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## NECAC Offers Summer Utility Assistance

NECAC is offering utility assistance to qualifying residents of 12 Missouri counties.

Applicants must meet income guidelines, have received a utility shut-off notice, be the person responsible for the bill and have \$3,000 or less in financial resources. The Energy Crisis Intervention Program pays up to \$300 toward disconnect notices for any heating or cooling energy source.

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limit for a one-person household is \$2,840. For a four-person residence, it's \$5,461. Additional guidelines are available upon request.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is distributed through the Missouri Department of Social Services, which then contracts with NECAC to administer the service. Last summer, NECAC assisted 4,062 households.

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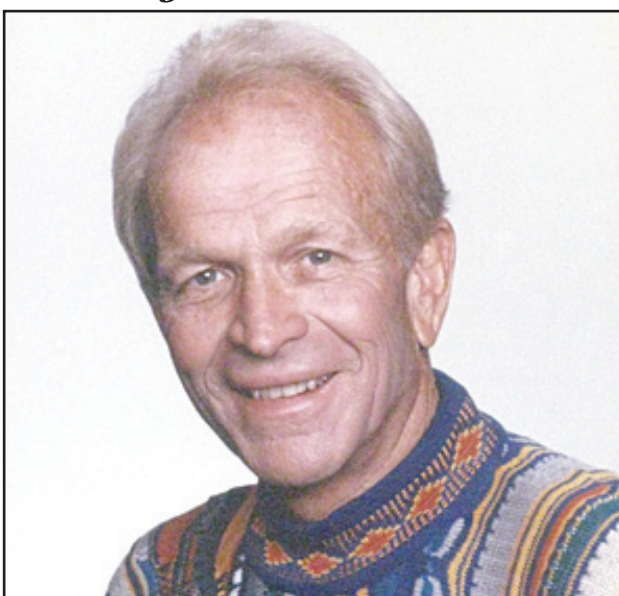
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Cotton Fitzsimmons, number 34, is pictured at left in the first row during his sophomore year at Bowling Green High School. (Photo from 1947 Bowling Green High School yearbook, *The Speaker*).

## Raising Cotton

Bowling Green Plans Statue Of Famous Son



A framed, autographed portrait of Cotton Fitzsimmons hangs outside the gym at Bowling Green High School.

BY BRENT ENGEL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
A man many considered larger-than-life is getting a fittingly grand tribute.

Bowling Green plans a statue of professional basketball coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, a native whose positive attitude and irrefutable personality transcended hoops.

Mayor Tom Thompson came up with the idea and is leading the fund-raising campaign, which kicks off June 15. He believes the statue will be another attraction that adds to the city's charm, beauty and historical importance.

"I wanted a figure people could be inspired by," Thompson said. "I'm excited about it."

Goal of the privately-funded campaign is more than \$25,000. Thompson hopes the money can be raised in six months. The bronze edifice would be six feet three inches in height — eight inches taller than Fitzsimmons — and be anchored to a four-foot pedestal. Plans call for it to be placed on what is now a city-owned grass area on the southwest side of the Bowling Green square next to the Pike County Courthouse Annex.

Those who contribute \$1,000 or more would have their names engraved on the monument. Thompson said the Fitzsimmons family is onboard with the project. He is working with the coach's widow, JoAnn, and the statue artist on the design.

Thompson, 54, never met Fitzsimmons, but fondly recalls playing basketball at Canton High School. His part-time, two-year term as mayor began in April and he works full-time at Champ Clark Service Coordination, which assists people with developmental disabilities.

Lowell Gibbs Fitzsimmons was born in Hannibal on Oct. 7, 1931. A crop of white-blond hair led Bowling Green grade school classmates to provide the nickname that stuck for life.

The road to the big time began with Bowling Green Coach James A. Wilson, who served as a mentor after Cotton's father died when the little spark plug was in fifth grade.

Basketball is a big man's game, and Fitzsimmons stood only five feet seven inches tall. Attitude made up for diminutiveness.

"I was a guy who wasn't supposed to be a player," he once told "Fastbreak," the Phoenix Suns' magazine. "I was too small. If you're going to be small and you're going to be a player, you've got to be good. You have to work harder than everybody else and you have to be more determined. You can never give in whatsoever. NOBODY could tell me I was too small."

Fitzsimmons twice led his high school teams to the state tournament, but came away without a championship. After graduation, he followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Orland, who had worked until Cotton was ready to graduate.

He spent two years at the brick plant in Farber until JoAnn, his older sister got her diploma, and Carol, his younger sister, was well on her way to graduation. The time at the brick plant was by no means misspent. The factory had a basketball team made up of area coaches and Cotton's co-workers.

"We played an 80-game schedule," Fitzsimmons recalled. "These guys helped me develop, and I hadn't



Bowling Green Mayor Tom Thompson

even played my college ball yet."

Cotton also worked as an assistant manager at a Bowling Green business. The job meant he had to open early and close late, but there was at least one advantage.

"They gave me a two-hour lunch — long enough to play pickup games with guys I knew," he said.

Fitzsimmons finally made it to college at Hannibal-LaGrange. During a three-year stint at Midwestern Texas State, he decided upon a career as a coach. Before getting behind the bench, however, Fitzsimmons earned a master's degree in administrative education.

The first coaching job

came at what was then Moberly Junior College. He stayed 11 years and won two national titles before spending three years at Kansas State University. From there, it was on to the Suns of the National Basketball Association. He also coached in Atlanta, Buffalo and San Antonio, and eventually did two more stints at the helm for the Suns before becoming an executive and a broadcaster.

Though he'd never smoked, the coach was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2004. He died on July 24 of that year, finishing his coaching career with 832 victories and 775 losses in 21 seasons. Posthumous election to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021.

Fitzsimmons and Wilson shared at least one night of



Coach James A. Wilson

memories. It came on April 28, 1972, when the second-year NBA coach returned to Bowling Green for the high school's annual athletic banquet.

An estimated 500 people crowded into the gym for the ceremonies. The usual awards were handed out, but the evening in reality was a farewell for Wilson, who planned to retire at the end of the term after a teaching and coaching career that had begun in 1936.

Cotton drew chuckles telling stories about his former coach, but wasn't laughing much himself.

"Nothing he did to me at that time was very damn amusing," Fitzsimmons said. "You could bend his rules a little and he'd live with you. But you couldn't break the principles or integrity he had."

In the Fastbreak interview, Fitzsimmons discussed his profound feelings about basketball.

"We all started because we love the game, so why take that out of it?" he said. "Go ahead and do your job, work hard, win and still have fun. Every day in practice, I want to have fun. Of course, every facet of this game is exciting, but there's nothing like coaching. You have to do it to experience it. I'd be lying if I said I sleep better at night, but I love it. I think I was born to coach."

And he fondly remembered his hometown.

"I always said that I was proud to have Bowling Green and Pike County as my heritage, and my best wish is that I never forget my roots."

Contributors may send donations designated "Cotton Fitzsimmons Statue" to Bowling Green City Hall, 16 W. Church St., Bowling Green, MO, 63334.

## A 'Coterie Of Barnacles'

Local Men Take On Whiskey Ring Suspects

Editor's note: Following is the first part in a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

President Ulysses S. Grant could have chosen anyone to prosecute suspects in the national Whiskey Ring scandal, but the three he picked all came from Pike County.

In June 1875, the federal tax fraud debacle prompted Grant to name Louisiana attorney John Brooks Henderson as America's first special prosecutor.

Henderson joined good friend and federal attorney David Patterson Dyer, whom the president had appointed in May. Within months, Grant would unceremoniously fire Henderson and name Bowling Green lawyer James Overton Broadhead to replace him.

The moves seemed fitting for an affair that involved millions of dollars, powerful politicians, rich liquor distillers, corrupt government agents and dozens of greedy bit players in St. Louis and other cities.

One of the chief perpetrators, bureaucrat John McDonald, may have summed it best when he described the sleazy scoundrels who surrounded an unsuspecting Grant as a "coterie of barnacles."

Some thought prosecutors went too far. Others said they stopped short — or were prevented from moving ahead. No matter, the case included a cast more rotten than any Hollywood crooked caper.

"The investigation was long and tedious, and the difficulties encountered while obtaining evidence of a legal and convincing character were very great," Dyer

wrote in his autobiography. "Little by little, however, facts were discovered that paved the way for an exposure which astounded and shocked the country."

The Whiskey Ring began as a scam meant to help pay for Grant's 1872 re-election.

It ended up lining a lot of pockets with a lot of cash. There's no evidence Grant participated in the fraud or even knew its full extent until the details came out, but some of his men were in it up to their eyeballs.

Corrupt distillers and regulators cheated the government out of tax revenue on America's favorite liquor following the Civil War. At its height, the scheme produced what today would be almost \$47 million a year.

Federal law required distillers to pay a 70-cent tax on each barrel of booze. The Ring charged half that, then bribed revenue agents to forego collection. Corrupt authorities looked the other way when stamps were applied to barrels indicating the full fee had been paid.

McDonald was a smart administrator who had great connections but no evident morals. A Union general, he likely met Grant during the war. The president was known to value loyalty above just about everything else and he had an unshakable trust in McDonald, whom he had appointed Missouri revenue collector in 1869.

Dyer was surprised when chosen to seek convictions in Whiskey Ring trials. The Louisiana lawyer was not familiar to most Americans, and had limited experience with federal cases. But he was a good friend of fellow

Union Civil War veteran William Belknap, Grant's Secretary of War.

Dyer also was a dedicated Republican and had been a delegate to the 1868 GOP convention that nominated Grant for his first term.

On May 20, 1875, the president named Dyer U.S. District Attorney for Eastern Missouri, where many of the cases would be tried in what author Walter Barlow Stevens called "a stupendous conspiracy."

There's no proof Grant thought Dyer would go easy on suspects, some of whom were close to the president. For his part, Dyer said the fact that many were Republicans "did not influence my action." Still, the pugnacious prosecutor had his hands full, with arrests totaling 300 men from the East Coast to the Midwest.

Grant disliked Henderson. It wasn't the former senator's authorship of the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery. It was his 1868 vote against impeaching Democrat President Andrew Johnson, a decision that ended Henderson's political career.

But Grant was savvy, and knew that having a recalcitrant firebrand like Henderson onboard would likely put to rest any claims of a partisan investigation.

"Let no guilty man escape if it can be avoided," Grant said a month after appointing Henderson. "No personal considerations should stand in the way of performing a public duty."

He would regret those words.

Next time: Getting to work.

## New Splash Pad Draws Large Crowds

BY BRICE CHANDLER  
EDITOR

The City of Bowling Green's new splash pad is already proving to be a popular attraction, drawing large crowds during its first days of operation.

Located at the former swimming pool site, the splash pad opened over Memorial Day weekend and has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response from local families.

"We have had a lot of people enjoying the splash pad and lots of positive comments," said Bowling Green City Administrator Linda Luebrecht. "Parents have also had a lot of patience with us since this is new to everyone. We truly appreciate the positive comments and their patience."

According to Luebrecht, attendance during the splash pad's first week exceeded expectations.

"We have had more atten-

dance at the splash pad in one week than probably the last two years that the pool was open," she said. "We know this is a good thing to have in the community."

While city officials are pleased with the community response, they are also asking visitors to help take care of the facility so it can continue serving local families for years to come.

"There have been issues with kids of all ages using equipment like jungle gyms, hanging, climbing and spinning on things," Luebrecht said. "We have issues with parents dropping off kids of all ages."

One of the water guns has already been damaged, and security cameras have captured children throwing footballs and other objects into the splash pad's tower dump bucket.

"All we ask is that kids treat this like you would want things you own to be

treated," Luebrecht said. "And we want parents to talk to their kids on how to behave."

The city is also reminding parents that the splash pad is not supervised and that children should be monitored while using the facility.

"We need and want this splash pad to last for years to come," Luebrecht said. "If people continue to abuse it the way they are, that won't happen."

Luebrecht said representatives of the company that constructed the splash pad were scheduled to return last week to make adjustments and repairs. The splash pad will be temporarily closed while that work is completed, although city officials had not announced a timetable for the closure as of press time.

The splash pad is free to the public and is open daily from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

## PCMH Welcomes New Physical Therapist

Pike County Memorial Hospital has announced the addition of Marshall Corbin to its team.

Corbin is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and a Board-Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist with four years of clinical experience. He earned his doctor of physical therapy degree from the

University of Missouri and is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

According to the hospital, Corbin's approach focuses on helping patients improve movement, build strength and return to the activities. His work includes helping patients recover from in-

juries, return to sports and work activities, and improve their ability to perform tasks with less pain.

Hospital officials said they are pleased to welcome Corbin to the team and look forward to the impact he will have on patients throughout the community.

# Community News

## Celebrate National Rivers Month In June

June is National Rivers Month, and Missouri Stream Teams, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), are inviting everyone to celebrate by getting involved. National Rivers Month is celebrated in June every year to highlight the importance of rivers. The 30-day event focuses on the Earth's waterways and ways to save water for future generations. Stream Teamers can earn a limited-edition 2026 National Rivers Month sticker. Just complete a National Rivers Month Activity during the month of June and file an activity report using one of the special National Rivers Month activity codes by July 15 to receive your sticker. Missouri Stream Teams challenges the public to get involved and help our rivers by going for the Stream Team Slam in June. All who complete the challenge will earn an entry for a prize

drawing. The four components of the Stream Team Slam include: Participate in a litter pickup or invasive species removal. View the National Rivers Month Webinar at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/oqT>. Learn more about Water Quality Monitoring by watching an introductory YouTube video at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/oq5>. Participate in the new Missouri Crayfish Finders project. Go to <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/oqS>. Visit the Stream Teams online calendar for information on stream cleanups and other related events at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4uC>. Registration for cleanup events is free and is open to all ages. Trash bags, gloves, and Stream Team T-shirts are provided. Missouri

Stream Team efforts range from cleanups to water quality monitoring, planting trees, to stream advocacy and public education. The Show-Me-State has 110,000 miles of rivers and streams. Missourians rely on rivers for drinking water and recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, and paddling. Rivers and streams in Missouri serve as habitat for a diverse community of plants, animals, and aquatic life. According to the National Environmental Education Foundation, one out of every three people gets their drinking water from a river or stream in the United States. People spend about \$97 billion each year on river-related recreation and tourism nationally, which is a vital boost to our economy. And of course, rivers are essential for fish and wildlife and powering healthy ecosystems.

## 100 Miles, 100 Days Challenge Begins

University of Missouri Extension invites Missourians to get moving this summer through the statewide 100 Miles, 100 Days challenge, a free program that encourages participants to stay active. The program challenges Missourians to log 100 miles of physical activity over 100 days—from June 16 through Sept. 24. Participants can choose how they move—walking, biking, swimming, dancing or other activities such as strength training all count, says Candace Rodman, an MU assistant extension professor and executive director of the Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition (MOCAN). “Participants can use the program however they’d like,” Rodman says. “You can choose to keep your mileage log private, you can share to the website and compete with others around the state, or contribute miles to your county to compete with other counties.” The flexible format is designed to meet people where

they are, whether they are experienced athletes or just getting started with a more active lifestyle, she says. Participants receive weekly reminders and motivators that offer ideas for reaching their goals. David Burton, MU Extension community development specialist and founder of the Engaged Neighbor Program, says the challenge creates natural opportunities for connection. “Sometimes the best conversations happen while walking around the block, riding bikes on a trail, or taking a stroll through the neighborhood after dinner,” Burton said. “Physical activity can become a pathway to belonging.” Burton adds that neighbors, families, coworkers and community groups can use the challenge as a reason to gather, encourage one another and build relationships. Organized walks and group activities are already planned in several Missouri communities this summer. The statewide initiative grew from a much smaller

effort launched by Rodman in Randolph County in 2021. She introduced the idea in Moberly as a simple way to encourage residents to get outside and be active during the summer. Rodman initially hoped for about 100 participants. Instead, more than 400 people signed up in the first year, with families, workplaces and community groups forming teams and logging miles together. The strong response quickly sparked interest in neighboring counties and helped the program expand across the state. Since then, 100 Miles, 100 Days has continued to grow, with more than 4,000 participants to date. Rodman says the program offers Missourians a simple, inclusive way to build healthier habits while connecting with others. Register online. There is no cost to participate. Contact your local MU Extension center to find out about related activities in your community.

## Yucca: Overlooked Star Of Early Summer

Those towering flower stalks covered with white, bell-shaped blossoms that appear in early June belong to yucca, a plant with a somewhat unfortunate name. Yuccas are resilient and striking additions to water-wise landscapes, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. Beyond their tough exterior, they provide year-round evergreen texture and an abundance of flowers each spring that support local pollinators. With their rigid, sword-like foliage and dramatic late-spring blooms, yuccas offer structural contrast that anchors softer, more traditional perennials. Yellow-variegated cultivars such as ‘Color Guard’ or ‘Bright Edge’ add a year-round splash of color to the landscape. Yuccas are an extremely low-maintenance, drought-tolerant choice for modern, sustainable garden designs, Trinklein said. Botanists have debated the classification of yucca plants for many years. Early descriptions in the eastern United States suggested there were two separate species: Yucca filamentosa and Yucca smalliana. Some experts agree, while others see them as variations of the same plant. Today, Yucca filamentosa is the name most commonly used to refer to this plant. Each year, in late spring or early summer, a single flower stalk, looking somewhat like a giant asparagus spear, arises from the center of yucca’s rosette of leaves. Creamy-white, nodding flowers adorn each stalk in large clusters atop the towering stalks. Although yucca’s foliage rarely grows more than 3 feet high, flower stalks typically reach 5-8 feet in height. These soaring flower stalks are often the plant’s most attention-getting attribute, seemingly coming out of nowhere from the

shorter leaves and creating a nice contrast with the foliage. The evergreen character of its leaves is another feature that makes yucca an attractive choice. Yucca has been described as either a perennial or a shrub. It is native to the southeastern U.S. and Mexico, where it frequents dry, sandy locations. Hardy through Zone 5, yucca is not native to the Midwest but has naturalized various locations throughout the area. Yucca adapts to a wide range of conditions. However, it prefers drier sites and full sun, although it will tolerate some shade. Poorly drained soil is perhaps its only weakness. This plant develops a very deep and tough tap root, a feature that makes it widely adaptable but also presents a problem when removing established plantings. Yucca flowers attract butterflies and other pollinators. However, their most remarkable relationship is with the yucca moth (Tegeticula yuccasella). Caterpillars of this moth feed exclusively on seeds of yucca, and adults are exclusive pollinators of this plant.

The adult moths are short-lived and do not feed during their lifetime. For that reason, they lack the typical long tongue (proboscis) of most moth and butterfly species, instead sporting specialized tentacles in its place. The moths use these tentacles to scrape pollen from the anthers of flowers and deposit it on the stigma of a different flower. The yucca plant and the yucca moth share an obligate mutualistic relationship. The plant depends entirely on the moth for pollination, while the moth’s larvae survive exclusively by eating the developing yucca seeds. Yucca often is overlooked as a landscape plant because many consider it commonplace. This is unfortunate, since its striking spires of evergreen foliage and dramatic summer blooms provide year-round beauty with minimal maintenance.



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657	500-600	480	545	338	500-600	425	470
553	600-700	430	478	267	600-700	395	423
401	700-800	380	410.5	39	700-800	330	365
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## Douglas Twins Named To Graceland Honor Roll

The honor roll lists for Graceland University's 2026 spring term have been announced. Students with a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99 are named to the honors list. Graceland commends the students who have devoted their efforts and talents to their academic success. Those named to list were 2025 Van-Far graduates Malik Douglas of Vandalia, and Tyson Douglas of Vandalia.

## Central Methodist Dean's List

The office of Central Methodist University Provost Rita Gulstad announced recently the students included on the spring 2026 dean's list. The following area students were among those recognized:

Claire Lee Bibb - Bowling Green  
Dianna Ray Bibb - Bowling Green  
Avery Lynn Gamm - Bowling Green

### Community Calendar...

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

**On June 19:** Clarksville VFW Post 4610 and Auxiliary barbecue, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Located behind Mike Bankhead vegetable stand in Bowling Green.

**On June 30:** Flowers at the Antioch Cemetery that wish to be kept or are in the path of mowing will need to be removed.

## Put Our Classifieds To Work For You

### Notice of Absentee Voting For Primary Election Aug. 4, 2026

Absentee voting will be accommodated at the County Clerk's Office, 115 W Main, Bowling Green, MO 63334 between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday Aug. 1 for the Primary Election. The office will be closed July 3 in observance of July 4. The deadline for absentee voting in person in the office of the election authority is 5 p.m., on the day before the election.

### Senior Tax Freeze 2026

New applications are now available! You can pick one up at the Collector's Office or access it online at [pikecountycollector.com](http://pikecountycollector.com). If you are already enrolled in the program, renewal forms have been mailed. Please review your information carefully and return the form to the Collector's Office. Renewal is required to remain in the program. The deadline for ALL applications and renewals is June 30, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the Collector's Office at 573-324-3281. **Thank you, Tara J. Eskew Pike County Collector**

## THORNHILL AUCTION & REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Clarissa J. Woods vs. John B. Boyd Cause No. 23PI-CCC00033 Pike County, MO Per Court Order we will sell the following Real Estate At Public Auction on **Sunday, June 28, 2026 At 2:00 P.M.**

**SALE SITE:** Thornhill Auction Barn; 421 John Deere Dr.; Troy, MO 63379  
**NOTE:** Sale will be held indoors w/seating & air.

**REAL ESTATE PARCEL #1:** 17018 Hwy W; Clarksville, MO 63336  
**DIRECTIONS:** Hwy 79 & Hwy W at Clarksville, MO go south on Hwy W approx. 1 1/2 miles to home on right.

**REAL ESTATE:** 4 acres m/l fronting on State Hwy W in US Survey #1709 Section 21 TWP 53N R1 E in Pike County, MO  
Improvements include a 1860s brick 2 story Plantation style home approx. 2738 sq. ft. Home has been gutted & ready for restoration. Deep well & county water available.

**REAL ESTATE PARCEL #2:** 1100 North Carolina St.; Louisiana, MO 63353  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take Hwy 79 to Louisiana, MO go west on North Carolina St. 8 blocks to home on left.

**REAL ESTATE:** All of Lots 7, 8, 11 & 12 in Block 2 in John W. Fritz addition to the City of Louisiana, MO. Lots approx. 128'x240'.  
Improvements include 1858 L-angled Revival Plantation style 2 story brick home built by William Luce featuring 9 rooms & 3 baths  
The main level has 5 rooms; living room, kitchen, dining room, breakfast room, primary bedroom & 1 bath. The 2nd story has 4 rooms; 3 bedrooms, sitting room & 2 baths. The home has many updates, 11.5' ceilings, 2 story entry foyer, and main floor laundry. The lady's parlor has the original fireplace w/built in bookcases, the kitchen has a center island w/gorgeous cabinetry, an attached 2 car garage & renovated smoke house, workshop & storage area.  
The home is on public city sewer & water w/electric F/A furnace & central air w/natural gas available. Beautiful hilltop setting, updated wiring & plumbing, summer porch w/covered front porch.

**Note:** Above home was occupied until 5-20-26.

Terms: 10% down day of sale with the balance of cash at closing on or before 30 days after the sale with possession at closing.

**For a private showing call our office at 636-366-4206 for appointment.**  
**NOTE:** Again, sale will be held at Thornhill Auction Barn; 421 John Deere Dr.; Troy, MO 63379 & not on site.

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Troy Office: 636-366-4206  
For terms on this auction go to: [thornhillauction.com](http://thornhillauction.com)

# Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

This week we take time out of our busy schedules to celebrate the fathers of, not only our City, but fathers across our Great Nation. For the most part, we fathers are simple creatures who want simple things. A Ballgame, a barbecue, a wee dram of adult libation, perhaps, a recliner to relax in, and most importantly, the ones who christened us with the title of Fatherhood...our children. We don't need pomp and circumstance, a snazzy new necktie, an agenda for the day, or anything else fancy. We just want to be around the ones we love the most, while doing a whole bunch of nothing.

My father was a hard-working man who was called home right after Mark McGwire's 70th home run. I don't remember ever celebrating Father's Day with my dad. He was the kind of man that made every day Father's Day, Mother's Day, Kid's Day, Neighbor's Day, Dog's Day, etc. He was a man who respected people, and didn't have to have a day circled on the calendar to celebrate them. He honored everybody and everything every day in the best way that he could, with respect.

He taught me to respect my eld-

ers, respect my mother, my teachers and my peers. He valued respect because he demanded it back from the people around him, and knew it wasn't a single sided issue. He also knew that respect wasn't merely given, it was earned.

Most fathers are great, and need to be honored for the things they do to help provide, teach, encourage, and strengthen their children, and solidify the foundation of the home. This is something that needs to be remembered every single day of the year, not just a carved-out day in June. Respect all people as you want to be respected. In my opinion, that is the best way to be a father! Kids watch,

they learn, they aspire, and they mimic the behaviors of their dads. What qualities do you want your children to have?

Whether your thanking your father, or thinking about your father this weekend, remember to respect every day, not just Sunday! Kids are the greatest gift from God, and while you're enjoying your day around them, be sure to thank and think about our Father Almighty. Without Him, none of this is possible!

Happy Father's Day, gentlemen!



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR  
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## Four Bramblett Scholarships Awarded

Four 2026 Bowling Green graduates received \$1,000 scholarships from the Bramblett Scholarship.

Helen Bramblett, a former school teacher, has left this scholarship money to go to a student in Bowling Green High School who will attend a four-year col-

lege. Those awarded scholarships include Karli Dean, Jake Piper, Keegan Smith, and Sarah Turner.

Jim and Carol Ford were present at the ceremony to give the graduates their scholarships.

## June Is Dairy Month

National Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk.

It was initially created to stabilize the dairy demand when production was at a surplus, but has now developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world. After the National Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name soon changed to "Dairy Month."

National Dairy Month is a great way to start the summer with nutrient-rich dairy foods. From calcium to potassium, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients which may help to better manage your weight, reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers. Whether it's protein to help build and repair the muscle tissue of active bodies or vitamin A to help maintain healthy skin, dairy products are a natural nutrient powerhouse. Those are just a few of the reasons that you should celebrate dairy not just in June, but all year long.

## Registration Open For Fall Extension Master Gardener Online Course

Registration is open for the University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener fall 2026 online course. The 15-week class runs Aug. 23-Dec. 24.

The online core training course is designed to provide in-depth horticultural knowledge, says MU Extension Master Gardener state coordinator Debi Kelly. The course includes presentations and weekly discussion forums.

Kelly and MU Extension Southeast Regional Director Sarah Denkler will teach the course.

To become an Extension Master Gardener, participants must complete the training and volunteer at least 30 hours in the first year and 20 hours per year afterward through MU Extension.

Participants will learn about the mission of the Extension Master Gardener program and gain a working knowledge of the fundamentals of gardening and its terminology.

For more information, contact Kelly at kellyd@missouri.edu or Denkler at denklers@missouri.edu.

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## Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen  
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The God of peace be with you all. Romans 15:33

This is the week of the Western Illinois Fair at Griggsville. The Big River Band was honored to have been asked to play June 18 from 5-8 p.m., at the food tent. They hope to see you there.

Another "Meet, Greet, & Eat" of Single Seniors + One has been planned. To qualify to be in the group for BOTH men and women, you must be at least 62 years old, single (widowed, divorced, or never married), be able to pay for your own meal, and either have your own transportation or you can make arrangements to ride with someone else. We get together once a month at a restaurant to enjoy visiting with each other (and talking and sharing conversations is extremely important and strongly suggested. In other words, do not sit there quietly and criticize others who do talk) and to enjoy a good meal. This is definitely not a matchmaking group. We have went to various restaurants in both Pike Counties in Illinois and Missouri, as well as Quincy, Hannibal, and Jacksonville. Sincerely interested people please call 1-217-320-8438.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of June 17-23:

June 17 - Jim and Juanita Chapman, Kevin and Rebecca Leahr

June 18 - Cheryl Anderson, Ray Kelley, Mike and Debbie Evans, Steve and Linda Long

June 19 - Toshiko Kobayashi

June 20 - Jeff Tunget, Peggy Clark, Rebekah Walsh, Dale and Sandy Winner, Jeff and Cindy Fesler, Ryan and Erin Howland

June 21 - J.J. Winner, Rodney and Mary Cobb

June 22 - Pastor Don Castleberry, Pam Dice, Jim and Cheryl Anderson

June 23 - Donnie Walston, Garrett Guthrie, Leland Johnston, Rebecca Leahr

Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. Who was the oldest first lady at the time of an inauguration?

2. How many sons did Jacob (of the Bible) have?

3. Who was "Lady Lindy"?

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar:

June 18 - Big River Band will be playing at the Griggsville Fair at the Food Tent starting at 5 p.m.

June 21 - Father's Day

June 27 - Big River Band playing at the Pike County Senior Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12 visitors of Jamie and I were Mary and Sean Massie, Jamie's daugh-

ter and son-in-law, of Bowling Green.

Mike and Shirley Straus went to the Quincy University Team Shootout where G-P won varsity games over QND and Southeastern. Then they won Junior Varsity games with Southeastern and QND but lost a varsity game with Calhoun. Mike and Shirley went specifically to see Mike's great-nephew Mason Lipcaman play.

There was a nice crowd at the Red Rooster Saturday, June 13 to have a meal and enjoy the music by The Big River Band.

Here are this week's Ways To Manage Stress that I found recently. Hope these help:

1. Make time for relaxation. Try listening to soothing music, meditating, gardening, playing with a pet, reading a good book, or doing whatever helps you relax.

2. Avoid tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. They only make matters worse.

3. Use mistakes and setbacks as opportunities to learn.

4. If possible, say "NO" to tasks that you know will be stressful for you.

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Friday, June 19

Friday, July 17

Friday, Aug. 27

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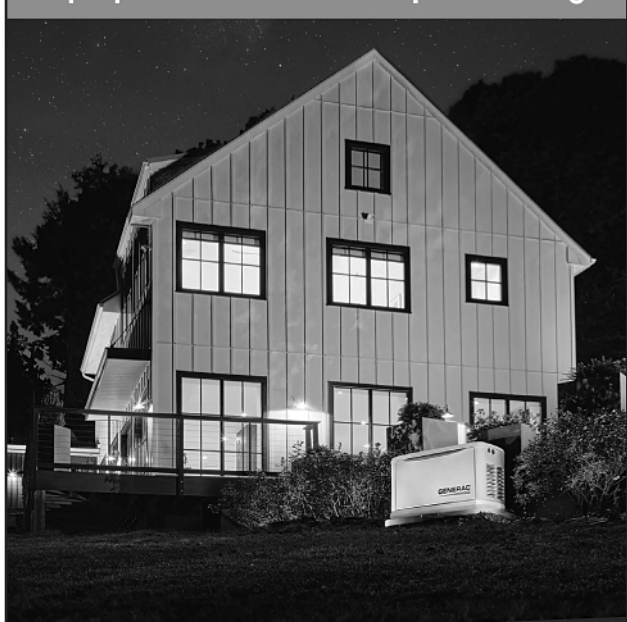
## NOTICE FIREWORKS IN CITY LIMITS

The City of Bowling Green would like to remind everyone that, as per City Ordinance 215.580, the use of legal fireworks is allowed on private property with permission of the property owner only on July 4 from midnight-1 p.m. If the city has a burn ban in place at that time, no fireworks shall be allowed under this exception. All other firework displays will be considered illegal and the ordinance will be enforced by the Police.

Please take into consideration, your neighbors, as some may be elderly or have PTSD. Pets are also unpredictable, so please make sure they are taken care of.

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# Obituaries



## Robert Herrick Balwanz

Bob wanted to make you laugh. He loved ice cream. Anyone who needed a friend, or some furniture built, could count on Bob.

Sadly, Bob, Robert Herrick Balwanz, 79, of Columbia died Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Bob always had a story to tell. Here's a little bit more about him.

Born in Beloit, Kan., to Clarence and Genevieve Balwanz, Bob grew up in Joplin and St. Joseph and Prairie Village, Kan. Since his time in high school, Bob felt a calling toward the ministry. Before he walked that path, however, he earned a nuclear engineering degree at Kansas State University; worked at Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh, Penn., and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Along the way, after losing several rounds of mini golf to his future bride, Bob married Linda Holmes, the love of his life.

Upon return from the war, Bob's call to the ministry persisted and he enrolled in seminary in Richmond, Vir. Four years later, in 1980, his doctor of ministry degree in hand, Bob accepted a call to serve the Farber and Mt. Olivet Presbyterian churches. He, Linda and their two young children, Patti and David, packed up and headed for Missouri where Bob served until his retirement in 2014. Bob served with love, dedication, a passion for community, and after some feedback, the ability to produce shorter sermons. Whenever Linda asked what he'd be preaching on next Sunday, Bob would say, 'Jesus'. Bob wanted to share the joy and love of Jesus with all.

Family vacations were a highlight for Bob, whether it was going to Colorado in August; taking breakfast on the beach; or later in life, driving to anywhere he would be called grandpa, uncle or dad. After he retired, Bob enjoyed working in his backyard garden — growing sugar snap peas, tomatoes, and kale. Bob was blessed with a best friend, Raymond "Rim" Massey, who, to keep things interesting, asked Bob to farm more exotic fare including Jerusalem artichokes, rainbow carrots and rutabaga. During retirement, Bob continued to serve the church in mid-Missouri.

Bob is survived by Linda, his wife of 55 years; a son, David and wife, Meredith; granddaughter, Margot; four nephews and nieces and a loving extended family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patti, sister, Beverly, and nephew, Michael.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 20 at noon at Farber Presbyterian Church. Compass Church in Columbia will host a memorial gathering for Bob on Saturday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

Friends may honor Bob's memory with a donation to the Farber Presbyterian Church, Compass Church, Community Bible Study, or the Food Bank of Northeast and Central Missouri.

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

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Pastor Bill Hobbs officiated.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service at 1 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

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



## Rossie Edward 'Ross' Niffen

Rossie Edward "Ross" Niffen, 81, of Bowling Green died Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at his home.

Ross was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Louisiana on Reineking Island to Virgil

"Shorty" and Maggie Edora Niffen. He married Bertha "Bert" Niffen on Nov. 15, 1963. She was the love of his life and preceded him in death on Nov. 28, 2023.

Ross had one son, Virgil Raymond Niffen, who preceded him in death on Dec. 15, 2024. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Niffen of Forsyth and Rick Niffen of Louisiana.

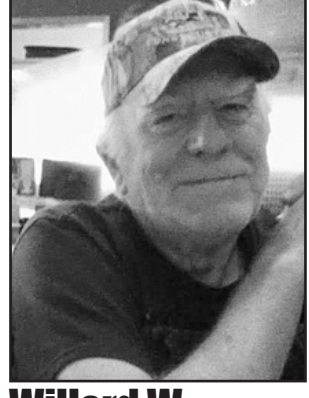
Surviving are four remaining children, Lisa Minor of Louisiana, Rossie "Bub" Niffen of Colorado, Stacy Phillips and husband, Nathan, and Chrissy Curry and husband, Phillip of Bowling Green; five siblings, Betty White of Pleasant Hill, Ill., Glenn Niffen of Bowling Green, Bonnie Smith of Louisiana, Joey Niffen of Warrenton, and Gina Niffen of Pacific.

Ross was employed with the Union Laborers Construction, in which he helped with the building of Clarence Cannon Dam in the Mark Twain area and the Bowling Green R-I Middle School. He also served his country in the United States Navy.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting. He loved hosting fish fries and spending time with his family.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday (today) at Samuel Taylor Cemetery in Rockport, Ill.

Any donations may be made to Community Loving Care Hospice in memory of Rossie Niffen.



## Willard W. Weimer

Willard W. Weimer, 86, of Louisiana died Friday, June 5, 2026 in Louisiana.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m., Friday at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 1 p.m., until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

He was born April 25, 1940 in Silex to Virgil C. and Ruby Guy Fountain Weimer. He was married to Wilma Jean Smith on April 3, 1970 at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana.

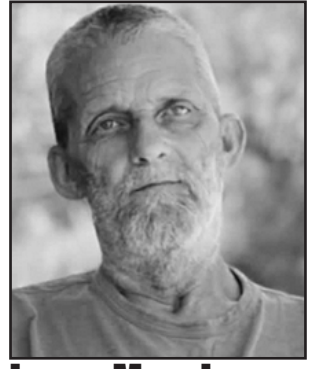
He is survived by his wife; two sons, Kurt Von Weimer of Louisiana, and Willard Wayne Weimer II of Quincy, Ill.; three grandchildren, Brett Von Weimer, Lindsey Gail Weimer, and Kayden Ray Weimer; and a sister, Mary Ann Garvine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Don Weimer and Virgil Guy Weimer; and a sister, Virginia Geen.

Willard was a graduate of Silex High School. He and his wife made their home in Louisiana after their marriage. He was employed a number of years at Louisiana Plastics as a maintenance supervisor. He liked doing mechanical work, Volkswagens, and airplanes. He was once a pilot and owned his own small airplane.

Memorials may made to the donor's choice.

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



## Leroy Marvin Butricks

Leroy Marvin Butricks, 61, of Louisiana died Friday, May 29, 2026 at his home.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Thursday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Pastor Bill Hobbs officiated.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until time of service

Thursday at the funeral home.

Leroy was born Nov. 16, 1964 in St. Charles to Everett Marvin and Judith Borders Butricks. He attended high school in St. Charles. He was employed in the recycling business most of his life until retiring.

He is survived by a son, Robert Goebel-Daugherty of Troy; four daughters, Crystal Waltman of Bowling Green, Marie Johnson of Wentzville, Brenda King of Wright City, and Emma Heck of Louisiana; 11 grandchildren, Katlynn, Madison, Nicholas, Jace, Trinity, Liberty, Jaxon, Carson, Penny, Theodora, and Mila; two great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Harrison; a bother, William Butricks of Moscow Mills; three sisters, Sue Daugherty of Bourbon, Gayle Thomas of Louisiana, and Melody Wunderlee of Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Butricks on Nov. 15, 1988, his mother, Judith Ann White on March 30, 2015, and one sister, Midge Miller.

After retirement, Leroy focused on being grandpa and spending time with his family. He enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, and doing thing with his friends.

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

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



## Harry Eldon Ogden

Funeral services for Harry Eldon Ogden of Elsberry were 2 p.m., Thursday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Kris Hagemeyer, pastor of the Elsberry First Christian Church officiated. Burial with full military honors was in Elsberry City Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Andy Burkemper, James Suddarth, Tyler Ligon, Joe Ogden, Curtis Ogden, Jay Ogden and Dalton Ogden. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Keith Dameron, Darrell Painter, Denis Reed, Benny Watkins, Jim Noble and John Noble.

Harry, 96, was born on Dec. 9, 1929 in Elsberry, the son of George Ernest and Virginia Anne Hawkins. He served his country in the United States Army from Sept. 27, 1948 until his honorable discharge on July 5, 1952. Harry was united in marriage on May 1, 1964 in Elsberry to Gayle Humphrey. Their home was blessed with three children, Harry Gene, Kelly, and Curtis.

He worked as a truck driver for MFA and Parts Exchange for many years. Harry then drove a school bus for the Elsberry R-II School District. He was a 74 year member of American Legion Post #226 in Elsberry. Harry enjoyed listening to St. Louis Cardinals Baseball. In his younger years, Harry enjoyed shooting pool.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, George and Virginia Ogden; three brothers; one sister; one son, Harry Gene "Bubba" Ogden; and one granddaughter, Lindsey Jo Ogden Whyte.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Gayle Ogden of Elsberry; one daughter, Kelly Burkemper and husband, Andy of Elsberry; one son, Curtis Ogden and wife, Jeanne of Elsberry; and one daughter-in-law, Kathy Ogden of Elsberry. Harry also leaves seven grandchildren, Joe Ogden, Jenny Garnett, Chelsey Suddarth, Tyler Ligon, Jay Ogden II, Dalton Ogden and Faith Ogden; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

Visitation was from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday at

Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #226, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



## Louise Simpson

Louise Simpson, 72, a deeply loved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister died peacefully at her home in Elsberry on Sunday, June 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Troy March 1, 1954, to the late George and Margaret Van Beek, Louise grew up surrounded by the familiar comforts of a close-knit hometown. Alongside her brother, George, and sister, Lori, she attended local schools, eventually graduating from Silex High School in 1972. Those early years laid the foundation for a woman who would become known for her deep community ties and her boundless warmth.

On Nov. 21, 1975, she married Steve Simpson in Troy, marking the beginning of a beautiful 50-year partnership. Together with Steve's son, Matt, they welcomed their own children, Becky and Michael, into the world. Family was the undisputed center of Louise's universe, and she and Steve made it their life's true joy to simply be together, spending as much time as possible with their children and their growing legacy.

Beyond her home, Louise was a familiar and beloved face in Lincoln County. She dedicated decades to serving her community, working as the Silex Elementary School Secretary for 14 years and as the Community Outreach Secretary at Lincoln County Medical Center for over 16 years. Later, she brought her talents to Chartwell's Food Service for local schools. Across every role, she was known as a devoted colleague who always offered a kind word and a ready smile. Her favorite positions were always those that kept her close to the children, whose days she brightened effortlessly.

Louise leaves behind a legacy of quiet, nurturing creativity. Those who knew her will fondly remember the care she poured into her flower gardens, the hours she spent lost in a good book, and the skilled hands that meticulously sewed countless bridesmaid and prom dresses.

Her beautiful memory will be cherished by her devoted husband, Steve; her children, Becky Johnson and Josh Prater of Silex, and Michael Simpson and Karla Hubbard of Silex; and her step-son, Matt Simpson and wife, Rachel of Kentucky. She will be deeply missed by her nine grandchildren, Kate, Jack, Ava, Jayden, Joely, Claudia, Steven, Tyler, and Kyle; as well as a brother, George Van Beek of Troy; one sister, Lori Goodman and husband, Jay of Troy; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Margaret Van Beek.

Visitation was Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1 p.m., prayer service. All to be held at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy. Fr. Eddie Godefroid officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PALS, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Family and friends are invited to visit our website at [mccoyblossomfh.com](http://mccoyblossomfh.com) to sign the online guest register.



## Erica Marie Jennings

"She lived fiercely, loved deeply, and gave endlessly."

Erica Marie Jennings, 43, of Farber died April 21, 2026. She was born Feb. 7, 1983, in Hannibal to Lauri Lynn Brace and Timothy Luebrecht.

Erica was a beautiful girl inside and out whose passion in life was helping others. She was known for her fierce loyalty, creative and loving heart, witty comebacks, and unmatched stubbornness. Erica had a way of always letting you know exactly where you stood - often with a perfectly timed side-eye or pout when needed.

She adored caring for the elderly while working at Westbury Nursing Home. Through that work, she discovered her deep love for nursing and pursued her education with determination, hard work, and the stubborn tenacity she was so well known for, ultimately earning her bachelor of science in nursing.

Erica often said her childhood was filled with love from a dotting mother who never missed an opportunity for "one more hug" or an "I love you." Tim was not only someone she deeply admired and trusted, but someone who truly understood her humor. Together, they shared a bond filled with teasing, laughter, and endless jokes.

Her brother, Jamie, was always her "ride or die," faithfully standing by her side through it all. Many holidays were spent with her Uncle Billy, whom she loved dearly, even though he loved teasing her and once jokingly put her in a drawer because she would not stop crying. As a child, Erica was known for her beautiful blonde curls and adorable pout that usually helped her get her way — except with Uncle Billy.

Throughout her life, Erica was rarely without a journal nearby, filling pages with poetry, dreams, and reflections from her heart. Her passion for writing became contagious, inspiring even her sister, Marishka, to share that same love. Erica also carried a deep wanderlust and dreamed of traveling the world helping others. During her studies, she discovered Mercy Ships, an organization that provides medical care to children and families suffering from severe disfigurements and limited access to treatment. Serving with Mercy Ships became one of her greatest dreams.

Erica's dreams, gifts, and legacy live on, even though she was unable to fulfill that goal herself. Anyone who knew Erica knew her stubbornness had no limits, and even in death she found a

way to continue helping others. Through her gift of life, Erica has already saved three individuals, and her tissue and skin donations will continue helping many more for years to come. Leave it to Erica to refuse to let even death stand in her way.

Her family finds comfort in knowing she is singing and dancing her way through Heaven just as she once danced through the kitchen, finally at peace knowing she fulfilled her purpose.

She is survived by her beloved fur baby, Merlin; Brian Jennings; loving parents, Lauri Lynn Brace and Tim Luebrecht; best friend and brother, Jamie Wharton; Marishka Brant Long and Adelynn; Garrett Luebrecht; Gordon Luebrecht; grandmother, Theresa Trower; William Cunningham and Gayle Jones; Lisa Lindsay and husband, Ronnie; Tina Graver; Ross Manes; adopted sisters by heart, Brittany Lindsay and Terrell Griffith, and Jessica Spinks and Taylor; along with countless cousins, friends, and loved ones.

A private Celebration of Life will be held in her honor at the Catholic Church Parish Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Erica's memory may be made to Mercy Ships to continue helping those in need.



## Dorothy Joanne Cockrell

Dorothy Joanne Cockrell, 90, of Vandalia died peacefully Monday, June 9, 2026, at the Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Monday at Waters Funeral Home. The Rev. Dustin Holt officiated. Burial followed at Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation was from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the funeral home.

Joanne was born Sept. 30, 1935, in Mexico, the daughter of John Henry and Dorothy Rodgers Williams. She was united in marriage to William Cockrell. He survives.

Joanne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Family was the center of her life, and she treasured every opportunity to spend time with those she loved.

She is survived by her husband, William Cockrell; her children, Aaron Cockrell and wife, Cleo of Warrenton, Troy Cockrell and wife, Michelle of Troy, Michael Brown of St. Louis, Janyce Holt and husband, Terry of Vandalia, Keyna Hartsell of Vandalia, Robyn Cockrell of Ashland, and Wendy Williams and husband, The Rev. Garland Williams of Fairview Heights, Ill.

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# Community News



## Pumper Truck Donation

Van-Far Fire Protection District President Brandon Straube, right, is pictured receiving the donation of a pumper truck from Doug Westhoff with the Boone County Fire Protection District.

## Vines That Shine:

### Screening Views While Adding Beauty

Ornamental vining plants often are overlooked as a way to screen unpleasant views while adding beauty to a landscape, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

"Especially in densely populated areas, they can provide privacy in outdoor settings where space is limited," he said. "Additionally, a fence, arbor, pergola or other structure can be made to blend into the landscape more attractively using ornamental vines."

Vining plants climb in three main ways, and the best type of support often depends on how they climb. One way vines climb is by twining. Twining plants wrap their stems around any available support as they ascend. Among the best-known climbers are trumpet honeysuckle, silver lace vine, bittersweet and wisteria. Annual vining plants such as morning glory and moonflower also climb this way.

Another group climbs by grasping a support with tendrils or closely related structures. Botanically, tendrils are modified stems, leaves, leaflets, leaf tips or leaf stipules plants use to encircle and hold onto objects they touch. The main stems of these plants do not twist as they climb a support. Sweet pea, porcelain berry and passion vine all climb by means of tendrils. Clematis also fits into this group, but it does not produce tendrils. Instead, it wraps its petioles (leaf stalks) around supporting structures.

The third group of vining plants climbs by clinging to structures with special aerial rootlets. Ornamental vines in this category include English ivy, Boston ivy, Virginia creeper, trumpet vine (which also may twine) and climbing hydrangea. Some members of this group of vines, such as English ivy, have aerial rootlets that end in adhesive "sucker discs." Structures made of wood, stone or brick are appropriate support for them, any many vines in this category can cling to the trunks of trees.

There are a few "climbing" plants that do not climb on their own. An excellent example of this group is climbing rose. It produces long, flexible canes without any natural mechanism to adhere to a structure. Plants in this group need human assistance to climb and must be fastened to trellises, arbors or fences.

For quick cover on a privacy fence, consider fast-growing woody vines or herbaceous annuals. American bittersweet and wisteria are examples of woody

vines that climb quickly. They are not good choices for small spaces as they easily crowd out nearby plants.

American bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) is a native vine that provides quick cover and produces attractive red fruit. Plants of bittersweet are either male or female, so if you want berries, you'll need several plants to ensure that both male and female plants are present for pollination.

Bittersweet is virtually pest-free. Its berries are attractive to birds, which tend to spread the plant to other areas. American bittersweet is aggressive, but the Missouri Department of Conservation does not consider it an invasive species. In contrast, Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) is highly invasive.

Wisteria is a fast-growing vine that produces attractive flowers but often requires three to seven years for new plants to begin flowering. There are several species of wisteria. Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*) and Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) are the two most widely grown. Of the two, Japanese wisteria is considered the more ornate, producing long racemes of fragrant flowers in spring. There are cultivars with white, pink, violet or blue flowers. The award-winning 'Royal Purple' has deep purple, fragrant flowers. Hardy only to Zone 5, this plant is considered invasive by certain southeastern states. Note that all parts of the plant, especially seeds, contain a saponin glycoside called wisterin, which is toxic if ingested.

Morning glory (*Ipomoea* spp.) is an annual vine that can cover a fence relatively quickly. In addition to the privacy provided by its dense foliage, morning glory blooms profusely, adding color (and often fragrance) to the landscape. Popular morning glory varieties include the sky-blue 'Heavenly Blue,' the crimson 'Scarlett O'Hara,' the dark purple 'Grandpa Ott,' the striped 'Flying Saucers' and the pure white 'Pearly Gates.'

Finally, clematis (*Clematis* spp.), often called Queen of the Vines, is beloved for its colorful, star-like flowers that bring vibrant vertical interest to fences and trellises. Its unmatched versatility, long bloom season and resistance to deer make it a stunning centerpiece for any garden or landscape. Extensive hybridization of this genus has led to some outstanding cultivars, Trinklein said. Its apetalous flowers come in white, pink, red, lavender, blue and bicolors.

## COMMUNITY INVITATION

### Downtown Park Project

Community Engagement Meeting

The Vandalia Area Historical Society invites the public to attend a community meeting to learn more about the proposed Downtown Park Project.

**Tuesday, June 23**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Genealogy Center**  
**Vandalia Historical Museum**  
 (Dr. Carter's Former Office)

**MEETING TOPICS**

- Presentation of the proposed park design
- Discussion of the park's purpose and vision
- Questions and answers
- Community ideas and feedback

Representatives from the City of Vandalia and the Vandalia Area Historical Society will be available to answer questions and discuss the project.

**SUBMIT QUESTIONS BY JUNE 19**

VandaliaParkProject@gmail.com

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*Your input is important! Please join us and help shape the future of this community project.*

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# Community News

## OBITUARIES

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She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Terry Holt Jr.; The Rev. Dustin Holt; Shamene Holt; Minister Teresa Campbell; Summer Nunnelley; Erin Cockrell; Kellen Cockrell; Jermaine Davis; The Rev. Geriod Davis; Minister Whitney Davis; Kambrin Hartsell; Kambrie Burton; Courtney Gully; DeLauren Williams; Jordan Cockrell; and Ryan Cockrell. In addition, she leaves behind 41 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. And a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Marion Williams;

two sisters, Marilyn Williams and Bertha Sue Shelton; and three grandchildren, Kendal Cockrell, Aliyah Williams, Precious Wheeler; and one son-in-law, Norman Hartsell

For many years, Joanne worked at the Bobbie Brooks Garment Factory. She later served at Van-Far High School and Playcare, where she enjoyed caring for and serving others.

Joanne found joy in life's simple pleasures. On Sundays, she could often be found frying chicken for family gatherings, creating cherished memories around the table. She enjoyed shopping, especially on QVC and loved collecting trinkets. More than anything, she loved spending time

with her family and celebrating the blessings of each generation.

A faithful member of Second Christian Church in Vandalia, Joanne's faith guided her throughout her life and was reflected in her kindness, generosity, and love for others.

Pallbearers were Terry Holt Jr., Michael Brown, Ryan Cockrell, Jordan Cockrell, Ayden Holt, and Kellen Cockrell. Honorary pallbearers were The Rev. Dustin Holt, The Rev. Geriod Davis, Jermaine Davis, Doug Shelton, Michael Shelton, Kambrin Hartsell, and Isaiah Cockrell.

Memorial contributions may be made to SMBC outreach, c/o Waters Funeral Home.



**Ashlee McPike**

Ashlee Lee Renae McPike, 38, of Hannibal, formerly of Bowling Green, died Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

A memorial service for

Ashlee was held Friday at 1 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

Ashlee was born July 1, 1987, in Louisiana to Georgette McPike.

Ashlee is survived by her mother, Etta of Hannibal; siblings, Constance McPike of O'Fallon, DeWitt McPike of Hannibal, and Joshua McPike of Curryville; a half-sister, Rayshelle Steele; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Orvil Chatman, Rose Mayfield, Shirley Scott, and Guy Scott; and an aunt Tosha Mayfield.

Ashlee grew up in Bowling Green and attended Bowling Green High

School. She played on a YMCA basketball team and also played basketball in middle school. After graduation, Ashlee joined the work force.

She enjoyed playing basketball and spending time with her family, especially her nieces and nephews. Ashlee was well known for keeping her car spotless. She was a member of White Rose Baptist Church in Bowling Green where she was a member of the choir.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory.

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Also, lots of ball cards. There will be several showcases full of older graded ball cards. Take a look!

### Coin Inventory Bill Kaltenborn Estate

- 1999-2000-2001-2003 50 State Comm Quarters Sets Denver Mint
- 2002-2003-2004 U.S. Mint Unc. Coin Sets
- 2003-2004 50 States Comm Quarter Set Proof And Unc Coin 15 Coins Per Set
- Collection Of 135 Indian Hd. Pennies 105/1800's 30-1900's Sell Choice
- 9-Seated Dimes 2-1853 W/Arrows 1857, 2-1876-CC, 1876-S, 1876-P, 1887, 1891
- Collection Of 56 Barber Dimes (Sell Choice)
- 1917-S 1918 1925-P Mercury Dimes
- Collection Of 26 Barber Quarters (Sell Choice)
- 1876 Seated Quarter
- 1855-O Seated Half (Has A Hole Drilled Thru It) 1876-S Seated Half Low Grade
- Choice Of 36 Standing Liberty Quarters
- Choice Of 22 V Nickels
- Choice Of 64 Walking Liberty Halves
- 2-1987 Unc ASE
- 2-1990-1991 - 2-1992 1993 Unc ASE
- 1996-1997-1998-2-1999 Unc ASE
- 2-2000 2001 2002 2003 Unc ASE
- 2010-2011-2012 Unc ASE
- 4-2019 2021 2022 2024 Unc ASE
- 15-Mixed Mint And Date 1 oz .999 Silver Rounds (Sell Choice)
- 4-Mixed Mint And Date 1/4 oz. .999 Silver Rounds
- 2-1/2 oz .999 Silver Rounds
- 2019-S Proof Silver Dime
- 3-2003-S Proof Silver Washington Quarters
- 1982-250th Anniversary Unc George Washington Comm. Half
- 1986 Statue Of Liberty Comm. Half
- 1973-S Unc Silver Ike Dollar
- 1922 Peace Dollar — All The Following Morgans Are High Grade
- 10-1878 Morgans 5-S And 5-P Mint
- 1879 - P,S Morgans
- 1880 - S And O Unc.
- 2-1881-S MS
- 1882-P Morgan AU
- 3 1883-Morgan 2 O 1-S Mint AU
- 6-1884 Morgans 3-P 2-S 1-O Mint AU
- 1885 - P-O Morgans MS
- 3-1886-P Morgans MS
- 1889-O 1890-P Morgans AU
- 1889-P 1887-P Morgan AU
- 3-1891 Morgan 2-P 1-S Mint AU
- 1892-O And 1894-S Morgans 1894-S Is A Better Date
- 4-1896-P Morgans All AU/MS
- 1897-S Morgan
- 1898-P And O Mint MS
- 1899-O Morgan
- 3-1900 Morgans 2-O 1-P Mint AU
- 2-1901-S Morgans AU
- 9-1921 Various Mint Morgans Mostly AU
- 1879-O NGC G-6 Morgan
- 1880-S PCGS F-15 Morgan
- 2-1881-S Morgan Both Are PCGS 1 Is F15 1 Is MS63
- 1882-S Morgan PCGS MS63

- 1883-P Morgan PCGS VG-8 And 1883-O PGA MS65
- 1884-O ICG MS64 And 1884-S PCGS F15 Morgans
- 1884-P Top 100 PCGS VG-10 VAM 3 Large Dot
- 1885-O Binion Collection NGC MS63
- 1886-P PCGS Brilliant Unc. Morgan
- 1886-P NGC MS63 GSA Morgan
- 3-1887-P PCGS MS63 GSA Morgans
- 1887-O PCGS FR02 Morgan
- 1887-P PGA MS66 GSA Morgan
- 1888-P PGA MS64 GSA Morgan
- 1890-O PGA MS63+ GSA Morgan
- 1891-S PGA MS62 GSA Morgan
- 1891-P PGA MS63+ GSA Morgan
- 1896-P PGA MS65 GSA Morgan
- 1896-O NGC FA2 Morgan
- 1897-S PGA MS63 GSA Morgan
- 1897-P ICG AU58 Morgan
- 1921-P ICG MS65 GSA Morgan
- 1921-P Morgan Certified VG
- 1879 - PCGS Harshly Cleaned XF Detail
- 1881-S And 1882-O PCGS Cleaned XF And AU Details
- 1884-S ICG VF20 Cleaned Details
- 3-1889 2-P 1-S Mint All PCGS Cleaned Details
- 1890-P PCGS Cleaned Unc Detail
- 1894-O PCGS Cleaned VF Detail
- 1897-O - 1898-P 1899-O PCGS All Cleaned Detail
- 1797 Turban Head Eagle W/Small Eagle Reverse Replica Proof Coin Layered In 24 Kt Gold
- 2016 30th Anniversary PCGS MS70 ASE
- 2018-W First Strike PCGS MS69 ASE
- 2018 First Strike PCGS MS69 ASE
- 1987-P PCGS MS69 Constitution Dollar
- 2-2004-P Lewis And Clark Dollars NGC 1 Is MS69 1 Is PF69 Ultra Cameo
- 2004-P ICG PR70 D Cam Lewis And Clark \$1
- 1982-D PCGS MS66 Washington Half
- 2004-D PCGS Keel Boat MS65 Nickel
- 1979-P PCGS MS65 Susan B Anthony Dollar
- 4-2008-S PCGS PR69 D Cam Presidential Dollars
- 4-2011-S PCGS PR69 D cam Presidential Dollars
- 2010-S NGC Fifteenth President PF69 Ultra Cameo
- Partial Indian Head Cent Albums 29 Coins
- 1883 Liberty V Nickel Variety I Unc Without Cents Rare
- 1883 Liberty V Nickel W/Cents Variety II Unc Rare
- Last 7 Buffalo Nickels Minted All Full Date 5 W/ Full Horn
- 25 Silver Mercury Dimes
- 1901-S Barber Dime Very Low Mintage Rare
- 1904-S Barber Dime Low Mintage Very Rare
- \$3.20 Face Value 90% Silver 10 Quarters 7 Dimes
- 3-Early Date Barber Dimes 1899-P -1900-O -1901-O
- Choice Of 4 Early Date Barber Quarters 1892 P Mint First Yr. 1893P 1894P 1895-P
- Choice Of 3 Better Date Washington Quarters 1938-P 1938-S 1939-D
- 1916-D Obverse Mint Mark Walking Liberty Half Key Date
- Choice Of 2 Walking Liberty Halves 1919 And 1919-S
- Choice Of 2 Barber Halves 1900-S 1904-P
- 1892 Columbian Expo Half
- 1925 Stone Mountain Half
- Complete Set Of 3 1946-P-D And S Booker T. Washington Halves AU/BU
- 1830 Capped Bust Half PCGS AU Details Small O Variety
- Choice Of First 4 Franklin Halves Minted 1948-D-P 1949-D-P
- 4-1964 Kennedy Halves 2-P - 2-D Mint
- Choice Of 2 90% Silver 1732-1982 George Washington Halves 250th Anniversary W/ COA And Box
- 3-Piece Bicentennial Silver Set
- 3 Unopened 1963 Proof Sets
- 2-Unc Mint Sets 1977 And 1978 Each W/2 Ike Dollars
- 2-1971-S Silver Ike Dollars Unc.
- 1971-S Proof Silver Ike W/Case
- 1883-O NGC MS63 GSA Morgan Wow These Are More Rare Than The CC's
- 2000 First Yr. Edition 4 Colourised Sacagawea Dollars Plated In 24K Gold W/Case
- 15-Barber Dimes Mixed Clear Dates

- 1909-S Barber Dime Better Date Wow
- Choice Of 3 Barber Dimes W/Full Liberty 1906-P 1910-D 1913-P
- Choice Of 4 Barber Quarters 1896-P 1897-P 1898-P 1899-P
- 2-1946-S Washington Quarters Graded NGC MS63 And 64
- Choice Of 2 Better Date Barber Halves 1895-O 1899-O
- 1939-S Washington Qtr Better Date XF40
- Choice Of 3 Better Date Early Walking Lib Halves 1916-S OBV 1917-S REV 1919-D
- Choice Of 2-1893 Columbian Expo Halves Both AU/BU (Best 2 I've Seen)
- 1832 Capped Bust Half Small Letters PCGS AU53 (A Wow Pc)
- Choice Of 4-Early Date Franklin Halves 1949-S 1950-P-D 1951-P
- Choice Of 8 Mixed Date 40% Silver Kennedy Halves
- 1961 Unc Yr Set 90% Silver P-Mint In Capital Plastic
- 2-1964 Proof Sets 90% Silver 1 Is Unopened
- 4-Unc Mint Sets 1999-P-D 2001-P-D
- 2-Unc. Silver Ike Dollars 1971-S And 1972-S
- 1881-CC GSA Morgan Complete W/COA And Box (Rare)
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- 2016 Gold 1/10 oz Mercury Dime Centennial W/Box And COA
- 2019 Gold Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Comm W/Box And COA 1/4 oz
- 1829 Half Cent Nice
- 1832 Half Cent Choice+
- 1853 Half Cent ICG AU50
- 1795 ANACS Large Cent Fair 2 Plain Edge
- 1812 Large Cent Small Date (Rare)
- 1816 Large Cent Choice+
- 1817 Large Cent Nice 15 Stars
- Choice Of 1830 And 1835 Large Cents
- 1949-D Lincoln Cent Choice BU
- 1944-S Lincoln Cent Gem BU
- 1831 Bust Quarter Nice Small Letters
- 1833 Bust Half
- 1859 Seated Half
- 1945-D Walking Liberty Half NGC MS65
- Choice Of 6 Silver Halves
- 1955 Franklin Half NGC Proof 67 Cameo
- 15 - 40% Silver Halves
- 2002 US Proof Set
- Choice Of 2018 And 2019 US Proof Sets
- Choice Of 1961 And 1962 Silver US Proof Sets (Sealed)
- 1997 Silver US Proof Set
- 1878 Morgan First Yr. Very Choice
- 1879-S Morgan NGC MS64 Super
- 1879-S Morgan BU
- 1880-P Morgan PCGS MS63
- 1881-S Morgan Gem BU
- 1883-CC Morgan GSA Black Box MS63 Prooflike
- 1884-O Morgan PCGS MS63
- 1886-P Morgan NGC MS64
- 1886-O Morgan
- 1900-S Morgan PCGS AU58 Looks Better
- Choice Of 2 - 1900-O Morgans BU
- 1903-P Morgan Choice
- Choice Of 4 - 2025 Unc. ASE
- Choice Of 4 - 2026 Unc. ASE
- Our Greatest Americans 5-1 Oz Silver Bar Set
- Choice Of 2 - 1878-CC Morgans First Yr.
- 1880-CC Morgan
- 1883-CC Morgan
- 1889-CC Morgan Rare Key Date
- 1890-CC Morgan
- 2023-S Peace Dollar Proof 70 Cameo
- 2005 NGC Proof 70 Ultra Cameo ASE
- 1925 PCGS MS62 Peace Dollar
- Seven Mixed Silver Dollars
- 1972-D Ike
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Default has been made in the payment of the debt and the performance of the obligations of the note described in and secured by a Deed of Trust dated Dec. 6, 2024, executed by TREY CARNEY and REBECCA SKLANDER, Husband and Wife and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pike County, Missouri, on December 6, 2024, in Book 334 at Page 3634, and conveying to the undersigned Trustee the following described property in County, Missouri, to-wit:

**Tract I**  
The East 40 feet of Lots 229 and 230; and the East 40 feet of the South 6 feet of Lot 231, all in Block 23 of the Original Town of Louisiana, in the County of Pike and State of Missouri.

All of Twenty (20) feet off of the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lots Numbered 229 and 230, and also Five (5) feet off of the South part of the West twenty (20) feet to the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lot Numbered 231, all in block Number Twenty three (23), of the Original town, now City of Louisiana, Missouri, as shown by the recorded plat of said Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri, known as and numbered 317 Georgia Street.

Together with an Access Easement as described in document recorded in Book 331, at Page 7656 of the Pike County, Missouri Deed Records to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

**Tract II**  
Twenty (20) feet front on Georgia Street off the West end of Lot Numbered One Hundred Seventy-two (172) in Block Numbered Twenty Three (23) of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

**Tract III**  
All of the East 40 feet of the West one-half of Lot Number 172, Block 23, of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

The first scheduled date did not take place due to the failure of the selected newspaper to publish as requested. Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, and in accordance with the provisions of the said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will on Friday, the 26th day of June, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to-wit: at 10:00 A.M., sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the South front door of the County Court House, in the City of Bowling Green, Pike County, Missouri, to satisfy said note and costs.

-James F. Lemon-  
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