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Jesse Vaughn performed Saturday, May 2 at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. The opening act was Brayden Reynolds.

Photo by Brent Engel

## Vaughn, Reynolds Please Clarksville Crowd

**BY BRENT ENGEL**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**  
Jesse Vaughn and Brayden Reynolds entertained more than 65 people at a Saturday, May 2 concert sponsored by Raintree Arts Council.

The show was held at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Both musicians paid tribute to legendary artist David Allan Coe, who died at 86 on April 29.

Reynolds performed three Coe tunes, including "The Ride" and "You Never Even Called Me By My Name," which Coe once described as being "the perfect country and western song" because its last verse referenced mothers, trains, pickup trucks, prison and drinking.

The Old Monroe musician opened with "Take It Easy" by The Eagles. He mixed classic tunes such as "Luckenbach, Texas" by Waylon Jennings with newer hits such as Chris Stapleton's "Starting Over."

Another highlight included an unexpected, but compelling, take on "Purple Rain" by Prince. Other songs included "Killin' Time," "Check Yes or No," "It's a

Great Day to Be Alive," "Swingin'" and "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

Vaughn paid homage to Coe with "Long-Haired Redneck." He played for two hours, opening with the Glen Campbell favorite "Gentle On My Mind."

The Elsberry native sang a lot of traditional country, with songs such as "Folsom Prison Blues" by Johnny Cash, "Sunday Morning Coming Down" by Kris Kristofferson, George Strait's "Amarillo By Morning," "Mama Tried" by Merle Haggard, "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers and several Hank Williams songs, including "Your Cheatin' Heart" and "Move It On Over."

Vaughn channeled Joe Diefie on "Pickup Man" and "Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox." Before doing "All My Exes Live in Texas," he let the crowd know that the song was a tradition because a grandfather once performed it karaoke-style.

"He gets mad every time I ask him" about it, the musician said.

Vaughn also mixed in "Already Gone" and "Peaceful,

Easy Feeling" by The Eagles, "Do You Want to Know a Secret" by The Beatles, "Everyday" and "That'll Be The Day" by Buddy Holly and "Blue Suede Shoes" by Carl Perkins.

After getting requests, Vaughn sang "Old School Country," a tune he co-wrote with former Elsberry resident and Nashville music producer Bill Whyte. He also performed a new original, "Stand Tall, Sing Loud." Another original may end up being called "Ramble," but Vaughn admitted after the show that he hadn't officially named it yet. The 21-year-old performer concluded with the gospel-inspired "I'll Fly Away."

Raintree's next events are the Missouri State Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 13 (featuring the band Cornet Chop Suey) at the Clarksville Riverfront and the "Crazy for Patsy" concerts at 2 and 7 p.m. June 27 at the Bowling Green High School Auditorium.

More info about the organization and its events is available at [www.raintreearts.org](http://www.raintreearts.org) or on Facebook.

## Clopton Quiz Bowl Team Takes Third At State

The Clopton High School Scholar Bowl team capped off a successful season with a third-place finish at the Class 2 Missouri State High School Activities Association State Championships held Friday, May 8 at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Coached by Andy Van Bebbler, the Hawks qualified for the state tournament after

an impressive season that also included competing at the national level during the 2026 Small School National Championship Tournament near Chicago in April.

Clopton went 1-2 during preliminary pool play before advancing to the third-place match against Salisbury. The Hawks secured the win to earn the third-place state trophy.

Finn O'Brien tied for the most points scored during the state tournament, helping lead Clopton to an overall season record of 35-17.

Team members this season included Finn O'Brien, Joey Dillon, Gracie Heckrodt, Tristan Malloy, Ridge Mitchell, Wyatt Myers, Katherine Truetken and Kyle West.

## Lady Dawgs Track Team Are Class 2, District 2 Champs, Boys Finish Second

**BY BRICE CHANDLER**  
**EDITOR**

The Louisiana Lady Bulldogs track and field team captured the Class 2 District 2 championship during the Missouri State High School Activities Association district meet held May 9 at Lutheran High School, while the Bulldogs boys team also turned in a strong performance with a runner-up finish. Both teams continue to set personal records as they dominated the field.

Competing against 16 other schools, the Louisiana girls scored 138 points to secure the district title. The Bulldogs boys team added to the program's success by finishing second overall with 118 points.

Louisiana's girls team qualified athletes in numerous events and claimed district championships in the 4x100 relay, 4x800 relay, dis-

cus and pole vault.

The 4x100 relay team of Karishma Clark, Trinity Chatman, Michela Lesley and Alaysia Gschwender earned first place with a time of 51.62 seconds, while the 4x800 relay squad of Reece Wommack, Sophie Griffin, Mayiera Hutt and Scarlett Fite-Karmel also brought home a district title.

Senior Alivia Perrine captured first place in discus with a throw of 32.94 meters, while Nakya Griffith won the pole vault competition at 2.44 meters.

Several Lady Bulldogs also recorded additional state-qualifying finishes. Karishma Clark placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, Alaysia Gschwender took second in the 300-meter hurdles, Camari Mayfield earned second in shot put, and Payten Anderson qualified in both discus and javelin.

Other Louisiana girls advancing to state competition included Alivia Perrine in javelin, Mayiera Hutt in high jump, Grace Branstetter in pole vault, and Trinity Chatman in both long jump and triple jump. Louisiana also advanced relay teams in the 4x200 and 4x400 events.

The Louisiana boys team also delivered several strong performances. The Bulldogs won the 4x100 relay behind Javon Ries, Troy McDaniel, Tyler Norvell and Donnell Griffith. Additional state qualifiers included Braden Taylor in the 800-meter run, AJ Gschwender in high jump, Donnell Griffith in long jump, Evan Kintgen in triple jump, Jaylen Ries in pole vault and Tyler Norvell in the 110-meter hurdles. Louisiana also qualified relay teams in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 events.



## Louisiana High School Class Of 2026

Pictured are members of the Louisiana High School Class of 2026 who graduated Friday, May 8.

Trib photos by Nancy Case

## Pedal Paradise

### Pike County Cycling Tradition Takes Off In The 1880s

**BY BRENT ENGEL**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

What may be the only world championship decided in Pike County happened almost 140 years ago.

Sponsored by St. Louis-based American Wheelmen magazine, the exciting event was held in Clarksville on May 23, 1887.

Participants had to circle the 20-mile course five times on what was called The Belt Road — a mix of compacted stone, loose gravel and dirt pathways that meandered through the countryside.

"The course featured steep hills, challenging climbs, long straightaways and enough rough areas to make for a challenging competition," wrote Kimberly Harper of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Clarksville was a booming town in the 1880s, with almost 1,500 residents. Its eight factories included one of the only paper mills in Missouri. And it shared the national fascination with bicycles.

One of the first to gain attention was the "velocipede," a now-archaic contraption with wooden wheels and iron tires that trembled so much when ridden that it was nicknamed "bone shaker." After an 1869 exhibition in Clarksville, the editor of the Sentinel newspaper wrote that many wanted to ride one, but couldn't handle the vibrations.

At least the velocipede had two equally-sized wheels. The "ordinary" had a huge one on the front and a tiny one on the back.

"They were difficult to mount, and once a rider began peddling, it was hard to bring the bicycle to a stop," Harper wrote.

During one race, famous cyclist Stillman Whittaker had a problem with his ordinary and shouted for advice on how to halt without hurt-

ing himself. Mischievous fellow competitors told him to run into a tree, but Whittaker decided the safer alternative was a blackberry bush.

Riders summed up the danger by calling ordinaries "man slicers" for what sometimes happened when accidents took place. Despite flaws, the ordinary quickly became popular and would be the rig ridden at the Clarksville race.

The 10,000-member League of American Wheelmen held its 1887 national meeting in St. Louis, and chose Clarksville for the contest because it had the best course "for miles around," wrote author Buck Peacock. The Missouri Historical Review called it the "best graveled road in the Middle West." The Wheelmen would later describe Pike County as a "cyclers' paradise."

Clarksville had hosted a 50-mile competition in 1886 that drew widespread coverage, so the decision was no surprise. There were a few naysayers, of course.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch editor W.E. Hicks wasn't impressed, saying one stretch was "a succession of mud holes." The Chicago-based sponsor of one participant said it was "an outrage to ask a man to race over such a course."

Nonetheless, competitors began arriving in Clarksville to finish training. The steamer Hudson docked with Wheelmen representatives and dozens of fans at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22.

"All Clarksville was out to greet them and Clarksville girls flocked on board the Hudson, where they sang a few songs and played the piano," the Historical Review noted. "Many of the men tried out their wheels on the Pike County roads."

Residents dressed in their best and "stood with smiling faces and buttonhole bou-

quets to welcome any passing wheelmen who might stop to cool his parched tongue with a dipper of well water or a glass of milk," the publication said.

One Sunday night church service was packed with cycling enthusiasts "singing the hymns so lustily that it was said the organist had to use the loud pedal constantly in order to be heard," the Review observed.

More singing took place later that night aboard Hudson, and additional spectators arrived by train and steamer. Rain fell overnight and a heavy mist the next morning caused the race to be delayed for an hour.

In addition to Whittaker, professional cyclists Robert Neilson, William Rhodes, H.G. Crocker, John Brooks and Charles Frazier were among those set to compete. Whittaker, the favorite, told the Louisiana Journal he felt like "a greased eel."

"The contestants were a veritable Who's Who of early American cycling," author Sean McLachlan wrote in "It Happened in Missouri."

Off they go  
An estimated three thousand people lined the road near the starting line two miles south of Clarksville.

At 9:17 a.m., the moment all had been waiting for arrived.

"At the crack of a pistol, every pusher gave his man a tremendous shove and off they went," the Journal reported.

Of the 10 men who had signed up, only six would complete the challenging course that extended to Calumet, Aberdeen and Turpin before returning to Clarksville.

The Journal called it a "terrible trial of power and resolution." All but one racer rode an ordinary. After two laps, Neilson, Crocker and Rhodes jostled for the lead.

Continued Next Week

## Van-Far, Clopton, Silex Golfers Headed To State

**BY BRICE CHANDLER**  
**EDITOR**

Several area golfers earned trips to the state tournament during the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 District Golf Tournament held May 7 at Heritage Hills Golf Course.

Leading the way for Van-Far School District was Pacey Reading, who finished second overall with a score of 77. Teammate Kaleb Baskett tied for 15th with an 85, with both golfers qualifying for the state tournament. Kasen Christian, Bryce Reading, and MaxSchucken-

brock also competed for Van-Far, helping the team finish ninth overall with a score of 379.

For Clopton High School, Trey Spoonster secured a state tournament berth after shooting an 82 to finish tied for seventh out of 107 golfers. Rowan Wilson, Jackson Hayden and Bennet Colbert also competed for the Hawks, who placed 11th as a team with a score of 387.

Silex R-I School District freshman Colin Lindsay also earned a trip to state after tying for seventh place with an 82. Brayden Eugene Twellman, Lucas Gruene-

wald and Avery Twellman helped the Owls finish 14th overall with a team score of 406.

Golfers from Louisiana R-II School District also competed in the district tournament. Lane Jordan, Jaxton Calvin, Clair Crigger and Macey Jordan battled through the event but did not qualify for the state tournament.

A total of 21 schools competed in the Class 2 district tournament. State qualifiers will compete May 17-19 at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield.

## Armed Robbery Being Investigated

**BY BRICE CHANDLER**  
**EDITOR**

The Bowling Green Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that

occurred Wednesday night in Bowling Green.

According to a department press release issued by Police Chief Beard, officers

responded to the incident after a victim reported that an unknown male suspect wearing a black ski mask and gloves displayed a Glock pistol with an extended magazine before stealing the victim's shoes, cellphone and cash.

Police said officers quickly developed a description of the suspect vehicle and entered it into the Flock camera database system. The vehicle was later located at the suspect's residence, though an initial search of the property did not locate the suspect.

While officers were conducting the search, Pike County 911 received a report of a subject running through a nearby yard. Responding officers determined the suspect had entered a nearby residence.

After obtaining consent to search the home, officers located and apprehended the suspect without incident.



## LHS Valedictorian, Salutatorian

Alivia Perrine was named valedictorian and Alyssa Christensen was salutatorian of the Louisiana High School Class of 2026.

The investigation remains ongoing and no additional information was available as of press time.

# Community News

## Commission Awards Contracts For Projects In Northeast District

During its regular meeting on May 6, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded the following contracts for improvement projects in the Northeast District.

A \$4.2 million contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC for a sidewalk (ADA), resurfacing and signal improvement project in Audrain County at the following locations:

Missouri Route 15, from 0.4 mile north of Wade Street to Business U.S. 54/Clark Street in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) and resurfacing improvements

Missouri Route 22, from South Morris Street to Missouri Route 15/Western Street in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) and resurfacing improvements

Business U.S. 54, from Route J to Missouri Route 15/Clark Street in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) and concrete pavement repairs

Business U.S. 54, from

Boulevard Street to CR 9913, 0.24 mile north of U.S. Route 54 in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) and resurfacing improvements

Route J, from East Liberty Street to East Promenade Street in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) improvements

Route AA, from East Athey Street to 0.05 mile north of Doyle Street in Farber will have sidewalk (ADA) improvements

Liberty Street, from Johnson Street to Martin Luther King Drive in Mexico will have sidewalk (ADA) improvements

Signal Improvements at the following intersections: Missouri Route 15/Western Street and Missouri Route 22/Monroe Street

Business U.S. 54/Boulevard Street and Missouri Route 15/Clark Street

Route J and Business U.S. 54/Liberty Street

A \$18.8 million contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC, for a pave-

ment, safety and shoulder improvement project on Missouri Route 47, from Routes A/D in Hawk Point to 0.1 mile west of Routes H/J in Troy in Lincoln County

Additional information regarding timelines and traffic impacts will be released prior to the start of construction.

For more information on these and other projects in your area, please contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636). Work with us in the work zone! Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel. With an increased number of highway work zones in Missouri, we urge all drivers to pay attention every second while driving, especially through a work zone.

Be informed of your route by checking the MoDOT Traveler Information Map before you travel.

## Various Events Planned For Central MO State Parks, Historic Sites

Central Missouri state parks and historic sites are hosting a wide variety of educational and recreational activities this month.

Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m. - Nature Bingo at Arrow Rock State Historic Site.

Join the historic site's interpreter at the picnic shelter to play nature bingo! It's just like regular bingo but with nature-themed clues. Winners will receive small prizes. The event is free and open to the public. Arrow Rock State Historic Site is located at 39521 Visitor Center Drive in Arrow Rock, with the GPS coordinates for the shelter being 39.06788, -92.94221.

Friday, May 22, and 29, at 8 p.m. - Friday Night Fireside Chat at Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park.

Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park's Friday Night Fireside Chats are back! Each Friday night from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, visitors can meet the park team in an informal gathering around a campfire. Join them to hear stories and songs, make s'mores and learn more about the park. Participation is free and open to registered campers and day-use

visitors alike. Activities are subject to cancellation or change due to inclement weather. Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park is located at 32146 N. Highway 122 in Miami.

Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. - Spider Sniff at Arrow Rock State Historic Site.

Join site team members in the campground for a free spider sniff program. You will learn all about spiders and how to sniff them out.

You will also have an opportunity to join the Spider Sniff Society. There's no need to register.

## 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

## MDC Reminds Hunters, Other Shooters To Practice Range Safety

Beautiful spring weather prompts people to get outside for a variety of recreational activities - including shooting sports. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) offers hunters and recreational shooters five staffed shooting ranges and more than 35 unstaffed shooting ranges around the state.

MDC's five staffed shooting range and outdoor education centers have trained staff and volunteers to help range users master firearms and archery through a variety of rifle, pistol, and archery ranges. Fees are required to use MDC staffed shooting ranges. The centers also offer programs on

hunting, wildlife identification, and many other outdoor skills.

MDC also welcomes hunters and recreational shooters to use its more than 35 unstaffed shooting ranges free of charge - when used safely and in compliance with posted range rules.

Each MDC unstaffed shooting range has a posted set of rules specific to the range. MDC also reminds range users that every shooter shares responsibility for safety on the firing line, clear communication with others, and respect for the range and its infrastructure.

MDC reminds range users that leaving trash behind or

damaging the range impacts all range users. Shooting range users are expected to:

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## State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

"We're down to the wire here in the final weeks of session—and it is busy, busy, busy. We are aiming to wrap up another successful, productive session for the district and for the state of Missouri. It's truly an honor to serve and a privilege to do all we can for our state."

-Speaker Pro Tem Chad Perkins

### THIS WEEK IN JEFFERSON CITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES \$51 BILLION STATE BUDGET AHEAD OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE

The Missouri General Assembly has passed the state's approximately \$51 billion budget, sending the spending plan to Gov. Mike Kehoe ahead of the constitutional deadline. The budget appropriates approximately \$48.7 billion for state government operations in FY 2027, along with an additional \$2 billion for construction projects and building maintenance state-wide.

The House and Senate reached final agreement through a conference committee after negotiations over funding for education, childcare, public safety, and state operations. Budget leaders described the final plan as a reflection of legislative priorities, emphasizing that spending decisions were made with a focus on core services.

Funding for the K-12 foundation formula remains at the prior fiscal year level of \$4.3 billion, supported in part by a \$45 million General Revenue and Blind Pension Fund swap and \$74 million from the Capitol Commission Capital Preservation Fund. School transportation funding is also maintained at current levels. The budget includes a \$10 million increase for the state's private school scholarship program, the MOS-cholars Program, bringing total program funding to approximately \$60 million.

Funding for public higher education remains largely unchanged from current levels after lawmakers rejected a House proposal that would have significantly altered the state's higher education funding formula. The final agreement directs the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to develop recommendations for a revised funding formula by Dec. 1, with budget leaders noting the current model is unsustainable and in need of long-term reform.

Childcare subsidy funding in the amount of \$51 million is restored, maintaining support for childcare providers and families participating in the program. The program, which helps low-income Missourians pay for childcare services, is

a priority for business groups and Gov. Mike Kehoe, who say it will help more parents enter the workforce.

Public safety was identified as a key priority, with funding included for additional Missouri State Highway Patrol positions to support drug enforcement and crime control efforts, along with significant new investments in public safety initiatives, including a drone squad, funding to assist with World Cup security and related activities, and continued support for local law enforcement agencies through equipment and training programs.

The spending plan also continues funding for Missouri's Medicaid expansion program, which now provides health coverage to more than 363,000 low-income working-age adults. Lawmakers approved \$395.3 million in General Revenue for the state's share of the program, which is projected to cost approximately \$5.2 billion overall in the coming fiscal year.

Lawmakers also approved a reorganization of certain information technology functions, transferring responsibilities from the Office of Administration to the Department of Social Services to administer federally required changes to safety net programs.

The spending plan relies in part on remaining surplus balances as state revenues stabilize following several years of elevated collections. Budget leaders cautioned that future General Assemblies may face more difficult fiscal decisions as those reserves decline, emphasizing that the annual budget process will continue to require adjustments.

With passage complete, the budget now moves to the governor for consideration.

for the start of the new fiscal year.

### STATE PROPERTY CONVEYANCE BILL PASSES GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislation authorizing the conveyance of various parcels of state-owned property has been truly agreed to and finally passed by the Missouri General Assembly. SB 937 permits the transfer of state property located in multiple jurisdictions across Missouri, including Harrisonville (Cass County), Kirksville (Adair County), Springfield (Greene County), Festus (Jefferson County), Doniphan (Ripley County), Higginsville (Lafayette County), Jefferson City (Cole County), Richwoods (Washington County), Jackson County, Nodaway County, Marshall (Saline County), Bowling Green (Pike County), Joplin (Jasper County), and Potosi (Washington County). The measure now moves to the Governor's desk for consideration.

### ARTICLE V CONVENTION PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED

Legislation establishing procedures for Missouri's participation in a potential convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution has been truly agreed to and finally passed by the Missouri General Assembly and now heads to the Governor's desk.

SB 1119 provides that commissioners to such a convention shall be appointed by the General Assembly. It also creates a joint legislative committee responsible for submitting recommended appointees, as well as proposed instructions governing the commissioners' duties, for approval by the full General Assembly. Commissioners must meet the same qualifications required of members of the Missouri House of Representatives.

## Pike To Pike ...



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

Sorry about the mix up last weekend about the Big River Band's music show. Will try to do better.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will hold its fundraiser fish fry Thursday, May 14 from 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with potato salad, baked beans, and five-cup salad plus your choice of dessert, and tea. Eat-in or carry-out. All ages are welcome.

The Big River Band will be at the Red Rooster May 16 with the music starting at 6 p.m. Don't forget they open just to allow this band to be there to give everyone an evening out. They open at 5 p.m., to let everyone order their food, and they have two specials to choose from. So come on out to Red Rooster which is across from the hospital in Pittsfield and next to the motel on Saturday where you can enjoy a good meal and plenty of music. And by the way, be sure and look at this column in two weeks and see what the Big River Band is excited about.

Did you know that the Pike County Senior Center, 220 West Adams Street, in Pittsfield offers lunch Monday-Friday? With that lunch, you get an Entree, two sides, dessert, milk, tea, water, and bread. Reservations please call 1-217-592-3657 or stop by the Senior Center, the day before, during lunch hours (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) and sign up. Pittsfield American Legion

Post 152 has bingo most every Friday evening 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 May 15 because the Jeepers will be in the area.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the week of May 13-19:

May 13 Duane Hibbard, Will and Ann Rine

May 14 MaKayla Robbins, Steve Dean, Philip and Kendyl Armistead

May 15 Allen Ellis, April Myers, Walter and Hattie Stolte

May 17 Larry Ruble, Roger Liehr II

May 19 Jonathan Parrack

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar:

May 16 - Big River Band at Red Rooster at 6 p.m.

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

May 25 - Memorial Day

We went to Bowling Green the other day and stopped at the Dollar Tree. Memorial Day flowers are really getting picked over everywhere so if you are one that goes to the various cemeteries, hopefully you have gotten enough flowers to decorate the graves. And if you decorate around your home with flowers, we stopped at Eastside Gardens in Pittsfield and also went by Ackles Market in New Hartford, where both places had lots of beautiful plants to sell.

We stopped in at Pittsfield's newest store Cloud IX Furniture and checked out several of their unique new furniture items. It's worth your effort to stop and check things out. If you don't see something that you are looking for, be sure and ask Lori and she will help you find that perfect something.

May 7 we attended the preschool graduation of the Learn-

ing School of Bowling Green at the Nazarene Church. Jamie and I were there to see Jamie's great grandson Oliver Niffen who was one of the 33 children who graduated. This was a very cute program, and I had to admire all the people who worked with these youngsters.

Mothers' Day went fine for me. Jamie took me out for lunch at the Courtyard Cafe in Pittsfield which was good, and there was an excellent crowd there. Then that afternoon my son Nathan and Lori stopped by to wish me Happy Mothers' Day and give me a beautiful hanging flower basket.

This Week's Trivia Questions:

1. Because Cain killed his brother Abel, God punished him by sending him away from God where he would be a f\_\_\_\_\_ and a v\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What U.S. President imposed the first federal income tax?

3. Who was the first U.S. President to appear on TV?

Another Single Seniors + One "Meet, Greet, and Eat" has been planned, and those who have responded to the information by texts or calls, have all expressed positively about the location. It's never too late to call at 1-217-320-8438 and check into Single Seniors + One. To join, you must be single, and 62+.

The group meets only once a month at a restaurant that has been chosen several weeks ahead and everyone either gets a text or a call to get that information. Everyone gets a reminder call or text about a week ahead of that date. Everyone that attends must be able to pay for their own meal, have their own transportation, and be courteous to others.

All the attendees seem to enjoy getting together to enjoy a meal and visit.



Speaker Pro Tem Perkins presiding from the dais in the Missouri House of Representatives.

## Seeking Bids

Elsberry Special Road District is seeking bids for the removal of trees and old fenceline.

Widening of road and shaving of back down so it can be mowed.

Bids must be received by May 14, 2026.

Elsberry Special Road District has the right to reject any or all bids.

Please call 573-898-5823 for directions and questions.

## Seeking Bids

Elsberry Special Road District is seeking bids for the demolition of house and removing of all trees and brush. Needs to be hauled away.

Winning bidder is responsible for all DNR and city permits. Must be licensed and bonded.

ESRD has the right to reject any or all bids. Please call 573-898-5823 for directions and questions.

Property located at 103 N. 7th St., Elsberry.

Bids must be received by May 14, 2026.

**Vandalia Barber Shop**  
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# Obituaries



**Robert W. Fry Jr.**

Robert W. Fry, Jr., entered eternal rest unexpectedly on Saturday, April 11, 2026, in Warsaw.

He was born Aug. 2, 1956, in Pike County.

Robert is survived by his children, Sandra Morrison and husband, Andy, Shane Fry and wife, Amber, Shannon Fry, and Susan Blair and husband, Elmer; his grandchildren, Tyler Morrison, Nicolas Morrison, Jonathan Morrison, Zachary Fry, Isabella Grimes, Damien McGlasson, Steven Blair, Anthony Blair, Easton Blair, and Weston Blair; and his siblings, Paul W. Motley Sr., William Motley and wife, Carol, Debbie Liffick and husband, Tom, Thelma Shy, Donna Curry and husband, Denny, Rita Liffick, Diane Fry, and Marty Fry; and a brother-in-law, Mike VonVain. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends who will cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert W. Fry, Sr.; his mother, Dorothy Hammett Motley; his step-father, Paul Motley; a sister, Lora VonVain; one niece, Deanna Motley; two nephews, John Curry, and Jason Vonvain; a brother-in-law, Don Shy; and one sister-in-law, Peggy Motley.

Robert was a proud graduate of Bowling Green High School. He spent many years as an over-the-road truck driver, a career he truly loved, allowing him to travel extensively and experience much of the country.

In his free time, Robert enjoyed fishing, camping, and taking road trips, always appreciating the simple pleasures of the outdoors and the open road.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 1-5 p.m., at the Bowling Green Lake, Pike 280, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Share your memories and condolences at [cozeanfuneralhome.com](http://cozeanfuneralhome.com).



**Robert M. 'Bobby' Kamrowski**

Robert M. "Bobby" Kamrowski, 49, of New London died Saturday, May 2, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life was at 4 p.m., Wednesday at the Hannibal Community of Christ Church, in Hannibal with dinner following.

Bobby was born in Hannibal December 20, 1976, the son of Roman G. and Myrtle L. Beshears Kamrowski. He married Vanessa N. Turnbough May 6, 2000, in Bowling Green. She survives.

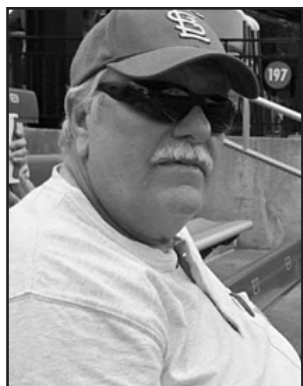
Other survivors include their children, Jacob Kamrowski and wife, Kelli of Emden, Breanna Kamrowski, Julianna Kamrowski, and Victoria Kamrowski, all of New London; grandchildren, Paisley, Landrey, and Zade Kamrowski; siblings, Owen Miller and wife, Mary of Louisiana, Gerry Kamrowski of the state of Georgia, Ron Kamrowski and wife, Nancy of Winona, Minn., Rick Kamrowski and wife, Sue of Fountain City, Wis., Myrtle Riana Dotson and husband, Jerry of New London, and Marry Anne

Waldo of the state of Minnesota; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, William Miller, Michael Kamrowski, and James Miller.

Bobby began his working career working for Lamar Advertising for eight years before transitioning to Personal Care Services Inc., in Hannibal where he worked for the past 22 years. He enjoyed mushroom hunting and fishing, but above all he loved being a family man and loving on his children and grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice..



**David Eugene Woods**

David Eugene Woods died in his home in Louisiana with his wife of 37 years by his side on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

David was born to his parents, Bob and Marian Woods at Louisiana Hospital in Louisiana all his life and attended Louisiana School. He played basketball in his high school years. He had many friends he ran around with in his younger years. Once graduating in 1969 he joined the Army National Guard where he was an MP until he received his honorable discharge Dec. 30, 1975.

Coming back to Louisiana is when he met his wife, Marilyn Woods, when she still lived in Pleasant Hill, Ill. He was hired on to the Union Pacific Railroad. He and Marilyn dated for 11 years starting 1977. They had a daughter in 1984 and that completed their family. David and Marilyn married at the First Baptist Church on Louisiana on Dec. 30, 1988.

David continued working for the railroad for 40 years and six months. During those years he enjoyed hunting with his brother, Kenneth (passed), father Bob (passed), and Gary Branham long-time hunting buddy (passed) on the High 40. He and his father bought a Jon boat together and enjoyed being on the river. David enjoyed taking his wife and daughter on the river when the sun was out. He always enjoyed being on the river.

He was an avid baseball and football fan cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and KC Chiefs. He could be found on game days and Sundays with his wife watching sports. He enjoyed grilling for his family when there wasn't a game to be missed. His daughter and son-in-law gave him and Marilyn their dog, Luna, when they could not take her to their new home. David was not happy to have a dog in the house. However, he was secretly observed playing catch and chasing Luna (passed) around the house. He even bought Luna her own back seat covers for the truck. Pretty sure he liked her. They are back together now.

David finally gained a son when his daughter

Whitney married Kris Lee on Sept. 15, 2012. Kris and David never shared many words, but David enjoyed having a son. And Kris loved having a good role model on how to be a great husband.

David was a hardworking man that put his family first and himself second. When his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 it shattered his world. But he stood by her side through every surgery and chemo treatment. They would get to enjoy 16 more years together.

In 2022 David's health started to go downhill. He had many heart problems and was diagnosed with COPD. He continued to fight, but his health still declined. David finally lost his health battle with his loving wife never leaving his side.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Marian Hallows Woods, a brother, Kenneth Woods, one niece, Laura Woods, and other family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Woods of Louisiana; a daughter and son-in-law, Whitney Lee and Kris Lee of O'Fallon; in-laws, Donna Woods of Louisiana, Betty Knight of Halliday, N.D.; brothers-in-law, Bill and Sue Johnston Pittsfield Ill., and Pete Johnston of Pleasant Hill Ill.; and other friends and family.

Services were held at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation was Friday from 4-8 p.m. The funeral was Saturday at 10 a.m. The Rev. Ruth Shumaker officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana.

David was not a fancy man so those attending were she'd to wear St. Louis Cardinals or Kansas City Chiefs shirts or any sports team shirt. He will be missed by those that knew him and actually got him to talk.



**Charlotte Ann Kerns**

Charlotte Ann Kerns, 83, of Curryville, died Monday, May 4, 2026, at Mercy-St. Louis Hospital.

Funeral services for Charlotte Kerns were Saturday at 11 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green. Visitation was Saturday from 9-11 a.m., at the funeral home.

Charlotte was born July

10, 1942, in Bowling Green to Ellis and Anna Mildred Utterback Ruby. She was united in marriage to Olin Kerns in 1983. He preceded Charlotte in death on Aug. 8, 2019.

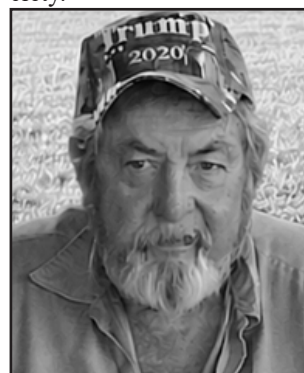
She lived most of her life in Bowling Green, other than when she lived in Ohio for a period of time. She attended Hannibal High School. Charlotte worked at Bridal Originals in Bowling Green once out of school. While in Ohio, Charlotte worked at Moen Faucets in Elyria from 1967-83. Upon returning to Bowling Green, she began working in home health care and just recently retired.

Charlotte enjoyed gardening, taking care of people, and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren. She loved reading and listening to Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline. Charlotte enjoyed watching Gunsmoke, MASH, and old westerns in her free time.

Charlotte is survived by her children, Brian Peak and wife, DeAnn of St. Charles, Brenda Peak of Bowling Green, Curtis Peak of Curryville, Tracey Zupka of Owensville, and Mark Kerns and wife, Debbie of Quincy, Ill.; grandchildren: Michael Owens, Justin Peak, Michelle Owens, Jeremiah "Geo" Peak, Matthew Owens, Jarod Peak, Jordan Peak, Madison Peak, Lacey Barker, and Alicia Smith; numerous great-grandchildren; a brother, Lester Ruby of Holden; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings, Glen Ruby, Richard Ruby, Wayne Ruby, Ruth Perkins, Frances Trower, Bertha Lillard, Zola Ellis, Shirley Hamm, Esther Bateman, Mildred Ruby, and Lowell Ruby; and grandchildren, Casey Lantz and Morgan Wilson.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



**James 'Jim' Rector Noah**

James "Jim" Rector Noah, 77, of Silex died Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Avenir at Maple Grove Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Monday at 6 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green, with Bro. Bill Patrick officiating.

Visitation was Monday

from 4-6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Jim was born Dec. 6, 1948, in Louisiana to Clement Fawnis and Hazel Rector Noah. They preceded him in death.

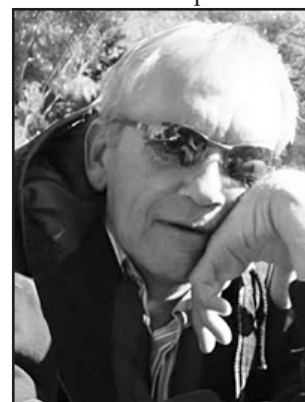
Jim is survived by his children, Brad Noah and wife, Michele of Silex and Beth Patrick and husband, Kyle of Silex; grandchildren, Dylan Noah and wife, Taylor, Brayden Noah, Ashlyn Noah, Calleigh Noah, Cory Hammett and wife, Staci, and Jake Hammett and wife, Shelby; great-grandchild, Evelyn Noah; along with many cousins and extended family.

Jim grew up on the family farm outside of Silex and Eolia. He attended Clopton School and was a 1967 graduate. In school, Jim was active in FFA and basketball. Following school, Jim went straight to work in carpentry and farming.

He enjoyed woodworking and making cabinets and furniture. His last project was a rocking horse for his great-granddaughter. He loved spending his time watching his grandchildren play basketball and softball.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Davis, Warren Henry, Terry Henry, Bob Street, Bob Magruder, and Greg Scharnhorst.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.



**John L. Starman Jr.**

A Celebration of Life ceremony for John L. Starman Jr., of Louisiana on Saturday, May 16 from 1-3 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 120 N. 5th St., Louisiana.

Mr. Starman died Friday, May 1, 2026 at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Fairview Cemetery, c/o Rose Collard, 5360 Hwy. 79, Louisiana, MO 63353.



**Skylie Salmon**

Skylie Rayne Salmon, 17, of Vandalia died tragically on Monday, May 4,

2026.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Second Christian Church in Vandalia. Burial will follow in the Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Skylie's life will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home.

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

Skylie was born April 29, 2009, in Mexico, the daughter of Michael Salmon and Kimberly Fischer.

Survivors include her parents of Vandalia; aunts, Donna Kemry and husband, Robert, and Connie Salmon, one uncle, James Foiles and wife, Rhonda; numerous cousins; extended family and friends.

Skylie was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Fred and Della Fischer; paternal grandparents, Ben and Edith Salmon; uncles, Jerry Foiles, Joe Salmon, Louis Salmon, Donnie Salmon, and Earl Wayne Salmon.

She was a free-spirited teenager who enjoyed listening to music, the peace and tranquility of an evening swing in the park. Skylie also found joy in gardening, her fish, and her fish aquarium and going on rides across the countryside. Skylie's biggest love was her family; she enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her family and friends. She was a ray of light in everyone's eyes who knew her. She will be deeply missed by all.

Skylie attended the Second Christian Church of Vandalia.

Pallbearers will be Cory Salmon, Robert Kemry, B.J. Kemry, Tyler Kemry, LaDon Salmon, and Walter Salmon, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be James Foiles, Branson Salmon, Mike Reynolds, and Thomas Salmon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Second Christian Church of Vandalia, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Skylie's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com)



**Alice Wright**

Mary Alice Wright, 83, of Vandalia died Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia.

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## Card Of Thanks

We are so grateful for your kind condolences and the lovely flowers, cards, and food that you sent in honor of Stephen Scherder. Your donations to Farm Safety Day are heartfelt and we appreciate it so much.

Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time has meant more to us than words can express.

We deeply appreciate your attendance at the funeral service and your heartfelt sympathy.

**The Family Of Stephen Scherder**

## Vandalia Cemetery Association MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Cemetery Association will host the annual MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM on

**Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m.**, at the cemetery.

Members from Vandalia and surrounding communities will gather to honor our veterans and celebrate our country. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Seating will be available. In the case of rain, the program will be moved to the Senior Center building in Vandalia.

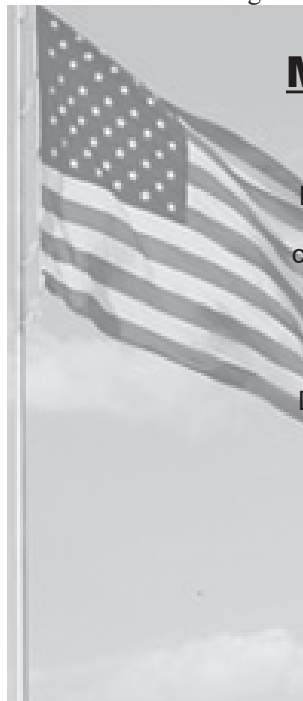
### Donations

Donations are a vital part of the continued upkeep and care of the facility. The association appreciates all donations and memorials. The cemetery office will be open during the holiday weekend to assist visitors and accept donations.

All donations to the Vandalia Cemetery are tax deductible

### Flower Removal

Memorial Day flowers on graves in the mowing path need to be removed by Monday, June 1, 2026 so that mowing can resume on Tuesday, June 2



Antioch Cemetery Association

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday, May 26** - 2 p.m.

at the former Antioch Church by the cemetery

Those interested in the business affairs of the cemetery are invited to attend.

Donations may be sent to: Antioch Cemetery,

c/o Donald Bibb, Treasurer

22436 Hwy. HH

Bowling Green, MO 63334

## Donations Accepted

Mowing season has started. As we remember our loved ones at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

This Memorial Day, please consider a donation for the mowing expenses. All donations are appreciated.

Donations may be sent to: Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery P.O. Box 141, Vandalia, MO 63382.

# Community News

## OBITUARIES

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Alice was born Sept. 19, 1942, at home in Ashley, the daughter of the late Leonard and Florence Ellebracht Korte. She was united in marriage to Herman "Sonny" Wright in 1963. He survives.

She is also survived by three children, one son, Jim Wright and wife, Lynda of Rocheport; and two daughters, Diana Spradling and husband, Thom of Vandalia, and Allison Loy and husband, Kerry of Wildwood. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Garrett Wright and wife, Tara of Lenexa, Kan., Hope Vaughn and husband, Jaime of Columbia, Lindsey Koetting and husband, Sean of Columbia, Jonathon Spradling and Lino Marko Rangelov of Chicago, Ill., Jordan Crane and husband, Todd of Bowling Green, Mara Hunt of Rock Hill, Maclaine Hunt of Wildwood, Lucas Loy of Wildwood; great-grandchildren, Walker Crane, Owen Crane, Sonny Crane, Drew Vaughn; Tripp Vaughn; and Ellie Jo Wright.

Additional survivors include four brothers, Paul Korte, Dennis Korte, Clyde Korte, and Mark Korte; and two sisters, Jane Trower and Laura Vandelicht.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Carol Branstetter; and two brothers, Sonny Korte and Chuck Korte.

Alice attended beautician school and began her career as a beautician, where she enjoyed visiting with clients and forming lasting friendships. After marriage, she devoted herself to raising her family and creating a warm and welcoming home. She was known for her strong work ethic and also had a painting and wall-paper business with her dear friend, Martha Libby, taking pride in every project they completed. Alice was also very creative and had a special talent for scrapbooking, carefully preserving family memories in a way that will continue to be treasured for years to come. She was an amazing baker and cook, known for preparing delicious meals and homemade treats that brought family and friends together and made every gathering feel special.

She was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vandalia and was active in the La-Femme Club, where she valued fellowship and community involvement. Alice took great pride in her home, especially in her love for gardening and canning, often sharing the fruits of her labor with family and friends.

Above all, Alice's greatest joy was her family. She treasured every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, always making time for them and supporting them in all stages of life. Her care, kindness, and steady presence left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Alice and Sonny shared many happy years together, especially enjoying their winters in Texas and traveling across the United States on long motorcycle rides, creating memories that will be cherished by her family.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Sunday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m., Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vandalia. Burial followed at Vandalia Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Alice's memorial page at [www.watersfuneral.com](http://www.watersfuneral.com).



**Louise Mason Hunter**

Louise Mason Hunter, 85, of Bowling Green departed her loving family at her daughter's home on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Louise was born May 5, 1941, in Kirksville to Luey and Rosy Heincy Walker. Louise was a graduate of Knox City High School and Truman State University.

She was united in marriage to Don Hunter on Oct. 28, 2006, who survives of the home.

Immediate survivors include a daughter, Lesa Smith and husband, Bradley; grandsons, Nathan Smith and Joshua Smith and wife, Katie; great-grandchildren, Solomon and Maria Smith, all of Center; a brother, Larry Walker and wife, Marilyn of Knox City; along with other relatives and dear friends.

Louise spent her entire life devoted to education. Her first teaching experience was at the age of 20 at Musser Rural School in Knox County. After completing college, she began teaching which was followed by becoming building principal at La Belle. In 1984, she moved to Bowling Green to accept a principal position at Curryville and Frankford. Later, she accepted the same position at Bowling Green Elementary until her retirement in 2000. Although some may have perceived her as being stern, she always held a deep compassion to provide an effective learning environment and foster professional development.

Following public school service, she worked as an adjunct faculty member for graduate classes of Hannibal LaGrange College and William Woods University. She felt a strong desire to promote the profession of elementary principal.

Louise was very active and a member of Northeast Missouri Association Elementary School Principals, Missouri Association Elementary School Principals, National Association Elementary School Principals, Missouri Association School Administrators, and was awarded Distinguished Principal.

Community organizations and affiliations were B.P.W., Bowling Green Lions, Hannibal Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Hope Center, Pike County Retired Teachers, Bowling Green R-I School Board Member, and a member of Edgewood Baptist Church.

Louise's wishes were to be cremated. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green are in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Louise Mason Hunter Elementary Education Scholarship Fund (Community State Bank) and mailed c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home. This gesture would honor her love for elementary education.



**Lois Marie Coleman**

Lois Marie Coleman, 83, of Moscow Mills died Thursday, April 30, 2026.

She was born Oct. 26, 1942 in Cimarron, Kan., to

Lawrence and Edna Peka Krueger. Lois grew up on a farm and learned how to run a combine at age 12, when her father had a heart attack and her help was needed. After her formal schooling, she was working as a waitress at a restaurant when she met her future husband, John L. Coleman. Their first date was April 4, 1960 and eight months later on Dec. 31, 1960, they were married on New Year's Eve in Montezuma, Kan.

It didn't take long for the family to move to Moscow Mills and this is where they raised their five children. The family enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing and all of the kids' sports and activities. Lois was very involved in the community and served as a Girl Scout leader who taught outdoor skills, and arts and crafts. Making hot chocolate for the Moscow Mills sledders, rabbit and deer hunting, and canning pickles were some of the things she enjoyed with family and friends. Besides taking excellent care of her family, she owned Coleman's Tax and Bookkeeping Service. Lois was "always a strong lady" and had a strong belief in God, passing this faith onto her children. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Surviving are four children, her son, John Coleman and wife, Sheila of Truxton; and three daughters, Michelle Murray and husband, Kevin of Foristell, Lorrie Harrison and husband, Donald of Clarksville, Keista Coleman of Florida; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John Coleman; a daughter, Tina Stark and four siblings, Clarence, Gertrude, Lorraine, and Robert Lee.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6 from 9-11 a.m., time of service at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

A funeral service was at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 6 at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Troy. Mike Miller officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons, John Coleman, Nathan Heger, Wade Murray, Ryan Coleman, Daniel Bowser, and Easton Schmid.

Interment followed in Coleman Cemetery in Pendleton.

Memorials may be made to Aspire Nursing Home for resident activities in New Florence, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, Troy location.

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



**Grace M. Street**

Grace M. Street, 100, of Silex died Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Elsberry Health Care Center in Elsberry.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m., at Whiteside Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Patrick officiating. Burial will be in the Millcreek Cemetery in Silex.

Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Grace was born Sept. 29, 1925, to Howard and Elsie Rector Teague. She lived in Whiteside all her life. She attended grade school at our current Whiteside Schoolhouse. She graduated from Eolia High School in 1943. After high school she

worked at the Glove Factory in Elsberry.

On Sept. 1, 1950, she married Fred A. Street Jr. To that union two boys were born, Robert "Bob" Street and wife, Carol of Whiteside, and Don Street and wife, Lisa of Booneville. Grace had five grandchildren, Dan Street and wife Lisa of Whiteside, Jennifer Johnson of St. Louis, Kelly Straube of Bowling Green, Kevin Street of Bowling Green, and Julie Street and husband, Rob Cerami of Pennsylvania. She had five great-grandchildren, Maya Rudd and husband, Dillion of Eolia, Mason Street of Whiteside, Holden Straube of Bowling Green, Kennedy Street of Bowling Green, and Morgan Street of Columbia. A sixth great-grandchild is expected this month.

She is also survived one sister-in-law, Nora Teague of Bowling Green; a brother-in-law, Bill Street of Clarksville; many nieces and nephews; church family; and many friends.

Grace and her husband, Fred, were married for 63 years. She was a very faithful member of Whiteside Baptist Church. She held many positions there. The most outstanding was being the pianist for 85 years. She was also an election judge for over 40 years. Grace was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

She always welcomed family and friends to her home with joy. She will be deeply missed.

Memorials may be made to Whiteside Baptist Church or Whiteside Community Center.



**Pauline Smith**

Pauline Smith, 79, of Bowling Green, formerly of Louisiana died Friday, May 8, 2026 at the University of Missouri Hospital-Columbia.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. John Davis officiating.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Pauline was born May 30, 1946 in Bowling Green to Elmer G. and Anna Elizabeth Perkins Feather. She was married to Bob Pruitt on Nov. 24, 1964. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2011. She later married Gary Smith Jan. 28, 1994. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, stillborn twin sister, Lorene, and brothers, Bobby Feather, Glenn Feather, and Bill Feather.

She is survived by a daughter, Coreena Burke and husband, Marty of Fulton; two sons, Albert "Jody" Pruitt of Bowling Green, and Rob Pruitt and wife, Jenn of Bowling Green; her grandchildren, Meghan Beauchem Jordan Gebhart, Brittany Norton and husband, Josh, Molly Chandler, Austin Pruitt and wife, Erica, and Eli Pruitt and Samantha Smith; great-grandchildren, Honey, Hailey, Hudson, Landon, Caden, Jaxson, Cadence, Jaxten, and Brayln, and several nieces and nephews.

Pauline liked to read her Bible and do crosswords. She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Louisiana. She loved her church family. She also loved babysitting for her grandkids and her yorkie, Ava Marie, and enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals games. She was employed with several different businesses in Louisiana over the years including Walmart for 30+ years.

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

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



**Pamela Cole, BC-HIS Receives Award**

At the recent 2026 Missouri Hearing Society Educational Conference at the "Live by Loews" hotel in St. Louis. Pamela Cole, BC-HIS a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist with Cole Hearing Center, LLC located in Bowling Green and Vandalia, Mo. received the Silver Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement. The Missouri Hearing Society recognizes those individuals who go beyond the basic continuing education requirements in order to provide superior service to their clients. Pam completed 18.5 hours of continuing education to receive a Silver Award. Pam is pictured receiving the award from President Tom Wright.

## Severe-Weather Resources From MU Extension

University of Missouri Extension has a variety of resources to help you prepare for and respond to severe weather, including storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Resources from MU Extension

- Publications
- In-depth information is available from these MU Extension publications, which are available for free download.
- EMW1026, Safe Drinking Water in an Emergency
- G6867, First Aid for Storm Damaged Trees
- EMW1019, Tornado Season: Are You Ready?
- MP904, Resources for Your Flooded Home
- Videos
- Avoid Injury During Tornado Cleanup
- Taking Shelter From the Storm (safe rooms)
- Coping With Disaster

- News releases
- Scams and fraud add insult to injury after a disaster
- Simple, inexpensive whistle can make a lifesaving difference
- Property loss from disasters may be tax deductible
- Food safety after flooding
- Be prepared for flooded roads
- First aid for leaky basements
- Reducing flood damage to home and property
- Let flood-damaged homes dry thoroughly before installing new coverings
- Use shock chlorination to disinfect contaminated wells
- Snakes on a flood plain
- More from MU Extension
- Topic: Emergency Management
- Flood Resources
- Related programs
- Missouri Extension Disaster Education Network

## Callaway Livestock Center, Inc.

Kingdom City, MO

**May 7, 2026**

**Receipts: 1,588 Head Pairs - Better Cows**

**1st Calf - Heifer Pairs**

179 head

\$5,200 - \$6,300

**3-6 Yr Old Cows**

**(Baby to 300 lb Calves)**

32 head

\$4,350 - \$5,900

**6-8 Yr Old Cows**

**(Baby to 300 lb Calves)**

26 head

\$4,600 - \$5,850

**Short Solid & Aged**

**(Baby to 300 lb Calves)**

10 head

\$4,350 - \$5,300

**Bred Cows**

Bred Heifers

113 head

\$2,950 - \$4,825

**3-6 Yr Old (2nd & 3rd Period)**

492 head

\$3,600 - \$4,400

**3-6 Yr Old (1st Period)**

8 head

\$2,800 - \$3,300

**Short Solid & Aged**

163 head

\$2,500 - \$3,300

**Breeding Bulls**

43 head

\$4,500 - \$12,500

**Slaughter Bulls**

39 head

\$2.05 - \$2.47 / lb

**Slaughter Cows**

308 head

\$1.65 - \$2.04 / lb

Jack Harrison - 573-999-7197	Jack Harrison, Owner	Myles McWhorter - 573-263-3759
John P. Harrison - 573-220-1482	573-999-7197	Glenn Stegeman - 573-619-8495
Roger Temmen - 573-680-4538	<b>Market Report</b>	Jarrod Simpson - 573-247-0706
Justin Oberling - 217-440-7124	<b>573-522-9244</b>	Chad Nickelson - 573-631-1627
Claude Niemyer - 573-470-1017	<b>24 hour recording</b>	Kevin Miliken - 417-588-0307
Tyler Harris - 573-220-2766	Carson Poe - 573-550-9133	Craon Blattel - 417-650-7688



# Van-Far High School

## Commencement Ceremony

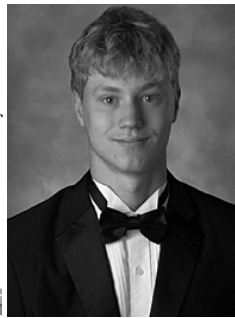
Sunday, May 17  
2:00 p.m.



### Reading Farms


Vandalia  
proudly presents

**Pacey Andrew Reading**



*Pacey Reading is the son of Brett and Amanda Reading. He plans to attend Hannibal La-Grange University to study business and play basketball.*

**Evan Brody Utterback**




*Evan Utterback is the son of Cale and Sam Utterback. He plans to attend MACC to complete his gen eds then transfer to Blessing-Riemann.*

### RenegadeResearch Ilc


Vandalia • 573-550-4115  
proudly presents

**Brandon Gene Kurz**



*Brandon Kurz is the son of Tim and Michelle Kurz. He plans to continue working in the agriculture field.*

**Alexandria Rose Govero**




*Alexandria Govero is the daughter of Buck Zumwalt and Winona Maiden. She plans to work for the Missouri Department of Corrections as a correctional officer.*

### Dairy Queen

Vandalia • 573-594-2062  
proudly presents Breakfast Served Daily

**Nora Renee Bybee**



*Nora Bybee is the daughter of Brian and Sara Bybee. She plans to attend MACC to receive an associate degree in nursing.*

### Dairy Queen

Vandalia • 573-594-2062  
proudly presents Breakfast Served Daily

**Brecca Nicole Teague**

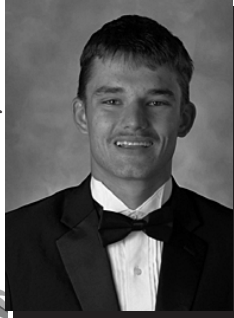


*Brecca Teague is the daughter of Mark Teague and Megan Roth. She plans to attend MACC to complete her gen eds and transfer to Blessing-Riemann to study nursing.*

### Service & Supply Coop

Vandalia • 573-594-6421  
proudly presents

**Kasen Edward Christian**




*Kasen Christian is the son of Donnie Christian and Trisha Lower. He plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to earn a degree in architecture.*

### Dairy Queen

Vandalia • 573-594-2062  
proudly presents Breakfast Served Daily

**Addyson Lane Hays**




*Addyson Hays is the daughter of David and Alisha Hays. She plans to attend MACC for general education.*

### State Farm Insurance

Vandalia • 573-594-6409  
proudly presents

**Kylie Lynn Brooksher**

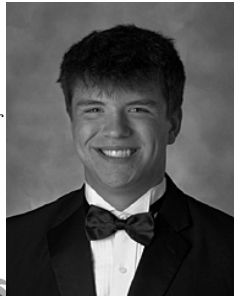


*Kylie Brooksher is the daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Brooksher. She plans to work for the Missouri Department of Corrections as a correctional officer.*

### Bobbie Elaine's Boutique & Consignment

Vandalia • 573-470-3794  
proudly presents

**Gibson Benjamin Condie**

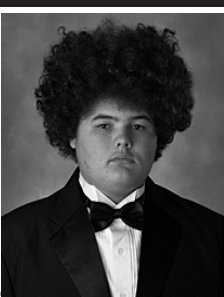


*Gibson Condie is the son of Rick and Jaime Condie. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study digital marketing.*

### State Farm Insurance

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**Kayden Joseph Crisman**

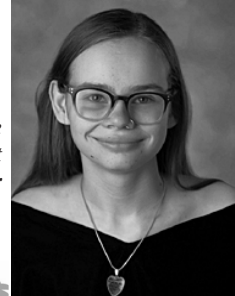


*Kayden Crisman is the son of Randy Lybarger and Kathleen Smith. He plans to seek employment in the welding field.*

### State Farm Insurance

Vandalia • 573-594-6409  
proudly presents

**Audrianna Helen Marie Stinnett**



*Aubrianna Stinnett is the daughter of Amanda Stinnett and the late Rickey Stinnett. Her future plans are undecided.*

### Eastern Missouri YMCA

Vandalia • 573-594-2208  
proudly presents

**Mariah Mae Maggard**



*Mariah Maggard is the daughter of Chuck and Nicole Maggard. She plans to attend MACC for nursing and continue in the cosmetology field.*

### Bobbie Elaine's Boutique & Consignment


Vandalia • 573-470-3794  
proudly presents

**Jaden Danielle Cook**



*Jaden Cook is the daughter of the late Jennifer Day and Jason Cook. She plans to seek employment in the welding field.*

**Elaina Anaylytne Yuvonne Brogden**




*Elaina Brogden is the daughter of Eureka Scott and Matthew Roed. She plans to attend Oklahoma State to study sports psychology.*

### Shelter Insurance

Frank Wallace, agent • 573-594-2235  
proudly presents

**Easton David Sharp**




*Easton Sharp is the son of Darby and Kristina Sharp. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study high-performance automotive.*

### Poage Ford

Bowling Green • 573-324-5130  
proudly presents

**Lexie Ann Jones**



*Lexie Jones is the daughter of Matthew and Gayle Jones. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to study business administration.*

### Cole Chiropractic

Vandalia • 573-594-2663  
proudly presents

**Landon Evan Michael Flowers**



*Landon Flowers is the son of Justin Flowers and Megan Trower. He plans to seek employment in the welding field.*

### The Vintage Fern

Vandalia  
proudly presents

**Trinity KayLynn Skwartz**




*Trinity Skwartz is the daughter of Robert and Dana Dyke. She plans to attend Missouri State University to earn a BSN in nursing.*

### Poage Ford

Bowling Green • 573-324-5130  
proudly presents

**Lindsay Marie Jones**



*Lindsay Jones is the daughter of Matthew and Gayle Jones. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to study business administration.*

**Makayla Renee McCurdy**




*Makayla McCurdy is the daughter of Charles and Jill McCurdy. She plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to study animal science/pre-vet.*

### Hickerson Shoe Repair

Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Colt Austin Williams**



*Colt Williams is the son of Donna Green. He plans to attend a tech school or seek employment.*

**Congratulations  
Graduates!**



**Spencer Creek Farms**

Vandalia • 573-470-2029  
proudly presents

**Dalton Levi Dameron**



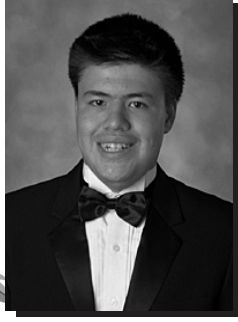
Dalton Dameron is the son of Jason Dameron and Sarah Evans. He plans to attend Wyotech to study diesel technology.



**Service & Supply Coop**

Vandalia • 573-594-6421  
proudly presents

**Toby Lucas Ard**



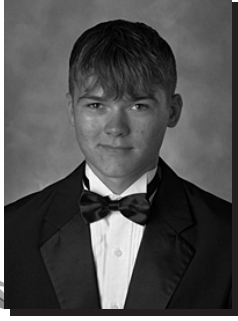
Toby Ard is the son of Stephanie Green. His future plans are undecided.



**Spencer Creek Farms**

Vandalia • 573-470-2029  
proudly presents

**Jaykob Roger Green**



Jaykob Green is the son of Jason and Brandy Green. He plans to seek employment.



**Dollar General Market**

Vandalia • 573-828-1041  
proudly presents

**Ayanna Myranda Jaelyn Hays**



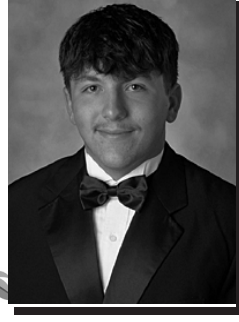
Ayanna Hays is the daughter of Amber Selby and the late Chad Hays. She plans to attend MACC for business then transfer to Westminster University to earn a bachelor degree.



**Spencer Creek Farms**

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**Ty Allen Evans**



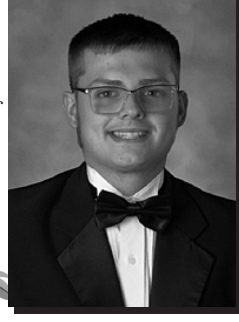
Ty Evans is the son of Bryan Evans and Nikki Hendren. He plans to attend Wyotech to study diesel technology.



**Hickerson Shoe Repair**

Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Lucas James Wisdom**



Lucas Wisdom is the son of Rebecca Fuget and Robert Wisdom. He plans to run his own business.



**Peoples Bank & Trust**

Bowling Green • 573-324-2525  
proudly presents

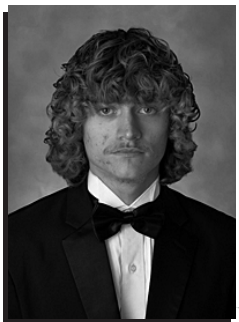
**Breanna Kay Resor**



Breanna Resor is the daughter of Joe Resor and Julie Trower. She plans to seek employment.



**JohnAdyn Steele**



JohnAdyn Steele plans to attend a trade school to become an electrician.



**Dollar General Market**

Vandalia • 573-828-1041  
proudly presents

**Cole Anthony Martin**

Cole Martin is the son of Chandra Parris. His future plans are undecided.

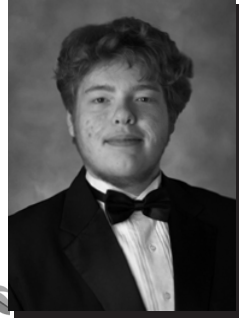
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**LaCrosse Lumber Company**

Vandalia • 573-594-6448  
proudly presents

**Dominic Michael Beshears**



Dominic Beshears is the son of Brooke Beshears. His future plans are undecided.



**Alyssa Diane Hollenbeck**



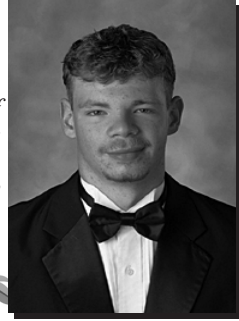
Alyssa Hollenbeck is the daughter of Marcus and Ericka Coose. She plans to seek employment in the welding field.



**Dollar General**

Vandalia • 573-570-2063  
proudly presents

**Gaven Skyler Gaston**



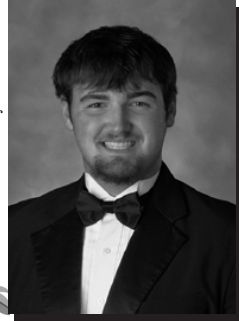
Gaven Gaston is the son of Heath and Corrie Gaston. He plans to attend Monmouth College to study business and play football.



**Dollar General Market**

Vandalia • 573-828-1041  
proudly presents

**Jackson Scott Daniel Fischer**



Jackson Fischer is the son of Lara and Terrance Bell and Josh and Kara Collom. He plans to attend Missouri Valley College to play football and study agronomy and ag business.



**Dollar General**

Vandalia • 573-570-2063  
proudly presents

**Emma Claudean Freie**



Emma Freie is the daughter of Mark Freie and Tiffany and Larry Hale. She plans to attend Truman State University-Kirksville to study communication disorders-pre-speech language pathology.



**Clopton High School**

**Commencement Ceremony**

Sunday, May 17  
2 p.m.

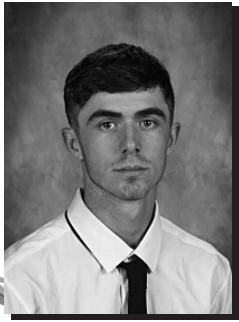
Dale Miller Gymnasium

**People's Bank & Trust**

Troy • 636-528-7001  
proudly presents

**Garrett Michael Nathaniel Ham**

Garrett Michael Nathaniel Ham plans to join the United States Marine Corps.



**Brookelynn Cora Holt**



Brookelynn Cora Holt is the daughter of Toby Holt of Eolia. She plans to seek employment and attend a welding school.



**Dawson Collision Center**

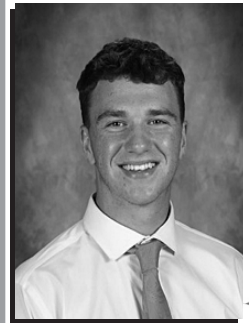
Bowling Green • 573-324-2422  
proudly presents

**Adam Henry Matheny**

Adam Henry Matheny is the son of Mike and Linda Matheny of Clarksville. He plans to attend St. Charles Community College to further his education to become an athletic trainer.



**James Alvin Matheny**



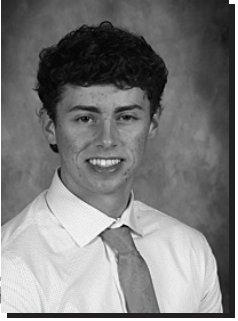
James Alvin Matheny is the son of Mike and Linda Matheny of Clarksville. He plans to become a firefighter.



**C&H Photography**

Annada • 573-470-7253  
proudly presents

**Michael Allen Evans**



Michael Allen Evans is the son of Bobby and Kristen Evans of Silex. He plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to study mechanical engineering.

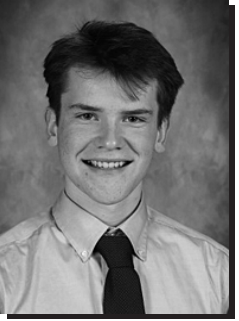


**State Representative Chad Perkins**

Paid for by Chad Perkins 4 Missouri Letha Ingram, Treas.  
proudly presents

**Finn Michael O'Brien**

Finn Michael O'Brien is the son of Patrick and Christine O'Brien of Paynesville. He plans to attend the University of Chicago to major in English or political science.



**Dawson Collision Center**

Bowling Green • 573-324-2422  
proudly presents

**Carlyn Alayna Lockard**




Carlyn Alayna Lockard is the daughter of Clint and Jenny Lockard of Eolia. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in pediatric nursing.




*Congratulations*

**Poage Ford**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-5130  
proudly presents

**Addyson Jaide Johnson**  
Addyson Jaide Johnson is the daughter of Taylor Johnson and Stephanie Preswood of Edgewood. She plans to attend William Wood University to study criminal justice.




**Katie Alexis Ruby McGuire**  
Katie Alexis Ruby McGuire is the daughter of Delia, Marshall and Kennet McGuire Sr., of Bowling Green she plans to seek employment and attend college.



**Hickerson Shoe Repair**  
Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Joseph Michael Dillon**  
Joseph Michael Dillon is the son of Michael and Aleecia Dillon Eolia. He plans to get a bachelors degree in zoology, then study conservation.




**Community State Bank**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**Tylie Jean Gronek**  
Tylie Jean Gronek is the daughter of Amy Gronek and Russell Gronek of Eolia. She plans to attend St. Charles Community College to become a paramedic.



**Hickerson Shoe Repair**  
Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Ava Maureen Bankhead**  
Ava Maureen Bankhead is the daughter of Elizabeth Lawhorn and Reid Bankhead of Silex. She plans to attend Central Methodist University to pursue a degree in biology and minor in chemistry, then attend an accredited medical school to obtain an MD.




**C&H Photography**  
Annada • 573-470-7253  
proudly presents

**Tinleigh Elizabeth Spoonster**  
Tinleigh Elizabeth Spoonster is the daughter of Bobby and Jessica Spoonster of Eolia. She plans to work full-time at Menemeyer Orthodontics while taking online classes at St. Charles Community College.



**Dawson Collision Center**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2422  
proudly presents

**Tucker Wiley Salmons**  
Tucker Wiley Salmons is the son of Scott and Karla Salmons of Whiteside. He plans to become a firefighter/paramedic.




**Community State Bank**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**Aiyana Leigh Ferguson**  
Aiyana Leigh Ferguson is the daughter of Mike and Aubrey Ferguson of Clarksville. She plans to attend St. Charles Community College.




**Jay Hurd**  
Eolia • 573-470-1929  
proudly presents

**Serenity Ann Robinson**  
Serenity Ann Robinson is the daughter of Sara Turner and Johnny Robinson of Whiteside. She plans to become a pharmacy tech.



**Ava Grace Rogers**  
Ava Grace Rogers is the daughter of Christi Ray and Geoff Rogers Annada. She plans to attend college and seek employment.




**Graham Construction**  
Louisiana • 573-754-0353  
proudly presents

**Sophie Ann Simmons**  
Sophie Ann Simmons is the daughter of Shellie Simmons and Rusty Simmons of Eolia. She plans to attend college to study child psychology to become a child therapist.




**Ty Anthony Stanek**  
Ty Anthony Stanek is the son of Erika Brush of Eolia. He plans to join the United States Army for a career and engineering.




**State Representative Chad Perkins**  
Paid for by Chad Perkins 4 Missouri Letha Ingram, Treas.  
proudly presents

**Sean Patrick Mills**  
Sean Patrick Mills is the son of Rick Mills and Alexandra Mills of Clarksville. He plans to join the United States Marine Corps and attend Ranken for high-performance racing technology.




**C&H Photography**  
Annada • 573-470-7253  
proudly presents

**Larson John Hall**  
Larson John Hall is the son of Rob and Suzanne Hall of Paynesville. He plans to work on the family farm.



**Graham Construction**  
Louisiana • 573-754-0353  
proudly presents

**Kyle Joseph West**  
Kyle Joseph West is the son of Justin and Amy West of Clarksville he plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology to major in aerospace engineering.



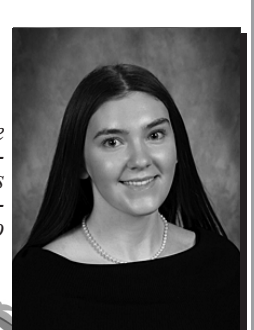
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Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**John Steven Grillo**  
John Steven Grillo is the son of Sarah Niswanger and John Grillo of Eolia. He plans to attend St. Charles Community College to obtain an associate degree in science and engineering.




**Kimberly Chandler Photography**  
Louisiana • 573-612-9145  
proudly presents

**Gracey Rose MacLaughlin**  
Gracey Rose MacLaughlin is the daughter of Joe and Wendy MacLaughlin of Clarksville. She plans to swim for D1 University of Nebraska-Omaha while studying to become a physical therapist.



**Graham Construction**  
Louisiana • 573-754-0353  
proudly presents

**Marley Louise Stout**  
Marley Michelle Stout is the daughter of Tory and Jessica Teasley of Silex. She plans to attend St. Charles Community College then transferred to Missouri State to major and equestrian medicine.



**Katherine Marie Truetken**  
Katherine M. Truetken is the daughter of Floyd Truetken and Karisa Powers of Eolia. She plans to attend St. Charles Community College to study nursing.




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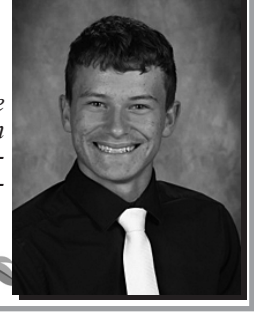
**Avenley Faith Mitchell**  
Avenley Faith Mitchell is the daughter of Brock and Courtney Mitchell of Clarksville. She plans to attend Northwest Baptist University to major and biology and become a physical therapist.



**Campbell Elizabeth Lindsay**  
Campbell Elizabeth Lindsay is the daughter of Matt and Heather Lindsay of Eolia. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in business administration and then attend law school at Mizzou.




**Kaden James Wilson**  
Kaden James Wilson is the son of Brad and Megan Wilson of Silex. He plans to seek employment and explore any opportunities the Lord gives him.



**Community State Bank**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**Brittany Carnell Caplin**  
Brittany Caplin is the daughter of Amy Davis of Clarksville. She plans to work with her mother.



**Makinley Aryn Carr**  
Makinley Aryn Carr is the daughter of Jennifer Lynn Carr and Timothy Aaron Carr Eolia. She plans to attend Quincy University to minor and diagnostic medical sonography, then transfer to Blessing Riemann College of Nursing.



**Teagan Faith Craig**  
Teagan Faith Craig is the daughter of Scott and Linda Parrish of Eolia. She plans to attend Pike-Lincoln Tech Center to become an LPN then further her career to become an RN.



*Saluting The Class Of 2026*


# Bowling Green High School Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 15 - 7 p.m.  
High School Gymnasium

## Dawson Collision Center


Bowling Green • 573-324-2422  
proudly presents

**Layla Berry**



Layla Berry is the daughter of Milan and Kathleen Berry of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in agribusiness.

**Haiden Chandler**




Haiden Chandler is the daughter of James and Jennifer Chandler of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Saint Charles Community College to major and business marketing.

## Scherder Auto Body


Bowling Green • 573-324-6023  
proudly presents

**Caleb Grote**



Caleb Grote is the son of Sara Grote and Ansel Grote of Bowling Green. He plans to seek employment.

**Sophia Hartwig**




Sophia Hartwig is the daughter of Tabitha and Roy White, William Hartwig, and Heather Privett of Middletown. She plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study agribusiness.

## Remax Realty Shop


Bowling Green • 573-324-2800  
proudly presents

**Lucas Orf**



Lucas Orf is the son of Kimberly Orf and Billy Orf of Bowling Green. He plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University.

**Trenton Wilson**



Trenton Wilson is the son of Terry and Amanda Wilson of Bowling Green. He plans to attend the American Welding Academy.

## Home Bank


Bowling Green • 573-448-7400  
proudly presents

**Karli Dean**



Karli Dean is the daughter of Brian and Sara Dean of Frankford. She plans to attend Maryville University to major in sports business management.

**Cameron Early**




Cameron Early is the son of Darron and Amanda Early of Middletown. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to major and auto collision.

## Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes, LLC

Bowling Green • 573-324-2211 & Silex • 573-384-5555  
proudly presents

**Lucy Korte**




Lucy Korte is the daughter of Stephen and Angi Korte of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Lindenwood University to major and exercise science with a focus in athletic training.



## Back Door Brick Oven/Two Scoops

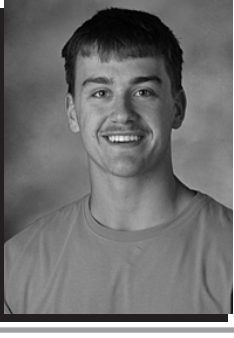
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proudly presents

**Trinity Hartegan**



Trinity "Toby" Hartegan is the daughter of Ivah Moore of Bowling Green. She plans to either attend college and/or seek employment with animals.

**Oliver Niemeyer**



Oliver Niemeyer is the son of Matthew and Courtney Niemeier of Bowling Green. He plans to become a union electrician.

## Pepsi-Cola Of Bowling Green


Bowling Green • 573-324-5634  
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**Matthew Hembree**



Matthew Hembree is the son of Matt Hembree, and Ginger and Justin Summers of Bowling Green. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn for HVAC.

**James Pasley**

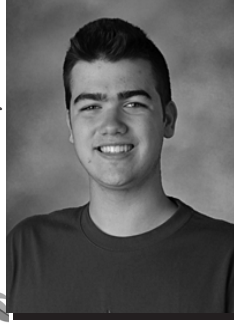


James Pasley is the son of Quenten and Amy Pasley of Bowling Green. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study electronic technologies.

## Dawson Collision Center


Bowling Green • 573-324-2422  
proudly presents

**Michael Hays**



Michael Hays is the son of Leslie Lake and Christopher Hays of Bowling Green. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study HVAC.

**Lillian Byram**



Lillian Byram is the daughter of Philip and Samantha Byram of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri Southern University and apply to their dental hygiene program.

## Calvert's Insurance


Bowling Green • 573-324-2321  
proudly presents

**Sitalic Gaspar-Lawson**



Sitalic Gaspar-Lawson is the daughter of Jessica and Billy Irvin of Bowling Green. She plans to attend John Wood Community College to major in health sciences.

**Macy Gilbert**



Macy Gilbert is the daughter of Mark and Stacy Gilbert of Frankford. She plans to attend Missouri Southern State University to major and dental hygiene.

## Reid Insurance

Bowling Green • 573-324-3733  
proudly presents

**Alanah Tophinke**



Alanah Tophinke is the daughter of Alex Tophinke of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri Western University to study elementary education and secondary education with a focus in English.

**Leila Niemeyer**




Leila Niemeyer is the daughter of Troy and Darla Niemeyer and Brandy Nelson of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri State University to major in biomedical sciences to pursue a nursing degree.

## Reid Insurance


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**Chase Haddock**



Chase Haddock is the son of Marcia Howland of Bowling Green. He plans to attend MACC to major in accounting.

**Taylor Kallash**



Taylor Kallash is the daughter of Kenny and Carrie Kallash of Bowling Green. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major and diagnostic medical sonography.

## Reid Insurance

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**Sara Reid**




Sara Reid is the daughter of Jeff and Marla Reid of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri State University to major and communication sciences and disorders.

## Reid Insurance

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**Logan Pontius**




Logan Pontius is the son of Elizabeth Pontius and Nathan Pontius of Bowling Green. He plans to go on a mission trip for the LDS Church.

## Country Gals

Bowling Green • 573-324-5338  
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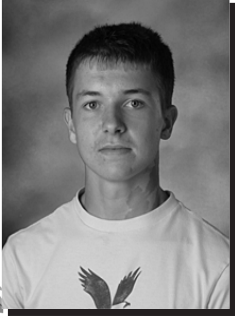

**Abby Jennings**



Abby Jennings is the daughter of Sherry Jennings and Richard Jennings of Bowling Green. She plans to join the National Guard and after basic and AIT online college.



**Bowling Green License Office**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-0555  
proudly presents

**Chase Buffington**  
*Chase Buffington is the son of Rick and Christy Buffington of Bowling Green. He plans to attend MACC.*






**Woods Smoked Meats**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2247  
proudly presents

**Daniel Whitford**  
*Daniel Whitford is the son of Amanda Shaffer of Bowling Green. He plans to attend the American Welding Academy.*






**Emma Yoder**  
*Emma Yoder is the daughter of Della Myers of Curryville. She plans to attend John Wood Community College to major in early childhood education.*


**Back Door Brick Oven/Two Scoops**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-4444  
proudly presents

**Sarah Turner**  
*Sarah Reese Turner is the daughter of Dwane and Becky Turner of Bowling Green. She plans to attend College of the Ozarks and major in elementary education with an emphasis in early childhood education.*






**Ayers Oil Co.**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2266  
proudly presents

**Zila Summers**  
*Zila Summers is the daughter of Wendy Straube and Darren Summers of Middletown. She plans to attend State Tech-Linn.*






**Autumn Wells**  
*Autumn Wells is the daughter of Victoria Wells and Treyc Wells of Bowling Green. She plans to enlist for FIFO.*

**Poage Ford**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-3673  
proudly presents



**Madison Dwyer**  
*Madison Dwyer is the daughter of Jessica Dwyer and Brian Bills and Robert Dwyer of Bowling Green she plans to seek employment at Douglass Head Start.*

**Brendan Finnigan**  
*Brendan Finnegan is the son of Tom and Joan Finnegan of Curryville. His future plans are undecided.*



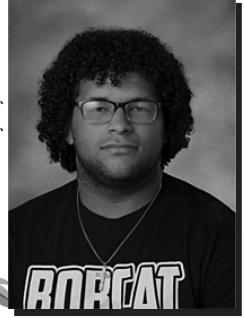


**Alexis Fox**  
*Alexis Fox is the daughter of Jennifer and Tony Linton of Bowling Green. She plans to go to basics for the Army National Guard.*



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Bowling Green Chevrolet**  
Bowling Green • 573-213-1055  
proudly presents

**Jakarri Clark**  
*Jakarri Clark is the son of Steven and Amber Clark of Bowling Green. He plans to attend William Penn.*

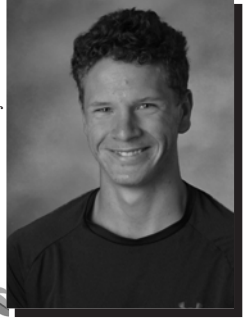




**Trevor Potter**  
*Trevor Potter is the son of Richard and Amber Potter of Frankford. He plans to seek employment.*



**The Republic**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-4747  
proudly presents

**Daniel Matlock**  
*Daniel Matlock is the son of Troy Matlock and Angela Matlock of Bowling Green. He plans to attend Missouri S&T-Rolla.*






**Community State Bank**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**Nickeira Bass**  
*Nickeira Bass is the daughter of Nickesha Price of Curryville. She plans to attend State Tech-Linn.*






**Dayvon Blackwell**  
*Dayvon Blackwell is the son of David and Megan Blackwell of Bowling Green. He plans to seek employment as a welder.*


**Community State Bank**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2233  
proudly presents

**Haydn Buchanan**  
*Haydn Buchanan is the son of Danielle Buchanan of Frankford. He plans to seek employment.*

**Johnathon Cafer**  
*Jonathon Cafer is the son of John and Stacy Irvin of Frankford. He plans to seek employment.*




**Lynn's Heritage House**  
Louisiana • 573-754-4020  
proudly presents

**Isabella Sumowski**  
*Isabella Sumowski is the daughter of Joseph and Guyetta Sumowski of Middletown. She plans to attend Pike-Lincoln Tech Center for the LPN program, then attend MACC to become an RN.*






**Pepsi-Cola Of Bowling Green**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-5634  
proudly presents

**Keegan Smith**  
*Keegan Smith is the son of Andy and Brianne Smith of Frankford. He plans to attend the University of Central Missouri-Warrensburg to major in finance.*




**Evelyn Streeter**  
*Evelyn Streeter is the daughter of Vernon and Jennifer Streeter and Sabra Cannady of Bowling Green. She plans to attend John Wood Community College to pursue an RN degree.*

**Cover Excavating**  
Bowling Green • 573-470-1060  
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**Mealiea Cover**  
*Mealiea Cover is the daughter of William and Regina Cover of Bowling Green she plans to attend Oklahoma State University and double major in ag communications and animal science.*



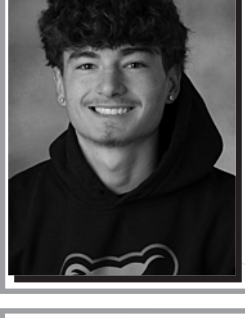


**Good Luck To The 2026 BGHS Grads!**

**People's Bank & Trust**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2525  
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**Kaycee Charlton**  
*Kaycee Charlton is the daughter of Ken and Kim Charlton of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Maryville University to major in music therapy.*

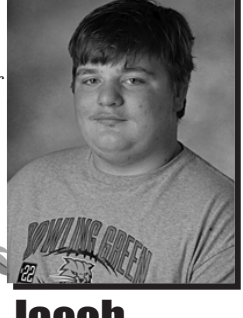




**Camron Cook**  
*Cam Cook is the son of Erin and Don Alliss of Bowling Green. He plans to grow his auto detailing business while attending St. Charles Community College.*

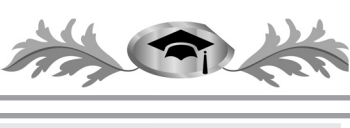



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Bowling Green • 573-448-7400  
proudly presents

**Landyn Grote**  
*Landyn Grote is the son of Mike and Erin Varner of Frankford. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to major in diesel technology.*

**Jacob Rue**  
*Jacob Rue is the son of Ryan and Sasha Rue of Bowling Green. He plans to seek employment.*

**Prairie Winds Processing**  
Curryville • 636-751-4004  
proudly presents

**Ashton Schultz**  
*Ashton Schultz is the daughter of Heather and Brian Worthington and Darrel and Rachel Schultz of Curryville. She plans to attend MAC to major in nursing.*




**Kent Landscaping**

Frankford • 573-470-9922  
proudly presents

**Lyla Kent**

Lyla Kent is the daughter of Gregg and Laura Kent of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri. Southern State University to major in kinesiology.



**Kayla Caldwell/Edward Jones**

Bowling Green • 573-324-6604  
proudly presents

**Ashlynn Gilbert**

Ashlynn Gilbert is the daughter of Adam and Alicia Gilbert of Bowling Green. She plans to attend John Wood Community College.



**State Representative Chad Perkins**

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proudly presents

**Ava Johnson**

Ava Johnson is the daughter of Miranda Brown and Stanley Johnson of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Missouri Western State University to major in psychology.



**Haden's Motorsports**

Frankford • 573-784-2559  
proudly presents

**Bryson Splain**

Bryson Splain is the son of Kacey Jines, Brad Orf, and Bobby and Shelbie Splain of Middletown. He plans to seek employment.



**Weber Automotive**

Bowling Green • 573-324-2842  
proudly presents

**Kaydan Yannielli**

Kaydan Yannielli is the daughter of Anthony and Anne Yannielli of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Culver-Stockton College to major in elementary education.



**Brady Martin**

Brady Martin is the son of Amber James and Ronnie Martin of Bowling Green. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to major in heavy equipment operating.



**Jay Hurd Tree Service**

Eolia • 573-470-1929  
proudly presents

**Alexea Maynard**

Alexea Maynard is the daughter of Kelsey Harter and Ryan Chatman of Bowling Green. She plans to attend college to become a veterinarian.



**Ayerco**

Bowling Green • 573-324-3006  
proudly presents

**Makenna Stewart**

McKenna Stewart is the daughter of Ian and Chanel Stewart of Bowling Green. She plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University to major in art.



**Joseph Lambert**

Joseph Lambert is the son of Joseph Lambert of Bowling Green. He plans to seek employment or join a branch of the military.



**Addison Lilley**

Addison Lilley is the daughter of Melissa and Matthew Lanham and Nathan and Colleen Lilley of Frankford. She plans to attend Kansas State University to major in food science.



**BEST OF LUCK TO THE 2026 AREA GRADUATES**

**Tee Time Golf**

Bowling Green • 573-591-6699  
proudly presents

**Zander Fairchild**

Zander Fairchild is the son of Aaron and Dee Fairchild of Bowling Green he plans to seek employment in drywall.



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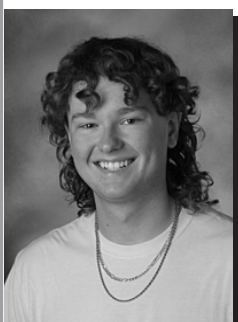
**Leona Cagle**

Leona Cagle is the daughter of Brandon Luca Cagle of Curryville. She plans to seek employment with the Missouri Department of Corrections.



**Trenton Calvin**

Trenton Calvin is the son of Richard and Genia Calvin of Frankford. He plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla to major in information, technology and science.



**Lynn's Heritage House**

Louisiana • 573-754-4020  
proudly presents

**Jane Torre Dela**

Jane Torre Dela is the daughter of Froideliza Smith of Bowling Green. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia.



BEHIND YOU  
*call your memories*

BEFORE YOU  
*call your dreams*

AROUND YOU  
*call who love you*

WITHIN YOU  
*call you need*

**Ligon's Flooring**

Bowling Green • 573-324-3030  
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**Jake Piper**

Jake Piper is the son of Jeremy and Amanda Piper of Pleasant Hill, Ill. He plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in fish and wildlife management.

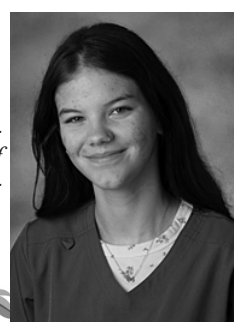


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**Mackenzie Barr**

Mackenzie Barr is the daughter of Matt and Carla Barr of Bowling Green. She plans to attend MACC to major in nursing.



**The People's Tribune**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-6111  
proudly presents

**Kaylee Hahn**  
Kaylee Hahn is the daughter of Keith and Kristy Hahn of Curryville. She plans to attend the University of-Columbia to major in animal science.



**Jaden Kirk**  
Jaden Kirk is the son of Brittany and Andrew Nulsen, James Walker, Tammie Kirk and Dan Ruble, and Devin Kirk of Bowling Green. He plans to attend State Tech-Linn to study nuclear operations.



**Calvert's Insurance**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-2321  
proudly presents

**Dylan Green**  
Dylan Green is the son of Dale and Sheryl Green of Frankford. He plans to join the United States Navy.



**Scherder Auto Body**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-6023  
proudly presents

**Andrew Noah Hill**  
Andrew Hill is the son of Chad and Melissa Dempsey, Scott Horton, and Lindsey Drainer of Middletown. He plans to seek employment.



# Congratulations!

**Silex High School**  
Commencement Ceremony  
Friday, May 15  
7 p.m.

**Poage Ford**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-5130  
proudly presents

**Molli Goos**  
Molli Goos is the daughter of Tammy Goos and Bryon Goos of Silex. She plans to attend State Technical College of Missouri.

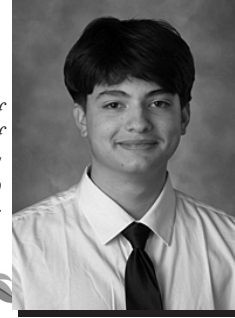


**Boaz Grimstead**  
Boaz Grimstead is the son of Mande Brown of Silex. He plans to attend Northwest Lineman College.



**Jimbo's Shuttle Express llc**  
Silex • 636-345-0501  
proudly presents

**Kameron Garcia**  
Kameron Garcia is the son of Michelle Stanek and Jose Garcia of Silex. He plans to attend St. Charles Community College then transfer to the University of Missouri-Columbia to earn a degree in architecture.



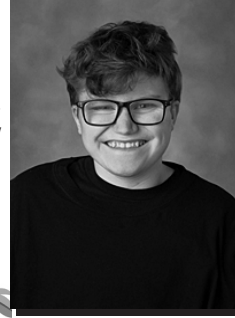
**Jimbo's Shuttle Express llc**  
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**Samantha Grateke**  
Samantha Grateke is the daughter of Neal and Melinda Grateke of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia, major and communications.



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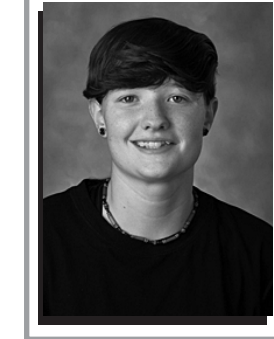
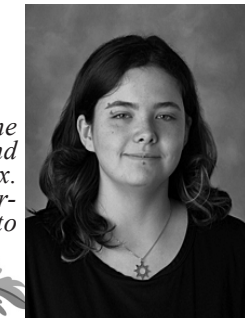
**Venn Jones**  
Savannah Venn Jones is the daughter of Stacy Jones and Tim Jones of Silex. She plans to become a tattoo artist.



**Good Luck To The Silex Class '26**

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**Kayla Dielschneider**  
Kayla Dielschneider is the daughter of Tracy Devine and Daniel Dielschneider of Silex. She plans to attend the university of Missouri-St. Louis to study studio art.

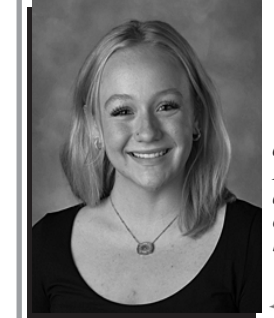
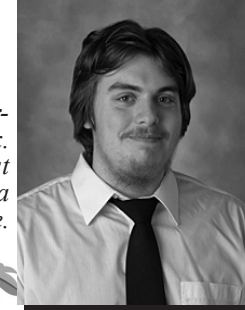


**Nevaeh Flowers**  
Nevaeh Flowers is the daughter of Lindsay Flowers and Ryan Burris of Silex. She plans to seek employment join the union.



**Hickerson Shoe Repair**  
Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Jake Brown**  
Jake Brown is the son of Jordan and Jenny Brown of Silex. He plans to attend Southwest University-Maryville to earn a bachelor degree in data science.



**Addison Buckaloo**  
Addison Buckaloo is the daughter of Dustin and Amy Buckaloo of Silex. She plans to attend Ranken to earn a bachelor degree in architecture to become an interior designer



# Congratulations Graduate!




**THE DAY OF YOUR DREAMS HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...**



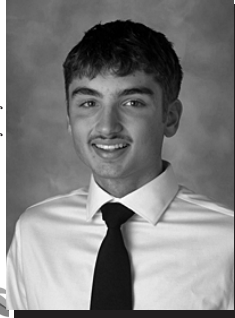
**State Representative Chad Perkins**  
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**Audrey Lindsey**  
*Audrey Lindsey is the daughter of Jason and Miranda Lindsey of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to study sonography to become a pediatric echo cardiographer.*



**State Representative Chad Perkins**  
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**Peyton Miller**  
*Peyton Miller is the son of John and Michelle Miller of Silex. He plans to attend 513 Operating School.*




**People's Bank & Trust**  
Troy • 636-528-7001  
proudly presents

**Brita Benton**  
*Britta Benton is the daughter of Pam Aver and Tyler Benton of Silex. She plans to get her para/sub certificate while working as a pharmacy technician at Elsberry Medicine Shoppe.*



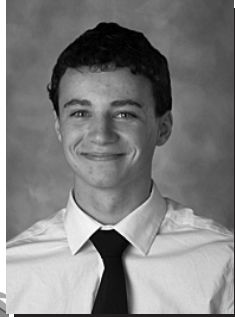
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**Nicole Adams**  
*Nicole Adams is the daughter of Matthew Adams and Jessica Hainline of Silex. She plans to attend cosmetology school.*




**People's Bank & Trust**  
Troy • 636-528-7001  
proudly presents

**William Baker**  
*Billy Baker is the son of Annette Gambrill and Billy Baker of Silex. He plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in animal science.*



**Kendal Brewster**  
*Kendal Brewster is the daughter of Sabrina Olsen and Jesse Olsen of Silex. She plans to become an occupational therapist.*




**Silex Banking Company**  
Silex • 573-384-5221  
proudly presents

**Kate Johnson**  
*Katie Johnson is a daughter of Becky Johnson of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major and psychology to become a criminal psychologist.*




**Mick Mehler & Sons Backhoe & Excavating**  
Silex • 573-384-5978  
proudly presents

**Alivia Mehler**  
*Alivia Mehler is the daughter of George and Jennifer Mehler of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in animal science or education.*



**Mick Mehler & Sons Backhoe & Excavating**  
Silex • 573-384-5978  
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**Julia Grote**  
*Julia Grote is the daughter of Joe and Audra Grote of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major and health sciences.*



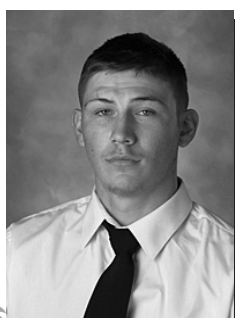
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**Gracin Harke**  
*Gracin Harke is the son of Lauren Harke and Jeff Moyers of Silex. He plans to obtain ag engineering, and bio engineering degrees.*



**Mick Mehler & Sons Backhoe & Excavating**  
Silex • 573-384-5978  
proudly presents

**Colsyn McMahan**  
*Colsyn McMahan is the son of Kellie Kirby and Timothy McMahan of Silex. He plans to own a business.*



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Silex • 573-384-5978  
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**Sydney Klein**  
*Sydney Klein is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Klein of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major and health sciences to become a dermatologist.*




**Hickerson Shoe Repair**  
Bowling Green • 573-470-3413  
proudly presents

**Keegan Carroll**  
*Keegan Carroll is the son of Theresa Clark of Silex. He plans to attend IUOE Local Training Center.*




**Graham Construction**  
Louisiana • 573-754-0353  
proudly presents

**Kaci Mudd**  
*Kaci Mudd is the daughter of Dennis and Susan Mudd of Silex. She plans to work at Habitats Flats Kennels training retrievers.*




**Graham Construction**  
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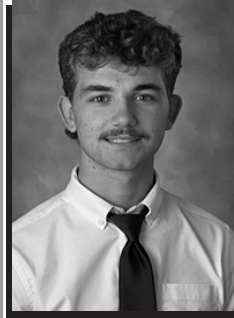
**Joseph Noxon**  
*Joey Noxon is the son of Kirk and Anna Noxon of Silex. He plans to join a branch of the United States military.*




**Lillian Chesser**  
*Lillian Chesser is the daughter of Don and Maria Chesser of Silex. She plans to attend Lincoln University to major in elementary education.*



**Chase Mullen**  
*Chase Mullen is the son of Tommy and Cindy Mullen of Silex. He plans to receive an associate degree in business and then obtain a real estate license.*



**Danny Oliver**  
*Danny Oliver is the son of Ashley Oliver and Corey Oliver of Silex. He plans to attend 513 Operators School.*




**Scherder Auto Body**  
Bowling Green • 573-324-6023  
proudly presents

**Reese Olsen**  
*Reese Olsen is the son of Jesse and Sabrina Olsen of Silex. He plans to attend Missouri Southern State University-Joplin.*

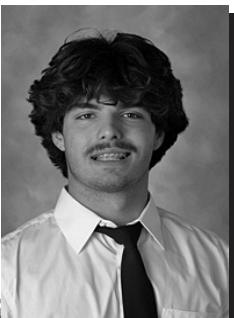


**Kerra Smart**  
*Kerra Smart is the daughter of Dale and Cassey of Silex. She plans to attend Pike-Lincoln Tech Center for one year, then transfer to MACC to attend RN school.*




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*Caiden Smith is the son of Timothy and Heather Wingham of Silex. He plans to attend Ranken.*



**Austyn VanHorn**  
*Austyn VanHorn is the daughter of Gary and Cat VanHorn of Silex. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in health science with an emphasis in rehab rehabilitation science.*



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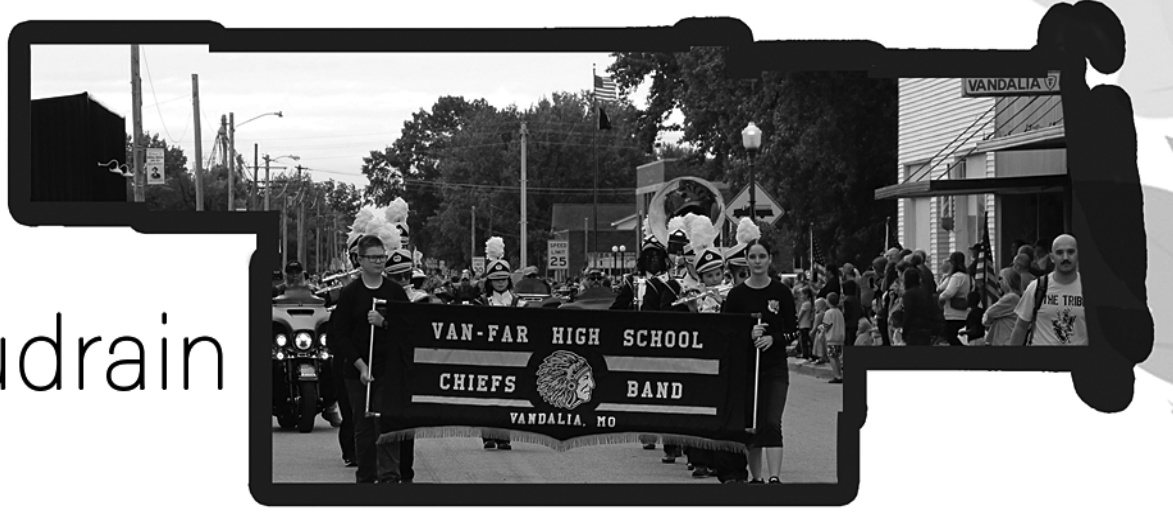



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# Community News

## MDC, MPFC Ask To Log Your Burn

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council (MPFC) encourage landowners, land managers, and others who conduct prescribed burns on private land to "Log Your Burn" through the MPFC website at moprescribedfire.org.

logist with Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever.

Visit the MPFC website at moprescribedfire.org to Log Your Burn. This is a voluntary and anonymous entry for prescribed burns completed on private land in Missouri.

MPFC and other conservation partners such as MDC are seeking opportunities for insurance providers to offer affordable insurance policies for prescribed burning, especially for contractors who have identified this as a major hurdle.

"Please add this step to your prescribed burning process," he added. "Submissions can be made at any time but doing it soon after the burn is best so you don't forget. It only takes a few minutes, and with your help, we can collectively add supporting information to those smoke columns."

Learn more about using prescribed fire from MPFC at moprescribedfire.org/ and MDC at mdc.mo.gov/your-property/fire-management/prescribed-fire.

### Prescribed Burn

MDC and the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council encourage landowners, land managers, and others who conduct prescribed burns on private land to "Log Your Burn" through the MPFC website at moprescribedfire.org.

Find this and other MDC media releases in our MDC online Newsroom.

Prescribed fire, or controlled burning, is an affordable and effective management tool to accomplish land management goals including reducing fuel loads to reduce the chance and intensity of wildfire; restoring native plant communities; enhancing wildlife habitat for wild turkeys, deer, and other game species; improving livestock forage production; regenerating trees; and controlling invasive species such as bush honeysuckle.

"Prescribed burning can be effective in meeting various land management goals in the summer, fall, and winter, but early spring is that time of year when we tend to see the greatest number of smoke columns rising into the air from prescribed burns on private land," said Wes Buchheit, Missouri Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Bio-

The Log Your Burn questions ask the date, county, acres, and habitat type burned, along with identifying if a prescribed burn association or landowner cooperative was used to provide assistance. The last questions ask if any fire occurred outside the burn unit, and if so, to what extent. Each completed burn should be its own entry, not a sum of all the burns that day on the property. To avoid multiple submissions for one burn unit, the landowner or the contractor leading the burn should be the one completing the entry.

"This information is useful in charting the use of prescribed fire across the state and is key in demonstrating the safe use of this critical land management tool with insurance providers, legislators, and Missourians," explained Buchheit.

## MO State Fair Accepting Nominations For Veterans, Active Duty

Help us honor the men and women who have served or are serving our amazing country. The MO State Fair is accepting nominations for Veteran/Active Military Honorees of the Day.

Eleven veterans/active duty service members from Missouri will be chosen from the nominations and honored daily in a Military Flag Retreat ceremony, sponsored by Capital Aggregates, to take place just outside the Historic Administration Building on the Fairgrounds.

Individuals can be nominated using a form available on the MO State Fair's website. They ask that the form be filled out as thoroughly as possible as this is the information the panel of judges will use to select the 11 honorees (additional space may be used). Nominees must be Missouri residents and available to attend one of the eleven days of the 2026 Missouri State Fair, Aug. 13-23. Once a nomination form is complete, it can be mailed or emailed to the MO State Fair marketing office to be entered into the selection process. The deadline to submit nominations is May 25, 2026.

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