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Hit The Road

Henderson Ousted In Whiskey Ring Case

By Brent Engel
Contributing Writer
Editor's note: This is the final story in a series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

By June 1876, prosecutions in the Whiskey Ring fraud had ended, but the impact would turn heads. Crooks in the St. Louis-based scheme colluded to boost whiskey prices and then pocket tax revenue owed to the federal government.

Two Louisiana lawyers, John Brooks Henderson and David Patterson Dyer, and Bowling Green attorney James Overton Broadhead were the chief prosecutors.

Though President Ulysses S. Grant fired Henderson and later did not reappoint Dyer, their efforts and those by Broadhead led to 110 convictions and the recovery of what would today be more than \$90 million.

Henderson got particular praise for work that “exposed public corruption on a vast scale,” wrote author Andrew Coan. “It brought dozens of corrupt officeholders and their accomplices to justice. In the process, it raised the salience of good government as a political issue.”

Grant canned Henderson when the prosecutor accused the president’s personal secretary, Orville Babcock, of obstructing justice and seemed to imply that the White House had interfered with the investigation.

Henderson denied vilifying Grant, who was never implicated in the scheme. He had “taken his charge seriously – perhaps too se-

riously for Grant’s liking,” wrote author Shawn Francis Peters.

Babcock was indicted, but acquitted – in large part due to Grant’s unprecedented decision to testify.

Henderson seemed unfazed by the dismissal. “With characteristic courage, he had stood by his speech and had no apology to make,” according to author Claude G. Bowers.

Historians still debate the scandal’s impact.

“The Whiskey Ring was unexampled, both in its thievery and its political influence,” said Francis Russell.

“The surprise of the whiskey scandal wasn’t that the underpayment occurred, but that it suddenly was prosecuted,” wrote Grant biographer Henry William Brands.

Other episodes plagued Grant’s eight-year administration – again without him being connected to them – but he still left office a hero. Grant died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885, at age 63.

Just seven months after being acquitted in the Whiskey Ring, Babcock was indicted in another conspiracy. He managed to again be found not guilty, but was forced to leave the White House. Babcock was appointed a lighthouse inspector in Florida and died during a storm on June 2, 1884, at age 48. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Another top ring conspirator, John McDonald, was pardoned by Grant. His 1880 autobiography contains intimate details of the ring. McDonald later moved to Chicago and died at age

80 in 1912.

In 1876, Grant failed to reappoint Dyer as a federal prosecutor, but President Theodore Roosevelt named him to the position in 1902. Five years later, Roosevelt made him a federal judge. Dyer served until his death on April 29, 1924, at age 86.

Two years after the Whiskey Ring trials ended, Broadhead was chosen first president of the new American Bar Association. He later served in Congress and as a foreign minister. Broadhead passed at 79 on Aug. 7, 1898.

For the rest of his life, Henderson remained a passionate and largely unpartisan statesman. He died at 86 on April 12, 1913.

Whiskey Ring historian Henry Van Boynton wrote about what he called inevitable government scandals led by corrupted politicians with their greedy henchmen.

“And these silent men are today the worst enemies of the Republic,” he argued. “They make it safe to defraud. They render it practically impossible to overthrow corruptionists. They would resent an accusation of participation in any of this robbery, yet are they accessories one and all.”

Boynton did see a ray of sunshine.

“Not till the people rise in might and strike these political usurpers down will reform become possible,” he concluded. “And it will remain impossible as long as the voters of the country tolerate public men who, for the sake of party, rally to the defence of its political thieves.”



Mark Bair rings for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

Bell Ringing Effort Tops \$12,500

The Salvation Army Christmas Red Kettle campaign coordinated in Pike County by NECAC proved very successful.

Volunteers collected \$12,641.49 between Nov. 15 and Dec. 24 at Walmart in Bowling Green and County Market in Louisiana. The total far outpaced last year’s result, which was \$9,721.68.

“Every jingle of the bell is a spark of hope,” said NECAC Pike County Coordinator Penny Dixon. “Thank you for turning chilly days into warm moments of kindness for our communities.”

The Louisiana Lions Club rang a total of 21 hours at County Market. Volunteers from Boland Chevrolet of Bowling Green put in 15 hours at Walmart. The Bowling Green Lions Club jingled for seven hours on Black Friday, and 11 local families got together to raise money on a rainy Nov. 21.

NECAC Public Relations Officer Brent Engel didn’t break his record of 28 hours from 2023, but did put in 22 this season. Eighty percent of the money collected will stay in Pike County to help NECAC clients with emergencies and disasters.

In addition, NECAC,

Walmart and the Salvation Army again sponsored the Angel Tree program. People who shopped at Walmart could select tags from the tree and buy gifts for disadvantaged Pike County children listed. The program helped 130 kids county-wide.

“Because of your generosity to the Angel Tree program, children in our communities experienced the pure joy of opening a gift for Christmas,” Dixon said. “Thank you for being the answer to families’ prayers and for sharing the true spirit of the season.”

Jones Denied Second Motion To Dismiss

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

A St. Charles County judge has denied a second attempt by former Louisiana, Police Chief William Jones to have key parts of his criminal case dismissed, leaving the matter on track for a bench trial this summer.

In an order filed Dec. 29, 2025, the court denied Jones’ second motion to dismiss the Indictment, which asked the court to dismiss counts I and II of the grand jury indictment. The motion argued the evidence supporting those counts was insufficient. In the order, the court stated that an indictment returned by a legally constituted and unbiased grand jury, if valid on its face, is sufficient to call for a trial on the merits, and that it is not the court’s place to evaluate the evidence presented to the grand jury at the dismissal stage. The order concluded that the indictment is legally valid on its face and denied the motion.

Jones’ attorney, C. Christopher Lozano, responded to the denial with a brief statement: “We go to trial.”

The case stems from an incident in October 2022, when Pike County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a call reporting a death at Jones’ residence in Louisiana. First responders found Gabriel Thone, 24, dead in an upstairs bedroom, and another man in respiratory distress in a second bedroom who was revived with Narcan and treated at Pike County Memorial Hospital.

Jones and his then girlfriend, Alexis Thone, were later arrested following the investigation. In earlier coverage, the Pike County Prosecutor’s Office added charges in October 2022 related to alleged tampering and stealing of controlled substances/meth manufacturing material. In January 2023, a grand jury indicted Jones on a second-degree murder charge.

Jones has maintained his innocence, according to statements previously provided by his attorney.

According to court records, the case is scheduled for a three-day bench trial beginning Monday, June 22, 2026, at 9 a.m., with additional settings on June

23 and June 24, in Division 2 of the St. Charles Circuit Court before Judge Deborah Jean Alessi.

Jones faces a list of charges including:

- Murder second degree – felony murder – drug perpetration/attempted perpetration/flight from perpetration of felony; a person dies (filed Oct. 18, 2022)
- Trafficking Drugs – 2nd Degree (filed Oct. 18, 2022)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence in Felony Prosecution (filed Oct. 18, 2022)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (filed Oct. 18, 2022)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (filed Oct. 19, 2022)
- Stealing – Controlled Substance/Meth Manufacturing Material (filed Oct. 25, 2022)
- Trafficking Drugs – 2nd Degree (filed Oct. 25, 2022)

The Tribune will continue to follow the case as it moves toward trial in June.

All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Spirit Of Christmas

The Louisiana Rotary coordinated the 2025 Spirit of Christmas program under Alice Middleton Holtzhouser’s leadership. Our community showed outstanding support for families in need. Thanks to generous individuals, churches, service groups, high school organizations, and local businesses, twelve families with children were able to enjoy a more joyful holiday. In addition, generous cash donations enabled every family to receive a County Market gift card. All families served have children attending Louisiana Elementary School, BONCL, or benefit from Louisiana’s Food Pantry. These contributions highlight the willingness of many community members to offer help and care. Twelve individuals or groups committed their time, resources, and effort to buy, wrap, and deliver gifts to each family. The Spirit of Christmas Program and Louisiana Rotary are deeply grateful for everyone’s role in making this year’s program a success. Louisiana High School Interact Club is preparing to deliver packages to the Spirit of Christmas family they sponsored. Pictured, from left: Kenderick Chatman, Brooklynn Harvey, Macey Jordan, Nakyia Griffith, Abigail Miller, and Leah Baker.



Pictured are members of the workshop committee, front row, (l-r): Laurie Wilson, Forests and Woodland Association (FWAM); Rick Merritt, Missouri Tree Farm Committee; David Vance, MDC Forester (PLC); Brian Schweiss, MU Extension (Forestry). Second row, Ethen Scherder, Scherder Resource Management; Eric Merritt; Malinor Hunt Club and Prescribed Burn Association; Joey Rasco, MDC Lincoln Co PLC; Arika Deters, District technician Pike County SWCD. Not pictured, Megan Greiwe, MDC Private Lands (PLC).

Early Deadline For Jan. 20
Friday, Jan. 16 - 11 a.m.

Community News

Colorful Bromeliads Brighten Winter Days

During the cold and dreary days of winter, most plant lovers turn their attention indoors. Bromeliads are durable, colorful plants that adapt quite well to indoor conditions, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Bromeliads are characterized by foliage that usually grows as a rosette and often is vividly colored or patterned. Their colorful, exquisite flowers are unlike any other in the plant kingdom, Trinklein said.

Named after Swedish botanist Olaus Bromel, the Bromeliaceae, or pineapple, family of plants is mainly native to the tropical Americas. While some are terrestrial, most bromeliads are epiphytic, taking root on tree branches in the understory of tropical rain forests. There are more than 3,500 species of bromeliads, most of which do not have common names. Instead, they are known by their genus designation such as Aechmea, Bilbergia, Guzmania, Neoregalia, Tillandsia and Vriesea.

Bromeliads are not demanding as houseplants, and their attractive leaves give them continual interest. "Leaves range from broad, flat and leathery to fine, soft and graceful, depending on species," said Trinklein.

Leaves range in color from maroon, through shades of green, to gold. Some may have variegated leaves suffused with red, yellow and/or white. Other bromeliads have leaves spotted with purple, red or

Area Students Make Dean's List

Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the fall 2025 semester (August-December 2025).

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 undergraduate credit hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Students from the area who received this honor include:

- Bowling Green**
Jace Eskew, Day Campus
Columbia
Delaney Feldmann, Day Campus - Columbia
- Laddonia**
Jordyn Oligschlaeger, Online
- Louisiana**
Elaina Butler, Online
Emily Nunan, Day Campus - Columbia
- Martinsburg**
Jenna Eikel, Day Campus - Columbia
- Middletown**
Megan Graver, Day Campus - Columbia
- Vandalia**
Mara Jensen, Day Campus - Columbia
Kristen Shaw, Day Campus - Columbia

Shields Is New Member Of American Angus Assoc.

Bailey Shields of Silix is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 21,000 active adult and junior members. Visit NJAA.info for more information about the National Junior Angus Association.

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cream; the bottom leaves of some are different in color from those at top.

The inflorescence of most bromeliads takes the form of an elaborate and vividly colored spike enclosed in a colorful sheath and bract structure. This structure remains attractive long after the true flowers have faded, giving the plant extended color. Bracts may survive and be attractive for several months or even up to a year, depending on species and environmental conditions.

In nature, epiphytic bromeliads grow without soil, clinging to trees for support. Even the terrestrial types grow in rocky soils that hold very little water. Therefore, Trinklein recommends a well-drained growing medium for bromeliads as indoor plants. Shredded bark, leaf mold or peat moss combined with bark, perlite, coarse sand or clay pot shards can provide needed aeration and drainage.

For best indoor performance, place bromeliads in bright, diffused light. Species with hard, thick leaves can put up with brighter light than species with soft, thin leaves. A yellowish or pale green plant may indicate that the light level is too high. Conversely, dark green, soft, drooping leaves may mean that light is too low.

In the home, bromeliads need only light fertilization once a month when the plants are actively growing. Although they need constant moisture around their roots, excessive moisture encour-

ages root rot. Keeping a bromeliad's rosette (cup) full of water is considered by many to be a good cultural practice. However, do not put a fertilizer solution into the cup.

Bromeliads are not overly particular about temperature. Comfortable household temperatures will suit most bromeliads. Although bromeliads prefer high humidity, those with thick, leathery leaves are tolerant of the lower humidity found in most indoor settings.

According to Trinklein, some of the more popular bromeliads include silver vase (Aechmea fasciata), triblushing (Neoregelia caroliniae 'Tricolor'), scarlet star (Guzmania lingulata) and flaming sword (Vriesea splendens). All are epiphytic bromeliads that enjoy warm temperatures and are relatively easy to care for in the average home.

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Faculty and staff in 114 counties and the city of St. Louis work to empower people, strengthen communities and develop leaders. True to our land-grant mission, we serve Missouri and deliver Miz-zou as we improve lives and opportunities.

HNB Bank, Klearney Trust Jointly Announce Merger

John Zimmer, president and CEO of HNB Bancorp, Inc. ("HNB") and HNB National Bank ("HNB Bank"), jointly announced with Keith Doss, Chairman of Kearney Trust Company ("Kearney"), a subsidiary of Trustco Bankshares, Inc. ("Trustco"), that the two financial institutions have executed an Agreement of Merger and Plan of Reorganization (the "Agreement").

The agreement provides for the merger of Trustco with and into HNB and the merger of Kearney Trust Company with and into HNB Bank.

Keith Doss, Chairman of Kearney Trust Company, indicated this merger will allow us to better serve our community. "After thoughtful consideration and with a continued commitment to our customers and community, Kearney Trust Com-

pany today announced an agreement to join HNB National Bank, a well-established financial institution with expanded resources and services. This partnership positions our bank to continue its community-focused mission while bringing additional benefits to the people and businesses we serve," Doss said.

For generations, Kearney Trust Company has been proud to support local families, farmers, and small businesses with personal service and local decision-making. By partnering with HNB, our customers will gain access to a broader range of financial products and services, including enhanced digital banking tools, expanded lending capabilities, and additional financial planning resources—while maintaining the hometown service they expect.

"Partnering with HNB al-

10 Tips For Winter Care Of Woody Ornamentals

The arrival of a new year brings the coldest weather of the season.

Extremely low temperatures, frozen soil, rapid temperature changes, drying winds or lack of soil moisture all may work to make plant survival a challenge, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

"Even with our best efforts, some damage is possible," Trinklein said. "However, gardeners can reduce the chances of damage developing by following 10 simple tips."

When adding plants to the landscape, Trinklein advises using only plants that are well adapted to the area. The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map helps in choosing perennial plants based upon the average low temperature expected in your area.

Plant trees and shrubs in well-drained soil unless the plants in question have adaptability for poor drainage. One of the most damaging conditions in winter that weakens plants is poor drainage.

If fall has been dry, water trees and shrubs well before the soil freezes to ensure adequate soil moisture to carry the plants through winter. Even dormant plants without leaves continue to lose water during the winter through their bark and twigs.

Mulch around the base of trees and shrubs. This will increase moisture retention and decrease the depth of the frost line. Mulches also prevent alternate freezing and thawing of soil as air temperatures fluctuate, which can result in frost

heaving of shallow-rooted species.

Unless they can be moved inside or otherwise protected during the winter, do not plant small trees or shrubs in containers. The roots of woody plants are more susceptible to cold temperature injury than their shoots. Since the winter soil temperature inside an aboveground container can be very close to air temperature, a plant's root system often is lost to freeze damage.

Wrap the trunks of newly planted or thin-barked trees with tree wrap or other materials such as spiral plastic protectors. This reduces the chance of winter sunscald or frost cracking of the trunk by discouraging abrupt temperature changes.

For newly planted or marginally hardy evergreens, construct windbreaks on the south and west sides of exposed plants to prevent sunscald and desiccation. Screens should be two feet away from the plants and tall enough to shade them from the winter sun.

Anti-desiccants also provide some protection for broad-leaved evergreens or for newly planted trees and shrubs. In some areas they can substitute for windbreaks. Temperatures must be above 40 F at the time of application, which must be repeated every six to eight weeks.

Tie together branches of multi-stemmed evergreens with a strong cord to prevent ice or snow from disfiguring or breaking the plants. Plants covered with snow normally are better off if

you leave them alone rather than attempt to remove the snow via shaking or raking.

In early spring, as soon as any winter-damaged branches or twigs can be detected, prune them out. Application of a complete fertilizer in March or early April helps to stimulate new growth and repair wounds of damaged plants.

"Trees and shrubs are an important part of the landscape and often represent a significant investment," said Trinklein. "Both the investment and appearance of the landscape can be protected by following a few simple rules before the wrath of winter is upon us."

For more information: "Selecting Landscape Plants: Shade Trees," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6800>.

"Selecting Landscape Plants: Deciduous Shrubs," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6830>.

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lows us to preserve our local relationships and values while providing greater convenience, technology, and most importantly, long-term stability for those who trust us with their financial needs," said Scott Middleton, President of Kearney Trust Company.

Customers and staff can expect continuity in their day-to-day banking experience. There are no immediate changes planned to branch locations and our local staff. Familiar faces will remain in place and will continue to handle our customer's financial needs.

Equally important, this partnership reinforces a shared commitment to community involvement. HNB shares our belief in supporting local schools, nonprofits, and civic organizations, and we look forward to continuing our community investment together.

"We are very excited to become part of the HNB family," Said Scott Middleton, President and CEO of Kearney Trust Company. "This will provide enhanced services and capabilities to our customers and greater opportunities for our staff".

Commenting on the transaction, HNB President John Zimmer stated: "We view this as a tremendous opportunity for both institutions. We both have a long history in community banking and we share a commitment to our customers, employees and communities. We are excited for the expanded opportunities in the communities served by Kearney."

Kearney is a Missouri State-Chartered Depository Trust Company headquartered in Kearney, Missouri, with total assets of approximately \$313 million, as of September 30, 2025.

HNB Bank is a National Banking Association headquartered in Hannibal, Missouri, with total assets of approximately \$957 million as of September 30, 2025. HNB National Bank operates 15 branches throughout Northern Missouri including locations in St. Joseph, Savannah, Stanberry, Hannibal, Perry, Palmyra, Bowling Green, Louisiana, Monroe City, Wentzville and Troy.

The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals and is expected to be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2026.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Happy New Year, again. By now, most New Year resolutions have failed and we “forget about it.”

New strategies for us and Bowling Green take a real action plan. Whether personal or city, an Action Plan gives specific direction, specifications, planning, and commitment.

Your action plan may have been losing weight while the city may be letting go of former ways of doing things. Your plan may be to build muscle while the city is to build housing and restore older buildings to strengthen our resiliency as a developing town.

As we look to the updated city comprehensive plan, (master plan), for 2026, will you, as a resident of Bowling Green have input as to its actual application or will its implementation be left up to city hall only? Are you a stakeholder in Bowling Green and a civic leader with civic pride?

As we welcome 2026, the official 250 anniversary of the United States, it's important to look back on what has been accomplished personally and collectively over 2025 and since 1776.

Whether you realize it or not, you have help shape Bowling Green, your family, your purchasing power and loyalty to the businesses of our wonderful community, and by the people you have voted for to lead our city, state, and federal governments. You have influenced our city by the events you have attended and supported which in turn influence your feelings and involvement in our town.

As we enter 2026 with prayers and

involvements for our city, state, and federal governments, we must unify and come together to accomplish great things from local level to the United States as the greatest town, state, and country in the world!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in many powerful speeches, referred to action plans and overall plans in which we needed to take “baby steps” and from simple to greater steps to achieve success.

He referred to a “realistic approach” to solving conflicts and having goals clearly understood by all. He said there would be “Milestones”-steps- along they that must happen. He stated that they would start narrow and then to major steps with “sure vision” along the way.

He said, In this way people would see progress and people along the way would handle the problems that will arise. It takes the right person at the right time. (I paraphrase). That could be you. The same applies to our personal lives and our growth and progress as a community.

Baby steps lead to major steps of improvement, progress, development, and expansion. So, what are simple, narrow steps? Accountability, target dates to get things started, priorities, right skill sets and personnel, vision and goals met with satisfaction and quality.

Bowling Green deserves our best efforts as civic leaders, stakeholders, alderpersons, city administrators, residents, farmers and ranchers, business owners and managers!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
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State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins



Speaker Pro Tem Chad Perkins



Speaker Pro Tem Chad Perkins & Staff

WELCOME BACK TO THE HOUSE 2026

The Missouri House convened this week to open the 2026 legislative session, with members sworn in, leadership outlining expectations, and committees beginning to organize. Lawmakers enter an election-year session with budget challenges at the forefront, alongside discussions on public safety, health care, infrastructure, and education.

Rep. Perkins welcomed colleagues back to Jefferson City and emphasized his commitment to a conservative, disciplined, and productive session-focused on fiscal responsibility, efficient government, and delivering results for Missouri families.

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Another week of good temperatures in Pike County Ill. The weather forecast for this area, as of this writing on January 11th, is actually going to feel like winter.

Big River Band Schedule:

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. Concession stand and big dance floor available.

Friday, Feb. 13 - The Big River Band will be playing in Bowling Green at Merna's Kitchen, 214 West Church Street, starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be several good menu choices to choose from for their Valentine's celebration. To be able to order food accordingly, reservations are a must and should be made by calling 1-573-470-1113 by Friday, Feb. 6. This is the first time that Big River Band has been asked to be there.

Saturday, Feb. 14 - The Big River Band will be at the Courtyard Cafe with the show starting at 6 p.m. I know Paul and Patty will have something very special on the menu for Valentine's Day. Everyone is welcome to come on out and enjoy a good evening.

A nice sized group attended the Big River Band concert at the Courtyard Cafe on Saturday, Jan.10, and thanks to all who came.

Buggs Family Opry scheduled shows:

Friday, Jan. 23- The Buggs' Family Opry, with special guest Simon Webb, will be in Pearl with the show starting at 7 p.m.

Do not forget, if the weather gets bad and/or iffy, either listen to 97.5 or 102 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.

Single Seniors + One is planning their January "Meet, Greet, & Eat". If you want to start your year off right, please call the number above to find out details, and then join and attend these monthly get-togethers. You will be welcomed!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the week Jan. 14 - 20:

Jan.15 - Cathy Bollegar, Cody Clendenny, Dan Dunham, Debbie Galbreath, Mary Lou Buchanan, Reese Ostrander, Krystal and Rick Musgrove

Jan. 16 - Scott Shelton
Jan. 19 - Brenda Baxter
Jan. 20 - Cindy White, Lucas Hutton, Cary and Dan Dunham

Shirley and Mike Straus recently returned from a trip out west to visit family. Monday, Dec. 29, they flew to San Antonio to visit Shirley's daughter Holly Smith, her husband Justin, and grandchildren Sadie, Abe, Hope, and Boaz. While there, they all visited the San Antonio Botanical Gardens where the most awesome lights display of huge flowers and other things were beyond one's imagination. Thursday, Jan. 1, they flew to El Segundo, Calif., which is near Los Angeles to visit Mike's daughter Misha Kurniady, her husband Thomas, and granddaughters Sinta and Devina. They went to the beach and toured an aquarium there, visited Palos Verdes and the Point Vincente Interpretive Center where there was a whale museum near the ocean where you could also watch for whales. They also visited the Getty Center Museum where we saw amazing collections of paintings, sculpture, manuscripts, furniture, and china from hundreds of years ago. They also took in the huge Del Amo Mall Fashion Center. Monday, Jan. 5, they flew back to St. Louis and was ever grateful for Pike County life after experiencing so many people and so much traffic. Shirley said, "it was a wonderful experience with so many sights to take in and lots of good food enjoyed at so many different restaurants. Our families helped us make an abundance of great memories".

The visitation and funeral for Sharon Straus that was held at the Emerson Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 5, was very well attended. The service was good and well thought out. The procession to the cemetery had at least 50 vehicles. Afterwards there was a prepared delicious meal to feed everyone that went to the Philadelphia Community Center. Jamie, Nathan, and I were among all those who attended.

Trivia Answers from Last Week:
1. Who wrote most of the book of Psalms in the Bible? (David)
2. What does the initials on the BMW stand for? (Bavarian Motor Works)
3. Who led the first expedition down the Colorado River into the Grand Canyon? (John Wesley Powell)
4. Who wrote the book of Proverbs in the Bible? (King Solomon, son of David)

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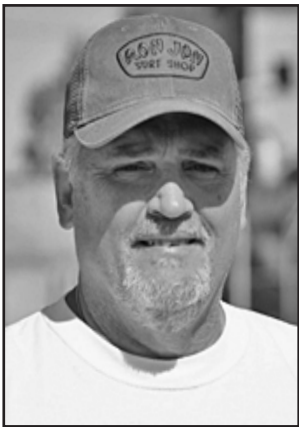
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Obituaries



Darrill Kirtley Lynn

Darrill Kirtley Lynn, a devoted son and husband, loving father, and proud grandfather died peacefully on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

A visitation to honor Darrill's life was held Saturday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., followed by a memorial service at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

He was born Jan. 11, 1964, in Mexico, the son of Darril F. and Sandra Judy Blevins Lynn. Darrill was united in marriage to Janet Yager on May 28, 2023, in Farber.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Lynn; his mother, Sandra Allen; daughters, Tiffany Gaw and husband, Andrew, and Misty Lynn and Justin Graver; a step-daughter, Jessica Wright and husband, Dustin; and his precious grandchildren, Jace, Haden, Bryleigh, Meah, Ensley, Tristen, Amelia, and Jadyen who brought light to his days. Darrill also leaves behind his brothers, Tony Allen, Kirk McBride and wife, Ginger, and Eddie McBride and wife, Joy, along with his sister, Cindy Lynn-Drainer and Matt Hawkins. He is remembered fondly by brothers-in-law, Marvin Yager and Carl Yager, sister-in-law, Carla Hobbs, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Darrill was preceded in death by his father, Darril F. Lynn; stepfather, Marvin Allen; and brother, Jerry Lynn.

Darrill's legacy is one of love and support. He served his country honorably in the United States Army for over a decade, demonstrating the type of dedication that would characterize his entire life. Later, he worked as a correction officer, continuing to lend his strength and service to his community. Known for his loving and caring demeanor, Darrill was always there to help anyone in need, a quality that endeared him to many.

He was a man of simple pleasures, finding joy in the serenity of fishing and the warmth of family gatherings. His greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren instilling in them valuable life skills and memories that will last a lifetime. Darrill cherished traveling and attending car shows, proudly showcasing his beloved 72 Pontiac Lemans Convertible.

In this time of grief, we celebrate Darrill Kirtley Lynn—a man whose heart was as wide as the open waters he loved to fish. His spirit remains in every family hug, in every car show attended, and in the tales still told around dinner tables. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Honorary pallbearers will be Darrill's brothers and grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van-Far School District (to assist with children's lunch accounts), c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Darrill's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com



William 'Benny' Benjamin Marshall

William "Bennie" Benjamin Marshall, 62, of Vandalia died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at his home.

A memorial service was at 1 p.m., Thursday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Pastor Nathan Gessey officiated.

Visitation celebrating Bennie's life was from 12 p.m., until the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Bennie was born Feb. 26, 1963, the son of Guy Edward and Donna Degraffenreid Marshall. He was united in marriage to Rochella Marshall on July 20, 2024, in Vandalia.

Bennie is survived by his wife; mother-in-law, Carolyn Bailey, stepchildren in Virginia; stepson, Justin Bland and wife, Lacey; brothers, Guy "Bo" Marshall and wife, Gina, David Marshall and wife, Debbie, and Tim Marshall and wife, Sara; one sister, Cathy Lamberson and husband, Paul; a brother-in-law, Lonnie Bailey; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon who died in 1997 and his parents.

Bennie's passion for photography began at an early age and flourished throughout his life. He attended Marshall University, where he received his bachelor's degree in photography, establishing a foundation that would guide his successful career.

He previously worked at The Vandalia Leader as its photographer.

Bennie was known not only for his artistic talents, but also for his warm spirit and dedication to family and friends. He was a proud member of the Beacon of Hope Church, reflecting his commitment to serving those around him. His love for photography brought joy to many, and his remarkable work was recognized with two prestigious Golden Awards.

Throughout his life, Bennie enjoyed spending quality time with his beloved family, relishing moments spent watching old seasonal movies and engaging in discussions reflective of his interest in his leisure pursuits. A proud Eagle Scout, he carried the values of leadership and community service with him always.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon of Hope Church, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Benny's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Rebecca 'Becky' Ann Boyer

Rebecca "Becky" Ann Boyer, 59, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2025, at her residence.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Services were held Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at New Hartford Baptist Church in New Hartford.

Becky was born Jan. 6, 1966, in Hannibal, the daughter of Fred Frederick and Jessie Bailey Rolff. She married Cevero "Butch"

Boyer on June 2, 2006. He preceded her in death Feb. 8, 2018.

She grew up in Frankford as a child and attended Frankford schools, until transferring to Bowling Green Schools, where she graduated from BGHS with the class of 1984. Following school, Becky began her working career as a clerk. She worked at Crossroads General Store, C&R Market, and County Market in Bowling Green.

Becky enjoyed trapshooting in her younger years, playing cards with family and friends, watching NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. She loved her family, helping to raise her grandchildren, Alley and Hunter, and being with her beloved dog, Zues. Becky had an infectious smile that greeted all of those that she encountered and knew just about everyone in town.

She leaves behind to carry on her legacy, a mother, Jessie Charlton of Frankford; two children, Steven McMillen of Bowling Green, and Heather McMillen of Collinsville, Ill.; grandchildren, Alley Hays, Hunter, Bailey, Tyler, and Raelynn McMillen; sisters Regina Perez and Robin Graver and husband, Robert; nieces, nephews; cousins and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; father; stepfather, Elec Charlton; and brothers, Terry and Stephen Rolff.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green.



Thomas 'Tom' Eugene Havlik

Thomas "Tom" Eugene Havlik, 69, of Silex died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026 at SSM Health St. Joseph's Hospital.

Tom was born April 6, 1956 to Henry and Betty Fleming Havlik. Tom was raised on a farm outside of Silex. He attended school at Silex, graduating in 1974. He began to drive a truck for the local elevator at 16 and after high school Tom began over the road truck driving where he got to see all over the United States. He hauled a variety of items including Harley Davidson motorcycles. Tom loved bib overalls, his dogs, and his grandkids.

Tom is survived by two sons, John Havlik of Castle Rock, Colo., and Joe Havlik of Elsberry; grandchildren, Kaylee Havlik, Jackson Havlik, Noah Havlik, Teagan Havlik, and Braxton Havlik. He is also survived by his siblings, Beverly Menne and husband, Dale, Liz Harrelson and husband, Brett, Nancy Pieper and husband, Bill, and Mike Havlik.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Alexandra Harrelson.

A visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., service time, at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy, MO, 63379.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign online guest register @mccoyblossomfh.com.



Charles Moore

A Life of faith and service. Charles Raymond Moore went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ Monday, Jan. 5, 2026. He went peacefully in his sleep.

He loved the Lord and was a good disciple, sharing God with every opportunity. His life and struggle were a testimony to his faith. He was one life that impacted more lives than we will ever know because he offered himself as a vessel to the Lord. There was no doubt in his mind, my mind, my siblings' minds, his grandchildren's minds, or great grandchildren's minds, and shouldn't be in your mind where he is spending eternity. He would rejoice if his life and death opened your heart to Jesus.

Pastor Charles Moore, a devoted servant of God, loving husband, father, and dedicated pastor, passed away leaving behind a legacy of faith, humility, and service that spans more than five decades. Charles Raymond Moore was named after his maternal uncle Charles Luther Shambach. He was born to William Moore and Elizabeth May Shambach Moore at the family home near Edgewood. Charles was the middle child of eight children. His parents and siblings preceded him in death. Charles's siblings were Fred (Evalie Gollaher), Bessie (John Gollaher), Minnie (William Carlton), Mary (William Hopkins – deceased, John Bultas), Donna (George Darland), Daniel (Eleanore Doughty), and Stevie (LuAnn Love).

Charles shared his childhood escapades freely and vividly with his children, grandchildren, and anyone who would lend an ear. Charles graduated from Clopton High School. He furthered his education by learning about grounds keeping specifically relating to a golf course and studied classes to expand his knowledge of the Bible.

He shared more than 65 years of marriage with his devoted wife, Marie Williams, with whom he built a life grounded in faith and love. Together, they raised four children—three sons and one daughter—and instilled in them the values of hard work, service, and devotion to God. Their children are Carletta and Terry Sutton, Louisiana, Walter and Jessica, Louisiana, Nathan and Abigail Moore, New London, and Scot and Emily Davis, St. Charles. He has 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews who looked to him as an example since their parents were no longer living.

Charles enjoyed playing games with his family, especially a good game of Spades or Dominoes. When his children were younger, Charles turned an old school bus into a motor home. He took his family on vacations for about twenty years visiting family and friends across the country as well as visiting various theme parks and historical sites. Charles created many memories with his children, taking them with him to help at the golf course, traveling, and teaching them to drive. They feel blessed beyond measure to have had parents who loved them so much.

Charles and Marie lived in several places before settling on her father's farm. In about 1968, they purchased several acres from her

father, Pete Williams, and built their home.

Answering God's call to ministry in 1972, Pastor Moore faithfully served for over 50 years as a Southern Baptist pastor. He preached the Word of God with conviction and compassion, touching countless lives through his sermons, counsel, and example. His ministry reached far beyond the pulpit, as he lived his faith daily through kindness, perseverance, and unwavering trust in the Lord. Charles set a good example for his children by taking them with him when he witnessed to his congregation, members of his church, and residents at the nursing homes in his community.

Prior to his civilian work and pastoral ministry, Pastor Moore proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1955-1959. That time of service helped shape the discipline, work ethic, and leadership that characterized his life.

Throughout his working years, Pastor Moore embraced honest labor as an extension of his ministry. He worked as a grounds keeper at a golf course and later as a diesel mechanic at a landfill, earning the respect of coworkers through his integrity, skill, and tireless dedication. Known as a jack of all trades, there was little he could not fix—except, perhaps, how to slow down.

Charles became inspired by God to write poetry about God's love for us. Charles wanted everyone to know they must repent and give themselves over to Christ or face eternal damnation.

Pastor Moore faced every season of life, including a courageous battle with cancer, with steadfast faith, prayer, and trust in God's will. His strength and perseverance were a powerful testimony to all who knew him. He will be remembered not only for the years he spent preaching from the pulpit, but for the life he lived each day—a humble servant of God whose greatest sermon was his example.

A graveside service was at 11 a.m., Friday at the Bethany Cemetery near Louisiana.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Moore, David Moore, Asher Akins, Jonah

Moore, Chris Lane, and Byron Guertzen. Pallbearers were Bryce Moore, Dillon Sutton, Andrew Moore, Will Moore, Thomas Moore, Averick Carstens, and Michael Moore.

A Celebration of his life will also be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Noix Creek Baptist Church.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.



Paul Darwyn James

Paul Darwyn James, 82, of Vandalia died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be held 2 p. m., Tuesday (today) at Waters Funeral Home. Bro. Kenny Had-dock will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Vandalia Cemetery

Visitation celebrating Paul's life will be held from 1 p.m., until the time of service Tuesday (today) at the funeral home.

Paul was born Feb. 9, 1943, in Vandalia, the son of Paul L. and Dorothy Hoover James.

Paul is survived by a sister, Karen Westenhaber of Columbia; one niece, Michele Forrest and husband, Gerald of St. Louis; a nephew, Matt Westenhaber and wife, Heather of Columbia; a great-niece, Lena; and one great-nephew, Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Paul graduated from Van-Far High School in 1961 and went on to further his education at Southwest Missouri State earning his bachelor's degree in education. Paul started out his working career as a teacher in the Dixon School District. He

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later changed his career and worked as a Barge Captain at Quincy Soybean where he worked for several years before retirement.

Darwyn was known for his engaging spirit and diverse interests, which included playing chess, snow skiing, avid swimming, and trading within the stock market. He especially cherished his morning trips to Dairy Queen, where he enjoyed both the treats and the interactions with friends and neighbors. Mr. James was a Baptist by faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vandalia Branch Library, c/o Waters Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family on Paul's memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Timothy L. Stricker

Timothy L. Stricker, 56, of Louisiana died Monday, Jan. 5, 2026 at the Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m., Monday at the McElwee Cemetery by St. Louis University Lay Center near Louisiana. The Rev. Bob Hutsell officiated.

Tim was born March 30, 1969 in Hannibal to Bill and Dora Stricker. He married Michelle Gollaher on Aug. 14, 2022 in Louisiana. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Timmy Stricker and Justin Stricker; a daughter, Kaitlyn Stricker; three step-daughters, Kala Sperry, Ashley Paschang, and Samantha Lewis; and 19 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Lucas Stricker, and a step-son, Caleb McCulley.

He was a graduate of Hannibal High School and he also attended Pike-Lincoln Tech School in Eolia. He worked as a carpenter most of his life and was a member of the carpenters union in St. Louis. He loved his children, enjoyed hunting, and like being outdoors and around animals.

Memorial donations may be made to the family, c/o the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Tommy Lee Riley

Tommy Lee Riley, born March 26, 1949, in Cyrene he died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025 in Cooper, Texas.

He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Ola Jean Scott-Riley; a brother, George Riley; one sister, Betty Riley; children, Scott Riley, Albert Riley, and Rebecca Riley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Albert Riley and Mary Mildred Moran-Riley, a brother, Bill Riley, and one sister, Alma Jean Riley-Shaw.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.



Casey (Cecil P.) Price

Casey (Cecil P.) Price, 49, of Bowling Green died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, at Pike County Memorial Hospital, surrounded by those who loved him.

Funeral services will be Tuesday (today) at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veatch Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

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

Born Sept. 8, 1976, in Columbia, Casey was the son of Martin Dale Price and Rebecca Balducci. Casey was a hardworking man who took pride in his work as a concrete fabricator at Jenson (Champion Precast), where he was known for his dedication and strong work ethic.

Above all else, Casey loved his family. On March 26, 2005, he married the love of his life, Keri Dameron, and together they built a life centered on love, laughter, and family. He was a proud and devoted father to his two sons, Casey Winn Price and Cameron Michael Price, and cherished every moment spent with them.

When Casey wasn't working, he could often be found riding side-by-sides or four-wheelers, enjoying the outdoors, or gathered around the grill. Casey's grilling and barbecue were legendary among family and friends, and his cookouts were a place where everyone felt welcome. He had a way of turning friends into family and making people feel at home.

Casey is survived by his wife, Keri; two sons, Casey Winn and Cameron Michael; his father, Martin Price; his mother, Rebecca Balducci; his mother-in-law, Ruth Dameron; two brothers-in-law, Michael Dameron and Jason Dameron; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends who were more like family to him.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Winn Price; his father-in-law, Mike Dameron; and his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Casey will be remembered for his big heart, his love for his family, his generosity, and the countless memories he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.



David Hallows

David Hallows died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, after a life defined by hard work, long roads, and dedication to family and friends.

He spent much of his life driving trucks, primarily hauling race and show horses across the country. Horses were more than just a job to him, they were a passion. He owned, rode, and trained horses for many years, finding pride and purpose in the work and the bond that came with it. Another passion of his was Country music. He worked as a local radio host at KPCR for several years becoming a familiar voice in the community known as "Country Dave."

He was a cowboy in the truest sense not just by his beloved cowboy hat and boots, but how he lived. Outspoken, tough, and built like a cowboy, he lived by a code where right and wrong mattered, even the hard lessons stuck, and he was a true friend to anyone who needed one.

He raised four children and left a lasting influence on each of them through his love and lessons; some taught directly, others learned simply by watching him live his life.

David was a firm believer in Jesus Christ and proven by his acts of love and service to many. His soul is now at peace and joined with his Lord and Savior.

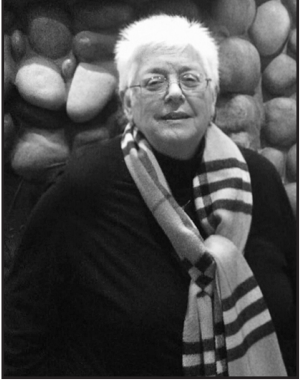
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7

He was preceded in death by his parents, James William and Imogene Fay Hallows.

He is survived by four children, daughters, Amanda Hallows Thomas and husband, Tyron), Crista Hallows, and Jodi McPike; a son, Jamie Hallows; and wife, Brittany; as well as nine grandchildren, Tristan, Macy, Gianna, Nola, Myra, Karsyn, Kynneddy, Brinley, and Chael. He is also survived by a brother, James Ray Hallows, Tina Powell and husband, Gordon, and Diane Ahrens, and several nieces and nephews including Jeffrey and Dedra Hallows whom he'd recently grown close to.

David will be remembered for his good faith, his strong work ethic, independence, a dedicated father, grandfather and friend and the life lessons he passed down, often without saying a word.

Funeral services are to be held at Bibb Veatch Funeral Home in Bowling Green on Thursday with visitation at 11 a.m., funeral service at 1 p.m., followed by burial at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana



Talley Lee Saucier

Talley Lee Saucier, 80, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Services for Talley will be Saturday at 11 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green with Pastor Julie Leverenz officiating. Burial will follow in the Bowling Green Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4-7 p.m., at the church.

Talley was born Jan. 30, 1945, in Hannibal to Claude Talley and Cora Lee Lewis Shaon. She was united in marriage to James "Jim" Saucier on Aug. 19, 1967, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green. The happy couple was blessed with one son, James. Jim preceded Talley in death on March 3, 2025.

Talley grew up in Bowling Green and was a 1963 graduate of Bowling Green High School. After graduation, Talley attended the

Christian College for two years, then transferred to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, where she received her degree in business education with a minor in economics in 1967. Between her college graduation and her wedding, Talley spent three months touring Europe with a travel group, where her love for travel was born.

After marrying, Talley and Jim moved to Kirksville, as Jim was still in college. Talley taught shorthand and typing at Brashers High School for three years. In 1970, the couple moved back to Bowling Green so Jim could take over Shaon Motor Company upon receiving his degree. During this time, Talley taught typing and shorthand at Bowling Green High School for three years. Talley would then go to work with Jim at Shaon Motors, overseeing the Accounting Department.

Before James was born in 1979, the couple enjoyed 12 years of traveling around the world together and Talley continued to love to travel. Her favorite destinations were Park City, Utah; Ketchikan, Alaska; and Lake of the Ozarks. The Saucier family, now a family of three, would spend the last 40 summers at the Lake, where they enjoyed boating and spending time with friends and family. Talley also enjoyed cruises and has been on over 20. The family would also spend over thirty years taking snow skiing vacations. Talley would stay in and read while Jim and James went skiing. Upon retirement, the plan was to spend their summers in Alaska; unfortunately, deteriorating health would interfere with those plans.

Talley was a dynamic woman, a force to be reckoned with. She loved to fly with Jim in their private airplane. She also enjoyed cruising around Pike County in the 1963 Valiant convertible her father gave her upon her high school graduation. Talley was a sports enthusiast and was known for always having a game on TV. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan (Cardinal red was her favorite color), and she made it to several games each season. Talley and Jim were also ticket holders for the Daytona 500 for over 40 years.

Talley was a lady with a big heart and an unforgettable laugh. Her personality was glowing and her wit sparkled. She loved Bowling Green, and Pike County, fiercely, and proudly. Whether it was cheering on the Bobcats while following the game online (and posting updates for everyone else on Facebook), taking tickets at the gate at the Pike County Fair, or updating the world (again via Facebook) on the amount of rain she received at her house in the previous 24 hours, Talley was there for us all!

Talley was very active and generous in the community. She was always a supporter of local businesses (if you didn't know what the daily special was at Merna's, you just weren't paying attention to Talley's

Facebook at all!) and was happy to give her time, creativity, and monetary support to numerous local charities. She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder and a Deacon. She also belonged to the Bowling Green High School Alumni Association, the Foundation Board for the Pike County Home Health and Hospice and was a founding member of the GGW Club. Talley would do anything for anyone, and she never met a stranger. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are a son, James Talley Saucier; brother-in-law, Steve Lage; sister-in-law, Linda Lage; nephews, Chris Lage and wife, Kristy, and Doug Lage; and wife, Carrie; and great-nephews, Gavin Lage,

Corbitt Lage, and Finley Lage.

Talley was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Jim.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Ponton, Kevin Kruser, Jeff Jones, John Johnson, Roy Behlmann, and Kent Betts.

Honorary pallbearers will be Doug Lage, Chris Lage, Kent Dixon, Robert Jones, Robert Meyer, Ed Meyer, Bill Unsell, Brad Sparks, Kevin Gilbert, Bill Cropp, Jim Wells, Danny Lewis, and Bob Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the First Presbyterian Church or Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

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December & Healthcare.gov ends
this year by Jan. 15, 2026

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Healthcare.gov consider Dec. 15, 2025
as your deadline in order to avoid a
gap in coverage

New Year Relief: New Funds Available For Ameren Customers

Ameren is reminding residential customers across Missouri and Illinois that a wide range of resources remain available to support qualifying households with their energy bills in 2026. In addition to programs funded by the company, Ameren partners with United Way of Greater St. Louis, the Energy Assistance Foundation and hundreds of Community Action Agencies to ensure customers can apply for funds, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

“As we start the new year, we’re encouraging customers in need to make one simple resolution: Don’t wait to ask for help,” said Joe Solari, vice president of customer experience for Ameren. “Applying early for energy assistance prevents small challenges from becoming big burdens after the cold weather passes. Our teams are here to support you the moment you need it.”

Ameren also invites customers who are able to give back to their communities to partner with the company by making a one-time or recurring contribution to either the Dollar More program in Missouri or Warm Neighbors Cool Friends in Illinois. For more information on all available resources, visit [Ameren.com/Assistance](https://www.ameren.com/Assistance).

Missouri Assistance Spotlight: Dollar More Program

Ameren partners with United Way of Greater St. Louis and local Community Action Agencies to offer the Dollar More program, which is funded by voluntary donations, to customers across its Missouri service territory. The company recognized a greater need for assistance and, in December, contributed an additional \$2 million for Missouri customers.

Dollar More provides eligible households up to \$600 per calendar year.

Qualifications for the program have increased up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

“Dollar More remains one of the most meaningful examples of neighbors helping neighbors,” said Michelle D. Tucker, president and CEO of United Way of Greater St. Louis. “We see the impact every day, and we’re proud to partner with Ameren to ensure that anyone facing a difficult moment can access the help they need, exactly when they need it.”

Illinois Assistance Spotlight: Warm Neighbors Cool Friends

Ameren partners with the Energy Assistance Foundation on Warm Neighbors Cool Friends, a program that is also funded by voluntary donations, to provide customers with funds across its Illinois service territory. The company recognized a greater need for assistance and, in December, contributed an additional \$2 million for Illinois customers.

Warm Neighbors Cool Friends provides eligible households with up to \$500 in bill payment assistance through the Energy Assistance Foundation. A matching customer payment is

required within the last 45 days.

Eligibility includes customers with incomes between 200 percent and 300 percent of the FPL or at 80 percent of the county’s Area Median Income (AMI).

“Warm Neighbors Cool Friends acts as a critical lifeline for hardworking families who may not qualify for federal assistance but are still struggling to keep their homes safe and comfortable,” said Susan Sams, executive director of the Energy Assistance Foundation. “We’re proud to partner with Ameren so its customers have somewhere to turn when they need support the most.”

Throughout 2025, Ameren partnered with hundreds of Community Action Agencies to make more than \$140 million in energy assistance and LIHEAP support available to customers across both states. This amount is inclusive of a \$250,000 grant made by Ameren in December to Heat Up St. Louis ([heatupstlouis.org](https://www.heatupstlouis.org)). The non-profit serves seniors, people with disabilities and income-eligible families across Missouri and Illinois.

“Our longstanding collaboration with Ameren strengthens our ability to serve the region’s most vulnerable neighbors,” said Ben Turec, board president of Heat Up St. Louis. “If you are experiencing difficulty with your energy bill, please reach out for assistance to [HeatUpStlouis.org](https://www.heatupstlouis.org).”

SNHU Announces Fall 2025 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September-December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Area students named to the list include:

Laura Minor of Louisiana

Madison Dolbear of Louisiana.

Community Calendar...

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

On Jan. 22: There will be a meeting of the board of trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

We Welcome Your Local News

Farber News

BY RUTH WILLIAMS

December Farber Board of Alderman highlights:

The agreement for the property and equipment transfer to the Van-Far Fire Protection District was approved. This was Farber’s final step in consolidating the Farber, Vandalia City and Rural departments, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Resolutions authorizing the filing of applications with Missouri DNR for a loan/grant were approved. We want to request engineering services and assistance for the relocation of our wastewater land application and optimization of our drinking water system. Review of water tower inspection and washout bids was postponed until more information is available.

Approval was given to proceed with a manhole replacement project and installation of a fire hydrant at the fire station, as weather permits.

A salt and sand tailgate spreader has been purchased to help with snow/ice removal. The spreader is designed for smaller applications, not citywide street coverage.

Reminders for the new year – It’s time to renew, business licenses, dog tags, and ATV/golf cart permits.

Too cold to be outside... check out the Farber Branch Library. Here’s some thoughts from Brenda Gower, Librarian. “Our library is located on Front Street across from the Railroad Park. It is a full-service

library and offers a wide assortment of books for children, teens, and adults which can be checked out with a library card. We have computer access for patrons and can print, copy, and fax documents for a minimal fee. You are also able to pick up a copy of The People’s Tribune. A Story Hour is offered for preschool age children on Monday afternoons.

Come in and check out your Farber Library. We are open Monday-Thursday 1:30-5 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9 a.m.-noon unless there is a recognized holiday.”

Farber Flashback Question for January ... It is believed that there is not another village, town, community or city which is named Farber in the U.S., maybe the world – True or False???

December’s answer: Our first school building was on Hickory Street, currently the Presbyterian “Church house”. (Memories of the Farber Area, Centennial Book)

America Goes "Pennyless" - In November of 2025 the U.S. mint announced it had stopped manufacturing new pennies. Pennies will still be legal tender and will continue to be used for City of Farber payment transactions.

“There’s no such thing as good weather, or bad weather. There’s just weather and your attitude towards it.” —Louise Hay

Preview items
Friday, Jan. 23

Girod Family Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m., 420 Hwy 161, Middletown, Mo 63359

Preview items
Friday, Jan. 23

TOYS & TOOLS

FOLKS, if you collect toys, here is an Auction *You Won't Want to Miss*. Here is an Outstanding Collection of old Metal Toys from Montgomery County, Mo., and a Huge Collection of New in Box Toys from Wentzville, Mo.

There will be over 100 pcs. of old toys: Buddy L•Nylint•Struccto•Smith Miller•Marx•Tonka•Hubley... You Name It, We Have It!

There will be over 500 pcs. of New in Box Toys. This is the Best collection of New in Box Toys we have had. Come take a look. We will be open for preview all day Friday, January 23 and earlier by appointment. Folks, if you have toys or coins to sell, give us a call. We have a Hot Market. Buyers from Multiple States.

2) A-C Pedal Tractors, 1) 7050 and 1) 7080 John Deere 4440 Pedal Tractor.

Also selling will be lots of NEW Name Brand tools. There will also be several tables of *New DeWalt and Milwaukee Battery Tools*.

We will start on toys and tools at 9:00 a.m. We will start Coins followed by Guns and Ammo at 12:30 p.m. when we will break into 2 rings to finish up the toys.

For a Complete list of Photos, Check AuctionZip ID #49777 or Call Enos at 573-470-3660 for information.

COINS

What a way to start out 2026. Here is an Outstanding Coin Collection. Come Take a Look!

8 Rolls of Unbroken Vault Rolls of Presidential Dollars, in Nice Case

50 Uncirculated State Quarters in Plastic Holders in Nice Case

1789-1797 George Washington 1 oz. .999 Silver Large lot approx 50 pcs of Presidential & Other Commemorative Coins Layered in 24 kt. Gold. Will Sell Choice w/COA

Large lot approx 30 pcs of Presidential & Other Commemorative Coins, Silver-plated

Gold Plated Bar & Statue of Liberty Key Chains

2007 & 2008 US Presidential Coin Sets

3) J.F.K. 50th Anniversary Coin Set Layered in 24 kt. Gold

5) American Mint American Gold Heritage Coins, 24 kt. Gold

Set of 50 Silver Dimes in Binder Book, Very Nice

The Complete Collection of Kennedy Halves in Binder Book, Very Nice

Full Roll of 2007-2011 Unc. Presidential Dollars

2009 P & D Mint Native American \$1 Set of 8 Coins

5) Colorized Nickels

1901 & 1907 Indian Cents; 1910 Barber Dime

1944-P Silver Nickel; 1884-O Morgan

1948 Silver Franklin Half;

1942 & 1944 Walking Liberty Halves

1980-S Susan B Anthony \$

6) Buffalo Nickels 1934, 1936, 1937

4) Unc. Presidential Dollars in Littleton Plastic

8) Unc. Native American Dollars in Littleton Plastic

1907-V Nickel Littleton 50 State Quarter Set Shape of USA

1936, 1941, 1943 Silver Mercury Dimes

12) Morgan Dollar Copies, (No Silver Content)

2) Sets of 50 Each Unc. State Quarters in Nice Display Boxes

2) Sets of Unc. ASE, Both Sets Start with 1986 thru 2013, 28 Coins Per Set in Nice Books

10) 1964 90% Silver Kennedy Halves

46) 90% Silver Quarters Mostly Standing Liberty

3) Silver Towne 5 oz. .999 Fine Silver Bars

500) Silver Dimes, All Readable Dates, Will Be Sold in Bags of 50

10) Walking Liberty Halves, All F to XF, 1935, 1935S, 1936, 1939, 1940-S, 1944-P-D-S, 1945 & 1946-P

77) Wheat Pennies from 1930's, All in 2x2 Holders, Sell Choice

28) Buffalo Nickels, All from 1930's in 2x2 Holders, All VG to VF, Sell Choice

20) 90% Silver Washington Quarters, All Good

3) NTR Metals, 10 oz. .999 Fine Silver Bars

1987 & 1993 Unc. ASE

2014, 3) 2015, 4) 2016, Unc. ASE

Roll of 25 Canadian Maple Leaf, 1 oz. .9999 Silver

6) Rolls of Unc. 1922, 1923, & 1924 Peace Dollars

Here is a Rare Find.

113 Various Mint Unc. 1 oz. Silver Rounds, Will Sell Choice

1884-CC GSA NGC MS63 Vam 2, No Box or Card

7) Coin US Silver Coinage Collection

US Mint 1992 Silver Prestige Set

3) Partial Books of Silver Halves, 59 Coins Total

4) Rolls of Mixed Date Walking Liberty Halves G to VF

1879 P-S Morgans; 1881-S Morgan

1883-P-S Morgans; 3) 1884-O Morgans

1886-O Morgan; 1888-P Morgan

1889-O Morgan; 3) 1896-O Morgans

5) 1899-O Morgans; 1900-O Morgan

15) 1921 Morgan P-D-S Mint, Some are Unc.

1881-PCGS MS62 \$5 Liberty Gold

1894 NGC MS62 \$5 Liberty Gold

2) 1897 NGC MS62 \$5 Liberty Gold

Bag of Uncirculated Wheat Pennies

Large \$1 Silver Certificate Funny Back-Rough

46) \$1 Silver Certificates

1963 \$5 Red Seal Note

Lot of Various Foreign Coins

Bag of 41 Silver Roosevelt Dimes

9) Mercury & 2) Barber Silver Dimes

2) Seated Silver Dimes

20) Various Date Indian Cents, All VG, Will Sell Choice

1) 1892 & 3) 1893 Columbian Expo Halves

9) V Nickels; 4) Buffalo Nickels; 1) 1868 Shield Nickel

6) Ike Dollars; 1922 & 3) 1923 Peace Dollars

1907 Barber Half; 12) Various Date Silver Halves

1983 South African Krugerrand 1 oz. Fine Gold, Very High Grade-WOW

1959 NGC Proof 67 Franklin Half

1881-S ANACS MS62 Morgan

1902-P ANACS AU58 Vam 29A Morgan

1879-P Morgan BU; 1881-O Morgan BU

1884 & 1885 P Morgans, BU; 1886, 1889, 1890-P Morgans BU

1891-O Morgan BU; 1900-O Morgan BU; 1921-S Morgan, BU

1934-D Peace; 1935-S Peace Key

1904 \$2 1/2 Liberty Gold; 1909 & 1915 \$2 1/2 Indian Gold

1856 \$1 Gold; 1969 J.F.K. Gold Copy

1794 Half Cent, Very Nice

1806 Half Cent-Choice

1828 Half Cent

1835 Large 1¢ Nice

1837 Large 1¢ Nice

1822 Large 1¢ PCGS VF 35

1842 Large 1¢ Nice +

1855 Large 1¢ Nice +

1857 Large Date, Large 1¢ PCGS AU55-Tough Date

Bag of 7 Large 1 ¢

1827 Bust Dime PCGS VG-8

1956 Franklin Half NGC Proof 68

1963 Franklin Half IGC Proof 65

1880-S Morgan PCGS MS65 PL

1881-S Morgan NGC MS65

\$1 Silver Certificate-Hawaii

12) Silver Certificate

\$10 Federal Reserve Note on St. Louis Blue Seal

1884-O Morgan PC163

1885-S Morgan PCGS MS63

1890-O Morgan, PCGS MS65 Tough Date

1878-CC Morgan, First Year

1881-CC GSA Black Box w/Card-WOW

1883-CC Morgan

1890-CC Morgan

1893-CC Morgan-Key Date

A Group of 4 MS66 Peace Dollars-1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 in a Nice Box, a Truly WOW Set

1916 Mercury Dime Centennial Gold Coin 1/10 oz.

1880-S \$5 Liberty Gold PCGS MS62

1911 \$5 Indian Gold NGC Ms61

1913-D St. Gauden \$20 Gold NGC MS64-WOW

2) US Mint Barbara Bush First Spouse Unc. 1/2 oz. Gold in Beautiful Mint Box w/COA, Folks, Check Out These Low Mintage Gold Coins!

GUNS & AMMO

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J. Stevens Model 87A 22 cal.

Westernfield Model 10 20 ga.

Winchester Model 4 22 Short.

J Stevens 25 Rimfire Rare

New England SBI 20 ga.

Remington Model 1100 12 ga.

Mossberg Ducks Unlimited 12 ga.

2) Remington Nylon 66 Brown, Both are Very Nice, 1 is Clip Feed, 1 is Butt Tube Feed

Remington M7400 308 Cal. w/Scope (Nice)

Colt Coltier 4/22 cal.

Stevens Model 512 28 ga. O/U NIB

Winchester Model 94 30/30 Cal. Pre 1964

Traditions 50 cal. Black Powder

Universal M1 30 cal. Carbine-Very Nice

Boito 12 ga. Double Barrel

Winchester Model 250 22 ca. Nice

Ithica M-66 20 ga.

Winchester Model 121 22 cal.

Winchester Model 50 12 ga.

Chippaw 22 Carbine, Here is One Hard to Find

Sweet Gun

Remington Model 12-C 22 cal. Pump-Nice

Remington Model 783 308 cal. w/Nikon Scope-Nice

Hibbard 12 ga. Double Barrel

Remington 870 Super Mag 12 ga. Camo

G. Force Arms, 12 ga. Lever w/Walnut Stock-NIB

Centennial 1960 New Model Army 44 cal. Black Powder Pistol, Black Powder Pistol

Remington Model 710 cal. 243 win cal. w/Bushnell Scope, Like New

J.C. Higgins Model 20 12 ga. Pump 1946

Savage Model 755A Semi-Auto 12 ga. 1949-1958

Heritage Rough Rider 22 Cal. Revolver w/Leather Holster

Phoenix Arms 22 cal. Semi-Auto Pistol

Savage Model 64 22 cal. Like New

Winchester Model 1400 Semi-auto 12 ga.

Remington Model 1100 12 ga. Full Vent Rib, 1962, Nice Gun

1) Military Bayonet

Folks! Here is another Portion of the Smith & Wesson Pistols Like we Sold in November-Same Owner, and Just as Nice. Check in Here!

Winchester Model 94 AE 30/30 win cal. Lever, Like New

S & W Model 19 357 Mag.

S & W Model 48-4 22 MRF CTG

S & W Model 629-6 44 Mag Stainless

S & W Model 10 38 S & W Special CTG cal.

S & W Model 15-2 38 S & W Special CTG cal.

S & W Model 624 44 S & W Special CTG cal. Nickel

S & W Model 986 Pro Series 9 mm cal. Square Barrel Stainless

S & W 17 22 Long Blued WOW

S & W Model 657 41 mag. Nickel

S & W Model 610-2 610 Classic 10 mm. WOW

S & W Model 10-5 38 S&W Special cal.

S & W Model 51 22 MRF cal.

S & W Model 625-6 45 cal. Model of 1989 Stainless

S & W Model 36 38 S & W Special Cal. Nickel

S & W Model 66 357 mag. cal.

S & W Model 67 38 S & W Special

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S & W Airweight Model 637-S 38 S & W Special cal in Hard Case

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S & W 48 22 MRF cal. WOW in Hard Case

S & W 57 41 mag. cal in Hard Case

S & W Model 24 44 S&W Special Cal in Hard Case

S&W Model 610-3 10mm cal. in Hard Case, Another WOW

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S & W 657-6 41 mag cal. Long Barrel in Hard Case

S & W Model 4506-1 45 auto Stainless in Box

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