pro the next year, working and playing ball in communities from California to Pennsylvania.

On May 29, 1906, the Washington Senators came calling. Altizer stayed there almost two seasons. One empty-headed play would be a portent.

The St. Louis Browns were leading the Senators 3 to 2 with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning. Washington had runners at second and third and Altizer was at the plate with a 3 and 2 count.

Umpire Jack Sheridan called the next pitch a strike, which should have ended the game. But Browns catcher Tubby Spencer muffed the ball, which bounded back to the grandstand.

Batters are allowed to try and reach first base on such plays, so the slow-moving Spencer plodded after the ball while the runners on second and third raced for home. Senators teammate Gabby Street was stunned at what Altizer did next.

“He was standing there at the plate arguing with Sheridan that it ought to have been the fourth ball instead of a strike, and while he stood and argued Spencer finally got the ball and fired it to first base,” Street said. “It made the last out of the game and Dave’s failure to run cost us those two runs and a game.”

On July 23, 1908, the Cleveland Naps (the team’s name would not be “Indians” until 1915) bought Altizer’s contract after questions about his fielding developed.

Though Cleveland paid what would today be about \$135,000 for Altizer, he only appeared in 29 games. Fred Falkenberg, a pitcher who was sent to the Naps with Altizer, warned Cleveland management to be patient, saying the infielder made “the greatest play I ever saw by a shortstop.”

A pre-game ritual caused Egan to vouch for Altizer’s stubborn dedication. “When Dave dressed for battle, he wound himself round and round with many yards of tape, which gave a sort of foundation for the superstructure,” he recalled. “Then, he circled himself with half a mile of flannel. Next, he put on heavy underwear. Then, he would array himself in his uniform. Over the shirt he put a sweater, and wound up in the costuming with a vest. Ever see Dave’s vest? You could hear it approaching.”

Despite Falkenberg’s recommendation and Egan’s support, Altizer was sent in January 1909 to the Chicago White Sox. It would be the best season since his rookie year, as the punch returned to his swing. The Washington Evening Star noted Altizer had “a way of getting to first that is a mystery to his enemies.”

Unfortunately, he would soon be the target of a spectacular farce. Errors of comedy

There’s something sweet about baseball karma, especially when a player comes back to haunt the team that gave up on him.

Of course, the reverse could be true when a coach colludes against a guy from his own squad. Such was the case for Altizer.

The White Sox hosted the Naps in a doubleheader on Sunday, May 9, 1909. In the first game, Altizer drew a walk, stole a base and scored a run in a 4 to 2 Chicago victory.

Cleveland was ahead in the seventh inning of the second game when Altizer smacked a single. White Sox third base coach Nick Altrock gave him the hit-and-run sign.

Cleveland pitcher Heinie Berger glanced at first and then threw home. Altizer dutifully took off for second base. Trouble was, the batter drilled a line drive right to Cleveland first baseman George Stovall. Not realizing the ball had been caught and Stovall had stepped on the bag for a double play, Altizer kept running.

In those few seconds, Altrock suddenly had a jocular epiphany. Author Ronald T. Waldo wrote that the “crowd cheered wildly as they watched the humorous play unfold.”

“Slide, Dave, slide,” the coach yelled as Altizer neared

second and dutifully hit the dirt.

Now, it was Stovall’s turn to get in on the caper. The first baseman purposely threw the ball into the outfield, causing Altizer to get up and chug for third.

At this point, accounts differ somewhat, but it’s agreed that Cleveland centerfielder Joe Birmingham joined the gag by picking up the ball and gunning it to third.

One story says Altizer made it to the base, but was called out. Another has the ball getting away and Altizer dashing for home. He arrived well before the catcher’s tag, only to be rung up by umpire Billy Evans.

“Altizer leaped to his feet and proceeded to manhandle the umpire in a way that would have banned the player for life if this had been anything but a practical joke,” wrote authors Bruce Nash and Allan Zullo. “He ranted and raved until a teammate dragged him away and told him the truth.”

The Sox lost the game 4 to 1. Altizer would play sparingly for the Cincinnati Reds in 1910 and 1911 and return to the Minneapolis Millers minor league team – where he had started his professional career – before retiring in 1918.

After managing the Madison Grays of the South Dakota League for a couple of seasons, Altizer went into business. He died at 87 on May 14, 1964, and is buried in Pleasant Hill.

There were other oddities throughout his career:

*In a ruse similar to the one in 1909, Altizer once was tagged out between third and home after the opposing catcher duped him into believing a pop fly had been caught instead of dropping for a hit.

*He reportedly was the only player legendary pitcher Cy Young ever beamed on purpose.

*The owner of the Reds had to take out a classified ad in 1910 to track down Altizer, who was so busy planning his wedding to Margaret Ward that he forgot to tell anyone of his whereabouts.

*In a 1911 game, a line drive ricocheted off of Altizer’s head to a teammate for a put out.

*He broke his nose during a collision with an opponent in a 1914 game, but refused to be taken out of the lineup.

*Altizer got into a fist fight after spiking an opposing manager. Both had to be carried from the field.

*During a 1912 game, he was fined \$50 – equivalent today to almost \$1,300 – for arguing with a fan.

*After Altizer bungled several plays in one game, a teammate said that not only should he be banned from the major leagues, but that he shouldn’t be allowed in a Major League ballpark.

*Coming in at shortstop late in a game, Altizer was allowed three warmup throws, each of which sailed into the stands. When the game resumed, he promptly threw a ball hit to him even higher into the bleachers, allowing the other team to score the winning run.

One last thing
As he walked back to the dugout after the 1909 play that would cement his name in the history of baseball antics, Altizer got the last word in.

“I still insist I was safe at home, even if I was out at first,” he bewilderingly told the umpire.



“Daredevil” Dave Altizer in his Washington Senators uniform.

Multi-Partner Project To Create Safe Sidewalk Between Georgia, YMCA

**BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR**

The City of Louisiana recently announced progress on a major sidewalk improvement project that will create a continuous pedestrian path from Georgia Street to the Twin Pike Family YMCA.

According to the city’s social media release, the new sidewalk will begin at Georgia Street, run south-east along the high school and middle school driveway, cross Memorial Drive, and continue to the south corner of the YMCA. Planning and design began more than a year ago, with groundbreaking expected shortly after the first of the year and construction anticipated to continue into spring. Completion is projected for later in the 2026 construction season.

Shawn Gerald, CEO of the Twin Pike Family YMCA, said the need for the project originated from a clear safety concern.

“The YMCA recognized a safety issue with students

and other pedestrians walking from Georgia Street to Tella Jane and Kelly Lane around multiple blind corners and hills with no sidewalk,” Gerald wrote. He said the concern was shared with the Louisiana R-II School District, the City of Louisiana, and the Pike County Commission in 2022.

An initial TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant application was unsuccessful, but the YMCA hired Great River Engineering to assist with a revised submission. In November 2023, the project secured a \$250,000 TAP award through MoDOT. The grant required 20 percent matching funds, which were pledged through letters of support from the school district, Pike County Commission, and the City of Louisiana.

To ensure space for construction, property easements were donated by the YMCA, the school district, and the City of Louisiana. Gerald noted that these contributions represented

“an encouraging display of teamwork to meet a need in our community.”

The City of Louisiana reported that the total project award exceeds \$600,000, fully funded through the TAP program, with the required local match shared among the partners:

- City of Louisiana – \$16,000
- Pike County – approximately \$16,000
- Louisiana R-II School District – approximately \$16,000–\$30,000 (final amounts forthcoming)

Engineering plans and right-of-way documents were finalized on November 21. With recent sidewalk improvements already completed along Georgia Street, Louisiana residents will soon have a connected walking path linking Georgia Street, the high school, Wallace Memorial Park, and the YMCA.

Officials expect to advertise for construction bids soon, with the goal of completing the project in spring 2026.

Louisiana Welcomes New Administrator

**BY BRICE CHANDLER
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The City of Louisiana has hired Cameron Carlile, 23, as its new city administrator.

According to an official statement from the City of Louisiana, Carlile, who is currently studying public administration through the University of Phoenix online, steps into the role with experience in multiple levels of government.

“I’ve worked in local, state, and national politics and government since I was 16,” Carlile said. “Helping my community through its government is my passion. I’m aware that Louisiana needs a lot of help, and I’m prepared to dedicate everything I have to make this place what we all know it can be.”

Pike Jail Employee Charged For Sexual Conduct With Inmate

**BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR**

A Pike County Jail employee has been charged with multiple felony offenses after investigators say she engaged in sexual conduct with an inmate while on duty and later possessed or delivered a prohibited weapon inside the facility.

Rayeann Lucille Prather faces three felony charges filed by Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison. According to who according Pike County Sheriff Steven Korte, Prather had only worked at the Jail for a month.

According to court records, Prather is charged with:

Two counts of Sexual Conduct in the Course of Public Duty (Class E felonies) for incidents alleged to have occurred on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8, 2025.

One count of Delivery or Possession of a Weapon at a County Jail or Correctional Center (Class B felony), filed following an incident on Nov. 15, 2025.

The investigation began after a Pike County Corrections Officer reviewed surveillance footage from Nov. 7. The probable cause statement alleges that the video shows Prather entering Cell A-1 in a secure housing area and remaining there approximately five minutes before exiting. An inmate, identified as Confidential Inmate 1, was seen in the cell afterward.

A second video from Nov. 8 allegedly shows Prather again entering the same cell, partially closing the door, and remaining inside for about four minutes. Movements observed through the door opening were described as “consistent with sexual intercourse.”

Deputies reported finding

Carlile said the decision to accept the role came quickly once he saw the community firsthand.

“In truth, I had never been to Louisiana prior to my interview,” Carlile explained. “However, I’ll be staying here due to the wonderful view of the Mississippi and the immense amount of potential that can be found here.”

After his first month on the job, Carlile said his priorities are beginning to take shape. Among the goals he hopes to pursue are expanding housing opportunities, developing some form of tourist attraction, and strengthening civic pride.

“Specific solutions to the challenges that lie ahead of us are becoming more clear by the day,” he continued. “Some of my priorities in-

clude more housing, a tourist attraction of some sort, and a community that is proud to be from Louisiana again.”

Carlile emphasized that he sees the city’s obstacles as solvable with cooperation and local involvement.

“The problems that Louisiana, and even Pike County, face are not unsolvable,” he said. “Together we will make our little corner of Missouri the place to live, work, and play. All I ask of my neighbors are prayers, and to live, work, and play locally.”

Carlile officially began his duties this fall and will oversee city operations, budgeting, and long-term planning as Louisiana continues efforts to spur growth and community revitalization.

Whitaker Notches 14th Jeopardy Win

Terre Haute native Harrison Whitaker closed out Friday, Nov. 28 with his 14th straight Jeopardy! victory, pushing his 14-day total to \$373,999 and locking in a future Tournament of Champions berth. Whitaker has family ties to Bowling Green through his parents, Dr. Todd and Dr. Beth McCune Whitaker, both on faculty at the University of Missouri.

With 14 wins, Whitaker now sits inside an exclusive club of long-running champions. Since Jeopardy! lifted its five-game cap in 2003, only 19 players have reached 10 or more consecutive wins. The fan community and the show regard those 10-plus winners as “super champions,” placing Whitaker alongside names such as Ken Jennings, Amy Schneider, Matt Amodio, and James Holzhauer.



Must You Leave?

Champ Clark Honey Shuck Restoration Inc. bid a fond farewell Friday, Nov. 21 to Charlene McCune during the Festival of Trees. While she will continue to volunteer, McCune is retiring from the board after more than 30 years of dedicated service. In addition to all the work she did on behalf of the organization, her tours of Honey Shuck were memorable for their knowledge, grace and eloquence. Pictured, from left, are Honey Shuck board members Brent Engel, Glen Leverenz, Rebecca Glenn, Larry Twellman, Kaylee Davis, McCune, Jeffrey Shaw and honorary board member Ben Clark, Champ’s great-grandson.

Community News

New MU Program Promotes Healthy Woodlands

A new initiative is taking root across Missouri to promote healthy woods and trees through the power of peer mentorship.

The Missouri Woodland Mentor program, launched by University of Missouri Extension in partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), invites landowners to serve as mentors for other property owners who are exploring forest management practices for the first time.

“This innovative program aims to build a strong community of land stewards by connecting those with hands-on experience in forest management—such as timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat enhancement, invasive species control and prescribed burning—with landowners seeking guidance and inspiration,” says Brian Schweiss, sustainable forestry specialist with MU Extension.

“Landowners learn best from each other,” he says. “By sharing real-world experiences and lessons learned, mentors can help others avoid common pitfalls and make informed decisions that benefit their land and the environment.” While the program is designed to recruit mentors, it is open to all landowners and others interested in learning more about Missouri’s great forest resource.

Many landowners have expressed interest in meeting with a mentor, says Schweiss. Through the Call Before You Cut program, MDC has found that 44 percent of landowners want to work with a mentor.

“Missouri woods are one of our greatest natural as-

sets” says George Kipp, forestry program supervisor with MDC. “Good stewardship does not happen by accident. Connecting landowners with others with similar interests and passion for healthy forests and wildlife can help more Missourians care for their forests for generations to come.”

MU Extension will work with MDC to match mentors with landowners who have similar interests. The first step is to identify and train mentors to give them a base of knowledge and tools to share with landowners.

To be a mentor, landowners must complete online training that covers topics including Missouri natural communities, practices to improve songbird and game animal populations, forest products and sustainable harvesting. Sessions are 6:30-7:30 p.m., on the last Wednesday of each month from January through September. Sessions will be recorded so missed ones can be viewed later. Details and registration are at <https://muext.us/MentorSeries2026>

Mentors can be as active as they want, says Schweiss. Outreach activities can include phone consultation, site field visits and community workshops. The program provides training, resources and support to help mentors effectively share their knowledge and foster meaningful connections.

“Let’s grow a healthier forest – together,” he says.

To learn more or to sign up as a mentor, visit <https://muext.us/MentorSeries2026>, or contact Schweiss at 573-882-4775 or schweissb@missouri.edu.

VFW Auxiliary 2173 Meets

The auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 in Vandalia met on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The October meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer’s report was given and filed for review. \$100 had been sent to the hospital fund. District 17 VFW Auxiliary President Jeanne Shuck was a guest.

During the business meeting it was decided to send gifts to the local veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico and at the Baptist Home Tri-County during Valentine’s instead of Christmas.

Patriot’s Pen essay winners were announced. First place won by Weston Kohl and Hallie Brown. Second place went to Landon Wilson, third place to Allison Graves and honorable mention to Reagan Landis and Alexis Elliott. Certificates and monetary awards will be made at Van-Far High School before the Thanksgiving vacation.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting was adjourned.

The six members attending were J.C. Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, and June Willis.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Seven Expert Tips For Selecting, Caring For A Fresh Christmas Tree

With the shopping season underway for live Christmas trees, The Morton Arboretum’s tree experts offer seven key tips for choosing the best tree and keeping it fresh through the holidays.

“Live evergreen trees are commonly purchased for Christmas weeks before Dec. 25,” said Arboretum Plant Clinic Manager Spencer Campbell. “If the tree dries out, it could become a fire hazard. But a well-cared-for tree with consistent water can last all through the holiday season.”

The Arboretum’s Plant Clinic supplied this list of tips for preserving an evergreen tree’s freshness and can provide free advice by phone or email for those with questions about Christmas tree or other plant care.

Ensure the tree and stand are a match. Just as fresh-cut flowers need a vase, a cut evergreen needs a proper tree stand. If purchasing a new stand, keep in mind it should hold one gallon of water at a minimum to ensure the tree stays sufficiently hydrated. Bring the stand to the Christmas tree lot—that way, it’s there for comparison against the width of the tree’s trunk. Avoid whittling down a trunk in an attempt to make it fit the stand. Water vessels are located just beneath the bark, so if severed, the tree will quickly dry out.

Decide on a suitable evergreen species. Some evergreens retain moisture and hold onto their needles longer than others. Some are more fragrant, less sharp, or have stronger branches for hanging ornaments. Common species sold in the Chicago area include Fraser fir, balsam fir, concolor fir and Scots pine. Learn more about different kinds of Christmas trees on the Arboretum’s website.

Search for a fresh tree. The more recently it’s cut, the longer the tree will last. The best option is harvesting from a choose-and-cut tree farm. Small local lots also likely have a stock from the last few days or weeks, making them fairly fresh. Wherever a tree is purchased, check it carefully for freshness.

How to test for freshness: Needles should be lush green, plump with water, firmly attached, flexible and fragrant. Try running a hand gently over a branch. If many needles fall off or if the needles feel stiff or crackly, the tree is past prime and should not be bought. While it’s normal for an evergreen to lose some yellow or brown needles in autumn, dropping a significant number of green needles is a primary indication that the tree is drying out. It is not recommended to buy a tree if the seller won’t let the customer unwrap it to examine its freshness.

Make a new cut. Once the desired evergreen is cut, time starts ticking. If it’s not placed in water within about an hour, the base of the trunk will become sealed by dried sap, which blocks water absorption. To reopen the tree to water, trim about an inch off the bottom, or ask if the vendor can do it before leaving the lot.

Water, water, water. If a tree will be kept outdoors for an extended period of time before it’s set up inside, store it in a bucket of water in a sheltered spot or in an unheated garage. Top off the water in the bucket daily. As soon as the tree is in its desired position indoors, fill the tree stand with warm tap water. Check the water at least twice a day and refill as needed. Never allow the water level to fall below the bottom of the trunk. Exposure to air can still cause the cut surface to seal with sap.

Use plain water. Don’t add aspirin, sugar or any other substance. Water is all the tree needs.

Protect the tree from heat. Stage the tree well away from any heat sources such as radiators, heating vents or fireplaces. Even a very sunny window can dry out a tree. When decorating, opt for newer LED lights that are both more energy efficient and cooler than older incandescent tree lights, which tend to run hot.

Routinely check for freshness. Needle loss is normal, but if the tree starts dropping many needles and the branches become brittle, it has dried out. At that point, it’s safest to remove it from the house to prevent a fire hazard.

Stay tuned for more tips from the Arboretum in December on how to dispose of live Christmas trees. The Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic is generously sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts.

MO State Parks, Historic Sites: Your December Destination For Holiday Cheer

Step back in time and into the spirit of the season at Missouri state parks and historic sites.

From festive candlelight tours to traditional German, French and Ozark customs, Missouri State Parks has it all. Whether you’re looking for a historical old-fashioned Christmas, a visit with Santa or carolers, state parks and historic sites offer memory-making experiences for your winter celebrations.

Dec. 4-28, Winter Traditions: An Exploration of Celebrations at Felix Vallé House State Historic Site.

The public is invited to view the exhibit “Winter Traditions: An Exploration of Celebrations” during the month of December. The exhibit explores Missouri’s unique cultural journey and the traditions that influenced it. It touches on winter traditions from Haiti, Italy, Indigenous cultures and more. The exhibit is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays at the Shaw House, 200 Merchant St., Ste. Genevieve.

Dec. 5-7, Frozen Chosin Challenge at Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park.

From Dec. 5-7, Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park will host a series of winter treks collectively known as the Frozen Chosin Challenge. Sponsored by the Missouri Korean War Veterans Memorial, this event is designed to bring awareness to the Korean War – specifically the Battle of Chosin Reservoir – and its participants. The event consists of three separate challenges over three days. The purpose of the event is not for participants to compete against each other but to work as teams, making certain each person completes the course. Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park is located at 148 Taum Sauk Trail, Middle Brook, Missouri.

Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., Tree Lighting and Salem Chamber Choir Performance at Echo Bluff State Park.

Ring in the holiday with the park’s annual tree lighting and Salem Chamber Choir performance. The festivities will take place inside the Betty Lea Lodge and start with the tree lighting. After the lighting, the choir will fill the rafters of the lodge with heavenly music as they perform traditional and international holiday carols. Refreshments will be available complements of the lodge. Echo Bluff State Park is located at 35244 Echo Bluff Drive in Eminence, Missouri.

Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Weihnachtsfest at Deutschesheim State Historic Site.

Celebrate a traditional 19th century German Christmas in historic Hermann, Missouri.

Throughout the event, the 1840 Pommer House will be decorated in the German Christmas style and open for free self-guided tours. Staff will be on-site handing out traditional springerle cookies and sharing how Christmas customs of German immigrants became American traditions still celebrated today. Depending on the weather, there may be a small Christmas market cart in front of the visitor center. Items for sale may include springerle cookie molds and rolling pins, recipe books, imported German pop-up cards, children’s books, and ornaments for seasonal gift giving. Deutschesheim State Historic Site is located at 101 W. Second St. in Hermann.

Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m., Guided Bison Saunter at Prairie State Park.

Winter will be here before we know it, and that brings shorter days. Join the team on a 2-mile saunter over uneven terrain. Guests should bring water and snacks and dress for the weather. Registration is limited to 30 participants and is required. Call the park office at 417-843-6711 to reserve your space. Prairie State Park is located at 128 NW 150th Lane in Mindenmines.

Saturday, Dec. 6 from 1-8 p.m., Le Réveillon at Felix Vallé House State Historic Site.

Revel in the spirit of an early Missouri French Christmas during Le Réveillon as part of Ste. Genevieve’s annual Holiday Christmas Festival, which features events throughout the downtown area.

Event schedule is as follows:

1-3 p.m. – Paper filigree with Lisa Palmer of Never Bored Creations, LLC.

1-4 p.m. – Free tours of the lower level of the Felix Vallé House, decorated for the holidays.

2-4 p.m. – Traditional dances performed by Dance Discovery, a St. Louis-based dance troupe that performs historically authentic social dances from the 1600s to the present.

6-8 p.m. – Le Réveillon. Enjoy candle lit tours of the Felix Vallé House, and experience Le Réveillon, a traditional fest held after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Interact with interpreters in period dress and enjoy special desserts including buche de Noel.

Felix Vallé House State Historic Site is located at 198 Merchant St. in Ste. Genevieve.

Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2-6 p.m., Ozark Christmas Traditions at Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site.

Travel back in time and see how the Boone family and residents of Greene County celebrated Christmas in the 1800s. Drop in for a visit with St. Nicholas, make a 19th century door decoration, and learn Christmas customs of the Missouri Ozarks. As day fades to night, watch the site come aglow with lanterns and listen to the sounds of Christmas from the Echoes of Dogwood Mountain dulcimer groups. The historic site is located at 7850 N. State Highway V in Ash Grove, Missouri.

Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m., Old-Fashioned Christmas at Arrow Rock State Historic Site.

Step back in time at Arrow Rock State Historic Site’s annual Old-Fashioned Christmas event. The historic buildings will be open and staffed with interpreters dressed in their finest Christmas attire, and the streets will be filled with carolers and horse-drawn carriages. In addition, there will be a living nativity to commemorate the season, and shops and restaurants throughout the village will be open. Arrow Rock State Historic Site is located at 39521 Visitor Center Drive in Arrow Rock.

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Candlelight Christmas Concerts at First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site.

Join the team for a performance by Rick Thum and Friends in the warm glow of the candlelit legislative chambers to evoke memories of a historic past and bring to life some well-known Christmas songs and the stories behind them. These merry melodies will surely get you in the holiday spirit. Both shows will take place upstairs in the Capitol. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly, as the building does not have central heating. Tickets are required and are \$14 each. Tickets can be purchased at the site or by phone. There is a limit of 50 tickets per concert and four per family. To purchase tickets, call 636-940-3323. First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site is located at 200 S. Main St., St. Charles.

Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Candlelight Open House at Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site.

Experience an 1860s Victorian Christmas during a candlelight open house of the Hunter-Dawson Home. The mansion will be aglow with the warmth of oil lamps and candles and decorated with fresh greenery, Christmas trees and 1860s-style ornaments. Staff dress in period clothing will be available to answer any questions. The candlelight open house will take place on Dec. 12-13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Standard daytime tours

will also be offered hourly from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. those days. The open house is free, and there is no need to register. Payment is required for daytime tours. Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site is located at 312 Dawson Road in New Madrid, Missouri.

Saturday, Dec. 13, noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, noon to 5 p.m., A Very Peck Christmas: An Old-Time Shopping Experience at First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site.

Take a break from the wrapping, baking and decorating and enjoy a simpler time on the Missouri frontier! Step back in time to experience the ambiance of shopping by candlelight at the 1820s Peck Bros. Dry Good and Hardware Store. Products for sale include old-fashioned toys and games, lye soap, candy, handmade items, Christmas ornaments and more. Enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season with your family to discover these unique items that are perfect as stocking stuffers or small gifts! The store is located on the first floor of the Capitol complex at 200 S. Main St. in St. Charles, Missouri.

Saturday, Dec. 13 from 5-7 p.m., Christmas Open House at Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site.

Celebrate the holiday season with a visit to Harry S Truman’s birthplace. The home will be lit by candles and adorned with Christmas decorations. Step back into the 19th century and see how Christmas was celebrated during Truman’s childhood. Enjoy wasail and cookies while the kids write letters to Santa. Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site is located at 1009 Truman, Lamar, Missouri.

Sunday, Dec. 14 from 2-4 p.m., Old-Fashioned Christmas at Crowder State Park.

Join Crowder State Park staff and the Friends of the Thompson House for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration. Come make old-fashioned Christmas ornaments, enjoy refreshments and watch the kids visit with Santa. Meet at the equestrian parking lot at 2 p.m. and then head to the Thompson House, the oldest house in Grundy County. In case of inclement weather, activities will be moved to the Camp Grand River Recreation Hall. Crowder State Park is located at 76 NW Highway 128 in Trenton, Missouri.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to persons wishing to file a declaration of candidacy to appear as a candidate at the General Municipal Election on April 7, 2026.

Candidate Filing will open on Dec. 9, 2025, at 8 a.m., and continue through Dec. 30, 2025.

Office hours for the County Clerk’s office, 115 W Main, are from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26, 2025.

Filing for the following offices will take place in the office of Laura Stumbaugh, Pike County Clerk, Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main, Ste. 23, Bowling Green, MO:

Pike County Memorial Hospital Board

1 Board Member 2-year term

Village of Annada

2 Trustees 2-year term

Village of Paynesville

3 Board Members 2-year terms

1 Board Member Unexpired term

Pike County Health Department

2 Board members 4-year term

Louisiana Special Road District

1 Board Member 3-year term

1 Board Member Unexpired term

Curryville Fire Department

1 Board Member 6-year term

Buffalo Fire Department

1 Board Member 6-year term

Laura Stumbaugh

Pike County Clerk/

Election Authority

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

I hope a Happy Thanksgiving was had by all! Thank you's goes out to NO HUNGER HOLIDAY where donations were received from churches and individuals, turkey dinners plus accessories were purchased, and FFA packaged, then dinners were distributed to 300 families.

Thanks to Knights of Columbus for continuing this valuable blessing to our Pike County's less fortunate since 1991. Other agencies businesses, and individuals also provided turkeys, food, and Hope Center donated perishable food and clothing. Thanks again to the several Pike County churches that fed the multitudes physically and spiritually!

Christmas in the Green was amazing with crowds at our businesses and eating establishments. It was the first time that I saw traffic jams in Bowling Green around the Square. From Prairies Edge to Fieldhouse 54 and from the Fairgrounds, VFW, and Kay Reading's Sheds, crowds were experiencing the Christmas spirit and excitement of this time of year. Parking lots at Henny Penny, Worthington House, Meme's, our lady boutiques, and Walmart were overflowing with customers and visitors! Bowling Green had more than 30 businesses taking part in Christmas in the Green!

The Festival of Trees at Honey Shuck had beautiful displays of decorated Christmas Trees and house tours. Make arrangements to see the winning business tree and enjoy the beauty and creativity of the Festival of Trees. This was a wonderful celebration of the Christmas Season!

By time you receive this, Small Business Saturday will have

passed as of the Nov. 29 but thank you again Bowling Green for pouring out to support and Shop Local.

Trail of Lights in the main park is still inviting families and businesses to display, support, and promote the joy of Christmas. On Dec. 5, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Bowling Green Park Board will sponsor Lighted Christmas Parade with the winning entry receiving a \$200 award. This starts at 5:30 p.m., and line up for anyone desiring to be in the parade at 5 p.m., at the BGHS.

Light up the town and have fun decorating your vehicle. After the Parade, Santa Claus is coming to town! Come and enjoy an evening of fun and activities, food vendor(s), music, and fellowship. Small Town Christmas Festival in the Park will have a mailbox for letters to Santa. Festival of Hope is taking place at Fieldhouse 54 with music and entertainment.

Don't miss these opportunities to engage in our community, have fun, meet new people, support our Bowling Green activities and events, plus be a part of the Reason for the Season. We not created to be isolated and alone. It's important to interact with people to support, encourage, and share in doing good deeds.

I know Type B personalities don't agree with me, but we all need to be needed and connected to something bigger than ourselves! There have been many studies finding "talking with people, carrying on conversations slows the dementia process!" "Reach out and touch somebody that needs some 'love-n'!" Everybody has a story!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike ...



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

Here it is Sunday, Nov. 30, and we have had lots of snow in our area. Lots of churches cancelled services or they provided services online which really helps people still feel that they are a part of the church. We stayed home, and had some men that were kind enough to leave their warm homes to help us shovel and plow out. A big thank you goes out to Jack, Casen, Greg, and Christian.

Since the hymn sing at the Detroit Christian Church was postponed this past Sunday, November 30, due to the weather, it will now be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m., at the Church. Hot chocolate and cookies will follow all the singing.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Keep each other in prayer. Pray for God's guidance in each other's lives. Thank God for everything He has done for us and continues to do for us.

THANKSGIVING NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Ron and Chris Phipps had a great Thanksgiving turkey dinner at her brother and sister-in-law Phil and Sally Lipcman's house with Brad, Angie, Rylie, and Rory Lipcman. Chris said that they are so thankful for local family.

Thanksgiving dinner guests

of Amy Davis were: Wessley Davis; Raylan Smith; Jacqueline and Kit Mefford; Sue and Joe Yackley; Mark Burrows; Mike Burrows and Jina Simons; and Sara and Micah Rudd, Elizabeth, Tristan, and Chippy. Amy said Reese didn't make it as she was sick.

For Thanksgiving this year, Christian and Peyton Dean and son traveled to Hardin to spend the morning with the McKinnon family. They had ham, turkey, and prime rib with all the fixings. After lunch, they headed back to Christian's parents' house and had a second lunch with the Deans and Filberts. There's always more room for Melanie's homemade noodles!

Mention of homemade noodles, Jamie and I traveled to Annada, Missouri, to his son and family's home where Jamie also made noodles to take and share. Those in attendance were: James and Amanda Niffen; their daughter Shayla Niffen; Amanda's mother Wanda Brown; Amanda's brother Aaron Brown; and Jamie and I.

Thanksgiving Day as told by Shirley Straus: "Besides Mike and I, We had Mike's sister, Mary Lou Lipcman of Perry; my brother and sister in law, Larry and Shirley Bauch, Perry also; son, Corey and wife Karen from Winfield, Missouri, and their dogs, Winston and Bella; and grandchildren, Sadie and Abe Smith from college in Berea, Kentucky. We enjoyed working together preparing for the meal, eating, sharing stories and all in all and great day!"

Ashley, John, Madison, and Garrett Guthrie joined Ashley's family and went to Golden Corral in Springfield for Thanksgiving dinner. Afterwards, Madison and Ashley went home to rest before they did some shopping and went to the IHSA football state game today, where the Hornets took second place and made school history.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week Dec. 3-9;

Dec. 6 - Becky Winner
Dec. 7 - Britini Deeder
Dec. 9 - Cody Ward

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.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser fish fry next Thursday, Dec. 11, 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with three set sides which will include this month potato salad, pasta salad, and cherry salad plus your choice of dessert and tea Eat-in or carry-out. All ages are welcome. They thank you for your continued support. Questions? Please call 217-285-4969. They also have gift certificates available for any amount. Please note that there will not be a fish fry in January or February.

Going to give you a December schedule for both Buggs' Family Opry and The Big River Band. Next 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, December 31, with the show starting at 6:00. 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.

USDA Launches Screwworm.gov

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is excited to highlight the launch of the NEW Unified New World Screwworm (NWS) website, screwworm.gov. This dynamic new site centralizes NWS information available across the federal government and reflects our whole-of-government effort to fight this pest through implementation of Secretary Rollins' comprehensive five-pronged plan.

"The Trump Administration is leading a whole of government effort to protect our nation's cattle industry from the New World Screwworm.

To ensure timely and effective communications, this new unified website will be a one stop shop for all screwworm related information and will help our stakeholders be better informed as new information comes available," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "We are grateful for the robust inter-agency collaboration, and we continue to work every day with our state and industry partners to implement our screwworm plan. This is a national security priority and it has the full attention of our team."

Screwworm.gov has targeted resources for a wide range of stakeholders including livestock producers, vet-

erinarians, animal health officials, wildlife professionals, healthcare providers, pet owners, researchers, drug manufacturers, and the general public. It also has the latest USDA-verified information on cases and response activities in Mexico and U.S. preparedness efforts.

Under the decisive leadership of Secretary Rollins, USDA is leading an aggressive, whole-of-government response to protect the Nation's livestock, wildlife, and public health from NWS. The U.S. One Health Coordination Unit for NWS, co-led by USDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of the Interior, is actively working to ensure the United States is prepared, should NWS be detected here.

Screwworm.gov includes information from these partner agencies as well as the following collaborating agencies: the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy, the Department of Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of State.

This new site was built with customers in mind and will help all visitors to the Screwworm.gov website, whether they are protecting their herds, traveling internationally with

or without pets, endorsing health certificates, conducting research, seeking answers to questions, or looking for other ways to help. USDA will continue to work with our partners

to update and enhance this site to ensure it has the latest information and updates.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be voted on at the Bowling Green, Missouri General Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026:

Mayor (two-year term)

City Collector (two-year term)

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.

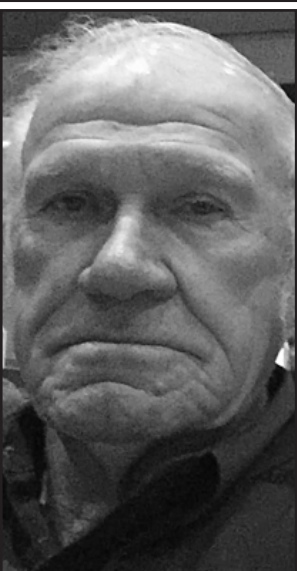
Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025.

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



Floyd W. Joy

Floyd W. Joy, 84, of Vandalia died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at the Baptist Home Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home. Pastor Phil Alvord officiated. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

There was public visitation.

The family was served by Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.

Floyd was born April 25, 1941, in Silva, the son of Ted and Juanita Barker Joy. He was united in marriage to Bonnie Pew on Nov. 9, 1963, in Vandalia. She survives him.

Other survivors include two daughters, Sheryl Bartholomew and husband, Kelly of Atkinson, Kan., and Lori Burns and husband, Randy of Vandalia; a brother, Jerry Joy and wife, Laura; two sisters, Judy Carney and husband, Bob and Ginger Gosling and husband, Ron; grandchildren, Kaci Pfaff and husband, John, Bradley Burns and wife, Paige, Sophia Percival and husband, Dillon, Micah Bartholomew; great-grandchildren, Lila-Ann, Lucas, Brooklynn and Copper; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Joy was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Cecil A. and Ethel Pew and a great-granddaughter, Daniela Pfaff.

Professionally Floyd worked at Harbison-Walker Brick Plant in Vandalia for 41 and half years, before retiring. Floyd also helped area farmers when needed along with running a scrap metal salvage on the side.

Floyd was a simple man who believed in hard work to provide for his family. Away from work, Floyd enjoyed riding horses, raising cattle, homing and roller pigeons, and hunting when time allowed.

Mr. Joy's greatest love was his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He never missed an occasion to spend time with them.

Floyd was a faithful member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Mexico.

Pallbearers were John Pfaff, Micah Bartholomew, Joseph Dameron, Michael Dameron, Jason Dameron, and Bradley Burns.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

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



Mark Butler

Mark Butler, 61 of Palmyra died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025 at the Knox County Nursing Home near Edina, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born April 7, 1964 in Moline, Ill.

A devoted husband, father, and pawpaw, Mark lived a life rooted in compassion, loyalty, and a deep love for sports and community.

Born with a competitive spirit and a generous heart, Mark spent 25 years as an MSHSAA official-an accomplishment that reflected not only his passion for athletics, but also his commitment to fairness, mentorship, and the joy of the game. Whether on the field, in the stands, or watching from home, Mark was happiest when sports were on and his loved ones were near.

Mark shared 34 beautiful years of marriage with his wife, Teresa Brumback Butler. They were married Oct. 19, 1991 in the First Baptist Church of Ewing. Their life together was filled with laughter, unwavering support, and countless cherished memories.

He was proud dad to a daughter, Brooke Miller and husband, Nathan of Edina; and a son, Brock Butler of Monroe City. Becoming pawpaw was one of Mark's greatest joys. He adored his grandchildren, Logyn, Gannon, and Miller who brought light, excitement, and endless smiles to his day. He was a devoted son to his mother, Barbara Patchin Brewer of Kahoka. He is also survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lisa Walker and husband, Gregg of Des Moines, Iowa; and nieces and nephews, Kyle Huston, Brady Huston and Kristen Sabin and husband, Austin; six great-nieces; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Robin Huston, step-father, Duane Brewer, his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jim and Sharon Brumback, an aunt and uncle, Bobby and Linda , and cousin, Robbie Patchin.

Mark will be remembered for his warmth, humor, integrity, and the way he made everyone around him feel valued. His legacy lives on in the family he deeply loved and in the many athletes, colleagues and friends whose lives he touched along the way.

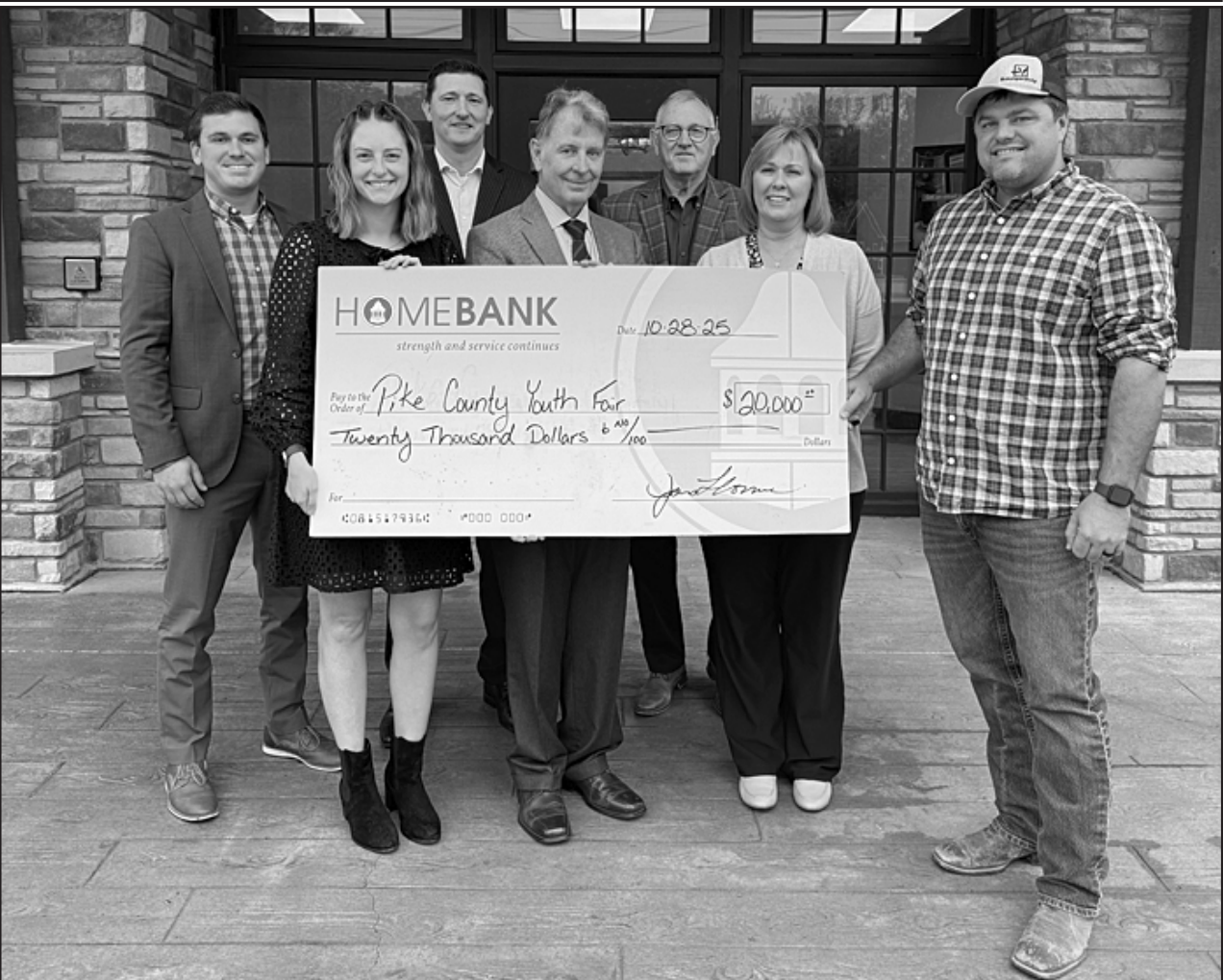
He will be profoundly missed and forever loved.

Funeral services were Monday at 10 a.m., at Arnold's Funeral Home in Canton with Pastor Marty Joe Smyser officiating. Burial was in Ewing Memorial Cemetery at Ewing.

Visitation was Sunday from 4-8 p.m., at Arnold's Funeral Home in Canton.

Memorials may be made to Siteman Cancer Center or Knox County Nursing Home.

Pallbearers were Mark Bross, Les Nutt, Kyle Huston, Gregg Walker, Austin Sabin, Keith Kleine, and Todd Kizer. Honorary pallbearers were Tracy Baumgartner and the A-Crew.



Taylor Braungardt, far right, a representative of the Pike County Youth Fair Board, accepts a check from HOME BANK to be used for the construction of a new livestock show barn at the Pike County Fairgrounds. HOME BANK team members making the presentation are, left to right, Assistant Vice President Hunter Baggett, Vice President Halie Wyble, President Will Konrad, Bank Directors Byron Webb and Joe Thomas, and Community Bank President Mary Dickey.

Homebank Supports Pike Fairgrounds

HOME BANK, located at 1108 US-61 Business in Bowling Green, has donated \$20,000 toward the construction of a new livestock show barn at the Pike County Fairgrounds.

"The county fair, 4-H and FFA programs play a vital role in the life and strength of our area communities,"

says HOME BANK Vice President Halie Wyble. "Their importance extends far beyond entertainment—they're deeply tied to education, economy, and community identity.

"In this new barn, our youth will have the chance to learn hands-on skills in animal care, breeding, and

business management," she continues. "Showing livestock teaches responsibility, discipline, record-keeping, and ethical practices—skills essential for future farmers and ag professionals.

"HOME BANK is pleased to be a partner in this exciting project," Wyble

concluded.

HOME BANK, member FDIC, headquartered in Palmyra with nine branches in Missouri and Illinois, is committed to serving and strengthening its local communities through secure and convenient banking services, volunteerism, and community partnerships.

Discover Nature With MDC Through Eagle Days

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites people to discover nature through Eagle Days events and by watching bald eagles around the state.

From December through February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Because of Missouri's big rivers, many lakes, and abundant wetlands, the Show-Me state is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing. Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in Missouri. Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

Enjoy MDC Eagle Days events

MDC hosts Eagle Days events around the state with some including live eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos, and guides with spotting scopes. Some require registration. Get more information on MDC Eagle Days events at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle-days.

Look for eagles on your

own

Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Early in the morning, find them flying and fishing. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars. Here are some hot spots around the state for winter eagle viewing:

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia,

Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access east of Bagnell,

Lock & Dam 20 in Canton,

Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville,

Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield,

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City,

Mingo National Wildlife

Refuge northwest of Puxico, Moses Eagle Park in Stella,

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis,

Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton,

Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs,

Smithville Lake north of Kansas City,

Stockton Lake near Stockton,

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of

Sumner, Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson, and

Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw.

Learn more about bald eagles in Missouri

Visit the MDC online Field Guide at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/bald-eagle.

Download free publications on the Eagle Watch Program and Bald Eagles in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle-days.

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the love, support, and prayers that you have extended to our family, our church family, and Pike County Christian School in the death of Frank. We thank God for you all, those who attend visitation, the funeral, the following meal, and all the comments celebrating Frank's life and service to the Lord. What a blessing!

We praise and thank God for those who sent flowers, cards of sympathy, offer condolences, provided food, served the meal, and cleaned up afterwards. We also praise and thank God for those who made love offerings to our family, the Pike County Christian School, provided free services or contributed in any way in Frank's name. You are all blessings!

We praise and thank God for the first responders, ambulance staff, and coroner who responded to our home and all they did to attempt to save him. May God bless you!

A special thank you to Brother David Land and Brother Jim Miller for the Celebration of Life yservice, to Brother Alan Lockard, and Sister Sharon Lockard for the use of the Family Resource Center. We thank Amy Land for holding everything together at Salt River Baptist Association, and Pike County Christian School since Frank's death. You are all a blessing!

Thank you Bibb-Veach Funeral Home for all your kindness and service.

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Community News



Bland Shoots 11-Pointer

Justin Bland of Blue Springs, formerly of Vandalia, brought home an 11-point buck on opening day of firearms season, Saturday, Nov. 15.

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peoplestribune@sbcbglobal.net

Jon MDC Online For Weathers Winter

Missouri is home to some strange wildlife. And winter weather shows just how strange-but-true some native critters can be. Did you know that some frogs freeze nearly solidly in winter – and then thaw in the spring?! Some owls start nesting in January and their eggs can survive temperatures of 10 degrees or below freezing! Ground squirrels sleep for six months – without waking up.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites everyone to learn more about these and other strange-but-true animal facts by joining its Wild Webcast on Wildlife Weathering Winter on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from noon-1 p.m. MDC Naturalist Sarah Easton will share fun facts about Missouri wildlife in winter – including information from the MDC book, Strange but True.

Register at mdc.webex.com/webex/register/raeb5ed495fb39f98dd574dd5120fca0 and then join the webcast live at noon on Dec. 17. Participants will receive an email confirmation that includes information on how to join the webinar. Check junk mail or spam folders for registration confirmation.

Leave The Leaves

Pollinators want you to sit back and take it easy this fall. Put the rake away and use fallen leaves as a winter haven for pollinators, says Tamra Reall, University of Missouri Extension field specialist in horticulture. Pollinators rely on leaves, plant stems and dried flower heads for survival. "Let sleeping bees lie, since approximately 70 percent of all bee species nest in the ground," says Reall.

In winter, native bees take shelter from the cold and nest inside stems and heads of flowers. Hollow stems provide a place for bees to hibernate until spring. The hollow stems of smaller

plants like bee balm are perfect for cavity-nesting bees and other beneficial insects. Pithy plants such as yucca can provide a hidey-hole for larger insects. Also, limit moving perennials to avoid disturbing pollinators. Leave some seed heads for wintertime food for small birds. They also will appreciate the spaces provided for insects, which serve as a valuable food source for birds. Leaving a layer of leaves provides insulation. It's like wrapping your perennial plants with a cozy blanket when winter's chill hits, says Reall. It is best not to shred leaves in flower beds since shredding damages overwintering eggs and larvae.

Insects will shred the leaves for you. If you compost, leave your leaf pile and let it break down naturally. Leaf-eating insects like millipedes and roly-polies will thank you. Leaves in your beds also provide free compost full of organic material that can improve soil nutrition, aeration, root penetration and water flow in clay-type soils. They may also suppress weeds. That's not to say you can't tidy up your lawn, says Reall.

It's courteous to let neighbors know why you are leaving leaves. Ask them to join your hands-off approach to make the neighborhood pollinator-friendly and save space in the landfill.

Pike County Title HOLIDAY Open House

DECEMBER 3 8AM-5PM

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Please RSVP by Dec 1st so we can prepare.

Call B&S Insurance @ 573-769-2086 or drop this card off at Homebank in Bowling Green.

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You must live within the Middletown Community Fire Protection Districts coverage area to serve on the board.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
(Public Notice of Filing)

The Bowling Green R-I School will accept declarations of candidacy from any person interested in running for a position on the School Board in the April 7, 2026 election. Persons interested may file at the superintendent's office located 700 W. Adams St., Bowling Green, MO 63334.

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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Community News

OATS Transit Receives Grant From Green Foundation

OATS Transit, a Missouri based not-for-profit transportation provider, is pleased to have received a \$20,000 grant from the Allen P. & Josephine B. Green Foundation.

The funds donated by the Foundation will be used toward the purchase of a new vehicle for our service in Moberly and Randolph County area.

The Green family history in Missouri dates back to the early 1900's. In 1910, Allen P. Green purchased a brick and fire clay company in Mexico MO that became the A.P. Green Fire Brick Company. His company brought

tremendous economic growth and jobs to Mid-Missouri. Under his leadership, they became the largest producer of refractory products with branches all over the world. In 1941, his Foundation was created to support central Missouri endeavors.

OATS Transit offers daily transportation in-town Moberly, as well as service to Columbia, each weekday. We offer rides to work, medical appointments, essential shopping and more. "We are committed to helping passengers stay connected and supported in their daily lives" said Sheree

Webb, Northeast Regional Director. "Thanks to Foundations like the Allen P. & Josephine B. Green Foundation we are able to fill this gap in the community. Local support is crucial to help us be there for those who need our service," added Webb.

Rural residents of any age and ability can ride OATS Transit by calling us at 800-654-6287. Local schedules can be found on our website at www.oatstransit.org by clicking on bus schedules tab to see service in your County. Follow us at facebook.com/oatstransit.

MU Extension Uses NASA Data

University of Missouri Extension specialists are using NASA satellite data to help transportation planners identify areas along highways in the St. Louis metropolitan region where green infrastructure could reduce extreme heat and improve public health.

Michael Sunde, MU Extension state natural resource specialist, is working with the East-West Gateway Council of Governments on an initiative that analyzes data from the International Space Station, which provides high-resolution imagery of land surface temperatures. These geospatial insights help planners design green spaces near transit corridors to improve public health and safety, enhance roadway

aesthetics and reduce long-term maintenance costs, Sunde says.

"Green infrastructure plays a vital role in cooling urban environments, filtering stormwater and supporting biodiversity," he says. "By integrating science-based data from multiple agencies, we can make better-informed transportation planning decisions."

Green infrastructure refers to natural and engineered systems that manage water and heat while supporting ecological health. Common examples include:

Urban tree canopies and vegetated buffers along roads.

Rain gardens and bioswales to manage stormwater.

Green roofs and living near transit hubs.

Permeable pavements that reduce runoff and heat absorption.

Native plant landscaping to support pollinators and wildlife.

Constructed wetlands for water filtration and habitat creation.

These features not only reduce surface temperatures but also improve air quality, reduce flooding and create more livable urban environments, Sunde says.

The Ecological Initiative compiles and shares environmental data with metropolitan planning organizations, state departments of transportation and local governments to support ecologically responsible infrastructure development.

Preview items
Friday, Dec. 12

Girod Family Auctions PUBLIC AUCTION

Preview items
Friday, Dec. 12

Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m., 420 Hwy 161, Middletown, Mo 63359

Red Barn Antiques Closed in Warrenton, Mo. We are selling all the rest of the remaining inventory. There will be lots of unlisted items. Come take a look!

Large Lot of all Types of Chairs; Square & Round Parlor Tables-Several
Several Old Wind Up Clocks; Lots of Mid Century Furniture Pieces; Several School Desks
Several Trunks, Some Immigrant; Several Sets of Coffee & End Tables;
Several Sets of End Table Lights; Several Granite Top Kitchen Tables; Maple Kitchen Table
Old Galvanized Kerosene Jugs; Several Plant Shelves & Stands; Several Sewing Machines;
Kitchen Stools; Fishing Tackle & Boxes; Brass Fireplace Ends; Large Mirror Back Cabinet;
Ice Tongs; Several Old Cameras; Cabinet Full of Piano Rolls; Cream Cans; Live Slab Shelves
Old Metal Blade Fans; Several Tin Bread Boxes; Cast Iron Items; MFA Gas Can
Old Metal Chicken Feeder; Old Wooden Boxes; Large Fireplace Billows; Old Beer Keg; Nail
Kegs; #8 Crock Water Jug; Sunbeam Butter Church; Several Red & Blue Daisy Butter Churns
Lot Graniteware; Cloth Feed & Seed Bags; Buffalo Bolt Wooden Box; Silver Cruet Set
Old Garden Planter; Wooden Box of Old Horse Shoes; Ammo Boxes; Old Wheat Cradle
Old Grinding Wheel on Stand; Old House Moving Jack; 25# Horse Tie; Several Kraut Cutters
Old Sausage Press; Bugler Tobacco Sign; Rug Beaters; Old 25¢ Gum Ball Machine; Copper Items
Really Nice Small Copper Kettle; J.D. Planter Boxes; Oak Wall Phone; Lots Old Kitchen Tools
Old Cotton Scales; Griswold #6 Lid; Large Lot Glassware; Lot Christmas Items
Several Foot Pumps; Several License Plates; Beer Steins; Old Salt & Pepper Sets
Cub Printing Press w/Box; Frame of Military Pins; Brass Bell; Old Flour Tins & Sifter
Several Old Tools; Several Old Scales; Old Whiskey Sign; Wooden Shoes; Lot Bobble Heads
Wildlife Stamp Album; World Fair Exhibit; Old Photograph Albums; Childs Singer Sewing Machine
Lot Kerosene Lamps; 1855 Large 1¢; Straight Razors; Glass Water Bottles; Bronco Football
Metal 3 Dozen Egg Crate; Several Break Down Wardrobes; Old Childs Chalk Board
2 Door Wire Mesh Door Wardrobe; Tiger Oak Step Back Hutch; Old Pickle Jar;
Anheuser Beer Box; Old Wooden Radio; Table Top Secretary Desk; Large Wooden Coat Rack
Coca-Cola Light Set; Granite Coffee Set; Windmill Fan & Tail; Blue Blaze Propane Heater
Marble Top Walnut Wash Stand; Brass Fire Extinguisher; Tip Top Cake Box; Pepsi Boxes
Set of Very Rare 1950's Paul Winchell Knuckle Head Smiff Ventriloquist Dolls
Lot Scale Weights; Large Metal Rooster Made Out of Nails & Screws; Old Barn Lanterns;
Corn Planter; #3 Crown Crock w/Lid; Several Horn Seeders; Nice Metal Shelf; Copper Wash Boiler
Tumbling Monkey in Box; Red Skin Brand Chewing Tobacco Spittoon; View Master Set;
Old Wooden Duck Train Set; Segrams 5 Crown Whiskey Dispenser; Old Chocolate Molds
#2 Crock Jar w/Lid; Sunbeam Box; Old Paper Dispenser; Flat of Old Fishing Reels; Kingsford
Starch Box; Crystal Wedding Oats; Crock Pitchers; Old Wooden Cloth Pins; Canning
Cocks; #5 Western Crock; Red Wing Chicken Feeder; Salt Glaze Bee Sting Crock
Old Quilt; Dog Cookie Jar; Crock Bowls; Crock Jugs; Lawco Window Refrigerator Box
Old Door Bell; Old Wooden Drying Rack; Solid Walnut Rope Bed; Apple Butter Stirrer
Wooden Truck; Old Box Wagon Scoop Board; Small Childs Top Buggy for a Pony
Old Parlor Stove; #30 Western Crock-Very Good; #8 Blue Ribbon Crock; 2 Old Tonka Fire Trucks
Metal Art Light; Wash Boards; 4) Displays of Arrow Heads; Approx. 12 Jars of Old Marbles
Wooden Cutting Board; 2) Fishing Reels; Willow Farms Butter Crock; Nylint Farms Flat Bed Truck
#5 Heart Crock; #3 Western Crock; #6 Blue Band Crock; #10 Star Crock; Brass Plumb Bob
Lodge 12" #8 Dutch Oven-NIB; Bear Trap; Bayonet for Mosin Nagant Military Rifle;
Prison Ball & Chain; #60 Daisy Butter Churn; 2) Griswold Lamb Molds; Rayo Lamp w/Shade
Toscano Maiden Lamp-Very Nice; 2) Binder Books of US Stamps First Day, 22 kt. Gold
Lightning Rod Balls; Lot Wooden Rolling Pins; Lot Old Ice Cream Scoops; Belt Buckles
Lots of Unlisted Items

COINS

34) Wheat Pennies in 2x2 Holders, Start with 1910; Bag of 50 wheat Pennies, All in 2x2
Holders, 1930's, 1940's 1950's; 12) Silver War Nickels-Sell Choice; 4) .925 Silver British
Coins; Choice of 12 Ike Dollars in 2x2 Holders; 11) Bicentennial Washington Quarters
Bag of Foreign Coins; Bag of Mixed Coins, Some USA, Some Foreign
2009 Lincoln Cent 4 Coin Series, 73 Coins, 2 Bags
28) Kennedy Halves, Mostly 1970's & 1980's
Quincy Railway Co. Old Fare Token & 2 Sterling Silver Thimbles
10) 1776-1976 Bicentennial Ike Dollars; Bag of Canadian Coins
13) Westward Journey Nickels & 17) 2000D Unc. Pennies; Bronze Civil War Medallion
Bag of 14 Mixed US Coins; 6) Wheat Pennies, Includes a 1943 Steel Penny
8) 1976 \$2 Bills; 1935-C, \$1 Silver Certificate; 1953 \$5 Red Seal; 2) 1993 Federal Reserve
\$1 Bills w/Air Balloon
2) 1953 \$2 Red Seal Notes & 2) 1976 \$2 Notes
Desert Storm \$5 Comm. Coin; 4) Buffalo Nickels, 1913 Mound, 1934-D, 1935-S, 1937
2) 1883 V Nickels, 1 is Without Cents, 1866 Shield Nickel Rays Between Stars
6) Unc. Sacajawea Dollars & 1 Bicentennial Kennedy Half
4) Shield Nickels, 1866, 1867, 2) 1868
2) V-Nickels, 1883 Without Cents & 1912; 4) Buffalo Nickels, 1913-D Mound & 3) 1937 All
XF; 2) 1907 Indian Head Cents Fine, 1906 Indian Cent AU; 1909 VDB Lincoln Cent
First State Quarters of the US Collectors Map, 1999-2008 w/COA
Set of 4 1985 Bureau of Engraving & Printing Uncut Unc \$1 Bills
10) 1967, 1968, 1969 40% Silver Kennedy Halves; 10) Sacajawea & 5) Susan B Anthony
Dollars; 4) \$1 Notes, 1957 & 1981; 18) \$2 Notes, 1976 & 2003; Bag of Canadian Money
(Coins), 3 Canadian Notes-\$1, \$2, \$5
Bag of German Money, 1854 Arrows at Date Seated Liberty
Quarters-Very Nice, 1911 Canada 5¢ Silver; Several Bags of Mixed Foreign Money
2) 1964 90% Silver Kennedy Halves; 65) Wheat Pennies, 1909-1958, 2) 1911
1895 Indian Head Cent; 1925 & 1935 Buffalo Nickels
Bag of 122 Kennedy Halves, 1970's-1980's, & few 1990's; 1907 & 1911 V-Nickels
1867 & 1869 3¢ Silver; 1950's Sporty Cars, Unused Stamps
3) 1988 Schnucks \$1 Santa Claus Federal Reserve Note, 6 pc. First State Quarter Set-Den
ver Mint 1978 Souvenir Set
5) 90% Silver, 1982 Washington Silver Halves, 4) Proof, 1 is Unc. OGP
4) 1921 Morgans; 4) 1922 Peace AU & 1) 1923 Peace \$
4) 1927 & 1935 Peace AU Quality
6) Ike Dollars; 1959 & 1962 Sealed Proof Sets; 1963 Silver Proof Set
1986 Prestige Proof Set w/Ellis Island Silver Dollar & Half; 2011 & 2013 Silver Proof Sets
1987 Proof Constitution Silver Dollar; 2) 2009 Louis Braille 90% Silver Dollars, 1 Proof,
1 Unc. in OGP; 2) 2009 Abe Lincoln 90% Silver Dollars, 1 Proof, 1 Unc. in OGP
1992-W Proof Christopher Columbus, \$5 Gold 1/4oz; Full Roll of 50 1943 WWII Steel
Pennies; 40) Silver WWII Jefferson Nickels; 1858 Seated Liberty Quarter
8) Silver Proof Quarters, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962 3) 1963, 1964
1825 Capped Bust Half, 200 Years Old; 1895 Barber Half

1917-S Obverse Mint Mark Walking Liberty Half; 1880-CC Morgan, Tough Date
1881-S Morgan PCGS MS65; 1884-O Morgan BU; 1885-O Morgan, NGC MS66
1886-S Morgan; 1896-S Morgan, Tough Date to Get F/VF; 1900 Morgan, Unc. Toned
1903-S Morgan-Tough Date; 1921 Morgan Unc.; 1921 Peace Dollar, Key Date, ICG VF25
1925 Peace, PCGS MS64; 1935-S Peace Dollar
1986-S Proof Statute of Liberty Silver Dollar, PCGS Proof 69-D Com.
2003-W & 2012-W Proof ASE in OGP; 2000 Unc. ASE Gold Plated & Colorized
2002 Unc. ASE Holographic; 2009 Unc. ASE Michael Jackson Tribute in Wooden Display w/
COA; 2) 1957-B Silver Certificate, Consecutive Serial #'s; 3) 1957 \$1 Silver Certificate,
Consecutive Serial #, Crisp, Unc.; 1963 \$5 Red Seal Choice AU; 18) British Large
Pennies, 1896-1948; 1940 Proof Mercury Dime, NGC, Proof 63
5) Silver Roosevelt Dimes, Proof & Unc. Sell choice; 3) 1921 Peace Dollars, Key Date,
Will Sell Choice; 1901-O Morgan; 1998 \$5 Gold Eagle NGC MS69; 1907 \$2 1/2 Liberty
Gold, High Grade
1855 Type 2 Rare, \$1 Gold; 1892-O Morgan, Key Date; 1881-S Morgan MS
Set of 3, 1 oz. .999 Fine Copper Ingots in Box; 1881-O Morgan AU; 2024-S US Mint
Peace Dollar in OGP; 1928-S Peace Dollar; 1914 \$2 1/2 Indian Gold Rare in NCG
Holder; 1934-S Peace \$ Key; 1878-S Morgan, First Year AU; 1921-S Morgan
1998-S Robert F. Kennedy \$1 NGC MS70; Iceland ICG Proof 70 D Comm. Coin
2016-P ANACS MS69 ASE; 40) Mixed Date Indian Head Cents in 2x2 Flips, Will Sell
Choice; 8) Later Date Indian Head Cents, Very Nice, Full Liberties
2) P-D-S 1943 Steel Cent Sets, Plus 5 More 1943-P WWII Steel Cents
5) Early Better Date Buffalo Nickels, 1913 Variety I & II, 1914-D Super Coin
1915 Unc., 1915-D, WOW

Complete Jefferson Nickel Collection with all 11 War Time SilverNickels in Whitman
Album 1938-1961; 20) Rolls, 500 Total of Unc. Mint Wrapped 2005 American Buffalo
Nickels, 10 Rolls D-Mint, 10 Rolls P Mint in Mint Box
Full Roll of WWII Silver War Nickels; 24) Mixed Date Silver Mercury Dimes; 50) Mixed
Date Roosevelt Silver Dimes; 5) Early Better Date Barber Halves, 1892-first year, 1893,
1894 P-O, 1895; Choice of 4 Franklin Silver Halves, All Unc. or Gem BU, 1955-P Unc.
1956-P Rev. Toned 1957-P & 1959-P Gem BU; Full Roll of 40% Silver Kennedy Halves
J.F.K. Half Dollar Collection, Contains 90% & 40% Silver Halves plus Clads
WOW Set, 15 33¢ Postage Stamp w/Silver Walker Half, Silver Qtr.
Silver Mercury Dimes, Silver War Nickel & 1943 Steel Cent in Folder
1994-P Proof ASE w/COA in OGP, Key Date; 2018-W & 2019-W Silver Proof ASE in
OGP w/COA; 1885-P Morgan ICG MS63; 1890-S Morgan, Better Date AU+
1891-S Morgan Better Date Choice + Toned; Choice of 2 1971-S Proof Brown Box Ike
Dollars; Thomas Jefferson 1993 Silver Dollar in OCP w/COA & Box 250th Anniversary
Donald Trump 1 oz. 45th President of USA; 1957-1960-1962-1964 Silver Proof Sets, Sell Choice
Choice of 2-1935 \$1 Silver Cert. Star Notes, Gem BU Crisp, Superb Premium Quality
1963 \$5 Red Seal Star Note, Rarely Seen \$5 Star; 1963 \$5 Red Seal Note
16) Silver Certificates, 1935 & 1957 Mix
The American Heritage Mint Coin of 1912 the Comm. Sinking of the Titanic
Silver Liberty Coin Collections, Grand Kids Special in Velvet Pouch
Ten Little Indians, 9 w/Full Liberties Choice +
Choice of 5 Buffalo Nickels 1920 Unc. 1927-S VF, 1930-S VF, 1934 Unc. 1935-S VF
27) Mixed Silver Mercury Dimes
7) Better Date Barber Halves, Sell Choice, 1895-S, 1897-P,
1900-O, 1901-O, 1902-S, 1903-S, 1904-O; 2007 Unc. ASE in OGP w/COA
2) Unc. Silver Ikes, 1971-S & 1972-S
20th Century 3 Coin Type Set 90% Morgan & Peace \$ & 40% Silver Ike
Full Roll of 40% Kennedy Halves; 4) 3" Vials of 24K Gold Flake
2016 \$5 Gold Eagle 30th Anniversary NGC MS70 Perfect
2017 \$5 Gold Eagle First Strike PCGS MS70 Perfect; 2006 \$10 Gold Eagle NGC MS70
Perfect 1/4 oz Gold; 2018-W American Liberty 1/10 oz. Gold Proof Graded CAC Proof 69
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Remington Sportsman 12 ga.; Kimmel Model K20 20 ga. Foldup w/Box; Remington Sportsman
16 ga.; Remington 870 Express Mag 20 ga. Pump; Stoeger Condor 410 O/U Very Nice
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Winchester Model 1890 22 cal. Pump; Military Bolt Action 30.06 Cal. Rifle w/Scope
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Engraved Receiver; Remington Model 870 Wingmaster 20 ga. Pump Vent Rib-Like New
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en; Box-Take a Look!; Rossi Circuit Judge 45/410 w/Box; Mossberg Model 146-B 22 Cal.
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Pump; Stevens/Springfield Db 16 ga.; Tri Star Viper G2 20 ga. w/box; Savage 12 ga.
S & W 38 Special Revolver; Winchester Model 12 12 ga.; Baikal 12 ga. O/U in Box
Browning Senergy O/U 12 ga. NIB w/Leather Case-WOW; Taurus The Judge Pistol 45/410 w/
Box; Inner Arms VA 45 cal. Pistol w/Hard Case; H & R Model 950 22 cal. w/Box
Winchester Model 1892 32/20 cal. w/Octagon Barrel-Very Nice; Iver Johnson 32 Cal. Revolver
Colt Police Positive 38 S & W cal. Revolver-Very Nice

AMMO

14) Boxes 12 ga. Slugs; 2) Boxes Winchester 350 Legends 180 gr.; 2) Boxes 357 Sig, 125 gr.; 2) Boxes
Winchester 9 MM 124 gr. ; 2) Boxes 243 Cal.; 4) Boxes Remington 16 ga. Slugs
3) Boxes 12 ga. Shells; 7 Boxes Various Brands 410 ga.; 1) Box 20 ga.; 3) Boxes 410 ga. Slugs; 9) Bottles
Crosmen Copperhead BB's; 2) Brick Blazer CCI 22 Long; 5) Boxes Remington Max
12 ga. Turkey Loads; Lot of Reload Ammo; 2) Boxes Federal 16 ga. 7 1/2 oz Shot; Full Case of 12 ga. 1 1/8
oz BB Shot; 2) Boxes Remington 40 cal. S & W; Full Case of 12 ga. 1 oz 7 1/2 Shot; 6) Boxes Various
Brands 380 Auto; Full Case of 12 ga. 7 Shot; 2) Boxes Hornady 45-70govt. 325 gr. FTX; Full Case of 28
ga. 3/4 oz. 9 shot; 2) Boxes HSM 300 Buckshot 110 gr.; 3) Boxes 38 Special; 4) Boxes PPU 270 win. cal.
150 gr.; 2) Boxes 100 Rounds Winchester 9 MM Luger; 2) Boxes 7.62x51 MM FMJ, M80,
Various Other Ammo

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