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Pictured are one of the many spectacular fireworks shot off on the Mississippi River front on Saturday, July 4.

Louisiana Celebrates 250th

With Fourth Of July Riverfront Event

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR
 The City of Louisiana marked the nation's 250th birthday with a full day of activities along the riverfront on Saturday, July 4.

Vendors opened at 11 a.m., offering food, drinks, local products and other items throughout the day. Food and drink vendors included VFW Post 4610 of Clarksville, which served fried fish, Pour Decisions Drink Co. with Dirty Sodas, Dorothy Jane's Snow Cones, Applegate Baked Goods, J&M Food Truck, Denton Cookies, It's So Good lemonade and Taqueria Los Agaves.

The celebration also included the Star Spangled Spectacular July 4th Pageant, hosted by Girl Scout Troop 3429. Registration began at 11 a.m. at the Trimble House, followed by pageant divisions for Little Miss and Mr., ages 3-7; Young Miss and Mr., ages 8-11; Jr. Miss, ages 12-17; Miss and Mrs., ages 18-40; and Miss and Mrs. Classic, ages 40 and older.

Georgia Street Antique Mall was open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., while Rattle Custom Cycles hosted a motorcycle show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment was provided throughout the day by MizzOkie Entertainment.

Several local organizations also took part in the celebration. The Louisiana Lions Club was on hand raising funds for a playground addition in Louisiana and also helped provide the first aid and cool down tent.

Hands & Hearts of Pike County hosted an art display featuring work by Louisiana High School students. Attendees who purchased tickets were able to vote for their favorite piece. The student artwork will later be displayed in the City Council Chamber.

As evening approached, decorated and lighted boats made their way along the river. Louisiana City Clerk, Riley Anderson, sang the national anthem at dusk before the celebration concluded with a fireworks display over the riverfront.

Following the event, Hands & Hearts of Pike County thanked the sponsors, donors, volunteers, vendors, entertainers, city departments, first responders and community members who helped support the group's first annual Together We Shine July 4th Celebration.

The organization said the event was created to bring neighbors together and celebrate the community while also supporting local causes.

A 'Coterie Of Barnacles'

Local Men Take On Whiskey Ring Suspects

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

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

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

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

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

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

Henderson denied vilifying Grant, who was never implicated in the scheme. He had "taken his charge seriously — perhaps too seriously for Grant's liking," wrote author Shawn Francis

Peters. Babcock was indicted, but acquitted — in large part due to Grant's unprecedented decision to testify.

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

Historians still debate the scandal's impact.

"The Whiskey Ring was unexampled, both in its thievary and its political influence," said Francis Russell.

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

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

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

Another top Ring conspirator, John McDonald, was pardoned by Grant. His 1880 autobiography contains intimate details of the fraud. McDonald, who apparently did not consider himself part of what he de-

scribed as a "coterie of barnacles" surrounding Grant, later moved to Chicago and died at age 80 in 1912.

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

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

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

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

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

Boynton did see a ray of sunshine.

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

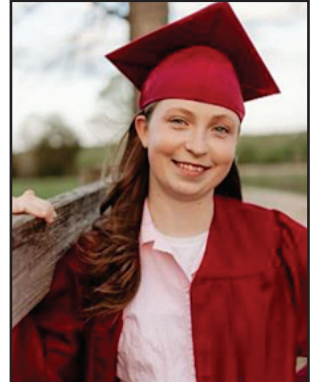
Pike 4-H Celebrates Outstanding Seniors



Layla Berry



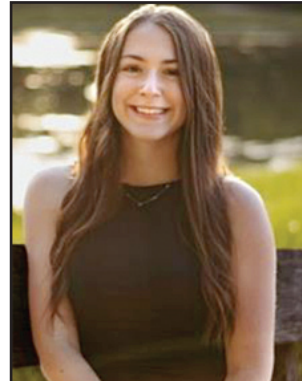
Carlyn Lockard



Rita Deters



Sophia Hartwig



Reese Turner

The Pike County 4-H program is proud to recognize five exceptional graduated seniors for their years of dedication, leadership, and involvement in 4-H.

Pike County 4-H class of 2026 include: Rita Deters of the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H Club, Carlyn Lockard of the

Calumet 4-H Club, Reese Turner of the Busy Bee Hustlers 4-H Club, Sophia Hartwig of the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H Club, and Layla Berry of the Calumet 4-H Club.

Throughout their 4-H careers, these members have been actively involved in a wide variety of projects,

leadership roles, community service activities, and county and state events and fairs. Pike County 4-H is grateful for the contributions each has made over the years and the examples they have set for our younger members.

In recognition of their outstanding involvement and dedication, each of these graduating seniors was also awarded a Pike County 4-H Council Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes graduating 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent participation, leadership, and service throughout at least five years in the program.

Pike County 4-H wishes each of them continued success in their future educational, career, and personal endeavors.



Halls Visit BGHS To Reminisce

Bob Hall, left, and Gene Hall fondly recalled their basketball playing and coaching days during a June 27 visit to Bowling Green High School. The two were in town for a concert hosted by Raintree Arts Council. Bob Hall played for legendary coach and Bowling Green native Cotton Fitzsimmons at what was then Moberly Junior College. Gene Hall was Cotton's best friend growing up and coached the Bowling Green High School boys to a state basketball championship in 1962. The case behind them features the state championship trophy, a photo of the team and a basketball with the players' names on it. Not pictured nearby is a framed, autographed photo of Fitzsimmons. Bob Hall is founder and owner of Hall Trailer Sales in Moscow Mills. Gene Hall, who lives in Troy, also coached basketball at Hannibal and multiple sports at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, where he also was an educator and administrator. Fitzsimmons was posthumously elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021. Bowling Green has started a fund drive to place a statue of him at the corner of the downtown square. Photo by Brent Engel

Anne's Anchor Breaks Ground On Little Sailors Resale Shop

Anne's Anchor recently broke ground on Little Sailors Children's Resale, a new storefront planned for Bowling Green.

The nonprofit held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, July 2, marking a new expansion of its mission to support mothers and children in the community.

Little Sailors will offer children's clothing from newborn sizes through youth size 14/16, along with baby gear, toys and other children's essentials. The resale store is intended to provide an affordable resource for families while also creating workforce development opportunities for mothers served by Anne's

Anchor. According to Anne's Anchor, the store will allow mothers in the program to gain hands-on job training, build confidence, earn income and develop skills that can help them move toward long-term independence.

Anne's Anchor is a cost-free, judgment-free maternity home in Bowling Green that provides housing and support for mothers and their children. The home offers five rooms where women and their children may live while participating in a program focused on stability and self-sufficiency.

The organization provides housing, meals, transportation and everyday essentials, while also helping mothers develop in-

dividualized plans in areas such as faith formation, education, job training, employment, transportation and housing. Support areas can also include GED classes or continuing education, budgeting, time management, parenting skills, health and wellness, healthy relationships and household skills.

Anne's Anchor said Little Sailors is part of its larger effort to help mothers create stable and sustainable futures for themselves and their children.

Following the groundbreaking, the organization thanked those who attended and said it plans to share more photos and details about the vision for Little Sailors in the coming days.

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

I'm not sure about you, but I've been paying a lot of attention to the World Cup the past several days, and although I'm not the biggest fan of soccer, I am a huge fan of the USA, and will root for Team America until their magical run comes to an end. What I have been particularly noticing throughout our blessed Country is the amount of people who have stepped onto our soil for the very first time. I am witnessing how excited they are to be in America, and how the very tips of their tongues are touching the culture and lifestyle of the United States. It seems that they cannot get enough as they lap up our freedoms, our food and drink, our architecture, our diversity, and our land. It is nothing short of amazing to see!



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

These are the things that some Americans take for granted. Living in such posh conditions can sometimes strip your senses and make you less happy if something isn't as perfect as it used to be, or perhaps should be. What some fail to understand is that even the most medi-

ocre American conditions are far better than the best conditions of some of the countries that are here visiting. There is no doubt in my mind that some of the visitors here to watch their beloved soccer team will return again, maybe even for good someday.

Americans can get complacent and forget about what they have. I am sometimes guilty of it as well. It doesn't take me long however to snap out of it when I see some living conditions in other countries, sweat shops, and people living under communist dictatorships with no freedoms to speak their minds, or do as they please.

As we continue this year long celebration of America, let us cling tightly to the awesomeness of our freedoms, our cultures, our diversity, our architecture, and our land. Let us step onto this soil again, for the first time, and appreciate it as much as our friends from all over the globe are during the World Cup.

It just doesn't get any better than this, folks!

Food Safety Tips For Picnics

Picnics are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, good weather and delicious food with family and friends.

But before you head outside, make sure foodborne illness doesn't spoil your day, said Kantha Channaiah, University of Missouri Extension food safety expert.

"Outdoor settings can present food safety challenges due to warm weather, limited access to refrigeration and lack of readily accessible handwashing stations," Channaiah said. With dangerously hot weather in the forecast, proper food safety practices are extra important.

To protect yourself, your family and friends from foodborne illnesses, follow these tips for safe outdoor cooking and food storage:

Plan ahead, pack smart
Choose less perishable foods such as hard cheeses, firm fruits and dry snacks. "If your picnic includes raw meat, fish, poultry or eggs, cook them thoroughly and pack them carefully to avoid cross-contamination," he says.

Use insulated coolers with ice packs or frozen gel packs to keep perishable items below the temperature danger zone of 40 F to 140 F, where bacteria can grow rapidly on food. Pack foods according to their use. For example, put items needed last at the bottom of the cooler and place the things you'll want right away at the top so they will be readily available.

Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot

Never let your picnic food remain in the danger zone for more than two hours, or one hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90 F.

Keep your cooler well-chilled. Store it in the air-

conditioned interior of the car, not in a hot trunk. At the picnic site, place the cooler in the shade.

Don't open the cooler too often. Consider using separate coolers for drinks and perishable foods.

Throw away foods that have been sitting out for more than two hours, or one hour if the temperature is above 90 F.

Separate raw and ready-to-eat foods

Keep raw foods like uncooked meat and poultry separate so harmful bacteria doesn't contaminate ready-to-eat foods like fruits, salads or cooked items.

Use separate containers and utensils for raw and cooked foods.

Pack raw meats in sealed containers or leakproof bags and put them at the bottom of the cooler so their juices don't drip onto other foods.

Cook thoroughly

Since outdoor cooking can be unpredictable, Channaiah recommends using a food thermometer to make sure food reaches a safe internal temperature. Don't make guesses based on the color or texture of food. For safety, cook food to FDA-recommended temperatures:

Poultry (whole or ground): 165 F (74 C).

Ground meats (beef, pork, etc.): 160 F (71 C).

Steaks, chops, seafood: 145 F (63 C).

Hand hygiene

Washing your hands is one of the best ways to keep germs from spreading, but it's not always easy when you're outside and sinks aren't nearby. Be ready with a few simple supplies:

Pack hand sanitizer or moist towelettes with at least 60 percent alcohol.

If you can, bring soap and a container of water. Washing with soap and

water works better than sanitizer.

Make sure to clean your hands:

Before you cook or eat.

Right after using the bathroom or touching animals.

After handling raw meat, poultry, seafood or egg products.

Clean surfaces and utensils

Clean all cooking equipment, cutting boards and utensils before and after use. Carry disposable wipes or paper towels, and use separate cutting tools for raw and cooked foods. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under tap water and dry them with a clean towel before packing them in a cooler.

"Picnicking is a great way to enjoy meals outdoors with family and friends," Channaiah said. "By keeping cold foods cold, cooking thoroughly, practicing good hygiene and preventing cross-contamination, you can help ensure a safe and worry-free outdoor dining experience."

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10

July 11th at 6 p.m. the Big River Band will be at the Red Rooster in Pittsfield and will be bringing you plenty of music and fun. The doors open at 5 p.m., and food can be ordered then. There will be 50/50 tickets to purchase.

The interior of the Rooster has been rearranged and there is plenty of room, even with a small dance floor in the back of the room. Come on out for a great evening.

The Nebo Community Center is the place to be on Thursday, July 16, with the Big River Band bringing you good country music, like it should be, from 2-4:30 p.m. There will be 50/50 tickets to purchase and a small concession stand to purchase something to drink (water or a soda) and a candy bar to snack on. Please enter through the door at the front of the building where the Nebo Community Center sign is. Come on down to Nebo, just off the Vin Fiz Highway, and enjoy a great afternoon of music.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding its fundraiser fish fry this Thursday at 4:30-6 p.m. Eat-in or carry-out and the cost is only \$12 per person. All ages are welcome. Questions? Please call 217-285-4969. They also have gift certificates available for any amount. Note: They do not receive any federal or state funding and appreciate everyone's ongoing support to help keep the center up and run Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of July 8-14.

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July 9 - Carmen Long, Joe Huckstep

July 10 - Kevin Leahr, George Ruble, Riley Bradshaw, Sharon Dice, Suzie Dunnaway

July 11 - My precious youngest granddaughter Reese Davis, Sarah Johnston

July 14 - Crystal Syrcle
Mark These Dates on Your Calendar:

July 11 - Big River Band -- Red Rooster Restaurant starting at 6:30 p.m.

July 16 - Big River Band -- Nebo Community Center starting at 2 p.m.

July 25 Big River Band -- Pike County Senior Center starting at 6 p.m.

Brenda and David Culp of Boonville met Jamie Niffen and Wyvetta Davis at Fiddlestix for a late lunch on July 2. Brenda is Jamie's sister and child number 15 (Jamie is number 14), out of a family of sixteen children. A delicious meal and a good visit was enjoyed by all.

July 4 lunch guests of James and Amanda Niffen and Shayla and Wanda Brown, all of Annada were Aaron Brown of Louisiana, and Jamie Niffen and Wyvetta Davis of New Salem, Illinois. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and plenty of visiting.

The 250th Birthday of America was greatly celebrated on July 4 in our area with many, many firework displays everywhere. Beautiful.

Another "Meet, Greet, & Eat" has been planned, and is it going to be a good one! Single senior

adults (both men and women) ages 62+, call or text the number above if you are interested in joining this not-for-profit group which means there is no charge to be in this group. But you are required to pay for your own meal and figure out your own transportation. I have stressed this before but will do so again: This is not a match making group. Come with the attitude of sharing conversations with others and making new friends. There has been friendships made in this group plus a couple couples. You never know just what might happen. Our group is made of people from all walks of life that are honest, life loving people. Just because we all have a little age to us doesn't mean our "get up and go" has "got up and went"!!!!

Trivia Answers from Last Week:

1 Where was the nation's capital right before it was moved to Washington, D.C.? (Philadelphia)

2 In the Bible, How many spies did Moses send into Canaan? (twelve)

3 Who wrote the lyrics to the "Star Spangled Banner"? (Francis Scott Key)

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Obituaries



Kenneth 'Booty' Eugene McDonald

Kenneth "Booty" Eugene McDonald, 70, of Vandalia died Monday, June 29, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Eugene was born March 31, 1956 in Hannibal, the son of Kenneth Gene McDonald and Charline Marie Thompson McDonald Bagley. He married Nancy Jean Hays on Aug. 19, 1977 in Laddonia. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Travis McDonald, Cody McDonald and Amanda Ingram, Clint McDonald and Jena Coleman, all of Vandalia; two brothers, Randy McDonald and wife, Lola of Madisonville, and Dwayne McDonald of Farber; two sisters, Charlotte Gaw and husband, Bobby of Warrensburg, and Angela Clappitt and husband, Jim of Mexico; one step-brother, Wesley Meyers of Midland, N.C.; mother-in-law, Betty Hays; brothers-in-law, Ronnie Hays, Rick Hays, Robert Hays, and Roy Hays; sisters-in-law, Kay Norris and Ann Williams and husband, Tex; a special niece who was like a daughter, Danielle Davis of Winfield; one granddaughter, Devyn McDonald and Michael Hoenes; and two great-grandchildren, Maclynn and Iris Hoenes; along with several nieces; nephews; other relatives; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth McDonald and Charline Bagley; stepmother, Martha McDonald; stepfather and best friend, Harley Bagley; one brother, Danny McDonald; father-in-law, Bill Hays; and two sisters-in-law, Carol and Lisa Hays.

Eugene was a lifetime area resident and greatly enjoyed bird hunting, fishing, and helping others, but most of all he enjoyed the time spent with his family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico and mailed, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Randal Lee 'Randy' Hoyt

A Mass of Christian burial for Randal Lee "Randy" Hoyt, 67, of Vandalia, was held at 11 a.m., Thursday at St. John Catholic Church in Laddonia with Fr. Derek Hooper officiating. Burial followed in Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of the Mass at the church.

Mr. Hoyt died Monday, June 29, 2026 at his residence in Vandalia.

He was born Dec. 22, 1958 in Mexico, the son of Glenroy John and Anita Rose Williams Hoyt.

Survivors include one daughter, Megan King and husband, Jess of Moline, Ill.; a son, James Hoyt and wife, Maria of Bettendorf, Iowa; two sisters, Debbie Hopke and husband, Daryl of O'Fallon and Melanie Coleman and Todd Gafney of Kansas City; three grandchildren, Elijah Austin, Mathius and Leonidas Hoyt; along with nieces; nephews; other relatives; and a host of

friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Linda Hoyt.

Randy was a mechanical engineer and serial inventor. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous where he celebrated his 23rd year of sobriety last November and was a proud supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project. He enjoyed working on and fixing anything with an engine including but certainly not limited to tractors and cars. He enjoyed watching action TV and movies, but most of all he enjoyed his time spent with his family.

Pallbearers were James Hoyt, Mathius Hoyt, Elijah Austin, Todd Gafney, Daryl Hopke, Jess King, and Tyler Fennewald.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or the Children's Therapy and Early Education School in Mexico, sent c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.



Teena Denise Pilliard Wooley

Memorial services for Teena Denise Pilliard Wooley, 63, of Curryville will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Vandalia with pastor Brian Lehenbauer officiating. Interment will be in the Curryville Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., until the time of the service at the church.

Ms. Wooley died Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at her home in Curryville.

She was born May 9, 1963, the daughter of Dennis and Margorie Moore Pilliard.

Survivors include her parents; a daughter, Sierra Cintas and husband, Kenny of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Dale Pilliard and wife, Nancy of Bowling Green, and Randall Pilliard and wife, Giovanna of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Lindy Dunlap, and husband, Butch of Vandalia, Lori Pilliard of Curryville, and Lisa Pilliard of Pittsfield, Ill.; two grandchildren, Madelyn and Claire Cintas; along with nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Neta Mefford; a brother, Duane Pilliard; and two nieces, Darla Boehm and Elisha White.

Teena found joy in the time she spent with those she loved most. An avid reader, she enjoyed countless hours with a good book and looked forward to visits to the local library. She also had a passion for antiques and loved spending time exploring antique shops in search of unique treasures. Above all, Teena cherished her family. Her greatest happiness came from being with them, especially her beloved grandchildren, who brought endless joy and pride to her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agape House of Vandalia and mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Ayers

Kenneth Ayers, 82, of New London, formerly of Louisiana died Monday, June 29, 2026 at his home in New London.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Friday at James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Pastor Tom Day officiated. There was full military honors by Emmette J. Shields American Legion Post #55 at the conclusion of the funeral service. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 1-2 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hannibal Salvation Army or St. Croix

Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared and video tribute may be viewed at www.JamesODonnellFuneral-Home.com.



Evelyn Joan Sutton

Evelyn Joan Sutton, 91, of Bowling Green died surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Avenir at Maple Grove in Louisiana.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at Bowling Green Memorial Gardens on North Main Cross Street in Bowling Green.

Joan was born April 20, 1935, in Hyannis, Neb., to Ralph and Lottie Korth Stevens. She attended local schools with her siblings and later earned her teaching certificate.

Joan was first married to Jack Patterson, who preceded her in death. Two children were born to this union, Chuck Patterson and James Patterson.

On June 1, 1957, Joan Stevens and Loren Sutton were united in marriage at the Congregational Church in Ashby, Neb. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, hard work, and devotion, and were blessed with three children, Linda, John, and Joe.

Joan was an excellent homemaker and also worked for more than six years as a secretary at the Pike County Extension Center. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose family meant everything to her. Joan and Loren never missed a game for their children or grandchildren and could always be found cheering loudly from the stands. She was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, a talented cook, and someone who made family dinners a cherished tradition.

Throughout Loren's career in the cattle business, Joan stood faithfully by his side. She assisted buyers and sellers at the sale barn in Bowling Green. Her family lovingly describes Joan as kind, generous, possessed of a servant's heart, and always busy caring for others.

Joan is survived by her children, Chuck Patterson and wife, Sue of Mexico, James Patterson of Bridgeport, Neb., Linda Wright and husband, Charlie of Bowling Green, John Sutton of Bowling Green, and Joe Sutton and wife, Ellen of New Hartford; grandchildren, Leslie Niemeyer and husband, Steve, Heather Norton and husband, Cory, David Holmes, Jacy Mahar and husband, Joe, Justin Patterson and wife, Amy, Jake Patterson and wife, Natalie, Chad Calicott and wife, Lily, Alana Millinder, Alyssa Ruby, Derek Wendel and wife, Berta, Kaycee Sutton, and Lane Sutton; 19 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Nina Case and husband, Roy of St. Louis; as well as many nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jack Patterson; and three brothers; and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to Tunnels to Towers, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 701 N. Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest registry at www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Hal 'Ernie' Roach

Hal "Ernie" Roach, 68, of Bowling Green, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Visitation was Wednesday from 4-7 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

A memorial Mass was held Friday at 11 a.m., at Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick.

Hal was born May 31, 1958, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Norman Roach and Marilyn Long Roach. He was the fourth of nine children.

Surviving are his wife, Christina "Tina" Roach of Bowling Green; children, Amanda Roach of Luray, Shane Roach of Hannibal, Drew Norton and wife, Ragan of Troy and Halle Hulme and husband, Dalton, of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Jaxon Ellifritz, Kai Norton and Mia Norton; siblings in order Sue Traw of Wellington, Colorado, Jimmy Roach of Canton, Lora Phillips of Williams-town, John Roach and wife, Kim of Mooreville, Ind., Kathy Munzlinger and husband, Kent of Williams-town, Joni Sheldon and husband, Dan of Arvada, Colo., Lisa Logsdon and husband, Jeff of Canton.

Also his mother-in-law, Susie Heutel of Troy; a sister-in-law, Sonya Ellison and husband, Les of Troy; one brother-in-law, Tom Roberts and wife, Bethany of Moscow Mills; and bonus father-in-law, Ron Brown and wife, Kay of Troy. Plus an Uncle Fred, many nieces and nephews, as well as a large extended family.

Hal was preceded in death by his grandparents; father and mother, Norman and Marilyn; and his oldest sister, Mary Clark; brothers-in-law, Jim Traw and David Phillips Jr.; a niece, Kayleigh Ellison; one great-niece, Londyn Logsdon; a great-nephew, Joseph Wallace; and his granddaughter Adalyn Wilson (Amanda's).

Hal grew up in St. Patrick's and married his high school sweetheart, Bobbi Yates. From that marriage came two children, Amanda and Shane Roach. They later divorced. Hal then met the love of his life, the person he most liked to torment, and married Tina Roberts Norton on July 30, 1994. This united their families,

bringing Drew into his life as a son. Later, introducing a baby girl, Halle Marie Roach. They have been married for 32 years, sharing many laughs and lots of love.

Besides his family, other highlights of his life included enjoyed being a mechanic by trade, racing in his younger years, boating and camping became a passion for a while, followed by his Harley riding days. In the most recent years, going to tractor pulls had become his

favorite outing, he looked forward to each pull.

He also enjoyed watching NASCAR. And everyone knew not to schedule anything on Friday nights as we were going out to eat with the Dempseys. He always looked forward to catching up with his buddy, Robert.

Hal was a fun and loving son, brother, uncle, husband, father, and grandfather. He had many close friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Farber News

June 8 Farber Board of Alderman meeting Highlights: Meeting opened with pledge and monthly reports. The two DNR engineering grants and the DNR Water Safety and Security are all moving forward. MODOT Maintenance Agreement was reviewed. Two building permits were approved along with two business licenses. We have been notified that Dayne's Disposal has added a \$0.65 fuel surcharge to each pickup stop. Next Board meeting - July 13, 5:30 pm. at the community building.

They would like to welcome Dalana Gay as our new City Clerk. They appreciate Barb Straube for all her help and assistance. Best wishes for a great retirement.

City hall new office hours have temporarily changed to Monday 1-4:30 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed for the noon hour.

Welcome to the new businesses that opened July 1, "Dirt Road Design & Apparel", and Dr. Hyde's Smoked Meats.

Playground painting party - Lynn Flowers says painting will begin at the ball park on Wednesday, July 8, at 8 a.m. All help appreciated.

Have extra garden produce you would like to share? Leave it on the li-

brary porch for your neighbors.

Join us for a good time with friends...

See the schedule on the back for Farber's "Fun at the Depot", Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Farber Railroad Park.

If you would like to help out with activities please let Lynn Flowers, Sara Moore, Brenda Gower or Ruth Williams know. The next planning meeting will be July 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Community Building.

Depot Update: Currently gathering repair bids to set our "Don't Let Our Depot Wash Away" fundraising goal. We are selling Farber depot T-shirts as our first fundraiser along with accepting donations. Shirts will be available at "Fun at the Depot" and can be pre-ordered beginning July 10. Watch the Farber Community Betterment Facebook page for details. The depot will be open during "Fun at the Depot" on Aug. 1, also by appointment.

Check out the Farber Library summer reading activities! Lots of good things are happening there. This HOT weather is a great time to read a book. Also, remember the library is a cooling center, open during regular library hours.

Stay Safe in the Heat... Stay safe in the heat. Limit outdoor activities.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, cards, and visits during our time of sorrow.

Special thanks Baptist Homes Tri-County for the loving care that was given to our beloved mother, Katherine Stewart. Also thanks to the Frankford Christian Church for the lunch meal following the service.

Also thanks to friends and family for their donations to Salt River Christian Church, and to Richard Epperson and Randy McDonald for the beautiful service honoring our mother.

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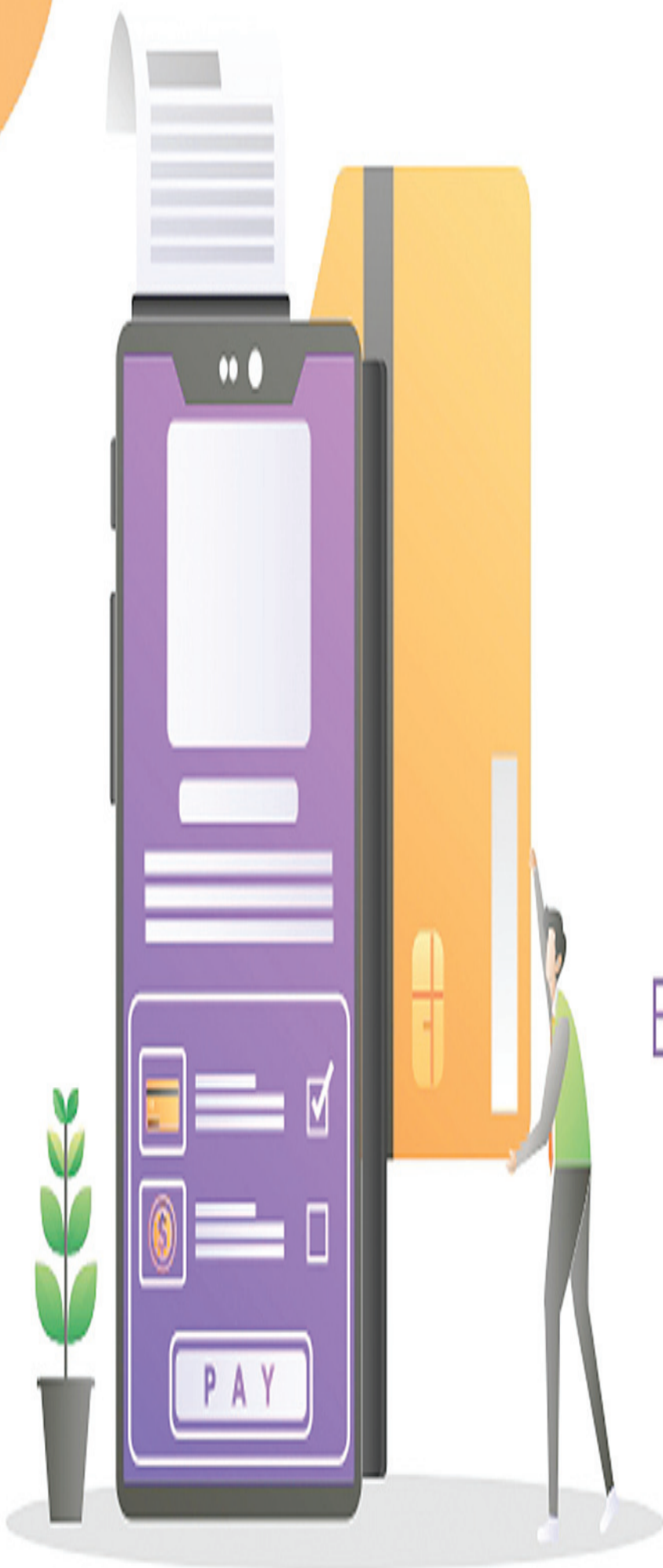


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Community News

Round Up For Veterans This July

Beginning July 1, Missouri State Parks is offering visitors to state parks and historic sites the opportunity to honor the men and women who have served our country through our Veterans Roundup Program.

Visitors will have the chance to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar, with the funds raised going to programs that recognize and benefit veterans. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps

support events, such as the popular Hero Deer Hunt and Veteran Deer Hunt.

"Our parks are places of reflection, connection and community," said Laura Hendrickson, Missouri State Parks director. "This initiative is about more than just raising funds. It is a purposeful way to express our gratitude for the service, sacrifice and commitment for those who have served our country. Veterans' contributions have helped preserve the freedoms and

opportunities we enjoy every day."

Normally, the money raised from the round up program is used at the park where the purchase is made. However, in July all funds raised will go toward helping fund special events and programs for veterans.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. The Division of State Parks is part of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

NE MO State Parks Offer Activities For All

Summer fun can be found across northeast Missouri with many state parks and historic sites planning family-friendly activities throughout the month.

Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12 – Christmas in July at Crowder State Park.

Join the team at Crowder State Park, located at 76 NW Highway 128 in Trenton, as they celebrate Christmas in July. Regular camping fees apply, but the event itself is free.

Friday, July 10
Bring your Christmas decor and transform your site into a Christmas wonderland for a chance to win fun prizes!

Saturday, July 11
8 a.m. – Christmas scavenger hunt: Join park staff at the campground amphitheater for a scavenger hunt of Christmas items. Wear your Christmas shirt or other Christmas apparel!

Noon – Christmas treats and crafts: Join staff at the park office to make Christmas treats and crafts!

Noon – Campsite judging: Judges will anonymously go through the campground and decide on winners! However, park visitors will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated site!

3 p.m. – Christmas Olympics: Join park staff at the amphitheater for Christmas games!

6:30 p.m. – Christmas family trivia program: The campsite decorating contest winners will be announced at the amphitheater prior to a fun game of Christmas trivia! Compete against your camping neighbors to see who knows their Christmas trivia!

Sunday, July 12
Pack up the Christmas decorations and return to reality!

Saturday, July 11, at 9 p.m. – "Exploring the Dark" Hike at Crowder State Park. Join Crowder State Park staff at the campground amphitheater for a short guided hike as we explore the night. We will discuss the park's nocturnal animals and learn about the constellations in the night sky. Participants should bring water and wear closed-toe shoes. Meet at the campground amphitheater (GPS coordinates: 40.08971, -93.67338). Crowder State Park is located at 76 NW Highway 128 in Trenton.

Saturday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m. – Something

about a Snake at Thousand Hills State Park.

Something about a snake makes it super important. Join park staff at the amphitheater to learn what makes snakes so unique and significant. Meet at the amphitheater in Campground 1. (GPS coordinates: 40.19545, -92.64370). Thousand Hills State Park is located at 20431 State Highway 157 in Kirksville.

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

For detailed information on any of these activities, please visit mostateparks.com/events. For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. The Division of State Parks is part of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Public Meeting To Be Held For MO Route 47 Widening Project

The public is invited to an informational meeting to share project information regarding construction phases, traffic control plans and planned detour routes for the Missouri Route 47 roadway widening project, located between Routes A/D in Hawk Point and just west of Routes H/J in Troy in Lincoln County.

The public meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, from 4-6 p.m., at the Hawk Point Lions Club building, located at 180 W. Lincoln St. in Hawk Point, Mo. Details about the project, including a project schedule, will be shared at the meeting through displays and discussions with Missouri Department of Transportation engineers and its contractor, Magruder Paving. The meeting will be open-house style, with no formal presentation. Attendees are welcome to join in anytime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"We encourage individuals to come to the public meeting and learn about this

important project and ask questions," said MoDOT Assistant District Engineer Keith Killen. "This roadway widening project will improve safety and the overall condition and efficiency of the MO 47 corridor. Planned improvements will realign two curves in the corridor and allow for the addition of paved shoulders, intersection improvements and pavement resurfacing."

In preparation for this project, environmental impacts were evaluated, additional right of way was acquired for improvements, and utility relocation work is ongoing. The \$18.8 million contract was awarded in May 2026 to Magruder Paving; construction is tentatively anticipated to begin in mid-summer.

All displays and information provided at the public meeting will be posted on the project webpage immediately following the meeting.

To learn more about the project or review meeting

displays and materials, please visit the project webpage at <https://www.modot.org/projects/missouri-route-47-safety-and-operational-improvements-lincoln-county>. We also encourage anyone interested in project updates to sign up for emails at <https://www.modot.org/eupdates>.

MoDOT is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. If you need a reasonable accommodation or translation services, please contact Northeast District Communications at 573-248-2490 or necr@modot.mo.gov by Friday, July 3.

For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636) or visit www.modot.org. To receive the latest statewide news and text alerts, sign up for e-updates.

Links to related information:
Traveler Information Map

Quincy University Dean's List

Quincy University released its dean's list for the spring 2026 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual dean's list.

In total, 402 students received the honor during the spring 2026 semester.

Ethen Harrison of Louisiana was named to the list.

Community Calendar...

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

On July 18: Vacation Bible School: First United Methodist Church of Bowling Green invites children ages 4-12 to "Blast Off on a Mission of God's Love" from 9-11:30 a.m. Activities will include Bible stories, games, crafts, music, and snacks. Please register by July 12 by emailing the church at BGFirstChurchMo@gmail.com or Pastor Judy at PastorJudyH@gmail.com.

We Welcome Your Local News

Your Next Adventure Starts At A Lake

Missouri state parks and state historic sites provide a plethora of activities through July.

Friday, July 10, at 8 p.m. – Bats of River Cave at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

Join the park team to discover the bats of River Cave and learn about the bats' adaptations for life at night and how River Cave is a vital habitat for them. Following the discussion, participants will go to watch bats leave the cave for the night. Participants will meet at the River Cave parking lot, which is off Highway 54 from Camdenton. From Highway 54, turn onto state Road D and continue for approximately 2 miles. The River Cave parking lot is on the left, directly before Dry Hollow Road. The free event is open to the public and bringing a lawn chair is encouraged.

Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. – Guided Bison Saunter at Prairie State Park.

Summer has arrived, and we are ready to share it with you. The wildflowers and grasses are growing, and the bison are enjoying them. Visitors should be prepared for a 2-mile saunter over uneven terrain to see bison in their natural habitat. Participants are encouraged to bring water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent and binoculars and wear sturdy shoes and a hat. July weather can be unpredictable and windy, so please dress accordingly. This event is free and open to the public. However, registration is required, and there is a limit of 30 participants. To register, call the park office at 417-843-6711. Prairie State Park is located at 128 NW 150th Lane in Mindenmines.

Fridays, July 17 and July 31, at 8:45 p.m. – Owl Prowl at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

Why do some predators generally hunt only during the day while others prefer to hunt at night? What adaptations are necessary for being one of the top nighttime predators? Participants will learn who's who in the world of owls and what features make owls fierce and effective nighttime predators. Afterward, we will attempt to call in an owl! The program takes place at the Post Office Shelter. From Highway 54 in Camdenton, turn onto state Road D and continue for approximately 2.3 miles. The shelter will be on your left. The GPS coordinates for the shelter are 37.972166, -92.769647.

Saturday, July 18, at 9 a.m. – Lakin' It Easy: Water Trail Paddle at Stockton State Park.

Join Missouri State Parks staff and Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition representatives for an exploration of Stockton State Park's water trail. This free event will feature an optional kayaking instruction course followed by a kayaking tour on the lake. The instructional portion of the event will begin at the Hartley Area Boat Launch at 9

a.m. It is designed for participants with little to no kayaking experience, as well as experienced kayakers who need a refresher. Paddling begins at 10 a.m. at the Hartley Area Boat Launch and participants will paddle approximately 2 miles to the Highway 215 bridge, where they will return to shore for lunch. There are two options - either end your paddle at the bridge or paddle the remaining 4.5 miles to the marina. A shuttle will be available at both locations. This event is limited to 25 participants aged 12 and older. Online registration at icampmo.com is required. The park has 10 kayaks with paddles and personal flotation devices. You may either borrow equipment from the park or bring your own. If you would like to borrow equipment from the park, you must indicate this when you register. Regardless of whether you bring your own equipment or borrow supplies from the park, you must wear a personal flotation device while you are on the water. You also should bring sunscreen, water, lunch and a hat. Stockton State Park is located at 19100 S. Highway 215 in Dadeville.

Saturday, July 18, at 10 a.m. – Fly Tying and Coffee at Roaring River State Park.

Join us for fly tying and coffee in the lower level of the CCC Lodge. Bring your fly-tying gear and enjoy one of the best views in the park! Instructors and a limited supply of equipment will be available from 10 a.m. to noon. Roaring River State Park is located at 12716 Farm Road 2239 in Cassville.

Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m. – The Mighty Mills at Bennett Spring State Park.

From the mid-1800s until the turn of the century, a series of mills sprung up in what is now Bennett Spring State Park. How many mills were there during this period? How did they work? Come find out at this free program at 26250 Highway 64A in Lebanon.

Friday, July 24, at 8:45 p.m. – Night Hike at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

Take an after-dark hike to Ha Ha Tonka Spring. Explore the world of nocturnal animals and their amazing adaptations for life at night. From the Spring Trail trailhead, participants will hike about 0.8 mile total. To get to the lake parking lot from Highway 54 near Camdenton, turn onto state Road D and continue approximately 2.7 miles to Tonka Spring Road. The parking lot will be on the right.

Saturday, July 25, at 8 p.m. – Moth Mania at Bennett Spring State Park.

Celebrate Moth Week at Bennett Spring State Park during the Moth Mania program! The program will begin at the nature center to discuss the importance of moths and types of moths that can be

found in Missouri. Then participants will hit the trail in search of moths in an activity known as "mothing." Bennett Spring State Park is located at 26250 Highway 64A outside of Lebanon.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Katherine Stewart would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of our family, friends, and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of loss. She would have been humbled and overwhelmed knowing that she had touched so many lives. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, memorials, donations, comforting words, and for attending the visitation and funeral service. Your love and support have been a source of strength and comfort to our family.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the caring staff of the Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia for the compassionate care they provided to Katherine, to Community Loving Care Hospice of Bowling Green for their kindness and support, to Waters Funeral Home for their professionalism and guidance, and to Pastors Richard Epperson and Randy McDonald for their comforting words and beautiful service honoring Katherine's life.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

**With heartfelt thanks,
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Shane Stewart & Family
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brother Norman Stewart & friend, Lori,
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Apply Online For MDC Managed Deer Hunts

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds deer hunters to apply online from July 1-31 for a shot at more than 140 managed deer hunts throughout the state.

There are hunts for archery, muzzleloader, shotgun, and modern firearms from mid-September through mid-January at designated conservation areas, parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public areas.

Some managed deer hunts are offered specifically for youth, beginner hunters, or people with disabilities. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing.

Draw results will be available online starting Aug. 15. Applicants who are drawn will receive area maps and other hunt information by email or mail.

Get more information on managed deer hunts, preview hunt details, and apply starting July 1 at mdc.mo.gov/managed_hunt.

Details about managed deer hunts can also be found in MDC's 2026 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet available starting in early July at MDC offices and nature centers, from permit vendors around the state, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

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Community News

Small Ant, Big Impact

What You Need To Know About The Asian Needle Ant

A small, hard-to-spot insect is making a big entrance in Missouri.

The Asian needle ant, with its painful sting and potential impacts on both people and forests, has now been confirmed in the state. For many Missourians, including University of Missouri Extension urban entomologist Emily Althoff, it was a relatively unfamiliar name until recently.

Althoff first came across the insect while monitoring national news coverage on emerging insect issues in last year. Curious about its growing attention, she began digging deeper.

Native to parts of East Asia, the Asian needle ant was first detected in the United States in the 1930s along the East Coast. Since then, it has quietly expanded its range and is now found across nearly half of the continental U.S.

Despite its spread, the ant often goes unnoticed.

"It's very inconspicuous," says Althoff. But its impact can be anything but small.

The Asian needle ant can deliver a painful sting that, in rare cases, may trigger severe allergic reactions like those caused by bees or wasps. It also poses a threat to native ecosystems by out-competing local ant species that play important roles in seed dispersal.

Its feeding habits add another layer of concern. The ant preys primarily on termites. That might seem like a good thing, but termites are essential to breaking down fallen wood in forests. Without them, dead trees can accumulate, potentially increasing the amount of fuel available for wildfires.

Althoff began tracking the ant more closely in fall 2025 after it was reported just across Missouri's southern border in Arkansas.

Using the community science platform iNaturalist, she monitored possible sightings and collaborated with state and federal partners, including the USDA, U.S. Forest Service, Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri Department of Conservation, to confirm its presence in Missouri.

Her work is now focused on identifying where else the ant may be found in the state and helping Missourians recognize it and understand its potential risks.

You can follow records of the species at <https://ant-maps.org>. If you think you spot one, send a good-quality photo to your local MU Extension center or contact Althoff at emilyalthoff@missouri.edu.

You can also learn more about Asian needle ant and other insects at Althoff's Bug Beat YouTube videos. See "Asian Needle Ant: What You Need to Know."

Scoops Of Summer

Celebrating July Ice Cream Month With Milkshakes, Malts

July is celebrated as National Ice Cream Month, making it the perfect time for families to slow down, cool off and enjoy sweet summertime traditions together. Declared by former President Ronald Reagan in 1984, National Ice Cream Month highlights one of America's favorite desserts while encouraging families to gather and create lasting memories around the table. From neighborhood ice cream shops to homemade milkshakes blended in the kitchen, frozen treats have long been tied to summer vacations, backyard cookouts and evenings spent with family and friends.

Milkshakes and malts continue to be classic favorites during the hot summer months. A milkshake is traditionally made with ice cream, milk and flavorings blended until smooth and creamy. A malt, sometimes called a malted milkshake, contains the same ingredients but includes malted milk powder, which gives the drink a slightly nutty, toasted flavor and thicker

texture. Other frozen favorites in the same family include floats, made by combining soda or other beverages with ice cream. These desserts can be customized with endless flavors, toppings and mix-ins ranging from fresh fruit to chocolate candies and cookies.

Beyond flavor and fun, ice cream desserts can also provide nutritional value when enjoyed in moderation. "Dairy-based treats made with milk and ice cream contain important nutrients including calcium, vitamin D and protein, which support bone health and muscle function," said Jessica Kassel, registered dietitian and nutrition educator with St. Louis District Dairy Council. "Families can easily add additional nutrition by blending milkshakes with fresh strawberries, bananas or peanut butter." Yogurt-based shakes and lighter frozen desserts can also provide satisfying options while still delivering the creamy texture many people enjoy dur-

ing summer celebrations. The versatility of frozen desserts allows families to adjust ingredients based on personal tastes and nutrition goals.

Whether enjoyed after a baseball game, during a camping trip or around the backyard patio on a warm evening, frozen desserts continue to bring families together during the summer season. Creating homemade milkshakes, malts and other frozen treats can become a simple tradition children look forward to year after year. National Ice Cream Month serves as a reminder that some of the best summer memories are often made through simple moments shared with loved ones — especially when ice cream is involved.

Visit www.stldairycouncil.org for more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Jessica Kassel at 314-835-9668 or jkassel@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDairyCouncil).

Grant Opportunity Available For EMS, Law Enforcement

The Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety is offering a grant opportunity to local EMS/Law Enforcement agencies beginning July 1.

Regional funding will be used to cover the cost of requested equipment that supports efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Missouri's roadways. Agencies must demonstrate how the requested equipment will improve roadway safety. This grant typically awards out road flare

kits, safety vests and gloves, Stalker radars and more. Application submissions will be accepted July 1 -Aug. 15, 2026.

Grant applications are scored in part based on the following:

Active participation with the Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety

Items received from this grant in the last several years

Participation in the enforcement campaigns with the MoDOT Highway Safety and

Traffic Division

Proposed impact of the request on reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries

Traffic data and statistics

Traffic safety engagement with the community

Interested agencies may complete the grant application by visiting www.savemolives.com/mcrs/Northeast-Region. For additional info, contact Intermediate Communications Specialist Tina Lee at (573) 248-2517.

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