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# Hit The Road

## Henderson Ousted In Whiskey Ring Case



**Orville Babcock**  
By Brent Engel  
Contributing Writer

*Editor’s note: This is the fourth story in a series by contributing writer Brent Engel.*

John Brooks Henderson had no difficulty convicting one of the leaders in the 1875 Whiskey Ring fraud. Federal revenue agent John McDonald was a colorful scoundrel who, along with countless cronies, pocketed millions in the liquor tax scheme. Guilt was hardly in doubt.

His only apparent redeeming qualities were a

skillful mind and a fluid pen. McDonald was appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant, whom he had befriended during the Civil War.

Henderson twice offered and McDonald twice declined immunity if he would testify against others. A jury convicted him and a judge ordered him imprisoned.

There’s no proof Grant knew about the fraud until it became public and one thing McDonald refused to do – even in his autobiography – was implicate the president. But he called many of the men around Grant “a coterie of barnacles.”

One of them was William Avery, the former top clerk at the Treasury Department. McDonald said Avery was “a man of barely sufficient capacity to fill the job he occupied.”

Avery would prove a stooge for others. He never stopped protesting his innocence, even as it was proven he took bribes in exchange

for warning the bad guys before raids.

The man really pulling the strings allegedly was Orville Babcock, a Vermont native who had graduated third in his class at West Point and served as an aide to Grant during the Civil War. It was he who delivered the terms of surrender to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox.

When Grant was elected president, Babcock became White House chief of staff. His intelligence, cunning and persuasiveness were uncanny.

“Nobody was closer to the president, and Babcock exploited his relationship with Grant throughout his time in the White House for personal gain,” wrote author Stephen McCullough.

Rumors had swirled for months about Babcock’s involvement in the Whiskey Ring. As Henderson rolled toward a conviction at the St. Louis trial of Avery, he said something that perked ears in Washington.

In closing arguments, Henderson seemingly insinuated that Babcock had obstructed justice. He also spoke of Grant and John Douglass, who succeeded McDonald as revenue commissioner.

“What business had Babcock to go to Douglass?” Henderson asked. “What right had the President to interfere with the honest discharge of the duties of a Secretary of the Treasury? None whatever. What right has he to interfere with the discharge of the duties of Commissioner Douglass? None. It belonged not to Grant, it belonged not to Babcock, it was Douglass’s own business.”

But Henderson wasn’t done. “This is a blot upon our government, that it is possible for such things to exist,” he said. “They could not exist in England, France or any other civilized government, but are peculiar to our boasted republic.”

Henderson then took aim at partisan politics. “It is

party, party, party that damns our country, and he who has the nerve to resist the behests of party is worthy of more credit than the bravest of old Roman soldiers. Under the name of party, every fraud and infamy within the range of possibilities is perpetuated.”

The former lawmaker said he had respect for a political party “when it is composed of honest men, for honest purposes; but when it is composed of men banded together to perpetuate frauds upon the government, or to serve the personal ends of its leaders, then away with it. I’ll have none of it. Let Republicans and Democrats all take hold and secure the best results to our government, which will give dignity and stability to our nation, and which will inure to common benefit; and never let us be led astray so far as to make one officer of our government subservient to another.”

The author of the 13th Amendment outlawing

slavery finished with a flourish.

“Would that we had officials who possessed more of that sterner stuff of which the office holders of olden times were made,” he said. “Why do they not leave their office when they cannot remain there honorably? Is it to be that because a man holds an office at the hands of another, he is to be a bonded slave? It is little that our nation has gained by abolition if the black man is freed only that the white man in the ignominious chains which are now an attendant of public office.”

Grant hit the roof, Babcock was indicted and Henderson was fired. Surprisingly, another Pike County man would be thrust into the limelight.

Even more remarkably, something was about to take place that hadn’t happened before and hasn’t happened since.

Next time: To the best of his ability.





# Community News



## Pike Retired School Personnel

The Pike County Retired School Personnel held their regular meeting and Christmas celebration on Friday Dec. 12 at the Bowling Green Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. They also collected for the Mexico Veterans Home in Mexico. Mary Tarpein delivered the items to the Veterans Home. Pictured are Mary Tarpein and Judy Hall receiving the items for the home. It was a great success.

## Missouri-Specific 'You Can Quit' Website Now Available

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) continues to support Missourians in their efforts to quit tobacco through a new state-specific cessation information website, YouCanQuit.org.

Missourians can find cessation information related to the stage of quitting they are in, teen vaping resources, information about incentives for quitting while pregnant, vaping and environmental impacts, how to help a friend quit and more. Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in Missouri. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body and causes many diseases. Missouri has one of the highest smoking rates in the nation, with over half of Missourians who smoke trying to quit each year.

Missourians ages 13 and older can enroll in Missouri Tobacco Quit Services (MTQS) at YouCanQuit.org. MTQS provides free, confidential quit support. Enrollees receive free coaching with a tobacco treatment specialist and nicotine replacement therapies, such as patches and gum, if eligible. Missouri Tobacco Quit Services has helped more than 1.5 million people in their journey to quit tobacco and has recently expanded services. Additional support is available for pregnant and postpartum women, individuals with behavioral health conditions, American Indians, young adults and adolescents (ages 13-17). More information on how pregnancy and postpartum participants, as well as adolescent participants, can earn incentives throughout their quit journey, can be found on the new website.

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Enroll in Missouri Tobacco Quit Services (MTQS):

Online at YouCanQuit.org  
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Chat with a coach  
"The launch of the new website comes at an exciting time for Missouri as we continue to expand our cessation services," said Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Manager Nicole Sinderman. "There is something for everyone on this site, and we invite Missourians to explore it to learn more."

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For additional information regarding Missouri Tobacco Quit Services and available resources, contact

the DHSS Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at [motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov](mailto:motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov) or (573) 522-2820.

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## MDC Changes To Deer Hunting

The Missouri Conservation Commission recently gave initial approval to regulation changes for deer hunting proposed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Friday, Dec. 12 Commission meeting in Jefferson City. The changes will simplify regulations for hunters and help keep chronic wasting disease (CWD) infection rates low, so Missouri's deer herd remains healthy.

The five-day CWD Portion of firearms deer season was open for CWD Management Zone counties. Harvest data shows that this season portion has not resulted in a significant increase in harvest. Hunters have also expressed concerns about the number of firearms-deer-season portions and the complexity of regulations.

Removing the CWD Portion will simplify the structure of deer season for hunters and not significantly affect deer harvest.

Missouri's CWD Management Zone consists of counties with confirmed cases of CWD and those within 10 miles of a confirmed detection. The size of the Management Zone has increased over time from the original six counties in 2012 to 82

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# Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

Our future isn't fixed. Who gets to imagine it matters? The future we may want starts with imagination. Whether it is at the federal government, state, or Bowling Green level, we, as a community, must assist in shaping our future. Don't think you're too young or old to have input and influence. Challenge the ways things have always been done. Imagine new possibilities. What if our industrial-based businesses offer apprenticeships like colleges and universities offer scholarships? As our graduates are recognized for receiving various scholarships at graduations, those not going off to academics would be recognized for the apprentices they receive from our local industry and other trade businesses. From banking to True Manufacturing, from hair salon training to Sparks Engineering, from electrical training at Perkins Electric to automotive sales and services at Boland and/or Poage to Mike's, to Bowling Green Auto and Tire. The possibilities are endless right here in our own town. How many auto-body repairs and paint shops could train our upcoming graduates? Bowling Green needs to develop a workforce for the present and certainly the future.

Workforce is one of the several reasons I've been given for not being able to attract new businesses and manufacturing. Imagine new possibilities.

Now, the next challenge is, do we have the housing for our expanded job/workforce? We have many carpenters in Bowling Green that could train future carpenters. We have contractors that are crying for carpenters, drywallers, electricians, and plumbers. Can we be able to con-

struct new housing and pay wages for our young, next generation, graduate apprentices. To buy their first homes, it cannot take over 30 percent of their income to buy these newly constructed houses. We cannot attract a workforce if we don't have housing and livable wages to afford living in Bowling Green. More manufacturing has already started in the United States from the "NO TARIFF" incentives for building here. More skilled trade workers are already needed to fill these positions. Will they attract our graduates away from Bowling Green or will we be a part of industry and manufacturing expansion and keep our trade/skilled young people here in our wonderful city? Our American automotive industry, GM, Ford, Jeep, our Aerospace industry, our power producing industry, pharmaceutical companies, et al, will be giving out apprenticeships to attract new workers into their specialized job forces.

I have found that in many parts of our country, 2x4 lumber is not enough now due to former administration's regulations on insulation from heat and cold. Now many places are regulated to use 2x6 or 2x8 lumber for interior and exterior walls. A 250 percent increase in costs. This has slowed and even delayed building. Another regulation was the requirement to make roofing readily accommodating to attaching solar panels. A third point was an increase in windows being more weather deterrent. Steel and aluminum rose in price 29 percent, and 57 percent, respectively during those years. Factcheck with IndustryNet. I hope you experience the joy and peace of this celebration of Jesus.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

## MDC Offers New Non-Resident Migratory Bird Permit

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, non-resident hunters in Missouri who want to pursue waterfowl, doves, snipe, woodcock, and rails will be required to purchase a new Non-Resident Migratory Bird Permit for a price of \$60. The new permit is part of a broader set of permit price adjustments by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and was approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission in October.

If non-resident hunters purchased a migratory bird hunting permit before Jan. 1, 2026, the permit will remain valid through the end of the season, Feb. 6, and no additional permit is needed for that season.

If non-resident hunters have NOT purchased a migratory bird permit before Jan. 1, 2026, they must buy the new Non-Resident Migratory Bird Permit to hunt between Jan. 1 and the end of the season, Feb. 6.

Starting with the 2026-2027 migratory-bird hunting season, all non-residents must purchase the new non-resident migratory bird permit.

Purchase permits online at [mdc.mo.gov/buypermits](https://mdc.mo.gov/buypermits).

While the proportion of non-resident hunters is low compared to resident hunters, a public opinion survey by MDC and other public feedback showed that Missourians generally support raising the costs of non-resident hunting permits to bring them more in line with those of surrounding states.

Additional revenue from permit sales will help MDC maintain and improve its nationally recognized programs and services for hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers, and others. Additional revenue from permit prices will also help MDC with rising costs of maintaining infrastructure at conservation areas, fish hatcheries, intensively managed wetlands, lake and river accesses, and shooting ranges that are many decades old and in need of significant repair or replacement.

## Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen  
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May God be with each of you as we start the year of 2026!!

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.

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. Romans 14:13

Live music in the area includes, Wednesday, New Year's Eve will find the Big River Band at the Courtyard Cafe in Pittsfield with the show starting at 6 p.m., Paul and Patty are providing a meal, offering two specials very reasonably priced to purchase. And those are lasagna with a salad and garlic bread or a loaded baked potato, and dessert and drink. Come on out and enjoy a meal and wonderful entertainment for the final night of 2025; Saturday, Jan. 3, 6 p.m., award-winning gospel songwriter Jimmy Davis will be at the Detroit Christian Church having a gospel concert. Everyone welcome; Friday, Jan. 9, the Buggs' Family Opry with special guest Marc Bubert, will be in Pearl with the show starting at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan.

10, The Big River Band will be back at the Courtyard Cafe with the show starting at 6 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 23, the Buggs' Family Opry with special guest, Simon Webb, will be in Pearl with the show starting at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24, The Big River Band will be at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield with the show starting at 6:30 p.m.

Here's where I will stress, if the weather gets bad and/or iffy, either listen to 97.5 or 102.1 on the radio, or check on Facebook and look on either Big River Band or Polly Bugg or Jamie Niffen or myself, Wyvetta Davis, or give someone a call, including me at the number above to make sure the shows will be happening.

Jimmy Davis will be bringing the message at the Detroit Christian Church on Sunday, Jan. 4, starting at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend as usual.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the week Dec. 31-Jan. 6:

Dec. 31 - Kevin Manard  
Jan. 1 - Kendyl Armistead

Jan. 2 - Nancy Kunzeman  
Jan. 3 - Sherman and Terri Meyer

Jan. 4 - Brenda McCann

Jan. 5 - Walter Stolte

The Jamie Niffen family Christmas was held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Bowling Green Visitor's Center in Bowling Greer with 29 in attendance. It was a beautiful day to have had this.

This is a very nice facility and has a pond behind it. And when we were there, I'm sure there were well over 100 geese at this partly frozen pond. I never saw that many geese in one place before. Those attending were Brittany and Kyle Larson, Kendell, McCoy, Nash, and Lynnex of Troy; Brooke Niffen and Evan of Moscow Mills; James and Amanda Niffen and Shayla of Annapolis; Nathan Davis and Lori Capps, both of Pittsfield, Ill.; Mary and Sean Massie, Bailey Weber Jacob Niffen and Katy Patton with Isabella, Braven, Boston, Oliver, Oakland, and Gwendolyn, and Tracy Niffen with Mike and Allie, all of Bowling Green; and Wyvetta Davis and Jamie Niffen of New Salem.

Our Christmas family get-together was held at the home of Wyvetta Davis and Jamie Niffen on Christmas Eve day. Those who attended were Nathan Davis, Jacqueline Mefford, Wess Davis, Reese Davis and Tyler Grover. Everyone enjoyed a noon meal of homemade taco soup followed by gifts and games.



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# Obituaries



## Dullie Joanna Johnson

Our beloved Dullie Joanna Johnson, 88, left here to meet Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family in Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Allen Johnson, married 68 years; along with two daughters, Jo Annette Skidmore and husband, Bob of Goddard, Kan., and Janet Kay Hutson and husband, JD of Louisiana.

She was Grandma JJ to her precious granddaughters, Natalie Skidmore, Meredith Bond and husband, Jake, and Caroline Skidmore and Tyler Gudenkauf; a great-granddaughter, Sloane Annette Bond; and Aunt Jo to many nieces and nephews.

Joanna was the youngest of five children born Sept. 13, 1937 in Elsberry to Samuel and Velma Phoebus.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Samuel, Gordon, Clifford, and Gerald; and one son-in-law, JD Hutson.

Joanna graduated from Vandalia High School in 1955. She married Edward Johnson on June 29, 1957 in Pensacola, Fla., where he was stationed in the United States Navy. They returned to Vandalia for four years, then she and Ed made Louisiana their home in 1963.

Joanna was very active throughout her lifetime volunteering at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana and attended the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green. She led Girl Scout troops, was on the organizing board for starting the Head Start children's program and held many positions in SCOPE club, community outreach projects, and she volunteered at the Louisiana Historical Museum. She and Ed, along with others, started the first Louisiana Colorfest in 1985. Together they were Colorfest Grand Marshals for one year.

She worked as a bookkeeper at LaCrosse Lumber Co., for 28 years. Joanna, along with Ed, had antique shops and flea market booths for many years.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10 at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Her memorial stone is placed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Elsberry.

Memorials may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice in Bowling Green.

Collier Funeral Home was in charge of cremation rites and online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



## Joyce Ann Edelen Scherder

Joyce Ann Edelen Scherder died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

Joyce was born Dec. 2, 1940, in St. Louis to Henry Cecil Edelen and Jessie Mae Nichols. She graduated from Silex High School in 1959. On Nov. 28, 1959, she was united in marriage to Harry Joseph Scherder at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood. Upon marriage, Joyce resided on the Cal Sitton Farm that Jim and Harry Scherder had purchased in 1958. They resided there before moving to the Scherder Family Farm on Crow Lane in 1962. They remained there until

moving to Bowling Green in 2009.

Joyce was a devoted farm wife who put faith, family, and friends above anything else. She was a fabulous cook and freely shared meals and baked goods with many friends and neighbors. Joyce had a love of music and shared her talent by singing in the church choir and as a soloist at many weddings. She taught herself to decorate cakes and made many wedding, birthday and baby cakes. Along with her lifelong best friends, Judy Tepen and Janet Orf, they created 3 J Wallpaper Company and enjoyed working together for many years.

She was an Edelen, and as Harry used to say, "You give an Edelen a suitcase and a pair of sunglasses and they will travel anywhere". She was fortunate to travel the world with her sister, Sue. Above all, Joyce was a devout Catholic, a member of St. Clement Catholic Church and active in the Ladies Sodality. She freely offered her time as a volunteer and enjoyed coordinating fundraisers and meals for local events.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Scherder and wife, Angela, Ellen Stanko and husband, Mark, Kevin Scherder and wife, Lisa, and Barbara Scherder-Goetz and husband, Bruce Hahn; grandchildren, Jenna Sharamitaro and husband, Joe, Leah Kemlage and husband, Andrew, Ryan Stanko and wife, Emma, Kyle Scherder and wife, Olivia, Katherine Nutt and husband, Jonathon, Kelsey Cerven and husband, Evan, Casey Goetz and wife, Jenna, Emily Goetz and husband, Abraham, and Sawyer Goetz and wife, Kaylee; and bonus granddaughter, Anna Hahn Kerrigan and husband, Patrick.

Her great-grandchildren who brought her unimaginable joy include, Michael, McKenzie and Mabrey Sharamitaro, Bodie, Decker and Banks Kemlage, Sally, Hattie and Gregory Scherder, Edelen and Louis Nutt, Clark and Vivian Cerven, Leighton and Sienna Goetz, Ernest Goetz, and Jack Kerrigan.

She is also survived by two sisters, Madonna "Sue" Uhlin and Jeanne Bishop; two sisters-in-law, Laura Mae Scherder and Luda Edelen; and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends who were like family to her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry in 2017, her parents, Henry and Jessie Edelen; son-in-law, Dr Steven Goetz; her in-laws, Fred and Ella Scherder; siblings, Henry "Bud" Edelen, Mary Alice "Toni" DiPietro, James Edelen and wife, Esther, Virginia "Tini" Morse, William "Bing" Edelen, Robert Edelen, and Dennis Mattingly; along with Harry's brothers, Ray Scherder and wife "Babe", Cyril Scherder, Al Scherder and wife Peggy, and James Scherder and wife, JoAnn.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated and there will be no visitation. A memorial mass was held Monday at 3 p.m., at St Clement Catholic Church. Following interment of cremains in St. Clement Catholic Cemetery,

a dinner was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall where the family shared stories and memories.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Anne's Anchor, St. Clement Catholic School or Pike Home Health and Hospice.

"Well done my good and faithful servant. You have fought the good fight, you have kept the faith, you have finished the race". 2 Timothy 4:7.

## Helen R. Todd

Helen R. Todd, 86, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 at the Baptist Homes-Tri-County in Vandalia.

Graveside services and interment will be Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana with The Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating.

Helen was born April 16, 1939 in Middletown to Floyd and Alta Marie Keithley Butler. She was married to William G. Todd on July 20, 1958 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana. He preceded her in death on April 7, 2005.

She is survived by a son, Rodney William Todd; one daughter, Jennifer Bunch and husband, Todd; two grandchildren, Christopher William Todd and Anthony Celano; four great-grandchildren, Jordan Todd, Justin Todd, Jaxon Todd, and Jase Todd; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Todd, her parents, Floyd and Alta Marie Butler, four sisters, Mary Brewster, Martha Delozier, Dorothy Hinkle, and Sue Messmer; and four brothers, John Butler, Clarence Butler, Keith Butler, and Richard Butler.

Helen was a homemaker on their farm in rural Louisiana, working along side her husband, Bill. She would do many things associated with farming life. After 47 years on the farm, she moved into the city of Louisiana. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and enjoyed sewing, word puzzles, reading, going to garage sales with friends, playing cards, drinking coffee with her gal pals every Thursday, and most importantly she kept her family grounded.

Pallbearers will be Anthony Celano, Jordan Todd, Justin Todd, Dennis Bunch, Rodney Todd, and Christopher Todd.

Memorials may be made to the Pike County Home Care and Hospice.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.

## Thomas "Tommy" D. White

Thomas "Tommy" D. White, 79, of Eolia died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-7 p.m., at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy.

Visitation also to be held from 9:30-10 a.m., Saturday.

A funeral service will be Saturday at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home in Troy. Interment to follow in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, Eolia.

Family and friends are invited to sign our online guestbook at: [www.mccoy-blossomfh.com](http://www.mccoy-blossomfh.com)

Full obituary to follow.



## Shirley Mennemeyer

Shirley Mennemeyer, 90, of Troy died Friday, Dec. 19, 2025 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

Funeral service was Tuesday at 1 p.m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery in Elsberry.

She was born Aug. 16, 1935 in New Hope to Taylor Ray and Agnes Pearl Lawson Crenshaw. Shirley attended the local schools, along with her sister, Kaye. Shirley was united in marriage to Ronnie Mennemeyer on Feb. 10, 1961 in Troy. Shirley was the co-owner of Troy Family Restaurant for over 18 years. She did everything, waitress, cook, and take care of the books. It was a labor of love for Shirley and she enjoyed seeing her customers every day. She and Ronnie enjoyed attending Blue Grass Festivals, camping in the RV and boating at Lake of the Ozarks. Shirley loved getting the family together and cooking a delicious meal for them.

She was a charter member of Troy First Assembly of God Church in Troy. Shirley was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Mennemeyer of Troy; two daughters, Renee Martin and husband, Mike of Troy and Terry Alexander of Troy; grandchildren, Heather Stevenson and husband, Joe, Angie Keadle and husband, Chris, Nathan Alexander and wife, Ashley, Nick Martin and wife, Jordan, and Aaron Martin and wife, Ruby; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Shirley was preceded in

death by her parents, a sister, Kaye Bollyut, and a son-in-law, Danny Alexander.

Pallbearers were Nick Martin, Aaron Martin, Joe Stevenson, Chris Keadle, Nathan Alexander, and Caiden Gladney, Honorary pallbearers were Cooper Martin and Jackson Martin.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or New Hope Cemetery, c/o the funeral home.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook.

**HAVE A  
HAPPY &  
SAFE  
NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR  
LOYAL  
READERS**

## MDC

Continued from page 2 to 82 counties in 2025. Growth in the Zone has led to increased regulatory complexity between counties.

According to MDC, eliminating the CWD Management Zone will simplify related regulations to minimize the impacts of CWD on Missouri's deer herd. This change would allow mandatory CWD sampling to be conducted in selected counties to detect the disease as early as possible where it exists. Selected counties would be listed in the annual MDC Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet that is available starting in July.

Placing feed and minerals for deer would continue to be prohibited in counties with confirmed cases of CWD and those within 10 miles of a CWD detection.

Get more information on deer hunting in Missouri at [mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer](http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer)

## NOTICE

Fairview Cemetery annual meeting will be held on the second Sunday in January at the Grassy Creek Baptist Church starting at 2 p.m.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

## Card Of Thanks

The family of Chris Wheeler would like to take this time to thank all who so lovingly supported us with your prayers, visits, flowers, food, cards, and the many donations in his memory.

Also thank you to the Paris Road Gang, and the Holiness Church and all the ladies that helped prepare the meal for the family.

**Christy Wheeler  
Jennifer & Jama McCann  
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# Community News

## Poulin Arrested After Short Pursuit

A Sunday traffic stop in Vandalia, escalated into a short pursuit before ending safely.

At about 4:45 p.m., on Dec. 21, a deputy with the Audrain County Sheriff's Office noticed a motorcycle run a stop sign at Highway 54 and South Main Street.

The rider, 23-year-old Jonathan Mason Poulin of Vandalia, refused to stop and sped away.

After several city blocks, Poulin pulled onto the shoulder near South Walnut Street and West Walsh Boulevard, where deputies arrested him without further incident.

Poulin told authorities he fled to avoid having his motorcycle towed for no proper license.

He was transported to the Audrain County Jail as prosecutors prepare formal charges.

Officials emphasize that fleeing from law enforcement is a felony in Missouri due to the danger it poses to motorists, pedestrians, and officers.

## Southeast Fall Dean's List

Southeast Missouri State University has announced its dean's list for undergraduate academic achievement during the fall 2025 semester. Students named to the dean's list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit. They

## Southeast President's List

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