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## Bowling Green R-I Teachers, Staff To See Pay Raise For Next Year

BY LARRY TWELLMAN  
Superintendent Nick Larson recommended that the district increase staff salaries for next school year at the regular meeting of the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education on Tuesday, April 21. The board voted to set the base salary for teachers at \$40,000 for the 2026-27 school year. That represents a raise of \$800 over the base salary for the current school year. Returning teachers will receive a pay increase based on their advanced training and years of experience. Recent state legislation requires school districts throughout the state to pay a minimum of \$40,000 to all teachers. Classified staff will receive a 2.04 percent increase. The total cost to the district for the pay raises is estimated to be \$270,000.

Roger Colbert, Holly Delgman and Tim Gamm were sworn in to new three-year terms on the board. All

were incumbents and were automatically elected when no other persons filed for those positions. The board then elected Delgman as the president, Gamm as the vice-president and appointed Tamara Scherder to serve as the secretary and Connie Bair as the treasurer. Gamm was also chosen to represent the board at meetings of the Missouri School Boards Association.

Abel Orf and Louis Orf, members of the Middle School Student Council, requested that the board again sponsor recycling of paper, cardboard and plastic throughout district buildings. The district had a recycling program in place years ago but paused the program during the Covid epidemic and had not restarted it since. The program will begin during the next school year.

Brad Wegman of LJ Hart and Company proposed to the board that his company

be authorized to work with the board for any possible refinancing of bond issue payments and to work with the board on a future bond issue. The board approved the arrangement.

Larson again warned the board that the outlook for state funding for next school year is still "bleak". He stated that despite the state legislature's claim of increasing funding for public schools for next year that he expects to receive less money per student in the 2026-27 school year than the district will receive in the current school year. A decrease in state funding means that increases in spending including staff pay raises will need to be funded through local taxes rather than increases in state funding.

The next regular meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m., in the district meeting room.

## Bowling Green R-I Hires Superintendent



Dr. Jeff Jennewein  
BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

The Bowling Green R-I School District has announced the selection of Dr. Jeff Jennewein as its next superintendent, with his tenure set to begin July 1 for the 2026-27 school year.

According to the district, Dr. Jennewein currently serves as superintendent of the Cole County R-1 School District, where he has spent the past four years. Prior to that role, he worked as an administrator in the Jefferson City School District,

gaining experience in a larger system.

Throughout his career, Jennewein has focused on expanding opportunities for students while supporting teachers and maintaining responsible use of district resources. In his current role, he has helped introduce Advanced Placement and dual credit programs, allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school. He has also worked to strengthen student support systems, contributing to improved graduation rates and academic performance.

District officials noted that Jennewein places a strong emphasis on investing in teachers and staff, including efforts to increase salaries, expand professional development opportunities, and create time for collaboration. He also prioritizes communication with families and community members, aiming to keep stakeholders informed and involved.

In addition to academic initiatives, Jennewein has supported growth in extracurricular programs and student involvement. He has also led efforts to improve school facilities and manage district finances with a focus on long-term stability.

The district cited Jennewein's ability to connect with others, practical approach to problem-solving, and commitment to student success as key factors in the hiring decision.

Jennewein said he is honored by the opportunity to serve the Bowling Green R-1 School District and looks forward to becoming involved in the community. He and his family plan to relocate to the area and engage with students, staff, and local residents.

He will succeed current superintendent, Nick Larson, who assumed the role in 2024 following the departure of Dr. Matt Frederickson.

## Young Musician Embraces Classic Country



Jesse Vaughn  
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Jesse Vaughn has played a lot of impressive places, but always enjoys getting back to his roots.

It's somehow fitting, because Vaughn's tunes often lean toward your parents' country music tastes.

Raintree Arts Council is hosting a concert by the Elsberry musician on Saturday, May 2, at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with opening act Brayden Reynolds at 6 and Vaughn at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with food and drinks available for an additional cost.

"It should be a pretty fun time," Vaughn said. "I'm looking forward to it."

The 21-year-old singer-songwriter started playing guitar at age 10. Within a couple of years, he was performing small gigs and by 15 talent carried him to larger venues.

"It's kind of taken off from there," he said.

Country music has broadened its appeal in the last couple of decades, and Vaughn certainly embraces it. But there's something about traditional tunes such as "Mama Tried," "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and "Folsom Prison Blues."

"Older country is definitely my inspiration," he said. "That's what I liked

when I was younger."

The catalogue isn't strictly boots and broad hats. Along the way, Vaughn does a little genre-bending with songs such as "Hey, Jude" by The Beatles, "Already Gone" by The Eagles and "The Ballad of Billy the Kid" by Billy Joel.

And then there are the originals. His first, at age 16, was "Something Brings Me Down," an insightful lament whose story sounds as if it had been told by a much older man. It can be heard in part of the chorus: "And I thought I'd leave your memory behind me in that town, but it seems like everywhere I go, something brings me down."

One that's caught attention is "Old School Country," co-written with veteran Nashville producer and touring musician Bill Whyte, who was working at Bowling Green radio station KPCR (now KJFM) in the early 1970s when he penned his first hit, "Mo Mo the Missouri Monster."

"Jesse reminds me a bit of myself when I grew up in Elsberry, as he has," Whyte said. "He has a great love for playing music, and has started writing his own songs. I was his first co-writer, I think, when he came to Nashville with his parents and we sat down and wrote a song that has a lot of both of our values in it, 'Old School Country.'"

The violin-and-guitar-based song is filled with relatable experiences without being formulaic. It mentions a rusty pickup, a fishing hole, praying before dinner and placing a hand over the heart when the American flag flies. The gap between classic and modern is narrowed when Vaughn sings that he has Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard and Hank

Williams on his Spotify audio streaming service.

Perhaps the song's best statement is the line "Well, I love rock 'n' roll, but if it's all the same, I'd rather sing something with a little bit of twang."

Vaughn, whose shows and songs can be found on Facebook, is coming to Clarksville after recent concerts in St. Louis, Chicago and Nashville. He's been to Music City four times now and recorded there twice. New material is planned for release in the next couple of months. Two of the songs will be "Stand Tall, Sing Loud" and "Older."

While recording is essential, playing live is what excites Vaughn.

"I like the energy of it," he said. "I feed off the energy of the people. They can expect to have a good time."

Vaughn has played at The Apple Shed before. He was featured during Clarksville Applefest in October 2024. Highlights included "Tight Fittin' Jeans," "I Wanna Play House With You," "Cold, Cold Heart," "The Auctioneer," "The Gambler," "Witchy Woman," "Honky Tonk Blues," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Heartaches By the Number" and "I'll Fly Away."

Vaughn says Whyte has helped him learn more about the music business, and he looks forward to building upon success.

"I'm proud of what Jesse has accomplished so far, and there's much more to come, I'm sure," Whyte said.

"I hope to make it a full-time career and do it the rest of my life - to enjoy it the rest of my life," Vaughn said. "I never want to get burned out on it."

## Louisiana Woman Arrested For Drugs

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

A Louisiana woman was arrested late last month following a traffic stop in Calhoun County, Ill.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, the stop occurred on March 31 at approximately 1:43 p.m., on Illinois Highway 100 near the Joe Page Bridge in East Hardin.

Following an investigation, Chelsi N. Griffin, 37, of Louisiana, Missouri, was taken into custody and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, pos-



Chelsi N. Griffin  
session of a controlled substance (fentanyl), possession of a controlled

substance (crack cocaine), unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving while license suspended.

Griffin was arrested without incident and transported to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. She was later booked and released with a notice to appear at the Calhoun County Courthouse in Hardin, Illinois.

All charges are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Bachler Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

A Louisiana man arrested following a July 2025 standoff has now been convicted and sentenced in Pike County Circuit Court.

According to Alex Ellison, a Pike County jury found Anthony Q. Bachler, 55, of Louisiana guilty on March 10 of felony harassment, felony unlawful use of a weapon, and two counts of armed criminal action following a two-day jury trial.

The charges stem from a July 2025 incident in which Bachler threatened multiple members of a mowing crew

contracted by the City of Louisiana. The crew had arrived at his residence to mow an overgrown lawn in violation of city ordinances when Bachler confronted them with a rifle, pointing the weapon and making threats as they began unloading equipment.

Authorities later recovered the firearm, which prosecutors said had a full drum magazine attached with a round chambered.

The incident led to a standoff on July 4, 2025, in the 500 block of Nebraska Street, where officers responded to reports of individ-

uals being threatened with a rifle. Bachler barricaded himself inside the residence and refused commands to exit, prompting assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Pike County Sheriff's Office.

After approximately two and a half hours, officers were able to make contact with Bachler by phone and convince him to surrender. A search warrant executed at the residence resulted in the seizure of firearms and ammunition.

On April 21, Judge James Beck sentenced Bachler to 10 years in prison.

## MO Century Farm Deadline Extended

If your farm has been in your family since Dec. 31, 1926, it's not too late to apply for recognition as a Missouri Century Farm.

Due to technical issues preventing some people from submitting applications, the deadline to apply has been extended to May 15.

University of Missouri Extension, the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and Missouri Farm Bureau sponsor the Missouri Cen-

Century Farm program.

To qualify, the same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings and nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Since the program began

in 1976, more than 10,000 Missouri farms have received the Century Farm designation.

A \$140 fee covers the cost of a certificate, a metal farm sign and booklet for approved applicants. County MU Extension centers present these items.

Details and online application are at <https://muext.us/CenturyFarms>. You can also contact your local MU Extension center with questions.

## Silex Faces Possible Water Shutoff As Board Calls Special Meeting

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

The City of Silex is facing a potential disruption in water service as officials work to address an outstanding balance owed to the Pike County Public Water Supply District.

According to a public notice from the city, approximately \$20,000 is owed to the water district, with a deadline of May 1 to bring the account current or risk disconnection of wholesale water service.

Mayor Lynne Luckett said in a public statement that the balance accumulated over several months due to a combination of infrastructure issues and governance challenges. She noted that increased water pressure from a newer pipeline led to multiple system

leaks in older portions of the city, requiring costly emergency repairs that reduced available operating funds.

Luckett also stated that the city has been unable to process payments in a timely manner due to the Board of Aldermen's repeated inability to establish a quorum since January. Under Missouri law and local ordinances, payments of that size require board approval and cannot be made unilaterally by the mayor.

"Failure to meet our financial obligations could result not only in disruption of water service, but also in violations related to certified system operation and ongoing infrastructure projects," Luckett said in the statement.

To address the situation, the Board of Aldermen

scheduled a special meeting on Monday, April 27 at the Silex School cafeteria.

The agenda includes discussion of the water district notice, as well as options to resolve the outstanding balance, including the possibility of a payment arrangement or a short-term loan to cover the cost.

City officials have indicated that immediate action will be necessary to avoid service interruption.

The situation follows recent infrastructure changes in Silex, which began receiving water through the county system in 2025 after issues with its previous water source. Officials say maintaining compliance with state requirements and ensuring continued service remain top priorities as the deadline approaches.

## Billings Harvests Record-Setting Turkey

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

Brandon Billings of rural Clarksville has found his name in the record books after harvesting a 20-pound turkey scoring 102.75 on the National Wild Turkey Federation's records.

After about an hour and a half of back-and-forth with the gobbler, Billings made a 40-yard shot after finally calling the bird out from behind dense brush.

Billings told the Tribune that he knew the bird was big but didn't realize just how big until he got closer.

"It had three beards and long spurs, so I already knew it was

bigger than the last big one I got," Billings said.

Billings' atypical turkey scored an impressive 102.75, with three beards measuring 11 inches, 9 1/4 inches, and 8 inches, along with 1 1/2-inch spurs.

The turkey ranks 216th in the world, 169th in the United States, 10th in Missouri, and currently holds the top spot in Pike County.

What makes the harvest even more notable, Billings said, is that another turkey he previously harvested and had mounted may also rank in the NWTFF record books—though not as highly as this one. Both birds were taken from the same area within the past six years.



Brandon Billings

*Bowling Green High School Crowns  
Jake Piper & Karli Dean  
2026 Prom King & Queen*

# Community News

## Browning Arborvitae May Be Result Of Lack Of Water

University of Missouri Extension horticulture specialists are getting reports of browning arborvitae across the state.

If your arborvitae is turning brown, it might be a sign of drought stress that began last fall, says Debi Kelly, University of Missouri Extension field horticulturist.

Arborvitae is a popular landscape plant for borders and screens because it grows quickly—up to 2 feet per year—provides privacy and is generally low-maintenance and long-lived. These evergreens grow in dense, column-shaped cones that can reach up to 60 feet in height.

Because arborvitae depend heavily on water, consistent deep watering is essential, especially when they are newly planted and during extended dry periods. Applying a layer of mulch can help retain soil moisture.

Water thoroughly through September, and continue watering until the ground freezes in your area. During winter, water during thaw periods when possible. Loose soil and mulch help water penetrate more effectively to the root zone.

Kelly also notes that other issues may be at play. If ar-

borvitae needles brown and drop prematurely during hot summers—even with adequate watering—resulting in thin areas, spider mites may be the cause, especially when damage appears on the south or west side of the tree.

You also might notice that the older and inner needles of the tree begin to yellow and fall to the ground. This is part of the natural life cycle of arborvitae, says Kelly, and is nothing to get alarmed about.

For best growth, plant arborvitae in full sun and moist, well-drained soil. Plants need at least six hours of sunlight each day to maintain their vibrant green color. Arborvitae also benefit from protection from strong winds, which can cause windburn. If browning appears on only one side of the plant, wind exposure may be the cause.

Avoid fertilizing arborvitae during late summer through winter, as excess nitrogen can increase stress on the plant, Kelly says. Instead, fertilize at appropriate intervals during the growing season. Apply fertilizer in early spring, using a high-nitrogen formulation such as 20-15-15 or 10-5-5.

If browning is visible, prune damaged branches. Late spring, when new growth appears, is the ideal time to prune. “Pruning arborvitae helps maintain the health, size, form and vigor of trees and shrubs in the landscape,” says MU Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. “Pruning can slow the spread of decay or disease by removing infected tissue and allowing the plant to seal, or compartmentalize, damage.” For more information, see Chapter 8 of the “Missouri Master Gardener Core Manual” at <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/mg8>.

**About Arborvitae**  
According to the Arbor Foundation, early French explorers and Native Americans used arborvitae as a natural medicine. The name arborvitae is a Latin translation of the French phrase meaning “tree of life.” The plant contains vitamin C and was used as a treatment for scurvy. Arborvitae wood was used in the construction of early canoes.

For more info about arborvitae, contact your local MU Extension horticulture specialist.

## High Tunnel Workshop In Pike County Helps Vegetable Growers Increase Yields

University of Missouri Extension will offer a workshop on how to manage pests, soil fertility, growing climate, and irrigation in high tunnel growing structures from 4:30-7 p.m., Monday, May 18 at Meyer Farm in Pike County.

MU Extension horticulturist Justin Keay said the workshop will help growers understand some of the unique challenges in the high tunnel growing environment, and how to manage these potential problems to maximize production and increase revenue.

“Growing in high tunnels is becoming more popular and these structures provide many benefits such as season extension, increased yields, and reduction of certain fungal and bacterial diseases.”

“However, high tunnels are a significant investment and there are some production challenges that are unique to high tunnels that growers need to understand so they can maximize production and make sure the tunnel pays off.”

This workshop will allow current and prospective high tunnel growers to learn from local farmers, and State and Regional Extension special-

ists about best management practices for high tunnel production as well high tunnel crop budgets.

registration fee is \$10.

This program is supported in part by the USDA Farm Service Agency through project award number

FSA23CPT 0012862.

Register at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/tunnel-to-table-field-day-meyers-farms-pike-county>. For more info, contact Keay at [justin.keay@missouri.edu](mailto:justin.keay@missouri.edu) or call 573-324-5464.

## INVITATION TO BID

### TWIN PIKE YMCA SIDEWALK

Sealed bids for the Twin Pike YMCA Sidewalk will be received at: Twin Pike Family YMCA, 614 Kelly Ln, Louisiana, MO 63353, until 10:30 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Local Time) on the 12th day of May 2026, at the Twin Pike YMCA, and at that time will be publicly opened and read. All bids shall be submitted as a Hard Copy.

The proposed work includes:

Construction of new 5 feet wide concrete ADA compliant sidewalk and ramps with handrail, along with any other work as noted in the plans. The overall project length is approximately 2,150 feet.

A digital copy of the plans and specifications may be purchased through the office of Great River Engineering (GRE), at 417-886-7171 upon payment of \$45.00, which is not refundable. All bidders must purchase plans through Great River Engineering and be on the planholder list in order to bid the project.

This contract requires payment of the prevailing hourly rate of wages for each craft or type of work required to execute the contract as determined by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and requires adherence to a schedule of minimum wages as determined by the United States Department of Labor. For work performed anywhere on this project, the contractor and the contractor's subcontractors shall pay the higher of these two applicable wage rates. The applicable state wage rates for this contract are detailed in “Annual Wage Order 32”, that is attached to this bidding document. The applicable federal wage rates for this contract are the effective Davis-Bacon federal wage rates posted the tenth day before the bid opening date and can be found at: <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>. These supplemental bidding documents have important legal consequences. It shall be conclusively presumed that they are in the bidder's possession, and they have been reviewed and used by the bidder in the preparation of any bid submitted on this project.

The Twin Pike Family YMCA hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the current version of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, including all revisions. The contractor questionnaire must be on file 7 days prior to bid opening.

Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects shall provide a 10-Hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

A certified cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal.

The Twin Pike Family YMCA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The project will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The DBE Goal for this project is 0%.

No 2nd tier subcontracting will be allowed on this project.

## Twin Pike Family YMCA

## Free Program Teaches Safe Canning Basics

As interest in home food preservation grows, many are eager to put up garden produce or family recipes but aren't always sure where to start or how to do it safely.

University of Missouri Extension will host a free in-person Food Safety Canning Workshop for beginners 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Eckles Hall on the MU campus in Columbia.

Improper canning techniques can lead to spoiled food or serious food safety risks, making reliable, science-based education essential for those new to the process, said Kantha Channaiah, University of Missouri Extension food safety specialist.

The program will walk participants through the fundamentals of safe and effective canning practices with engaging educational lectures and live demonstrations, allowing attendees to see proper techniques in action and better understand why each step matters.

“Many people are excited to try canning but may not realize how important it is to

follow tested methods,” Channaiah said. “This workshop gives beginners the confidence and knowledge they need to preserve foods safely and correctly.”

Participants will learn about key federal and state regulations related to food preservation, as well as best practices for preparing and processing canned foods. Live demonstrations will feature pickled green beans and dill pickles.

The workshop is offered at no cost thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and is open to home canners, small-scale food producers and anyone interested in learning safe canning methods.

Attendance is limited to 15 participants to ensure a hands-on learning experience, and advance registration is required.

Find details and registration at <https://muext.us/CanningWorkshop4-27-26>.

For more information, contact Channaiah at [lchannaiah@missouri.edu](mailto:lchannaiah@missouri.edu).

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728	500-600	500	550	280	500-600	440	482
489	600-700	420	467	188	600-700	390	426
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## Old Pots Can Hurt New Plants

Gardeners are well known for their thriftiness and commitment to protecting the environment. However, according to University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein, a false sense of economy can sometimes work against the health of the garden.

One example is saving and reusing plastic pots from one season to the next. While this may seem economical, Trinklein says it carries risks. Chemicals and disease-causing microorganisms from previous plants can linger on pots and be transferred to new plants.

Sunlight also breaks down plastic over time, making it become brittle. This is especially true for low-quality containers or those with intricate rims and designs, which can provide hiding places for pests and plant diseases.

Cleaning and sanitizing plastic pots can be time-consuming and costly. You can disinfect pots with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water, but the expense of bleach may outweigh the value of reusing the containers. Trinklein recommends cleaning any growing medium residue in the pots, soaking them for several minutes and then rinsing thoroughly with water to remove any bleach residue, which can harm new plants.

Disinfection is just as important for porous containers, such as clay or terra cotta pots. However, since they are porous, disinfection requires either boiling them in hot water for 30 minutes or heating them with steam.

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## State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

"It is a privilege to serve both our district and the State of Missouri—a responsibility I do not take lightly. As session continues, I am working alongside my colleagues to advance meaningful legislation and ensure we are delivering results for the good people of Missouri."

-Speaker Pro Tem Chad Perkins

### THIS WEEK IN JEFFERSON CITY Sweeping Public Safety Package Advances Through Missouri House

The Missouri House approved HB 3068, a wide-ranging public safety package that touches nearly every corner of the state's criminal justice and safety systems, combining tougher penalties, new protections, and modernization efforts across multiple areas of law.

The bill increases penalties for serious DWI offenses, lowers thresholds for fentanyl trafficking charges, and creates new crimes including gift card fraud and interference with first responders. It also expands protections for critical infrastructure and raises penalties for theft or damage to key utility and communications materials.

The legislation significantly revises Missouri's sex offender registry, moving to a tier-based system and expanding registration requirements for offenders relocating to the state. It also adds new restrictions on offender movement and prohibits name changes while on the registry.

Additional provisions address AI-related exploitation, including bans on AI

posing as mental health providers and new penalties for non-consensual explicit digital images. The bill also includes first responder protections, domestic violence reforms, traffic safety updates, and limited authorization for veterans and first responders to participate in psilocybin therapy research.

This bill serves as a comprehensive effort to modernize Missouri's public safety laws, address emerging threats, and better protect both communities and those who serve them.

### Lawmakers Approve New Transparency Measures For LLCs

Lawmakers approved legislation enhancing transparency for Missouri LLCs by allowing certificates of good standing to be issued for both LLCs and their individual series. SB 1142 also requires each series to be separately listed and searchable by 2027, improving clarity and making it easier for businesses to operate and verify legal status.

### Property Tax Transparency & Assessment Changes Passed

The Missouri House also passed comprehensive property tax legislation focused on transparency, consistency, and taxpayer protections. HCS SS SCS SBs 1066 & 1088 prohibits misleading ballot language like "no tax increase" and requires clearer, standardized descriptions of tax proposals beginning in 2027. It also clarifies the classification of certain rental homes as residential, modifies how tax rates are calculated across property types, and streamlines the senior property tax credit by allowing automatic renewal. Additional provisions adjust assessment practices and give local governments limited flexibility in tax administration.

### House Advances Women's Protection Act With Facility & Privacy Provisions

The House has passed legislation establishing new definitions and requirements related to sex-based distinctions in certain public settings. HCS HB 2536 de-

finer terms such as "male," "female," and "sex" in statute and requires schools, correctional facilities, and other covered public entities to designate multi-occupancy restrooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters for use based on sex, with specified exceptions for emergencies, maintenance, and other limited circumstances. It also requires schools and higher education institutions to provide separate private areas where individuals may be in a state of undress and offers students the option of single-sex housing. The bill creates a private right of action for individuals impacted by violations and removes the sunset on an existing law governing participation in sex-designated athletic competitions.

### House Advances Constitutional Amendment Expanding Property Tax Relief For Veterans

The House has given final approval to a proposed constitutional amendment that would expand property tax exemptions for Missouri veterans. HJR 115 would extend the current homestead tax exemption—previously limited to former prisoners of war with total service-connected disabilities—to include all Missouri veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as former prisoners of war. The proposal also allows a surviving spouse to continue receiving the exemption so long as they remain in and maintain the homestead. If approved by voters, the amendment would broaden tax relief for disabled veterans and their families across the state. The bill now heads to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

## Pike To Pike ...

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

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams in Pittsfield will be hosting a Spring Fundraiser Dinner and music on Saturday, May 2, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu for the meal will be beef roast and gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, your choice of dessert and drink for a free will offering. The Big River Band will be providing the entertainment so eating in would be best but carry outs will be available. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle.

Did you all enjoy all the old stores that we used to have in Pittsfield such as the Ben Franklin Store, Brants, G&W Furniture, and Miller Furniture? Wasn't it convenient to be able to shop local and get whatever you needed or wanted in your own backyard? Well, Nathan Davis and Lori Capps are starting a new furniture store, just like the good old days, at 1073 West Washington Street in Pittsfield called Cloud IX (9) Furniture that will be sure to please everyone's tastes, pocket books, and convenience. I understand that they will be having a "soft opening" April 29 so people can come in to check out what they have. They hope to see you all Wednesday.

Pittsfield American Legion Post 152 has bingo most every Friday at 7 p.m. They also have a meal that can be purchased ahead of that starting at 5 p.m. What a great way to get with others and have a good time! With all that being said, I know they will not be having bingo on Friday, May 15 because the Jeepers will be in the area.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of April 29-May 5:

April 30 - David Ballinger,

Jake Gosnell

May 1 - Jim Ottwell  
May 2 - Levi Huckstep, Madison Guthrie

May 3 - Eli and Julia Burrows, Margaret Jennings, Brad and Emily Rhodes, Kit and Jacqueline Mefford

May 4 - Evan Barach, Helen Roland, Rex and Janice Swartz

May 5 - Kathy Dougherty  
He is the living God, and steadfast forever, His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end. Daniel 6:26

Mark these dates on your calendar:

May 2 - Spring Fundraiser and Music at the Pike County Senior Center from 4:30-6:30  
May 9 - Big River Band at Red Rooster at 6 p.m.

May 10 - Mothers' Day  
May 23 - Big River Band at Pike County Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

May 25 - Memorial Day  
Trivia Answers from Last Week:

1. Who was the first U.S. President to declare war and which war was it? (James Madison -- War of 1812)

2. What happened to Abel in the Bible? (His brother Cain was jealous of Abel, and Cain and Abel fought resulting in Cain killing Abel).

3. Who was the youngest First Lady ever? (Frances Folsom Cleveland who was 21 years old when she married Grover Cleveland in the White House, and he was 49.)

April 22 the Single Seniors + One had their 25th "Meet, Greet, & Eat" at the Red Rooster in Pittsfield with 26 people in attendance where everyone seemed to have a good time with plenty of visiting. Interested in this group? Please call 1-217-320-8438. As I have stated before, this is not a matchmaking group, so if you come to this, come

with the intention of having a good meal with others and making new acquaintances. Also please realize this is a group for those in the "young at heart" well seasoned generation. We in this, even though we are older, still have lots to offer in life and are doing our very best to enjoy life or we wouldn't be attending these "Meet, Greet, & Eat" get-togethers every month among other events. When you attend these, do not look at all the white hair, talk to each person as an individual because you are totally missing out on getting to know a lot of great people. And, by the way, I think white hair is beautiful!

April 25 the Big River Band had a great group of 55 in attendance at the Pike County Senior Center. The show was extremely good.

On April 21 we had to take one of our cats to the veterinary because she was one sick animal. Usually when one of the cats has to make a visit to the vet, it's not a pleasant trip to the clinic. They usually "serenade" us all the way there, and the song isn't pretty. Well, this time this cat never made a peep. And when the veterinary came in to check her out, she literally purred and cooperated so very well, even after getting a shot. And the next day, what a total difference in one cat! She was purring and eating and walking around loving on everything in her path. Too bad people can't be that way. It seems to me that when a person gets one problem solved, instead of being grateful (like the cat), the person just moves on to another problem to complain about a person gets one problem solved, instead of being grateful (like the cat), the person just moves on to another problem to complain about.

## HNB Bancorp Acquires Kearney Trust

HNB Bancorp, Inc., a Missouri Corporation headquartered in Hannibal, Missouri, the holding company for HNB National Bank, has announced the completion of its acquisition of Kearney Trust Company of Kearney, Missouri, a Missouri State-chartered depository trust company.

After the closing, HNB National Bank has approximately \$1.285 billion in assets, \$858.4 million in loans, and \$1.156 billion in total deposits.

"I am pleased to announce that we have completed our acquisition of Kearney Trust Company. HNB National Bank has been helping people in our communities realize their personal, financial and business goals since 1888," said John D. Zimmer, President and Chief Executive Officer of HNB. "I am confident in our ability to deliver expanded and enhanced serv-

ices to our new customers from Kearney Trust Company and to support their business and personal financial needs," said Zimmer.

The acquisition of Kearney Trust Company provides HNB National Bank with the opportunity to expand its footprint into the Kearney, Missouri market. The acquisition will give HNB National Bank 17 locations throughout Northern Missouri. The merger was consummated effective April 22, 2026.

Trustco Bankshares, Inc., the holding company for Kearney Trust Company, was represented by Northland Capital Markets as its financial advisor and Stinson LLP as its legal counsel. HNB was represented in the transaction by Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP as its legal counsel and did not utilize a third-party financial advisor.

## May Library Book Review



Kasi Welborn

Hot Desk By Laura Dickerman Reviewed by Kasi Welborn, Circulation Assistant, Mexico-Audrain County Library (Headquarters) "Hot Desking" is ALL THE RAGE in communal office space sharing, where two people share the same desk on different days of the week in the same office.

themselves sharing a desk, a cactus, and communicating through passive aggressive sticky notes. But when a literary giant passes away and his widow calls upon Rebecca to edit his unpublished works, Ben's boss finds out about his connection, too. So, what are they to do?

Told in multiple points of view, this is definitely a slow burn. There is definitely some bite between Ben and Rebecca throughout the entire story, but the mystery of what happened to make the widow call upon Rebecca in the first place really drives the story and makes it all worth reading.

The romance is a perfect cherry on top and makes for some great comedic moments. Though, I can't help but sympathize with the cactus.

### Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Antiques, Guns, Quilts, Flowers, Coins, Furniture, etc.  
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BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST (6:30am)  
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Other Corn Shellers 2-40 Gal Cast Butcher Kettles on Stands #5 Dinner Bell W/ Yoke Lot House Jacks #32 Enterprise Meat Grinder w/ Pulley Green River Post Drill Press Huge! VERY GOOD Cond. <b>WOW!</b> Sev. Forges Post Vices 3'-4'-5' Tine Forks Hawkeye Rope Maker Axes-N-Hatchets Kean Kutter Win, Cayuga, Bluegrass, Boy Scout #32 Meat Grinder w/ Pulley on Stand Wooden Rocking Wash Machine Good Stensiling Lot Deer Antlers Lot NEW Yard Art-N-Lawn Decor Spinners Metal Roosters Peacocks Signs ETC</p>	<p><b>SIGNS</b> 46"X68" Auth. Myers Pump Dealer SST 30"X72" Case Farm Machinery Sign w/ Eagle on Ball</p> <p><b>TOYS</b> 75 Lots of Ertl Toys Tractors-N-Machinery Most Out Of Box</p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> 15' V-Bottom Boat w/ 4HP Mercury Motor Lot <b>NEW</b> DeWalt &amp; Milwaukee Battery Tools-N-Batteries Sev. Trailer Loads of Used Tools Etc. Like <b>NEW</b> Wire Feed Welder</p> <p><b>QUILTS</b> 1 <b>New</b> Quilt Red, White &amp; Blue 82X96 6 Quilt Tops - Queen Size 1 Teal 1 Brown 1 Blue 1 Pink 1 Green 1 Lavender Log Cabin Blue &amp; Brown 100" X 112" Log Cabin Blue &amp; Brown w/ Bald Eagle Panel 100" X 112" Mountain Echo <b>Quilt Top</b> Teal &amp; Gray 95" X 105" Mountain Echo Hearts <b>Quilt Top</b> Purple &amp; Gray Weaver's Fever <b>Quilt Top</b> Teal &amp; Gray <b>Quilt Tops</b> Star in Blocks Teal 90"X 98" Blues, Ocean Wave 86" X 98" Reflective Glow, Brown 74" X 88" <b>Quilt</b> Rythem &amp; Blues 74" X 103" Flower <b>Quilt</b> White &amp; Purple 88" X 108" Tumbling Block 3-D <b>Quilt</b> 91" X 106" 2 Teddy Bear Wallhangers Butchmans Puzzle Hand Pieced 72" X96" Rainbow Fan 86" X 94" Cross Stched Star Red &amp; Gray 90" X 96" Log Cabin Quilted Tablecloth 68x82 4 Matching Placemats 15 1/2 in.sq.</p>	<p><b>MACHINERY</b> <b>NEW</b> Hwy Duty Fore Cart Mueller Bulk Tank Stainless 300gal w/complete set up 1 Horse Garden Cultivator Sev Bachtold Weedmowers Electric Wheel Wagon on Rubber w/ Hoist 3' Metal Sides Single Garden Disc New Machinery From JR's FAB 3' 4' 6' 8' Culltimulchers Fore Cart Ball Stack-N-Bale Cart 6-Ton Wagon Geat Garden Cultivators Evensen-N-Neck yokes</p> <p><b>TACK</b> Rope Halter, Lead Ropes, Harness Hooks, Tack Hooks, Pony Saddles, Stainless Hoof Nippers, Hoof Raps, Stainless Bucket Curry Combs <b>NEW</b> Fishing Poles</p> <p><b>CHICKENS &amp; RABBITS</b> Several Lots of Guineaes Several Lots of Bantams Several Lots Rabbits 1 - Pair Poa Fowl Several Pairs White Silkies Barred Rock Hens Isa Brown Hens Production Red Hens</p> <p><b>FURNITURE</b> 2 <b>NEW</b> Changing Tables 1 Red Oak 1 Gray Elm <b>NEW</b> Lifetime 3-6' Tables w/ Folding Benches 2 - Childs Picnic Table's 2- Fish Cleaning Table's <b>NEW</b> Hickory Rockers <b>NEW</b> Folding Cloth Dryers Singer Sewing Mach, Cabinet w/ Head <b>MINT</b> <b>NEW</b> Singer Head in Case Curio Grand Father Clock w/ Shelves Made in Germany Grand Father Clock Grand Mother Clock Oak Roll Top Desk Oak Kitchen Table w/ Glass Top-N 8 Chairs Barn Wood Wishing Well Barn Wood Childs Table Several Lots of Bird Houses</p>	<p><b>GUNS</b> Rem. Mod. 700 BDL 17 Rem. Rem. Mod. 700 BDL 222 Rem. w/ Scope Rem. Mod. 700 BDL 243 w/ Scope Rem. Mod. 700 243 w/ Scope Rem. Mod. 700 BDL Varmint Special 22-250 Bull BRL w/ Scope Rem. Mod. 700 Classic 270 Cal. w/ Scope Rem. 870 W.M. L.W. 410 Ga VR Skeet Rem. 870 W.M. Magnum 12 Ga 3" VR Rem. 870 W.M. 16 Ga VR Rough Rem. 1100 12 Ga 30" Trap BRL Full Choke Rem. 1100 12 Ga Slug BRL Rem. 1100 Magnum 12 Ga VR 3" Rem. 1100 12 Ga 2 1/2" VR Rem. 11-87 Special Purpose Magnum 12 Ga 3" VR Rem. 572 Field Master 22 Pump Win. 94 32 Win SPL Carbine Win. 94 30-30 Win Carbine Win. 94 30-30 Win Lever Win. SXP Hybrid Field 20 Ga Pump 3" VR Walnut <b>NIB</b> Browning Lighting 12 Ga O/U VR Engraved Browning BPS 12 Ga 3 1/2" VR Choked Mint Browning A-Bolt 25-06 w/ Scope Syn Howa Legacy Mod. 1500 25-06 Stainless w/ Walnut Stock <b>NIB</b> Ruger 10/22 22 Cal Auto Ruger 10/22 22 Cal Auto Mossberg Silver Reserve 11 28 Ga O/U Engraved Mossberg 151M 22 Cal Auto w/ Scope Savage A17 17HMR Auto w/ Red Dot Scope Savage 93R17 17HMR Bolt BRL w/ Scope Stevens 555 12 Ga O/U Choked <b>NIB</b> Stevens Ranger M. 38-B 410 Bolt Marlin Mod 60 22 Cal Auto w/ Scope (Medallion In Stock) Springfield 2020 Classic 22 Cal Bolt <b>LIKE NEW</b> Tactical Innovations 10/22 22 Auto Thumbhole Stock Threaded Fluted BRL H&amp;R 243 Cal Single Shot Bull BRL w/ Scope Hiwatha 567 20 Ga Pump 3" American Eagle Mod. 70 410 Ga Pump JC Higgins Mod 30 22 Cal Auto w/ Scope w/Retractable Sling Taurus Juge 45LC/410Ga Stainless Revolver Ruger Super Blackhawk 44 Mag Ruger Security Six 357 Mag Heritage 22 Cal 6 1/2" Bri Green Lam. Grips w/22 mag cyl <b>NIB</b> Ruger 3600 22 Semi Auto <b>NIB</b></p>	<p><b>AMMO</b> 1000 RDS 45 Auto 300 RDS 9MM 100 RDS 30-30 Several Cases 410 GA <b>S&amp;W Rifle Scope</b> <b>NEW Ridgeline 44 Gun Safe</b></p> <p><b>COINS</b> 1878 Morgan Dollar 1884 Morgan Dollar 1884-O Morgan Dollar Nice 1890-O Morgan Dollar 1891-O Morgan Dollar 1900-O Morgan Dollar 1901-O Morgan Dollar 1921 Morgan Dollar 1921-D Morgan Dollar 1947-D Walking Liberty Half Dollar 1912-D Barber Half Dollar 1866 2Cent Piece 1999-2008 Complete State QuarterBook 1999 US Mint Proof Set 20 Buffalo Nickels 1935-36-37 10 Indian Head Pennys 10 V Nickles 20 Kennedy Half Dollars 10 IKE Dollars 2 Steeves Unsearched Wheat Pennys 1868 2Cent Piece 1898 Morgan Dollar 1942 Walking Liberty Half Dollar 1854-O Liberty Seated Half Dollar 1912 Barber Half Dollar 1898 Barber Half Dollar 1960 Franklin Half Dollar 1952 Franklin Half Dollar 1881-O Morgan Dollar 1880-S Morgan Dollar 1882-S Morgan Dollar 1888 Morgan Dollar 1889-O Morgan Dollar 1891 Morgan Dollar 1900-O Morgan Dollar 1921-D Morgan Dollar 2 1922 Peace Dollars 1923 Peace Dollar 1857 Half Dime 1858 Half Dime 1855 Half Cent 1839 One Cent 1857 One Cent Flying Eagle 2 1866 3Cent Pieces 1876 Liberty Seated Dime 1891 Liberty Seated Quarter</p>
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# Obituaries



## Jennifer Lynn Day

Jennifer Lynn Day, 48, of Vandalia died Sunday, April 19, 2026 at her home.

The family will hold a celebration of life service at a later date.

She was born April 27, 1977, in Mexico, the daughter of Fred J. and Irene Joy Griffith Day.

Jennifer was Baptist by faith. She had a deep love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time in nature. She also found joy in crafts, puzzles, and painting. Above all, Jennifer cherished time with her family and friends, especially her three children, who meant the world to her. She was overjoyed to become a grandmother and looked forward to making memories with her new grandbaby, Kaine Isaac Phillips.

She is survived by three children, Madalyn Swafford of Vandalia, Jackson D. Cook of Jefferson City, and Jaden D. Cook of Vandalia; her parents, Fred and Irene Day of Vandalia; one sister, Jody Bauman and husband, Matt of Vandalia; a brother, Justin Day of St. Joe; her beloved grandson, Kaine Isaac Phillips; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jennifer was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, John L. and Nelma Day, maternal grandparents, Marvin and Helen Griffith, and one brother, Keith Wade Day.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia.



## Rosemary Hull

Rosemary Hull, 79, of Farber died Thursday, April 23, 2026 at her home surrounded by family.

She was born Nov. 15, 1946 in DuBois, Penn., the daughter of Eugene and Reba Ashton Milligan. Rosemary married Charles David Hull on Feb. 20, 1965 in Bigler, Penn. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2013.

Survivors include her daughters, Lisa Flowers and Jennifer Raspberry, both of Farber, Christy Lowrance of Vandalia, and Brenda Hull of Mexico; two sisters, Barbara Wills of Philipsburg, Penn., and Susan Sloppy of Clearfield, Penn.; nine grandchildren, Elisha Hopkins, Justin Flowers, Patrick Flowers, Tyson Lowrance and wife, Allison, Aidan Lowrance, Matthew Cole and wife, Kristine, Sydney Logerman and husband, Dalton, and Zoey Hull; 13 great-grandchildren, Madilynn, Bella and Kennadee Hopkins, Landon, Memphis, and Colton Flowers, Ivy, Slade, Jett and Anna Lowrance, Beverly Cole, and Braxton and Brooklyn Logerman; one great-great-grandchild, Kingston Horton; along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Charles, one son Michael Hull, two brothers, Eugene Milligan Jr., and Edward Milligan, four sisters, Cleo Butler, Myrna English, Tanner Lowrance, and one great-granddaughter, Abigail Hopkins.

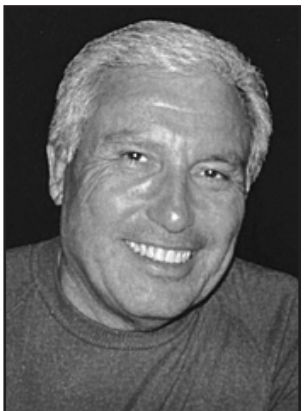
Rosemary was a member of First Baptist Church of Vandalia. She enjoyed many

pleasures in life, including bowling, quilting, crosswords, and watching movies, especially as a devoted movie critic and fan. She had a special love for animals and found great joy in feeding and caring for the local wildlife. Rosemary will be remembered for her kind heart, her love of family - including her cherished dogs, Izzy Mae and Izzy's preceded siblings Sister Sylvie and Uncle Otis along with her joy she found in spending time with those close to her.

Services celebrating Rosemary's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tanner Eugene Lowrance Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bienhoff-funeralhome.com](http://www.bienhoff-funeralhome.com).



## Jackie D. 'Jack' Teague

Jackie D "Jack" Teague, 82, died Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in Leawood, Kan.

Born Nov. 3, 1943, in Audrain County, Jack lived a full and vibrant life marked by dedication to family, service to his country, and an enduring sense of humor that brought joy to those around him.

After graduating high school, Jack proudly served in the United States Navy from 1963-65 and continued his commitment through the Navy Reserve until 1968. His years in the military instilled in him a strong work ethic and deep sense of responsibility that would carry through every chapter of his life.

Following his military service, Jack embarked on a distinguished 40-year career as a construction inspector with Black and Veatch. Known for his reliability and keen sense for quality work earned the respect of colleagues throughout the company.

On Jan. 6, 1968, Jack married Linda Davenport - the love of his life—and together they built a beautiful life and home filled with laughter, support, and shared passions. They welcomed their son, Darrin and devoted themselves wholeheartedly to supporting his endeavors, especially on the soccer field. Whether coaching or cheering from the sidelines, Jack was always present with unwavering enthusiasm.

Jack had a passion for travel and explored destinations including Las Vegas, Switzerland, Aruba, and Mexico. In retirement, he especially enjoyed spending time in San Antonio, Texas, where he relished moments with his grandchildren.

An avid automobile enthusiast, Jack found great joy in restoring cars with his son. He took particular pride in his 1973 Corvette - a lasting symbol of craftsmanship and shared passion.

Jack's playful spirit shone through in his fondness for casinos and scratcher tickets - a pastime that perfectly matched his lighthearted nature. His quick wit and infectious humor left lasting impressions on everyone he met.

He is survived by his son, Darrin Teague and wife, Lydia; grandchildren, Riley Gutierrez and Rale, Evan Teague, and Ty Teague; brothers, Ronnie Teague, and Jim Teague; sisters, Donna Tipton and Faye Teague; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Linda; parents, William and Verdia Teague; brothers, Jerry, Mack, Wayne, Bud, Bill; sisters, Mildred Wilkinson, Jean Branstetter, Velma Motley, and Mary Crow; along with two siblings who died in infancy.

Affectionately known as "Action Jackson," Jack was celebrated for his infectious sense of humor and he never met a stranger. He was a devoted father and grandfather whose presence enriched every family gathering.

They May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire stories filled with laughter, love, and adventure. A joint celebration of life for Jack and Linda will be held at Cullen Funeral Home in Raymore on Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. A reception for family and friends will immediately follow until 3:30 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cullen Funeral Home, Raymore.

## Sally J. Cropp

Sally J. Cropp died peacefully at her daughter's home in St. Louis on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the age of 80.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana with The Rev. David Parker officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m., until time of services Saturday at the church.

Sally was born Feb. 19, 1946, to Samuel and Louise Richardson in Louisiana. She attended Lincoln Elementary School until schools were integrated, when she continued her studies at Meriweather School. As she moved on to Louisiana High School, Sally displayed her vast skill set through her involvement in extra-curricular activities. She played catcher for a girls' softball league called Love Club and played drums in the school band while staying active in Pep Club and FHA until she graduated in 1964. After high school, Sally obtained her CNA license and began work at Maple Grove Nursing Home before moving on to Pike County Memorial Hospital. She also spent time as a department manager at Wal-mart before starting her own business in housekeeping and enjoying her time as a private caterer.

Sally was united in marriage to the love of her life, Walter Cropp, on March 16, 1974. In their 51 years together, they experienced all the joys life brings, parenting three children and grandparenting a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She took great pride in being the matriarch of her family, raising some of her grandchildren, and being a mother figure for many others. She was a pure soul who was easy to love and made certain her family and friends knew they were loved too.

Sally had a passion for helping others and stayed active in her community. Truly a child of God, she was a mentor and Steward Emeritus at Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she held office as a trustee, treasurer, head usher of the board, and as a member of the Missionary Society of A.M.E. Church. She was most often found helping at one of the church barbecues, but also attended conferences in St. Louis, and Detroit, Mich. She even got Bethel A.M.E. Church listed on the national register of historic places. Her presence in the community reached outside the church as well. She attended city council meetings, helped people who had community service, was active with youth sports, and was on the committees for the park board, museum, and Colorfest, being named

grand marshal in 2007. In her free time she managed to find, you could find her working in her yard or making one of her famous strawberry, pumpkin, or rum cakes. Her favorite pastime was hanging out with her family though, especially if it was to go on a ride with her brother, Gary, and she always had the music turned up loud so she could dance.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Sr. and Louise Richardson, her husband, Walter Cropp, two brothers, Samuel Jr., and Arnold Richardson, one grandson, Darius Kennedy, and two great-grandsons, Jamir and Jakari.

She is survived by two sons, Brock Cropp and wife, Cassie of Louisiana, and Bryon Cropp and wife, Michelle of Springfield; a daughter, Valeria Cropp of St. Louis; one sister, Erma Harvey and Lynn; four brothers, Quentin Richardson of Louisiana, Phillip Richardson and wife, Carrie of Blaine, Minn., Wesley Richardson and wife, Fay of Louisiana, and Gary Richardson and wife, Paula of Louisiana; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers will be B.J. Cropp, Taybren Campbell, Devin Cropp, Bryon Cropp Jr., Brycen Cropp, and Cody Cropp. Honorary pallbearers will be Asia Campbell, Tru Cropp, Kaylyn Anderson, Cyrus Hollins, Drake DeTienne, and Tyleik Cropp.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of arrangements.

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

## Donald O. Bufford

Donald O. Bufford, 78, formerly of Louisiana, died Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Estates of Spanish Lake Nursing Home in St. Louis.

Graveside service was at 11 a.m., Monday at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

He was born July 25, 1947 in Troy to Donald W. and Virginia Irene Collins Bufford. He was married to Janet L. Murry on April 4, 1975 in Mississippi. She preceded him in death Sept. 10, 2023.

He is survived by a son, Stephen Bufford of Florida; a brother, Wayne Bufford of Missouri; two sisters, Susan Day of Warrenton, and Shirley Blanford of Troy; and a grandson, Josh Bufford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a brother, James Bufford.

Donald worked as a logger for most of his life. He was employed by Billy Tom Wallace Logging for a number of years and later Si Logging until his retirement.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be sent at [collierfuneral.com](http://collierfuneral.com).

# WE WELCOME YOUR LOCAL NEWS

## BARBECUE

**Saturday, May 2**  
10:45 a.m.-2 p.m.

**907 W. Home - Vandalia**  
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Dinner

Rib or Pork Steak \$15 • Chicken \$14

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Chicken \$5 • Rib or Pork Steak \$6

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## Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: [peopletribune@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peopletribune@sbcglobal.net)

**On May 2:** VFW Post 5553-Bowling Green will host a barbecue, silent auction, and live music from 5-8 p.m., 505 VFW Road, Bowling Green.

**On May 3:** Mt. Zion Cemetery Association will meet at 2 p.m., at the Mt. Zion Church.

**On May 5:** Pike County Genealogical Society will hold its May meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of Eddie Joe Bland would like to express our sincere thanks for the prayers, support, food, visits, flowers, memorials, and donations.

We want to thank Waters Funeral Home, Bro. Jamie Franke, pallbearers, family, and friends at this trying time. We were truly blessed. God bless each and everyone.

**Norma Bland**  
**Randy Bland & Family**  
**Lyle Bland**  
**Karen & John Luder & Family**

## SPECIAL COW SALE

Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City, MO

**Thursday, May 7**  
Special Feature – 5 p.m.

**Wheeler Angus Bull Sale**

- 30 outstanding registered Angus bulls
  - 14–16 months old
  - The best of the best

**Regular Sale – 6 p.m.**

**Bulls**

**C & R Angus**

- 1 registered Angus bull (20 months) – perfect for breeding heifers
- 1 registered Angus bull (3 years old) – ideal for breeding cows

**Heifer Pairs**

**Milligan**

- 30 fancy, big black 1st-calf heifers
- Stout black February calves by side

**Pickering**

- 30 fancy black or BWF 1st-calf heifers
- Black early March calves by side

**Nuener**

- 25 fancy black 1st-calf heifers
- Black March calves by side

**Witt**

- 70 big fancy black or BWF 1st-calf heifers
- Bred to Wallstreet Angus bulls
- Heavy 3rd period

**Smithey**

- 47 fancy black or BWF heifers & young cows (2–4 yrs)
- Fancy black or red calves by side
- Very gentle

**Bred Cows**

**Glaze Cattle Co.**

- 100 fancy black or BWF cows (3–4 yrs)
- Bred to Angus bulls – due starting Sept 1
- + 20 black or BWF cows (8–10 yrs) with fancy spring black calves

**Curran**

- 45 big fancy black cows (3–4 yrs)
- Bred to Wallstreet Angus – due Aug 20

**Arens**

- 60 big fancy black or BWF cows
- Bred Angus – due Aug 20

**Turkey**

- 50 big black cows (3–6 yrs)
- Bred Angus – due Sept 1

**Dispersals**

**Kircher**

- 45 big fancy black or BWF cows (3–8 yrs)
- Bred to Mead Angus – due Sept 1 for 60 days

**Blankenship**

- 54 big black or BWF cows (5–7 yrs)
- Bred to Larrick Angus – due Sept 5

**Peak**

- 60 black cows (few red), ages 3–8
- 15 with black calves by side
- Remainder 2nd & 3rd stage

**Martin**

- 30 black or BWF cows (4–7 yrs)
- Bred to Hereford bulls – due Sept

**Hirschberger**

- 45 black or BWF cows (8–10 yrs)
- Bred black – due Sept 1

Ad made 2 weeks early – MANY more expected by sale day!

**This is a top-notch sale loaded with kind & quality cattle!**

Jack Harrison - 573-999-7197	<b>Jack Harrison, Owner</b>	Myles McWhorter - 573-263-3759
John P. Harrison - 573-220-1482	<b>573-999-7197</b>	Glenn Stegeman - 573-619-8495
Roger Temmen - 573-680-4538	Market Report	Jarrold Simpson - 573-247-0706
Justin Oberling - 217-440-7724	<b>573-522-9244</b>	Chad Nickelson - 573-631-1627
Claude Niemeyer - 573-470-1017	24 hour recording	Kevin Milkken - 417-588-0307
Tyler Harris - 573-220-2766	Carson Poe - 573-550-9133	Craton Blattell - 417-650-7688

# Community News



Pictured are those who modeled clothing at the Bethel AME Church Paynesville's annual banquet/fashion show on Saturday, April 11.

## Bethel AME Church Annual Fashion Show

The Bethel AME Church, Paynesville held its Annual Banquet/Fashion Show on Saturday, April 11 at Clopton School.

Doors opened at 4 p.m. Meal at 5 p.m., and fashion show and entertainment at 6 p.m.

Models came from DeSota, Fulton, Louisiana, Popular Bluff, St. Peters, St. Louis, Annada, and Paynesville, modeling their own clothes, from different stores, along with Ann Layne from Bowling Green,

and The Rocking Horse, Clarksville with models modeling their clothing.

Vendors also attended, including The Resind Rebel Handmade Jewelry and Girl Scouts selling cookies. Attendance prizes were awarded.

Entertainment for the evening was the Youth Choir from Centennial United Methodist Church, Elsberry directed by Jessica Robinson and Sister Adrienne Coleman, also from Centennial United Methodist Church, Elsberry.

The narrator for the evening was Sister Virginia Starks and photographer, Tony Hammuck,

Special recognition to Rebecca Reading, Ken Schneider, Landon Hall, and students for taking care of the gym setting up everything for the event and taking it down. Also, Amy Cooke for the programs, tickets, and flyers and her help was greatly appreciated. To all of the models, stores, and entertainers God Bless.



Jennifer Miller shows off an Ann Layne outfit for the annual Bethel AME Church fashion show.



Pictured are Roberta and Mike Watts of Louisiana at the annual Bethel AME Church fashion show.



Liz Taylor is pictured modeling an outfit from Ann Layne Boutique in Bowling Green at the annual Bethel AME Church fashion show.

## Beyond The Badge: MO State Park Rangers Protect The Public

Millions of visitors travel to Missouri's 93 state parks and historic sites every year for recreation and serenity. A specialized team of professionals works hard to keep those parks safe and protected. Missouri state park rangers serve a challenging, unique dual role, combining law enforcement with public education and resource protection.

Unlike traditional police officers, a ranger's office spans thousands of acres, waterways and historic landmarks. Their responsibilities are as diverse as the parks they protect.

Missouri state park rangers are fully commissioned state-certified law enforcement officers. They enforce state laws and state park regulations, as well as conduct investigations and perform patrols. They are often the first responders for medical emergencies, search-and-rescue operations and other emergencies, such as flooding and wildfires.

"Our rangers train extensively, preparing them for all types of situations," said Missouri Department of Natural Resources Director Kurt Schaefer. "Recently, we have had some incidents that could have ended very differently, had it not been for the preparation, the level-headedness and the quick-thinking of our rangers. I am very proud of the way our rangers handled the events."

Missouri state park rangers have been involved in several incidents over the last few weeks. In February, rangers assisted with a manhunt in the southern part of Missouri. The manhunt involved the fatal shooting of two Christian County deputies and the injury of another during a traffic stop, along with the death of suspect. This involved an hours-long search in a wooded, rugged terrain south of Springfield, near Highlandville.

Earlier this month, a park ranger successfully apprehended a suspect following an attempted assault and high-speed pursuit. The incident began when the suspect nearly struck the ranger's vehicle while fleeing the scene of a theft. With assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the suspect was taken into custody and found to be in possession of a stolen generator and controlled substances. The suspect remains in custody without bond on several felony charges, including Assault 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action.

This past weekend, rangers were involved in an incident at the Dollar General across the road from Washington State Park. A male subject had barricaded himself inside the store and was holding five hostages. Due to the proximity to the state park, our rangers quickly arrived on scene, diverted highway traffic, es-

tablished a perimeter and began negotiations. Thankfully, the subject was taken into custody, and no hostages were harmed.

Last week, state park rangers also responded to drowning at Meramec State Park, several domestic disturbances, several medical emergencies, traffic stops and assisted with a Special Olympics event.

"These are examples of the outstanding work our rangers do," Schaefer said. "Their contributions to public safety in not only our state parks but also in their communities are invaluable. I am proud of the commitment they demonstrate daily to the preservation and excellence of Missouri state parks."

The primary source of funding for the state park system, including the state park ranger program, is half of the dedicated constitutional tax of one-tenth-of-one-percent Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax. The tax provides about three-fourths of the division's budget for operation and development of state parks. All additional funding for Missouri's Division of State Parks comes from revenues generated in the state park system and some federal funds.

For more information on the 93 state parks and historic sites, visit [mostateparks.com](http://mostateparks.com). Missouri's Division of State Parks is part of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

## Annual Focus On MO Ag Photo Contest

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has opened the 17th annual Focus on Missouri Agriculture photo contest. The Department invites Missourians to share their story of agriculture through photographs. The contest runs through June 5 and is an opportunity for photographers across the state to submit their best images of Missouri agriculture, which have been taken since Jan. 1, 2023.

The Focus on Missouri Agriculture photo contest is open to Missouri photographers of all ages. Participants may enter up to three photos in each of the categories. The Kid's Corner, for photos taken by youth aged 12 and under, is also back again this year.

The photo contest categories include:  
Beauty of the Farm  
Faces of the Farmer

Around the Barnyard  
Everyday Life  
Kid's Corner (for youth ages 12 and under)

Entries will be judged on visual impact, creativity, memorable content, and image quality.

In addition, Governor Mike Kehoe and Mrs. Claudia Kehoe will also evaluate the winning photos and select the First Family's Choice photo.

Winners will be announced in early July and winning photos will be displayed in the Agriculture Building at the 2026 Missouri State Fair, Aug. 13-23.

Prizes are provided thanks to the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Missouri Grown program. The Best in Show winner and First Family's Choice, along with the first-place winner in each category, will receive a Missouri Grown

gift basket and a canvas print of their photo.

Find more info on the Focus on Agriculture photo contest, including a full description of each category, complete list of rules and guidelines, submission information, and more, on the photo contest website.



## Apply For MDC Elk, Bear Permits

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds Missourians interested in hunting black bear and/or elk in the state this fall that they need to apply for a limited number of hunting permits for each in May. The Missouri Conservation Commission approved recommendations from MDC for upcoming seasons for each species at its March 27 open meeting in Jefferson City. **BLACK BEAR HUNTING** MDC will offer 2,000 permits to harvest up to a maximum of 60 black bears across three MDC black-bear management zones in the southern part of the state during the 2026 Missouri black-bear hunting season, Oct. 17-30. MDC increased the number of available permits from 600 to 2,000 and increased the harvest quota limit from 40 to 60 bears to expand hunting opportunities. Missouri has an estimated population of about 1,100 bears.

"After reviewing results from the past five hunting seasons and considering the continued growth of Missouri's bear population of about nine percent per year, we determined that the harvest quota could be increased and more permits could be offered to provide additional hunting opportunities, while still having a limited impact on the bear population," said MDC Black Bear and Furbearer Program Coordinator Nate Bowersock.

"These changes will also inform future management recommendations as we evaluate how an increase in hunters might impact harvest rates," Bowersock added. "As the black bear population continues to grow and expand, the hunting season will be used as the primary population management tool."

Missouri hunters harvested nine black bears during the 2025 season with two being females and seven being males.

Get more info on black-bears and bear hunting in Missouri and apply during May at [mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/bear](http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/bear).



## Public Auction Saturday

May 2nd, 2026, at 10:00 am

1202 North Carolina St.  
Louisiana, Mo. 63353













**Guns, Ammo, Tools, Mowers, Collectibles**

VZOR70 7.65-Czechoslovakia handgun, Jimenez Arms Incorporated 45ACP handgun, Jimenez J A 9 9mm handgun, Remington 870 Twelve gauge shotgun, Daisy BB gun, John Deere G100 riding lawn mower 54 inch cut 25 horsepower Kohler motor, EX-CELL-2000PSI-pressure-washer, Honda-self-propelled-mower, Craftsman 6.75hp. self-propelled push mower, Yard roller, 4 wheel pedal cart, Gas cans, old watering cans, oil pans, Stepstools. Sledgehammers, shovels, Rakes, Post hole diggers, power mate 5250-Watt generator. Echo backpack leaf blower, Pull behind yard sprayer, pull behind yard sweeper, Go behind aerator, Yard aerator, pull behind yard wagon, behind spreader, anvil, Roughneck. large bench vice, Welder, Lot of hand tools. Pocket knives, handcuffs and keys, canteens, powder horns, Weed eater. John Deere Chainsaw, circular saws, Drill bits, fans, Hammers, Hatches, organizer, Caddies, oil cans, train horses, house jacks, those who are, oil pump, ladders, More items not listed.

Owners and auction personnel not responsible for accidents, nor for items lost or stolen. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over any printed matter. Restrooms on site. We accept Cash, Good Check with proper ID and Credit/Debit card with a 4% convenience charge. **Lunch will be served on site.**

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE PHOTOS!**  
Owner: Kathy Waite

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# Community News

Financial Statement of Pike County For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 By Laura Stumbaugh, Authorized Agent

	Total	General Revenue Fund	Road & Bridge Fund	Assessment Fund	Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund	Election Fund	Law Enforcement Training Fund	Prosecuting Atty Training Fund	Recorder Fund	5% Fund	Law Enforcement Restitution Fund	Fines Fund	Domestic Violence Fund
Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,784,880.83	\$3,327,846.82	\$2,922,795.60	\$104,564.37	\$186,338.38	\$39,794.01	\$2,607.46	\$4,565.99	\$106,872.22	\$7,471.97	\$40,862.94	\$39,735.07	\$1,426.00
<b>Revenues, 2025</b>													
Property Tax	\$2,054,393.97	\$1,124,590.80	\$929,803.17		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$4,508,201.14	\$1,054,529.44	\$1,153,855.19		\$2,299,816.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intergovernmental	\$2,380,909.75	\$40,929.45	\$1,467,138.31	\$291,974.68	\$239,939.64	\$6,226.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$334,701.41	\$0.00
Charges for Services	\$727,023.58	\$517,741.73	\$0.00	\$17,488.20	\$114,452.88	\$0.00	\$1,999.49	\$1,396.98	\$46,144.50	\$0.00	\$27,799.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$253,109.80	\$131,733.47	\$106,454.97	\$3,685.52	\$3,486.31	\$1,455.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,057.76	\$0.00	\$1,438.54	\$1,797.61	\$0.00
Other	\$457,161.07	\$345,139.64	\$0.00	\$568.00	\$29,207.28	\$74,882.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,884.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,479.20
Transfers In	\$44,629.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,629.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00												
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$10,425,428.31</b>	<b>\$3,214,664.53</b>	<b>\$3,657,251.64</b>	<b>\$358,345.40</b>	<b>\$2,686,902.62</b>	<b>\$82,564.29</b>	<b>\$1,999.49</b>	<b>\$1,396.98</b>	<b>\$49,202.26</b>	<b>\$3,884.54</b>	<b>\$29,238.34</b>	<b>\$336,499.02</b>	<b>\$3,479.20</b>
<b>Expenditures, 2025</b>													
County Commission	\$170,392.67	\$170,392.67						\$0.00					\$0.00
County Clerk	\$528,022.62	\$192,610.15						\$0.00		\$911.42		\$334,501.05	\$0.00
Elections	\$54,102.89	\$0.00				\$54,102.89		\$0.00					\$0.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$45,775.08	\$45,775.08						\$0.00					\$0.00
Employee Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00						\$0.00					\$0.00
County Treasurer	\$118,297.49	\$118,297.49						\$0.00					\$0.00
County Collector	\$143,136.35	\$143,136.35						\$0.00					\$0.00
Recorder of Deeds	\$176,283.61	\$134,676.72						\$0.00	\$41,606.89				\$0.00
Circuit Clerk	\$18,967.01	\$18,967.01						\$0.00					\$0.00
Court Administration	\$39,989.40	\$39,989.40						\$0.00					\$0.00
Public Administrator	\$91,683.53	\$91,683.53						\$0.00					\$0.00
Sheriff	\$2,745,426.42				\$2,698,020.31		\$2,864.92	\$0.00			\$44,541.19		\$0.00
Jail	\$31,043.38	\$31,043.38						\$0.00					\$0.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$562,119.91	\$562,119.91						\$0.00					\$0.00
Juvenile Office	\$41,150.46	\$41,150.46						\$0.00					\$0.00
Coroner	\$66,541.29	\$66,541.29						\$0.00					\$0.00
Health & Welfare	\$104,435.36	\$104,435.36						\$0.00					\$0.00
Transfers Out	\$0.00							\$0.00					\$0.00
Assessor	\$445,313.48			\$445,313.48				\$0.00					\$0.00
Highways & Roads	\$3,114,026.51		\$3,114,026.51					\$0.00					\$0.00
Other	\$796,070.11	\$796,070.11						\$0.00					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$9,292,777.57</b>	<b>\$2,556,888.91</b>	<b>\$3,114,026.51</b>	<b>\$445,313.48</b>	<b>\$2,698,020.31</b>	<b>\$54,102.89</b>	<b>\$2,864.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$41,606.89</b>	<b>\$911.42</b>	<b>\$44,541.19</b>	<b>\$334,501.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	\$0.00												
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,917,531.57</b>	<b>\$3,985,622.44</b>	<b>\$3,466,020.73</b>	<b>\$17,596.29</b>	<b>\$175,220.69</b>	<b>\$68,255.41</b>	<b>\$1,742.03</b>	<b>\$5,962.97</b>	<b>\$114,467.59</b>	<b>\$10,445.09</b>	<b>\$25,560.09</b>	<b>\$41,733.04</b>	<b>\$4,905.20</b>

NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL	POSITION	GROSS SALARY
Allen, Bill	Presiding Commissioner	\$47,614.32
Bailey, Brock	Western Commissioner	\$45,614.40
Crane, Kelly	Assessor	\$22,623.84
Elisson, Alex	Prosecuting Attorney	\$164,777.08
Eskew, Tara	Collector	\$76,855.65
Foster, Tracy	Assessor	\$40,699.02
Fuerst, Lori	Public Administrator	\$65,357.76
Korte, Stephen	Sheriff	\$90,627.42
Leverenz, Holly	Coroner	\$37,470.94
Luebrecht, Kim	Recorder	\$62,245.56
Stumbaugh, Laura	County Clerk	\$62,245.56
Wallace, Tom	Eastern Commissioner	\$45,614.40

Tax Rate Schedule	
General Revenue Fund	\$0.3115
Road & Bridge Fund	\$0.3248
Hospital Maintenance	\$0.2200
Pike County Senate Bill 40	\$0.2000
Pike County Home Health & Hospice	\$0.2500
<b>2025 Total Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$387,352,904</b>

We, Bill Allen, Tom Wallace, and Brock Bailey, duly elected commissioners of the county commission of Pike County, Missouri, and I, Laura Stumbaugh, county clerk of that county, certify that the above and foregoing is a complete and correct statement of every item of information required in section 50.815 for year ending April 28, 2026, and we have checked every receipt from every source and every disbursement of every kind and to whom and for what each disbursement was made, and each receipt and disbursement is accurately included in the above and foregoing totals.

Date: 5/01/2026  
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Pike County Commissioners

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Pike County Clerk

Fund	Beginning	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending
Tax Maintenance Fund	\$87,781.40	\$38,124.16	\$39,118.57	\$86,786.99
Inmate Security Fund	\$14,781.19	\$43,855.72	\$46,005.58	\$12,631.33
Sheriff's Revolving Fund	\$1,245.13	\$7,083.80	\$4,698.09	\$3,630.84
Civil Fees Fund	\$6,815.95	\$16,866.94	\$23,014.30	\$668.59
Administrative Handling Fund	\$11,819.90	\$4,376.98	\$5,197.48	\$10,999.40
American Rescue Plan Act Fund	\$1,835,067.41	\$41,124.23	\$504,344.55	\$1,371,847.09

Preview items Friday, May 8

# Girod Family Auctions

## FRIDAY NIGHT AUCTION

Friday, MAY 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m., 420 Hwy 161, Middletown, Mo 63359

**Don and Donna Hoover Estate Vandalia, Mo.**  
**Friday Night May 8th 5:PM-Lots of unlisted items**  
Oak Wall Phone; Ash bucket; Floor lamps;  
Lots of used end and coffee tables  
Pool table lamp (very nice); Oak drop front secretary;  
Leaded glass oak hutch; Antique Library Table;  
Dry Sink; ; Leather Gun Scab-board  
Milk house heater; Horseshoe Clock;  
Card table and chairs; Set of old G.E. Walkie-Talkies;  
Decorative tree; Wicker room dividers;  
Marble plant stand; Firestone Race Car;  
Lot of Firestone Memorabilia  
4 ft sign; Oak china cabinet; Oak office chair  
Like new child's sled; Old fly rod  
Large Oak floor cabinet w/shelves  
Large 3 pc Oak corner gun cabinet (26 gun)  
Model 870 12 ga Remington pump vent rib w/original box  
Oak framed trap shoot trophy (won by Don)  
Toshiba DVD/VCR player; Large world classic world globe; 2 drawer oak file; Lot gun parts and ect.;  
Lot ammo; John Brush fire safe; Sentry fire safe  
Case XX pocket knife in tin; Other pocket knives  
Show case full of jewelry; Crosman BB gun  
Oak barrel front desk; Old book matches  
Round pine table w/2 leaves and 4 chairs  
3 sets of white glider rockers w/foot stools  
Lots of misc hand shop tools; Old Hunter X-ing sign  
Brown ice box; 6 and 10 ft Alum step ladders  
Large 1858 Mason jar w/lid  
Several sets of Pfaltzgraff Christmas dishes  
Oak shop cabinet w/roller drawers; Lot garden hose  
Large lot of long handled garden tools  
Montgomery Ward lawn aerator  
B & D 18V cordless blower in box; plastic lawn chairs  
3- full 20# propane tanks; garden planter and seeds  
portable air tank; 3- lawn boy push mowers  
Wizard lawn cart; Ariens front tine tiller  
Push garden plow; Lawn Boy leaf shredder  
large lot of new sets of end and coffee tables  
Oak corner curio cabinet  
3 pc Bedroom set (discolored from standing in show room room window); 3) oak stand up mirrors  
Square light up curio cabinet (new)  
2) Oak curve front curio cabinets (new)  
Square kitchen table w/ 3 chairs  
Staircase chair lift (complete everything works)  
Several metal Coleman coolers; Mole traps  
5# Rock Tumbler; Box of old Mac Donalds kids meal toys  
2 Nascar jackets and cars;  
Roseville Pottery several pcs are old  
Sept 1918 large WWI Military Round; Lot old kitchen utensils  
15 pc Breakfast set by Anchor Hocking - New Westinghouse pyrex yellow + blue set USA made by the Hall China Co; Coleman Lantern in box  
Lot of USA made flower vases; #5 Crock; End table lamps  
Fishing lures w/ tackle boxes; Virginia Rose Fruit Bowl  
Bissell - Spot Clean Pet Stain Remover in box  
Lot of picture frames/room decor (home)  
Set of (3) different sizes of Samsonite suitcases  
Old tin Jack in the Box toy (music box)  
Mallory - ultra high frequency TV tuning machine  
Kitchen china glass set pitcher, glasses, etc.; Air hose (Husky)  
Sunbeam mixer w/ 2 Pyrex bowls & book  
Military cartridge box; Bow & arrow black hard case  
Large Igloo cooler w/ dividers new  
Old wicker + metal stroller; Old wooden kids table w/ 4 chairs  
Several nice plant stands; Nice dark wooden household shelf  
Lots of collectible dolls and doll cloth; Rover knee scooter  
Box of garden drip line; Set of animal and bird planters  
Lot blue jars; Lot of Pyrex canister jars  
Tupperware canister set; Homer Laughlin dishes  
Several pcs of soap stone; Lot Hull Pottery  
Haeger and Red Wing Pottery  
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26. 4-2019 US Mint American Innovation \$1 coin proof sets w/ privy marks  
27. 2017 and 2018 US Mint unc coin sets  
28. 2005 US Mint silver proof set  
29. 2007 and 2-2010 US Mint Presidential \$1 coin proof sets  
30. 1935 and 2-1936 Buffalo nickels  
31. 1928 Buffalo nickel w/ COA  
32. 2004 Westward Journey nickel series set  
33. 2013 to 2018 set coins never released for circulation  
34. Abe Lincoln unc Presidential \$  
35. 2 centuries of Indian pennies 10 coin set  
36. 2004 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial 90% proof silver dollar  
37. 1898 and 1899 Barber dimes  
38. 1895-1897-1898 V nickels  
39. 1906-O, 1907-S, 1910-S, 1912-D, 1915-S Barber halves all choice  
40. 2-1964-1966 St Louis Bicentennial coin  
41. 39 Standing Liberty quarters all 1923 to 1930 (all choice)  
42. 1921-S-P Morgans unc all of the following Morgans are very nice and some out of the Kalenborn estate  
43. 2) 1890-O Morgans  
44. 1891-P Morgan  
45. 1927-S Peace dollar BU  
46. 1879 P-S Morgan  
47. 1880-O Morgan  
48. 2-1881-P and 1881-O Morgans  
49. 4-1882-P Morgans  
50. 1882 S-O Morgan  
51. 2-1883-O Morgans  
52. 5-1884-P Morgans  
53. 2-1885-P Morgan and 1885-O  
54. 3-1887-O Morgans  
55. 2-1888-O Morgans  
56. 2-1889-P and 2-1889-O Morgans  
57. 2-1890-P and 1890-O Morgan  
58. 1891-P and 2-1892-O Morgans  
59. 3-1900-P Morgans 1 in AU 2 are MS  
60. 1900 S-O Morgans  
61. 1901-O Morgan  
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65. 3-1921-P and 1921-S Morgans all MS  
66. 1921-S Morgan in PCGS holder  
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68. 1863 Civil War token nice XF/AU  
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71. 1883 and 1891 Seated Liberty dimes both VF  
72. 1861 Seated Liberty quarter  
73. 1927-S Standing Liberty quarter key date  
74. 1876 and 1877 Seated Liberty halves (nice)  
75. 1916-S OBV Walking Liberty half tough date  
76. 1949 Franklin half proof like  
77. 1949-D FBL Franklin half proof like  
78. 1949-S and 1952-S Franklin halves AU/MS  
79. 1881-S Morgan NGC MS64 toned  
80. 11-1935 series \$1 silver certificate  
81. 1928-D \$2 red seal US note  
82. 1963 \$5 red seal US note  
83. 10 proof Eisenhower dollars 40% silver 5-1973-S 5-1976-S  
84. 1881-P Morgan PCGS MS62  
85. 1893-CC Morgan tough key date  
86. 1895-S Morgan key date  
87. 1907 \$2 1/2 Liberty gold  
88. 1886 Prestige proof set w/ Liberty silver dollar and half  
89. 1990 Prestige proof set w/ Ike centennial dollar  
90. 1851 large cent  
91. 1922-D Lincoln cent  
92. 1825 capped bust dime  
93. 1945 Mercury dime NGC MS66  
94. 1854 Seated Liberty dime full liberty arrows at date  
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# Community News

## Sedum: A Durable, Perennial Pollinator

Mention succulents to an avid gardener and it isn't long until the conversation gravitates toward the sedums.

A favorite among gardeners, sedums are recognized for their durability, drought tolerance and ability to thrive in even the most challenging environments, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

To promote this versatile plant, the National Garden Bureau has named sedum its Perennial of the Year for 2026.

A member of the Crassulaceae plant family, Sedum is a genus of succulent, herbaceous perennials with fleshy, flat or rounded leaves, depending on the species. The genus name comes from the Latin word sedeo, meaning "to sit," referring to the habit of many sedum species to sprawl over the ground.

The genus may contain as many as 400 species, most of which are native to the Northern Hemisphere. Some of them spread along the ground and achieve a mature height of only a few inches; others have an upright growth habit and reach heights up to 24 inches. Many sedum cultivars prized by gardeners today are hybrids.

The sedums are true succulents, meaning they have

both morphological and physiological adaptations that help them survive hot, arid conditions. The taller sedums produce large clusters of tiny, star-shaped flowers in shades of pink or red and can be used in borders or pollinator gardens. Because they tend to bloom in late summer and into fall, they are excellent for extending the flowering season of a pollinator garden.

Although they also bear attractive flowers, the low-growing, spreading sedums originally were grown for their foliage, which comes in a wide spectrum of colors, including shades of green, blue-gray, silver, deep purple, burgundy and bright yellow/chartreuse. They spread via roots that form on their horizontal, creeping stems. Spreading sedums are ideal for sunny slopes, in rock gardens, as low-maintenance ground covers and even for green roofs. Sedums should not be planted where they will be damaged by human foot traffic.

Sedums are easily grown in full-sun settings in average soils. As true succulents, sedums must have good soil drainage to perform well. Sandy to gravelly soils of average to moderate fertility are preferred. As mentioned above, they are extremely heat- and drought-tolerant but can withstand some light

shade. Plants grown in overly rich soils or in too much shade will produce weak growth.

Sedums are relatively pest-free. However, because of their succulent leaves and stems, slugs and snails can cause problems. Root rot is possible in wet and/or poorly drained conditions. Taller sedum hybrids with large flower heads are susceptible to flopping. Avoid this by providing full sun conditions and planting in soils that are not too moist or rich. Pinching in spring can also force stems to grow thicker and bushier.

Popular sedum cultivars and their mature heights:

- Sedum spectabile 'Brilliant' (18-24 inches)
- Sedum 'Autumn Joy' (18-24 inches)
- Sedum 'Mr. Goodbud' (16-18 inches)
- Sedum telephium 'Dark Magic' (12-15 inches)
- Sedum 'Dazzleberry' (4-6 inches)
- Sedum 'Firecracker' (4-6 inches)
- Sedum spurium 'Dragon's Blood' (4-6 inches)
- Sedum 'Rosey Glow' (4-6 inches)
- Sedum kamschaticum 'Weihenstephaner Gold' (3-6 inches)
- Sedum rupestre 'Angelina' (3-6 inches)

## Clarksville VFW, Auxiliary News

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary will have a barbecue fundraiser in Bowling Green Friday, May 1, beside the Mike Bankhead vegetable stand.

They will also be observing Days Of Service by collecting items and monetary donations for the nursing homes in the area, and the Mexico Veteran Home. Then on Saturday, May 2 they will be in Louisiana at the Pike County Memorial Hospital they will be partic-

ipating in the activities for Healthy Kids, with games and gifts for the youth and selling small hot dogs, chips and drinks from 9 a.m.-noon.

On Sunday, May 26 they will be at Greenwood Cemetery with pre-Memorial Day services at 3 p.m., and Monday, May 27 they will participate in the Memorial Day Services held by the American Legion Post 370 in Louisiana.

To finish the month they will be at the Pike County Fairgrounds in

Bowling Green on Saturday, May 30, selling barbecue, and will have a table there for donations for Lizbeth Redd.

They are looking forward to this day that has been set aside for the Pike County Fire Departments.

The two groups enjoy doing all of these things for our veterans.

Regular meetings will be held on Monday, May 4, regular meetings and installation of both post and auxiliary officers will be held.

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Caladium. Caladium's colorful, brilliant-veined foliage has brightened shady spots for generations. Traditional varieties of this tropical plant do well in shade or indirect light. Caladium "bulbs" are tubers that have "eyes," like those of a potato. For best results, remove the dominant eye in the center of the tuber with a paring knife. The surrounding eyes emerge more uniformly when the center eye is removed. Although caladiums tolerate some sun, most gardeners save these colorful beauties to brighten shady areas.

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