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Three NECAC weatherization specialists were honored July 14 for completing a federal apprenticeship program developed by the agency. Pictured, from left, are NECAC Weatherization Director Kyle Walker, Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts, President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page, recipients Kyle Kirkpatrick and Randy Malcom, Weatherization Administrative Assistant Marcy Burleson and State Rep. Chad Perkins. Not pictured is recipient Zach Kilby.

Three At NECAC Earn Apprenticeships

Three NECAC weatherization specialists have completed federal apprenticeship certification developed by the agency.

Randy Malcom, Kyle Kirkpatrick and Zach Kilby were honored July 14. NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page and State Rep. Chad Perkins, R-40, of Bowling Green spoke at the ceremony.

"I'm really thrilled with this program," Page said. "One of the lines in our mission statement is 'changing lives,' and I really feel that weatherization is one of those programs that definitely changes lives. You're making our area a better place."

"What you guys do here is important," Perkins said. "You're making people's lives better in a tangible way, a way that you can see. Thank you for doing that. I really appreciate what NECAC does in general,

just trying to make people's lives better."

The apprenticeship program was developed by NECAC in March 2021 in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Missouri Department of Labor, Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board and Pike Lincoln Technical Center.

The goal is to provide newly-hired NECAC weatherization employees with skills that will allow them to work in a variety of construction and green-energy job fields.

The program consists of 144 hours of classroom learning and 2,000 hours of one-the-job education. Upon completion, participants earn a Department of Labor certification. Since the program began, there have been 19 graduates.

The program was nationally recognized in 2023 and serves as a model for weatherization programs ac-

ross the country.

NECAC weatherizes dozens of homes each year in its 12-county area. Services available to income-qualifying households include home energy audits, air leak sealing, insulation of walls, attics and floors, replacement of furnaces and checks of heating systems to make sure they are working properly. The idea is to allow people to save money on energy costs and help communities improve their housing stock. Clients notice huge savings, sometimes cutting their monthly utility bills in half.

NECAC is hiring an additional six weatherization crew members after Google recently announced a \$1.5 million donation to the agency as part of its plan to build a data center in Montgomery County.

More information about NECAC weatherization is available by calling 573-324-6622 or 573-324-2251.

State Files License Complaint Against Pike County Deputy

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Missouri Attorney General's Office has filed an administrative complaint seeking disciplinary action against Pike County Sheriff's Deputy Christina Moser.

The complaint was filed July 15 with the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission on behalf of the director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety. It alleges Moser made false or misleading statements in a probable-cause statement following the February 2024 arrest of a wrong-way driver on U.S. 61.

The allegations have not been decided by the commission, and the filing does not suspend or revoke Moser's peace officer license.

The incident occurred Feb. 4, 2024, after Moser responded to a report of a vehicle traveling the wrong direction on U.S. 61 in Pike County. She located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop.

According to the complaint, the driver, identified as Gabriel Coultas, refused to provide identification, rolled up his window and drove away after Moser unsuccessfully attempted to break the vehicle's glass.

Moser pursued the vehicle as it traveled north in the highway's southbound lanes. A Bowling Green Police Department sergeant placed stop sticks in its path, and Coultas eventually stopped.

The complaint states that Moser and the sergeant ap-

proached the vehicle with their weapons drawn and attempted to remove Coultas, who resisted arrest.

According to the state's allegations, Coultas had no visible facial injuries when officers approached the stopped vehicle. The complaint alleges the Bowling Green sergeant took Coultas to the ground and struck him in the face while attempting to gain compliance.

Emergency medical personnel later observed a small laceration on the right side of Coultas' head.

In her report, Moser stated that she observed a wound near Coultas' right eyebrow and dried blood on his face before the sergeant removed him from the vehicle. She also reported that officers used multiple "pain compliance strikes" against Coultas' upper torso.

The state alleges those statements misrepresented what occurred and that Moser failed to disclose that the Bowling Green sergeant struck Coultas in the face.

The complaint includes three counts seeking to discipline Moser's peace officer license. The first count alleges Moser committed the criminal offense of making a false report, regardless of whether a criminal charge has been filed against her. The remaining counts allege the purported false statements and omissions constituted moral turpitude and gross misconduct indicating an inability to function as a peace officer.

The Department of Public Safety is asking the Administrative Hearing

Commission to determine whether cause exists to discipline Moser's license and to grant any other relief it considers appropriate.

When the People's Tribune reached out to Sheriff Korte regarding the complaint, he said, "Neither the Sheriff's Office or County Prosecutor's Office have been contacted by the Attorney General's Office, the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training office or any other agency who would normally be conducting any investigation."

Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison also responded to questions from the Tribune.

"As to the complaint against Deputy Moser, I will allow that process to play out administratively before making any comment, especially since that is something my office is not involved in," Ellison said. "On Mr. Coultas's criminal case, he was charged with fleeing arrest while driving at high speeds and going the wrong direction on Hwy. 61. He then resisted attempts by officers to arrest him once his vehicle was stopped."

"Due to his completion of a VA program that addressed his mental health concerns, my office reached a deferred prosecution agreement with him in which he agreed to continue his treatment and avoid any further criminal action."

The complaint is not a final determination that Moser committed the alleged acts.

Louisiana To Participate In National Night Out

Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. is pleased to announce the date of the 2026 National Night Out festivities. NNO will be celebrated on Saturday,

Aug. 8, 5-8 p.m.

Residents of Louisiana are encouraged to invite your neighbors and friends and host block parties, cookouts, or various other community activities to get to know your neighbors. Youth events or community safety demonstrations are just a few ideas.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign to promote police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, provides a great opportunity to bring positive circumstances in our home

town.

LCBA is asking anyone participating in hosting an event to contact Diana Huckstep at 314-640-4420 and provide her with your name and the address of your event.

LCBA will share your information with Louisiana City Hall so that Emergency Responders can have the opportunity to stop by your event and meet with everyone. If you would like to form a Block Party, please contact Louisiana City Hall directly at 573-754-4132.

They will work with you on getting your street blocked off safely. Come on, gather your crowd, and let's have a great turn-out this year.

County Fair

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The carnival's back in town it's been gone almost a year we better get to the fairgrounds before it up and disappears.

To get the car anywhere close requires quite the bounty. I do believe we dang near had to park in another county.

Dad goes to the tractor pull while mother critiques the jams older sis displays her quilts and baby brother shows his lambs.

We entrust our lives to people who have perpetual tans on rides that but a day ago were parts inside large vans.

The queen caused a stir when she won her jeweled crown. It seems she's not from here or anywhere around.

Diets die a greasy death amid a swarm of calories. Of course, I'll have fries with that and cotton candy, please.

Give me a lemon shakeup and sugar atop fried dough and stuff me like a champion pig until my suspenders blow.

Mosey over to the grandstand to catch the motocross races smile at strange people and stare blankly at familiar faces. Teenagers pout and preen mixing lust with games of chance.

I'm heading for the beer tent to do the chicken dance. Tinkerbell calls my I-phone. She wants me home by eleven. She claims I've discovered Hades. I text back: IMN HEVN.

Hope To See
Everyone At The
2026
Pike County
Fair
July 28-Aug. 1

Louisiana Police Department Responds To Flock Camera Rumors, Claify Number, Use

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Louisiana Police Department recently addressed renewed questions and rumors surrounding the city's automated license plate reader cameras, clarifying how many cameras are operating and how the technology is used.

In a Facebook post published by the department, police stated that the City of Louisiana has seven Flock Safety cameras, not 14 as some social-media posts and comments had claimed. According to the department, additional cameras operated by another law enforcement agency are not owned or paid for by the city.

The department described the devices as automated license plate readers rather than traditional surveillance cameras. Each camera captures a still image of a vehicle as it passes on a public roadway, along with the license plate, visible vehicle characteristics, location, date, and time.

Police said the cameras do not use facial recognition technology, collect biometric information, or continuously follow vehicles between camera locations.

The system is also not used to automatically issue speeding, red-light, or other routine traffic citations.

According to the department,

the cameras are intended to help officers locate stolen vehicles and license plates, identify vehicles connected to criminal investigations, locate wanted individuals, assist with AMBER Alerts and missing-person cases, and preserve evidence following reported crimes.

Police emphasized that an alert or search result generated by the system is considered an investigative lead and does not establish that a crime has occurred. Officers are expected to verify the license plate, vehicle, and surrounding circumstances before taking enforcement action.

Access to the system is restricted to authorized law enforcement personnel, according to the department. Searches must be connected to a legitimate law enforcement purpose, and system activity is logged and may be reviewed.

Camera data is generally retained for 30 days before being automatically deleted unless it is legally preserved as evidence in an investigation or court proceeding.

The department also disputed claims that the cameras had been installed without the city council's knowledge. Police stated that the council had been aware of the planned camera program for at least seven months before the department's recent public response.

NECAC Seeks School Supplies In Pike

NECAC is seeking donations of school supplies in Pike County.

Items that are needed include pencils, black or blue pens, highlighters, dry-erase markers, composition notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders, index cards, tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting

wipes, pencil pouches, binders and sticky notes.

"We know that so many of our teachers spend their own money on classroom necessities, and we want our school supply drive to stock classrooms so that our educators don't have to pay out-of-pocket," said NECAC Pike

County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon.

Shoppers are urged to buy items and deliver them to the NECAC Pike County Service Center, 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green, from 7:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Community News

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Primary Election will be held in the County of Pike on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The ballots for the election shall be in substantially the following form:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 4, 2026

For State Auditor (Vote for 1)	For Collector of Revenue (Vote for 1)	Constitutional Amendment No. 4 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR No. 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; • Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and • Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot? The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.
☐ Scott Fitzpatrick ☐ Gerald (Jerry) Wistrand Jr.	☐ Tara Morrison-Eskew	
For United States Representative in Congress 3rd District (Vote for 1)	For Treasurer (Vote for 1)	
☐ John G Fraser ☐ Bob Onder	☐ Jade Meier	
For State Senator 10th District (Vote for 1)	Constitutional Amendment No. 1 <i>Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c) (Second Regular Session) SJR No. 1</i> Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?	
☐ Tricia Byrnes ☐ Mike Deering	The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately \$140 million annually.	
For State Representative 40th District (Vote for 1)	☐ YES ☐ NO	
☐ Chad Perkins	Constitutional Amendment No. 2 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (First Regular Session) HCS HJR Nos. 23 & 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor; and • require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law? State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.	
For Associate Circuit Judge (Vote for 1)	☐ YES ☐ NO	
☐ Milan Berry	Constitutional Amendment No. 5 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR Nos. 173 & 174</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth, and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes; • Curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and • Require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases? The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state government entities expect a reduction of \$57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least \$100,000.	
For Presiding Commissioner of the County Commission (Vote for 1)	☐ YES ☐ NO	
☐ Bill Allen ☐ Jared Henderson		
For Clerk of the Circuit Court (Vote for 1)		
☐ Kathy Turner		
For Clerk of the County Commission (Vote for 1)		
☐ Laura Stumbaugh		
For Recorder of Deeds (Vote for 1)		
☐ Kimberly S. Martin Luebrecht		
For Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for 1)		
☐ Alex G. Ellison		

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 4, 2026

For State Auditor (Vote for 1)	Constitutional Amendment No. 2 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (First Regular Session) HCS HJR Nos. 23 & 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor; and • require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law? State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.	Constitutional Amendment No. 5 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR Nos. 173 & 174</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth, and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes; • Curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and • Require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases? The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state government entities expect a reduction of \$57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least \$100,000.
☐ Quentin Wilson ☐ Gregory Upchurch	☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO
For United States Representative in Congress 3rd District (Vote for 1)	Constitutional Amendment No. 4 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR No. 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; • Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and • Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot? The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.	
☐ Bethany E Mann ☐ Paul T. Wilson ☐ Tommy Holstein	☐ YES ☐ NO	
For State Senator 10th District (Vote for 1)		
☐ John Wells ☐ Pablo John Los		
For State Representative 40th District (Vote for 1)		
☐ Thomas D McBeth		
Constitutional Amendment No. 1 <i>Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c) (Second Regular Session) SJR No. 1</i> Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?		
The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately \$140 million annually.		
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	

LIBERTARIAN PRIMARY
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 4, 2026

For State Auditor (Vote for 1)	Constitutional Amendment No. 4 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR No. 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; • Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and • Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot? The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.	Constitutional Amendment No. 5 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR Nos. 173 & 174</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth, and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes; • Curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and • Require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases? The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state government entities expect a reduction of \$57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least \$100,000.
☐ Dustin Coffell	☐ YES ☐ NO	
For United States Representative in Congress 3rd District (Vote for 1)		
☐ Jim Higgins		
For State Representative 40th District (Vote for 1)		
☐ Sheri Jay		
Constitutional Amendment No. 1 <i>Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c) (Second Regular Session) SJR No. 1</i> Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?		
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☐ YES ☐ NO		
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☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	

NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 4, 2026

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 <i>Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c) (Second Regular Session) SJR No. 1</i> Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?	Constitutional Amendment No. 4 <i>Proposed by 103rd General Assembly, (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR No. 3</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: • Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; • Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and • Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot? The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO
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☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO

Pike, State of Missouri, do hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of the Candidates entitled to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on August 4, 2026.

/s/ _____
Laura Stumbaugh, County Clerk

St. Clement Celebrates 105th Annual Picnic

The St. Clement Knights of Columbus Picnic returned Saturday, July 18, bringing another year of food, games, music and community tradition to the grounds near the Knights of Columbus Hall.

This year marked the 105th annual picnic, continuing a long-running St. Clement tradition built around faith, service and community.

The high temperature of 91 degrees with a heat index taking that closer to 100 didn't stop families and visitors from making their way to the shaded picnic grounds.

Children had plenty to keep them busy, including a bounce house, Plinko and other games. Adults and families also gathered for bingo, cold drinks, live entertainment and conversation throughout the day.

As usual, food was one of the main attractions, and it was

a chance to take a break from the heat. The all-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner was served inside the air-conditioned hall. For those looking for something different, hamburgers and cheeseburgers were also served hot off the grill.

The annual picnic has remained one of the area's familiar summer gatherings, offering a place for families, friends, neighbors and visitors to spend time together.

The Knights of Columbus

promoted this year's event as a celebration of "105 years of faith, service, and community," while thanking the generations of support that have helped keep the tradition going.

From the games and bingo to the fried chicken dinner and evening entertainment, the St. Clement Picnic once again gave residents and visitors a reason to gather for good food, good company and a long-standing Pike County tradition.

Card Of Thanks

We sincerely want to thank everyone for the calls, texts, food, and donations since our mother's passing. It means so much during this time of grief. Big thank you to Avenir of May Grove and Community Loving Care Hospice for taking such good care of her the last few months.

The Families Of
Evelyn Joan Sutton

PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI
2026 POLLING PLACES

- Elks Lodge, 120 N. 5th Street, Louisiana MO 63353
- American Legion Post 370, 420 Kelly Lane, Louisiana, MO 63353
- American Legion, 504 2nd St., Clarksville, MO 63336
- Eolia Community Building, 105 Community Lane, Eolia, MO 63344
- Church of Nazarene, 807 S Court St., Bowling Green, MO 63353
- Bowling Green Community Center, 201 W. Locust, Bowling Green, MO 63334
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1806 W. Main, Bowling Green, MO 63334
- St. Clement, Knights of Columbus Hall, 14516 Hwy. J, Bowling Green, MO 63334
- Curryville Presbyterian Church, 201 E. Main Street, Curryville, MO 63339
- Frankford Christian Church, 11 N. Main Cross, Frankford, MO 63441

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Bowl-
ing Green has always been a community that takes pride in its people - especially those whose hard work, determination, and character inspire generations. Today, we have the opportunity to honor one of our own by bringing Cotton Fitzsimmons home.

Born and raised in Bowling Green, Cotton's remarkable journey began as a standout athlete for the Bowling Green Bobcats before continuing his basketball career with the Hannibal-LaGrange Trojans. His passion for the game led him into coaching, where he guided the Moberly Greyhounds to back-to-back National Championships in 1966 and 1967.

From there, his career reached extraordinary heights. Cotton coached at Kansas State University before moving to the NBA, where he led the Phoenix Suns, Buffalo Braves, Kansas City Kings, and San Antonio Spurs. Throughout his distinguished career, he earned 832 NBA victories, and in 2021, he was posthumously inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame - basketball's highest honor.

Despite his national success, Cotton never stopped being Bowling Green's hometown hero. His story is a powerful reminder that dreams can begin in a small town and reach the biggest stages through dedication, perseverance, and hard work.

We
are raising funds to commission a life-sized bronze statue of Cotton Fitzsimmons, to be placed on the southwest corner of the downtown square beside the Bowling Green Annex Building. This monument will serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy and as an inspiration for future generations to dream big, work hard, and believe that anything is possible.

This project is a true grassroots effort and will be funded entirely through private donations, without the use of taxpayer dollars. Every contribution, regardless of the amount, brings us one step closer to making this vision a reality.

As a special recognition, businesses and individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more will have their name permanently displayed on a bronze plaque affixed to the four-foot pedestal supporting the statue.

I hope you will consider partnering with us in honoring one of Bowling Green's greatest ambassadors. Together, we can create a landmark that celebrates not only Cotton Fitzsimmons' incredible accomplishments but also the values and spirit of the community that shaped him.

Thank you for your time, your generosity, and your commitment to preserving Bowling Green's history for generations to come.

With sincere appreciation,
Thomas Thompson, Mayor



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike ...



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

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. Psalm 145:8

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of July 29-Aug. 4, 2026:

July 29 - Ashley Mosby, Carla Butler

July 30 - Dave Dunham, Dewayne Patton, Jacob Garner

July 31 - Brett Robbins, C.J. Ostrander, Grady Robbins

Aug. 1 - Christina Troxell, Ethan Raftery, Jean Simington, Linda Kirk, Sheryl and Andy Borrowman

Aug. 2 - Kenny and Becky White

Aug. 3 - Angie Dwight, Justin Gully, Mary Thompson, Bobby and Liz Lipcamon

Aug. 4 - Dawnyetta Marnard, Jacob Brown, Renae Martin, Paul and Brenda Whatley

-Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. Who invented barbed wire?

2. As Moses was leading the Israelites to the land of Canaan, he hit what so they all could have a drink of water?

3. Who invented windshield wipers?

Notice to everyone: The Big River Band will be changing their regular show dates in Pittsfield. Instead of doing their show on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, they will now be doing their show at the Red Rooster on the first Saturday of each month and then again on the third Saturday at the Pike County Senior Center. By doing

their shows this way, there will be something to do almost every weekend in Pike County, at least four weeks of each month.

That all being said, Aug. 1 will find the Big River Band at the Red Rooster with the show starting at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m., for all to get a good seat and order their food at the counter. Come on out for a great evening.

Jamie and I attended the visitation in Summer Hill Wednesday for Steve Sheppard. Very well attended.

On July 24, Jamie treated his birthday children Mary Massie and James Niffen, along will Sean Massie, Amanda Niffen, Shayla Niffen, Wanda Brown, and Wyvetta, to dinner at Fiddlestix in Hannibal. Afterwards they all went to MiMi's for dessert. Everyone had an

enjoyable evening either telling stories or listening.

There was an almost packed house at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield this past Saturday evening where everyone enjoyed good music by the Big River Band.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Aug. 1 - Big River Band at Red Rooster 6 p.m.

Aug. 15 - Big River Band at Pike County Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 20 - Big River Band at Pittsfield Community Center from 2-4:30 p.m.

Everyone, have a blessed week.

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Bowling Green



Lafins Galaxie 539 won owned senior heifer calf champion at the 2026 Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show at the Missouri Cattlemen's Association All-Breeds Show, June 12-13 in Sedalia, Clane Mahar of Frankford, owns the winning heifer.

Photo by Adam Conover, American Angus Association

MO Jr. Angus Preview Show

Angus exhibitors led 114 entries at the 2026 Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show at the Missouri Cattlemen's Association All-Breeds Show, June 12-13 in Sedalia.

Lydell Meier, Clinton,

Tenn., evaluated the bulls, owned females, bred-and-owned females, cow-calf pair and steers; and John McCurry, Burrton, Kan., evaluated the phenotype and genotype females and Jackpot heifers and steers before naming champions.

MU Extension Field Day Set

University of Missouri Extension specialists and producers will talk about diversifying grazing systems, silvopasture, native forages and using regenerative practices at a Diversified Grazing Systems Field Day.

The event is 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Land of the Osages Research Farm near Gravois Mills.

Panelists include Margaret Chamas, who operates a flock of dairy goats for grazing pastures at Storm Dancer Farm in Smithville; Kaitlyn Dozer, part of the MU Center for Regenerative Agriculture and a leading expert on grazing collars for livestock; producer Harry Cope of Cope Grass Farm, a fifth-generation diversified farm dedicated to sustainable and regenerative grazing. Cope, a Leopold Conservation Award winner, will walk attendees through the process of going from pasture to timber.

During a wagon tour, attendees will hear from Gina Beebe of the MU Center for Agroforestry, who will talk about warm- and cool-season grass pastures. MU Extension state forage and grazing specialist Harley Naumann will discuss grasses that promote healthy, diversified grazing systems. Elizabeth Hamilton of Hamilton Native Seeds will talk about the benefits of native plants in grass pastures.

Beebe and Olga Roma-

nova, also with the Center for Agroforestry, will talk about ways silvopasture designs can be used to improve grazing systems.

The event ends with lunch and an exhibitor fair.

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Obituaries



Julie Ellen Martin James

Julie Ellen Martin James, ND, 70, of Eugene, Ore., died Monday, June 22, 2026.

Julie was the wife of the Rev. Gary James, the mother to Jennifer James of Trinidad, Calif., and Joshua James of Eugene; and dear grandmother of Ezra Bogan.

Julie was born in St. Louis on Oct. 15, 1955 to the late W. Joe Martin and Janet Martin. She grew up the second of five children in Louisiana. Her older brother Joe is deceased.

She is survived by three brothers, Bill, Peter, and Judd.

After graduating from Louisiana High School in 1973 Julie moved to South Bend, Ind., where she graduated from St. Mary's College in May of 1977 with a BA in Biology. After adventures in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Spokane, Wash., Julie furthered her studies at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Ore., graduating in May of 1985 with a degree in naturopathic medicine.

Julie first met husband Gary at Washington University in St. Louis in the summer of 1979. Their first date was in February, on Leap Day in 1980. It was the beginning of a lifelong bond - marrying in August of 1983 on the front lawn of her parent's home in Louisiana.

After Julie completed her medical school education and Gary completed his master of divinity degree to become a Unitarian Minister, the couple moved to St. Louis and welcomed daughter Jennifer in August of 1985. After completing a ministerial internship at the First Unitarian Church in St. Louis, Gary was called by a Unitarian congregation in Cincinnati, where their son, Joshua was born in 1989. Gary was soon called by the larger congregation of the North Shore Unitarian Church of Deerfield, Ill., with the family settling in Lake Forest. There, Julie continued her practice of naturopathic medicine, specializing in oncology at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Waukegan, Ill. After 10 years at CTCA Julie chose to join the faculty at the National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill., teaching and supervising medical students preparing to practice integrative medicine.

In 2012 Julie and Gary moved to Eugene, Ore., where Julie joined the staff of a naturopathic clinic, happy to be practicing general medicine again. However, circumstances soon changed. Julie's father had grown seriously ill and the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis wanted Gary to serve as an interim minister for three years.

With the completion of his ministry at the First Unitarian Church and now fully retired, Gary and Julie moved to the coast of Northern California to be near their daughter, Jennifer in Trinidad, who was pregnant with their grandson Ezra Reef Bogan. Two years later they made the decision to return to Julie's favorite city of Eugene, Ore., on the banks the Willamette River to purchase their retirement home. While family was Julie's primary love, she also had a interests in dance, horticulture, music, camping, and wilderness hot springs.

Julie was preceded in death by her father, W. Joe Martin Sr.; and brother W. Joe Martin, Jr.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; daughter, Jennifer; son, Joshua; grandson, Ezra; her mother, Janet Martin; and three brothers, Peter, Bill and Judd. In addition she leaves behind numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and many loving cousins.

Funeral/memorial services have yet to be arranged.



Bennie Bob Watkins

Funeral services for Bennie Bob Watkins of Clarks-ville, formerly of Elsberry were at 11 a.m., Monday, July 20 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Steven Bradshaw, pastor of Star Hope Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in New Hope Baptist Cemetery near Elsberry.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandchildren along with Darrell Painter.

Bennie, 87, was born May 10, 1939 at Apex near Elsberry, the son of Royce Doan "Pete" and Violet Mae Hunter Watkins.

He died Thursday, July 16, 2026 at his home near Clarks-ville.

Bennie was a 1957 graduate of Elsberry High School. He was united in marriage on May 14, 1960 to Carol Hartigan, the last wedding in the old Catholic church on 4th Street in Elsberry. This union was blessed with three daughters, Lisa, Christina and Angie.

Bennie started working for AT&T in 1961 and became an installer of the telephone plants in various cities and communities throughout the midwest. After 35 years of service, Bennie retired in 1998. He was a member of the Communication Workers of America. Bennie and Carol traveled in their RV throughout the lower 48 states of America. They also enjoyed trips to Australia and Europe.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Violet Watkins; four brothers; three sisters; and twin grandsons, Benjamin and Joseph Erbs who died in 1989.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Carol Watkins of Clarks-ville; three daughters, Lisa Erbs and husband, Martin of Wentzville, Chris Watkins of Elsberry, and Angie Stone and husband, Jeff of Clarks-ville; six grandchildren, Caleb Stone and wife, Christina, Cody Stone and Alec, Christopher Erbs and wife, Alissa, Michelle Erbs-Smithart and husband, Ryan, Cameron Stone, and Collen Stone; two great-grandchildren, Archer Erbs and Kennedy Smithart; and two on the way, Baby Stone in September and Baby Erbs in December. Bennie also leaves one brother, Lonnie Watkins and wife, Carol of Chico, Calif.; and was loved by several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of the service Monday, July 20 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

Online condolences may be made at www.carterricks-funeralhome.com.



Harlon Dale Christian

Harlon Dale Christian, 78, of Bowling Green died Sunday, July 19, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

Funeral services for Harlon were held Friday at 9 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with The Rev. Bill Hobbs officiating. Burial was in Middletown

Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Harlon was born Sept. 2, 1947, in Louisiana to John Harlon and Nadene Elizabeth Gibson Christian. Both preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Linda Sue Knight. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian Alexander Christian and wife, Diana of St. Clement; grandchildren, Josia Alexander Christian and Ava Grace Christian; and a brother, Jim Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dawn Michelle Christian; and one sister, Karen Sue Christian Murray.

Harlon began his work career at Bobbie Brooks in Bowling Green where he met his wife of 58 years, Linda Sue Knight. He worked at various garment factories. He was also employed several years as an electrician. He then went to work at Knight Equipment. This was a very meaningful job because he met so many people, and Harlon was definitely a people person. He retired from Knight Equipment reluctantly when he began his long battle with kidney disease. He was on dialysis for over five years. Even though dialysis is difficult, he actually made many friends with patients and nurses.

Pallbearers were RJ Knight, Brian Christian, Travis Hearn, Colton Hearn, Tom Liffick, and Jim Ferrell.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the Trimble House.



Stephen Ray Sheppard

Stephen Ray Sheppard, 72, of Bowling Green, made his heavenly journey on Friday, July 17, 2026. He died peacefully at his home.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., at the Calvary Gospel Church in Summer Hill, Ill., with Mark Sheppard officiating. Visitation was Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m., at the church. A meal followed, along with a private graveside service.

Stephen was born Oct. 18, 1953, to Francis and Eva Sheppard. He married Judy Davis Sheppard in December of 1972. Judy survives.

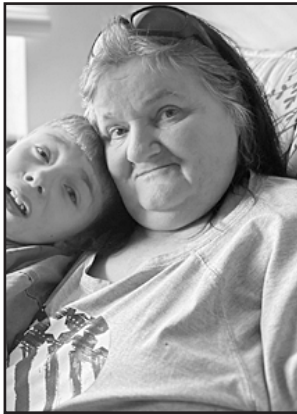
Along with his wife, Stephen is survived by his mother, Eva; three daughters, Michell Kelly, Sandra Sheppard and Larry Niemeyer, and Angela Alderson and husband, John; one son, Stephen Sheppard, Jr.; and siblings, Mark Sheppard and wife, Jill, Donita Sheppard McKenna, and Carmele Sheppard Rich and husband, Enoch.

Stephen and Judy have been blessed with grandchildren, Nicole Miller, Dylan White, Kristina Harvey and husband, Jordan, Brenden Kelly, and Trenton and Landon Alderson; and great-grandchildren, Kyler Clair, Amelia White, and Naomi and Autumn Harvey.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Sheppard; and a sister, Marquita Hickerson.

Stephen liked to spend his free time fishing, trapping, hunting, and gardening. He also enjoyed hunting for mushrooms and arrowheads. Stephen enjoyed watching John Wayne movies and going to the casino. The family found immense humor in the love/hate relationship Stephen had with the squirrels in his yard. He also loved spending time with his family and friends.

Cremation rites were handled by Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory of Bowling Green.



Theresa Ann Severs

Theresa Ann Severs, 65, of Hannibal died Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

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

Theresa was born July 27, 1960, to Frank and Susan Mische Love. They preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to David Severs on May 7, 1987. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2024.

Theresa grew up in the Bellflower area, moving to Hannibal when her children got older. She was a 1979 graduate of Montgomery County R-II School District. After graduation, Theresa joined the workforce. She spent time as a teacher's aide, working at Shiloh House in Shelby, and most recently, she was employed with General Mills in Hannibal.

Theresa liked to cook and loved to bake. She loved spending time with her family, and especially spoiling her grandson, Carter.

She is survived by sons, Jacob Severs of Hannibal, and Tony Severa and wife, Jessica of Moberly; a daughter, Susan Severs and husband, Ben of New London; one grandson, Carter Wayne Severs; and siblings, Mary, Delphia, Stella, Sandy, and Cindy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and siblings: Scott, Carl, Chuck, George Michael, Marilyn, and Nellie.

A family-led celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Jacqueline Yvonne Wiser Jones

Jacqueline Yvonne Wiser Jones, 76, of Rock Island, Ill., died peacefully at her home, surrounded by the love of her family, on Friday, July 24, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday at Second Missionary Baptist Church Worship Center in Vandalia. Burial will follow at Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Jacqueline's life will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday at Second Missionary Baptist Church Worship Center.

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

A complete obituary will be announced once all arrangements have been finalized.



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Van-Far Alumni Announce Scholarship Winners

Winners of Van-Far Alumni and Friends scholarships for enrolled college students were announced July 23.

These include Erin Childs, Zyah Griffith, Mara Jensen, Rebecca Motley (Dowell Scholarship), Kristen Shaw, and Carmen Wilburn.

Board members look forward to the annual reunion. This year members will host an open house at Family

Life Center (First Baptist Church) immediately following the Prairie Days parade on Saturday, September 26. Former Van-Far alumni, educators, staff members and friends are invited to gather at the center, allowing time for visiting and learning more about the goals of the association. It is hoped that those attending Prairie Days activities will include this opportunity in their plans.

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Black Bears Are Here, MDC Holding Virtual Program To Learn About Them

Black bears have returned to the Missouri landscape, especially in the southern parts of the state. But sightings have become a regular occurrence even in the St. Louis region.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering a chance to learn all about these charismatic creatures through an online event. Missouri Black Bears is a free virtual program happening Friday, July 31, from 10:30 a.m. - noon. MDC naturalists will cover the most important information Missouri residents should know about the Show-Me-State's expanding bear population.

Once considered extirpated from the state, Missouri black bears are beginning to make an impressive comeback. This program will explore the history of these fascinating mammals and the research efforts happening in Missouri. It will also discuss how to reduce human-bear conflict as their numbers continue to grow.

This virtual program is free and open to the public; however, each participant must register separately in advance at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/op2> to receive an online meeting link. Log-in instructions will be provided to

participants beforehand. The program will be held via Webex, and participants will have the chance to use the chat feature for a question-and-answer portion with the naturalists.

Sign up for email or text alerts to stay informed of MDC's latest programs and events by going to <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZoP>.

MDC is committed to accessibility at all its nature centers, regional facilities, and conservation areas. To request an ADA accommodation for participation in MDC programs, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/accessibility>.



Those pictured are Jeremy, Ethan, Nash Calhoun, Scottlyn Cross, Truxton Cross, and Andie Calhoun, and Harper Haynes.

DNR Representatives Present Program At Farber Library

On July 23, 2026 Ethan and Jeremy from the Department of Natural Resources presented a program at the Farber Library about the history of Missouri

Native Americans and the AP Green Refractory in Mexico.

The children had a chance to shape a brick from

modeling clay to take home.

The next program at the Farber Library is July 30 presented by the Van-Far Fire District.

Tomatoes Struggle In Summer Heat

The scorching heat of a typical Missouri summer can be hard on our garden plants, including tomato, the most popular home garden vegetable in the U.S., said University of Missouri Extension state horticulturist David Trinklein.

POOR FRUIT SET
Hot weather can make it difficult for plants to produce fruit, particularly when humidity is low. Excessive heat may prevent healthy pollen from developing or keep fertilization from occurring. As a result, plants often flower poorly and set fewer fruits when daytime temperatures exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit and nighttime temperatures stay above 70 F. Research suggests that nighttime temperatures play the biggest role, with the optimal range being 59 F to 68 F, according to Trinklein.

DELAY IN RIPENING
Tomato fruit gets its color from two pigments, lycopene (red) and and carotene (yellow). Temperatures above 85 F tend to slow or even halt production of these pigments. Since 37 percent of the lycopene in a tomato fruit is contained by its skin, it's little wonder why tomatoes growing in excessively hot conditions

produce poorly-colored fruit, Trinklein said.

YELLOW-SHOULDERED FRUIT

Yellow shoulder is a physiological disorder characterized by areas at the top (shoulder) of the fruit remaining yellow as the remainder of the fruit ripens and turns red. These yellow areas never ripen properly, and the tissue below them is tough and poorly flavored.

Tomato varieties that are green-shouldered when immature are more likely to show the trait than varieties that have uniformly green immature fruit. It appears that both temperature and nutrition are involved in the development of yellow shoulder, Trinklein said.

WHITE CORE

Under stress, tomato fruit often develops a tough, white core. The white tissue might form only in the fruit just beneath the calyx or, in extreme cases, through the entire depth of the fruit. The internal walls of the fruit may also appear pale and "corky." Once again, excessive heat and improper fertility seem to be related to the formation of white core. Malnourished plants with poor foliage cover tend to bear fruit exposed to the sun, adding to the tempera-

ture stress of the fruit

BLOSSOM-END ROT

Blossom-end rot of tomatoes is caused by a lack of calcium in the blossom end of the fruit, resulting in tomato fruit with brown or tan areas on their blossom end. These areas start as small lesions and gradually develop to cover nearly the entire end of the fruit.

Although blossom-end rot is caused by a lack of calcium, it is a lack of water that is most often responsible for its development. Since hot weather increases water loss (via transpiration) from tomato plants, blossom-end rot is most common when in hot weather. You can prevent this problem by maintaining proper soil pH, supplying tomato plants with enough calcium and irrigating on a timely basis.

As the saying goes, "Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it." Unfortunately, there is little we can do other than to keep our tomato plants vigorous, well-watered and adequately fertilized. If foliage is sparse, try covering tomato plants with a material that partially blocks the sun, such as cheesecloth or shade fabric, said Trinklein.

Graham Earns Bachelor Of Arts Degree

More than 2,250 students completed a total of 2,450 degrees and certificates at Wichita State University in spring 2026.

Undergraduate students

who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna

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David Graham of Bowling Green earned a bachelor of arts, and Psychology

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Community News

PSB Bank Completes Operational Merger

PSB Bank announced the successful completion of its operational merger with Bank Star on July 11, 2026, with PSB Bank serving as the surviving institution. The conversion represents the final phase of the acquisition and integration process, creating a combined community banking organization with more than \$1 billion in assets and an expanded footprint across Missouri. The merger combines two long-standing community banking franchises with complementary markets, experienced banking teams, and a shared commitment to relationship banking. Customers transitioned to the PSB Bank operating platform over the weekend with minimal disruption following months of planning, system testing, and coordinated execution by employees from both organizations. The completed integration strengthens PSB Bank's market presence while enhancing its ability to provide expanded commercial, agricultural, mortgage, consumer, and treasury management services to customers throughout its growing service area. "This merger represents an im-

portant milestone in our long-term growth strategy," said Mark Laune, President and Chief Executive Officer of PSB Bank. "By bringing together the strengths of PSB Bank and Bank Star, we have created a stronger community bank that combines local decision-making with greater financial capacity and expanded capabilities. Reaching the billion-dollar asset threshold positions us to continue investing in technology, our employees, and the communities we proudly serve while maintaining the personalized service that defines community banking." Laune also recognized the significant efforts behind the successful integration. "The successful conversion reflects the extraordinary work of employees from both organizations. Their commitment, professionalism, and unwavering focus on our customers made this transition seamless. We are excited to welcome Bank Star customers and employees to the PSB Bank family and look forward to building on the strong relationships both organizations have established over many decades. Together, we are positioned to write the next chapter of

community banking excellence." The merger reinforces PSB Bank's strategic focus on sustainable growth while preserving the local leadership and customer-first philosophy that have long distinguished both institutions. As a billion-dollar community bank, PSB Bank is well positioned to meet the evolving financial needs of individuals, businesses, agricultural producers, and municipalities throughout the region while continuing to make lending decisions locally and invest in the communities it serves. The merger also represents another significant milestone for Rhineland Bancshares, Inc., the parent holding company of PSB Bank. Since its formation, Rhineland Bancshares has pursued a disciplined growth strategy while remaining committed to the principles of independent community banking. The successful integration of Bank Star demonstrates the organization's ability to execute strategic acquisitions that enhance shareholder value, expand market presence, and strengthen long-term opportunities for customers, employees, and the communities it serves.

Farber Library Program On Turtles

On Thursday, July 16, Hailey from the Mark Twain Lake Visitors Center shared information about turtles. Those attending were Harper Haynes, Andie Calhoun, and Nash Calhoun. The children created a habitat for a turtle and 'unearthed' a story about it. Each child received a prize and a snack for attending. Upcoming programs at the Farber Library for July is: Thursday July 30 at 2 p.m., the Van-Far Fire District. Check with your local library for their upcoming programs.



Nash Calhoun is pictured with his turtle drawing.

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University of Missouri Extension and several partners invite the public to a forest and wildlife field day Sept. 12 near Portland. This free workshop will be held on the property of Bill and Margie Haag in Callaway County from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "The Haag family takes great pride in their woods," says Brian Schweiss, MU Extension sustainable forestry specialist. "Through timber sales, they generate revenue and improve conditions for wildlife. They also actively manage open land for wildlife using prescribed fire and invasive species control." A driving tour of the Haag property will demonstrate strategies for healthy trees and wildlife. Attendees will see young and old patches of woods and hear about the different wildlife that use them. Professionals from the Missouri Department of Conservation, representatives

conservation organizations and consulting foresters will be available to answer questions and provide insight on management practices such as thinning, prescribed fire and invasive species control. Schweiss says the tour is a great resource for landowners wanting to see how forests can be managed to

benefit wildlife. The event is free to the public, but registration is required. Register at <https://muext.us/BMHFD> by Sept. 8. Lunch will be provided. For questions, contact Brian Schweiss at schweissb@missouri.edu or Tom Westhoff at westhoff@windstream.net.

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Area Students Graduate From Missouri State University

Missouri State University awarded 2,677 degrees to students in spring 2026. The commencement ceremonies took place May 8, 2026, at Great Southern Bank Arena. The following local students earned degrees:

Kelly Kempfer of Silex graduated with a bachelor of social work.

Meghan O'Driscoll of Elsberry graduated with a master of social work.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Missouri S&T Announces Dean's List

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester.

The dean's list recognizes undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and passed all classes.

Davan Olivia Henke of Foley, environmental science, first year student.

Aaron Robert Carter of Martinsburg, mechanical engineering, junior.

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•Utterback – DISPERSAL•

45 Black & Black White Face cows
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•Turnkey•

45 Black & Black White Face cows
3-5 years old

Bred to Black bulls

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•Sherwood•

40 Black & Black White Face cows
3-6 years old

Bred to Black bulls

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•Fox•

40 Black & Black White Face cows
Bred to Black bulls

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•Harper•

55 Black & Red Angus cows
3-6 years old

Bred to Black bulls

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•G & H•

25 Black & Black White Face cows
3-4 years old

Bred to Black bulls

Due Sept. 1

•Hoffman•

55 Black & Black White Face cows (few Reds)
8-12 years old

Bred to Wallstreet Angus bulls

Due to start Sept. 1

•Kemp•

12 Black & Black White Face cows
8-12 years old

Bred to registered Angus bulls

Due Sept. 1

•Zook•

10 Black & Black White Face cows
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•JK Dodge•

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Community News

Soil, Water Conservation Program Distributes \$45 Million To Landowners

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Soil and Water Conservation Program provided nearly \$45 million to Missouri landowners in fiscal year 2026, saving more than 924,000 tons of soil.

Since the first passage of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax in 1984, this funding source has allowed Missouri to prevent more than 195 million tons of soil erosion while also improving the state’s water quality and keeping farmland productive.

“These results show Missouri continues to be at the national forefront when it comes to investing in our farms and agricultural community to make a positive difference,” said Jim Plassmeyer, director of the Soil and Water Conservation Program. “Accomplishing this goal was the hard work of our commissioners, program staff, the 114 soil and water conservation districts and our federal partners at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.”

During the 2026 fiscal year, nearly \$45 million in funding provided a total of 5,736 cost-share contracts to agricultural landowners implementing soil and water conservation efforts on their land. This included 2,511 cover crop contracts addressing 148,000 acres, 455 terrace contracts saving 330,000 tons of soil, 37,000 grazing acres managed through rotation grazing and

protecting 21 miles of streams through livestock exclusions and streambank stabilization projects. The remaining \$24 million of the \$68 million provided by the Parks, Soils and Water Sale Tax supports local soil and water conservation district operations, technical assistance, program administration, research, conservation monitoring and other essential services to deliver the program statewide.

MoDNR’s Soil and Water Conservation Program receives funding from the Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax to assist farmers and landowners. Each year the program provides partial financial assistance for construction of management practices that aid in the prevention or control of excessive erosion and improvement of water quality. Each of Missouri’s 114 county-level soil and water conservation districts additionally provide hands-on technical assistance, education and best practices for their local agricultural landowners and operators.

Visit Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax to learn more about the Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax. You can also visit Mo Soil and Water to find your county’s soil and water conservation district or learn more about MoDNR’s Soil and Water Conservation Program at Missouri Geological Survey Soil and Water Conservation Program.

Missouri's Youth Workforce Is Shrinking, But More High School Grads Going To Work

Many Missouri employers depend on young workers, but there are fewer of them to hire. A new brief from University of Missouri Extension notes that the state’s population of 16 24-year-olds has shrunk over the past decade even as a bigger share of young people are entering the workforce right after high school—a trend that highlights the need for training, apprenticeships and other career development opportunities.

The July 13 edition of the Missouri Economy Indicators series, published by MU Extension’s Exceed-Regional Economic and Entrepreneurial Development program, reports that Missouri has about 21,000 fewer people ages 16-24 than it did 10 years ago, a decline of 2.8 percent during that period.

The brief, Young Worker Trends, was authored by Matt Pezold, MU Extension field specialist in labor and workforce development, and Alan Spell, MU assistant extension professor.

“Despite this decline, Missouri youth continue to participate in the labor market at a rate above the national average,” Pezold and Spell write.

Employees under 25 make up 16 percent of Missouri’s private-sector workforce. They account for nearly four out of every 10 jobs in leisure and hospitality and one-quarter of jobs in retail. Restaurants alone employ one in four young workers in the state.

Young workers remain vital to key industries

Pezold and Spell observe that rural communities rely more heavily on younger workers than metro areas do: Young people account for 18.4 percent of private-sector employment in non-metro counties, compared to 15.8 percent in metro areas. Rural manufacturers and construction firms, in particular, depend more on younger employees.

At the same time, more Missouri students are choosing work over college immediately after graduation. While most high school graduates still enroll in two- or four-year colleges, that share has gradually fallen since 2012. Last year, 30 percent of high school graduates in metro areas entered the civilian or military workforce shortly after graduation, up from 21 per-

cent a decade earlier. In non-metro areas, the share rose from 31-39 percent.

The shift reflects changing economic realities for many young adults. A strong job market and rising college costs have encouraged more graduates to begin earning paychecks right away, according to Pezold and Spell.

For employers, these trends present both an opportunity and a challenge. While more young people are entering the workforce after high school, a shrinking youth population means competition for workers is likely to remain intense.

Training and career paths can strengthen talent pipeline

The brief notes that many of today’s in-demand jobs require education or training beyond high school, even if they do not require a traditional four-year degree. Healthcare, maintenance and machinery are among the fields offering opportunities for workers who gain skills through certifications, apprenticeships or on-the-job training.

“While entry-level jobs remain plentiful, a shrinking youth population will make it increasingly important to upskill these workers and provide advancement opportunities,” the authors write. Partnerships between employers, schools and training providers can help young Missourians explore career paths while giving businesses a stronger talent pipeline.

The brief draws on the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2024 five-year estimates, as well as data from the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The report, as well as past entries in the Missouri Economy Indicators series, is available at <https://muext.us/MEI>.

Community Calendar...

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

On Aug. 4: Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m., at the First Christian Church, Louisiana. The event will be in the fellowship hall located at 517 S. Carolina St., Louisiana.

Pike County Notice Of Tax Certificate Sale

I, Tara Eskew, Collector of Revenue within and for Pike County, Missouri, hereby give notice as provided in Chapter 140, Section 140:170 of Revised Statutes of Missouri for 2006, that I shall offer for sale the hereinafter described lots and lands to discharge taxes, interest and charges which may be due hereon the State of Missouri for delinquent taxes on real estate at the courthouse in Pike County on the 4th Monday, the 24th day of August 2026, commencing at 10:00 A.M. of said day and continuing from day to day thereafter until all are offered.

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Acct: 3616 Parc: 08-04-18-004-053-002.000 BARKER, BONNIE B 514 N CAROLINA LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W E 1/2 LOTS 379 & 380 BLK 45 ORIG PLAT TR 57 X 120 514 N CAROLINA LOUISIANA	2025: \$318.94 2024: \$366.38 2023: \$360.95 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,181.27
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Acct: 2971 Parc: 08-04-18-002-035-006.000 BATES, JOSEPHINE C/O SHURLEY WILLIAMS 11325 SUGARPINE DR, APT 232 FLORISSANT, MO 63033 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W M.S. ALLENS 5TH ADD S.D. LOTS 134 BLOCK 24 60 X 120 1015 TEXAS ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$63.14 2024: \$71.30 2023: \$70.50 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$339.94
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Acct: 5518 Parc: 13-06-24-000-000-011.010 BROWN, CHARLES L & ETHEL R 16910 PIKE 286 BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334 1ST OFFERING	5.00 Acres Sec:24 Twn:53 Rng:2W RURAL 16910 PIKE 286	2025: \$485.31 2024: \$558.19 2023: \$628.08 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,806.58
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Acct: 3088 Parc: 08-04-18-003-010-001.000 BURSE, AURIEL 43 BEACON AVE ST LOUIS, MO 63135 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 499 BLK 60 ORIGINAL TOWN LOUISIANA TR 60 X 120 510 N 7TH LOUISIANA	2025: \$207.70 2023: \$234.63 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$577.33
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Acct: 3017 Parc: 08-04-18-003-002-004.000 BURSE, DONTE 600 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W W 1/2 LOTS 14 & 15 BLK 2 JOHN A YOUNG ADD TR 60 X 120 719 JACKSON ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$111.05 2024: \$126.59 2023: \$124.94 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$497.58
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Acct: 3060 Parc: 08-04-18-003-009-002.020 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747 3RD OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W TR 120 X 120 1004 ALLEN ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$141.09 2024: \$161.22 2023: \$159.00 2022: \$124.96 2021: \$136.97 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$858.24
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Acct: 3084 Parc: 08-04-18-003-009-027.010 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W THE W 58' OF LOTS 639 & 638 BLK 78 TR 58 X 120 818 JACKSON ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$33.10 2024: \$36.65 2023: \$36.40 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$241.15
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Acct: 3103 Parc: 08-04-18-003-012-007.000 BURSE, DONTE 33 LENNY CT MATAWAN, NJ 07747 3RD OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W ALL OF LOTS 502 & 503 BLK 61 ORIG PLAT LA TR 120 X 120 410 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$275.90 2024: \$316.71 2023: \$320.37 2022: \$322.73 2021: \$355.39 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,726.10
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Acct: 3694 Parc: 08-04-18-004-067-007.000 BURSE, JOHN BEN SR & 522 N 7TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 353 BLK 49 ORIG PLAT TR 60 X 120 500 DELAWARE ST	2025: \$217.49 2024: \$249.34 2023: \$247.45 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$849.28
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Acct: 6491 Parc: 14-07-25-001-003-006.000 COLLINS, ROBERT G & MELISSA C/O DAVID PERKINS 20 W ADAMS BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:25 Twn:53 Rng:3W TR 90 X 240 219 E MAIN BOWLING GREEN	2025: \$983.29 2024: \$1,139.78 2023: \$1,092.16 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$3,350.23
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Acct: 3114 Parc: 08-04-18-003-014-006.000 COUCH, ROBERT D JR 421 N CAROLINA ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 31 BLK 1 LUCE & MC ALISTER TR 60 X 114 905 TENNESSEE ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$420.42 2024: \$483.44 2023: \$476.18 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,515.04
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Acct: 4381 Parc: 11-05-16-002-010-021.000 CROPP, MAUD C/O DELORSE CHATMAN 1114 LINDENWOOD AVE ST CHARLES, MO 63301 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. PT LOTS 19 52.14 X 122.10 5TH ST	2025: \$13.58 2024: \$14.12 2023: \$14.67 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$177.37
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Acct: 3677 Parc: 08-04-18-004-063-006.000 HARRISON, CAROLYN J & 417 S 6TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W E 1/2 LOTS 427 & 428 BLK 51 ORIG TOWN TR 60 X 120 417 S 6TH ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$452.11 2024: \$519.98 2023: \$532.44 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,639.53
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Acct: 3692 Parc: 08-04-18-004-067-005.000 HARRISON, CAROLYN J & RIOS, 417 S 6TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W W 1/2 LOTS 371 & 372 BLK 48 ORIG TOWN TR 120 X 60 510 S 6TH ST LOUISIANA	2025: \$108.61 2024: \$123.75 2023: \$122.13 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$489.49
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Acct: 3118 Parc: 08-04-18-003-015-003.000 HATHAWAY, CAROLYN 1102 KENTUCKY ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 8 BLK 7 LUCE & MC ALISTER ADD TR 60 X 114 207 N 11TH LOUISIANA	2025: \$80.21 2024: \$90.98 2023: \$89.88 2022: \$81.68 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$477.75
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Acct: 10635 Parc: 23-07-25-003-001-017.000 HOWARTH, RICKY A & 1 MICHELLE LN ST. PETERS, MO 63376 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:25 Twn:52 Rng:2E TR 100 X 230 39212 PIKE 202 ANNADA	2025: \$244.67 2024: \$279.91 2023: \$315.57 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$975.15
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Acct: 475 Parc: 03-07-35-003-003-002.000 HUTSLER, KEITH & LISA RALLO 302 JASPER ST FRANKFORD, MO 63441 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:35 Twn:55 Rng:4W ALL LOTS 2, 3, 10 & 11 & W 10' OF LOTS 1 & 12 BLK 2 HOSTETTER ADD TR 130 X 240 302 JASPER ST FRANKFORD	2025: \$524.69 2024: \$686.98 2023: \$664.77 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$2,011.44
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Acct: 4376 Parc: 11-05-16-002-010-016.000 JOHNSTON, WILLIAM C/O MRS CLARENCE HUFF JR 941 14 AVE ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. PT LOT 17 75 X 110 SCALED 5TH ST	2025: \$31.21 2024: \$34.47 2023: \$37.68 2022: \$40.92 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$279.28
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Acct: 4175 Parc: 11-04-17-000-000-003.000 JONES, JEWEL & THOMAS, C/O DEEGGY 1622 BELT AVE SAINT LOUIS, MO 63112- 1ST OFFERING	18.93 Acres Sec:17 Twn:53 Rng:1E RURAL 29966 PIKE 239 CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$189.09 2024: \$216.55 2023: \$243.84 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$784.48
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Acct: 14318 Parc: 11-05-16-002-010-027.000 LA RUE, JOHN H 1309 HODGES AVE HUSTON, LA 71270 1ST OFFERING	0.68 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E PT LOT 22 BLOCK 10 DAVIS ADD CLARKSVILLE TR 145 X 225 IRR 5TH ST	2025: \$16.79 2024: \$17.81 2023: \$18.81 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$188.41
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Acct: 14199 Parc: 08-04-18-002-003-013.000 MAHER, WILLELLA B & FRANCIS 220 Hillview Dr. LOUISIANA, MO 63353 2ND OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOTS 10 & 11 BLK 1 TEMPLETON HILLS SD PLAT BK 4 PG 23 TR 190 X 169 IRR 220 HILLVIEW DR LOUISIANA	2025: \$226.37 2024: \$259.56 2023: \$255.88 2022: \$284.64 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$1,161.45
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Acct: 4407 Parc: 11-05-16-002-011-005.000 MALLOY, MARK S & DEBBIE L 101 N 4TH ST CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E ORIG PLAT LOT 252, S 1/3 253 80 X 110 101 N 4TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$882.28 2024: \$1,016.17 2023: \$1,149.05 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$3,182.50
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Acct: 4461 Parc: 11-05-16-002-018-002.000 MALLOY, MARK S & DEBBIE L 101 N 4TH ST CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E ORIG PLAT LOT 276 60 X 110 5TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$117.75 2024: \$134.30 2023: \$150.69 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$537.74
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Acct: 4370 Parc: 11-05-16-002-010-010.000 MC GUIRE, ELIZABETH 209 E RAMSEY ST BUFFALO, MO 65622 2ND OFFERING	1.70 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. PT LOT 11 200 X 405 IRR N 6TH ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$37.64 2024: \$41.85 2023: \$46.06 2022: \$119.25 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$379.80
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Acct: 4297 Parc: 11-05-16-001-010-004.000 PALMER, AUSTIN 707 S 2ND ST CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E LOT 29 CLIFFORDS S ADD TR 60 X 110 711 S 2ND ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$53.66 2024: \$60.32 2023: \$66.98 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$315.96
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Acct: 4298 Parc: 11-05-16-001-010-004.010 PALMER, AUSTIN 707 S 2ND ST CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E LOT 30 CLIFFORDS S SOUTHERN ADD TR 60 X 110 709 S 2ND ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: \$53.66 2024: \$60.32 2023: \$66.98 Publ. Fee: \$135.00 Total Due: \$315.96
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Acct: 4299 Parc: 11-05-16-001-010-006.000 PALMER, AUSTIN 707 S 2ND ST CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E LOT 31 CLIFFORDS S ADD IN CLARKSVILLE
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Community News

Fast Track Inventive Grant Application Now Open For 2026-27 Academic Year

Fast Track Incentive Grant application now open for the 2026-2027 academic year

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) is pleased to announce the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant application is now open for the 2026-2027 academic year, helping Missouri adults pay for tuition and fees as they pursue education in a high-demand industry.

Fast Track covers tuition and fees, when combined with other governmental financial aid, for students enrolled in an eligible school or training program, as well as associated apprenticeship costs for tools, books, and uniforms.

“The Fast Track Work-

force Incentive Grant completes a student’s financial package, making certificates, degrees, and industry-recognized credentials in a high-demand industries more accessible statewide,” said Dr. Bennett Boggs, Commissioner of MDHEWD. “This program’s impact continues to strengthen and lead to career pathways that help Missourians build prosperous futures and contribute to the state’s overall growth.”

Fast Track has helped thousands of students pay for education and training in high-demand industries like health care, computer science, transportation, and business/accounting since the program began in 2019. Individuals may be eligible for Fast Track if they have not earned a bachelor’s de-

gree, are at least 25 years old or have not been enrolled in any school within the last two years, and they meet certain program and income requirements.

Individuals can apply for the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant through the MDHEWD State Financial Aid Portal. Applications must be submitted to MDHEWD no later than May 15, 2027 to be considered for the 2026-2027 academic year. Additionally, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the award. Visit the Federal Student Aid website

to learn more and to file a FAFSA.

For more information about Fast Track, including eligibility requirements and a list of participating institutions and programs, visit the MDHEWD website.

About the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development: The department works to empower Missourians with the skills and education needed for success. More information about MDHEWD can be found at <https://dhewd.mo.gov> or by following MDHEWD’s social media accounts.



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Acct: 1229 Pare: 06-01-11-000-000-006.000 RUNYON, CHANCEY E 14964 HWY YY FRANKFORD, MO 63441 1ST OFFERING	12.00 Acres Sec:11 Twn:54 Rng:3W RURAL 14964 HWY YY	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$1,828.43 \$2,107.00 \$2,373.51 \$135.00 \$6,443.94
Acct: 3440 Pare: 08-04-18-004-025-007.000 SAPP, TERRY & CANDIDA A & 16405 HWY UU LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W E 42.75' LOT 332 BLK 42 ORIG TOWN TR 42.75 X 60 501 GEORGIA ST	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$1,023.92 \$1,179.72 \$1,169.80 \$135.00 \$3,508.44
Acct: 6888 Pare: 14-07-25-002-043-006.000 SITTON, WILLIAM 2/3 & WISER, STEPHANIE WISER 899 PRIGGE RD ST LOUIS, MO 63138- 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:25 Twn:53 Rng:3W LOT 34 BLK 5 HANSON'S ADD IN BG PLAT BK 1 PAGE 79 TR 50.75 X 125 315 S HIGH ST BOWLING GREEN	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$83.85 \$95.71 \$92.30 \$135.00 \$406.86
Acct: 13493 Pare: 11-04-17-000-000-010.010 SPANGLER, JOSEPH & HELEN 29961 PIKE 238 CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336 1ST OFFERING	0.04 Acres Sec:17 Twn:53 Rng:1E FROM SW CORNER SE NE SECTION 17 GO N 891' E 1142' S 475' SW 90' FOR P.O.B. THEN S 100' SW 19' N 100' & NE 19' BACK TO P. PIKE 238 CLARKSVILLE	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$54.45 \$61.24 \$68.02 \$135.00 \$318.71
Acct: 4386 Pare: 11-05-16-002-010-026.000 TAYLOR, DONALD KENT & 21971 PIKE 301 BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334 1ST OFFERING	1.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. E 176' LOT 21 176 X 242.22 5TH ST	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$17.58 \$18.73 \$19.86 \$135.00 \$191.17
Acct: 3359 Pare: 08-04-18-004-016-008.000 THOMAS, CHARLES S	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 326 BLK 41	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$487.86 \$561.19 \$552.71 \$135.00 \$1,736.85
Acct: 3358 Pare: 08-04-18-004-016-006.000 THOMAS, CHARLES SCOTT 218 N 5TH ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W LOT 327 & E 1/2 LOT 328 BLK 41 ORIG TOWN TR 120 X 60 IRR 501 TENNESSEE ST LOUISIANA	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$711.06 \$818.75 \$811.96 \$135.00 \$2,476.77
Acct: 2553 Pare: 07-92-31-000-000-014.010 TOLBERT, WILLIAM JR & 12652 PIKE 142 LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	3.00 Acres Sec:31 Twn:54 Rng:2W RURAL 12652 PIKE 142 LOUISIANA	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$478.07 \$586.78 \$652.14 \$135.00 \$1,851.99
Acct: 4437 Pare: 11-05-16-002-015-006.000 TRARES, LYNETTE THEN TO 8651 HWY N #66 LAKE ST LOUIS, MO 63367 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E ORIG PLAT LOTS 77 & 78 19.41 X 120 118 HOWARD ST CLARKSVILLE	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$933.01 \$1,074.77 \$1,205.58 \$135.00 \$3,348.36
Acct: 2767 Pare: 08-04-18-002-009-002.000 TRAYNOR, EARL E SR 121 CULPEPPER ST LOUISIANA, MO 63353 1ST OFFERING	0.00 Acres Sec:18 Twn:54 Rng:1W KLING ADD S.D. LOTS 23 BLOCK 3 & ALLEY TO E TR 151 X 106.22 IRR 215 CEMETERY RD LOUISIANA	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$525.99 \$605.21 \$596.02 \$135.00 \$1,862.22
Acct: 4383 Pare: 11-05-16-002-010-023.000 TURNER, CHARLES JEFFERSON C/O GREGORY TURNER 1210 E WASHINGTON, APT 811 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703- 1ST OFFERING	1.10 Acres Sec:16 Twn:53 Rng:1E DAVIS ADD S.D. LOTS 19 200 X 270 IRR 5TH ST	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$28.80 \$31.66 \$34.52 \$135.00 \$229.98
Acct: 5560 Pare: 13-07-35-000-000-008.000 WINTERS, CAROLYN M & 207 BRISCOE BLVD ELSBERRY, MO 63343- 1ST OFFERING	2.00 Acres Sec:35 Twn:53 Rng:2W RURAL 18456 HWY F	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$213.29 \$245.22 \$276.14 \$135.00 \$869.65
Acct: 10630 Pare: 23-07-25-003-001-012.000 WUEHLER, KIRK M & KELLY R 114 WARDWAY DR WINFIELD, MO 63389 1ST OFFERING	0.68 Acres Sec:25 Twn:52 Rng:2E TR 150 X 190 IRR 39182 PIKE 202	2025: 2024: 2023: Publ. Fee: Total Due:	\$490.75 \$562.90 \$635.93 \$135.00 \$1,824.58

COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Tara Eskew, Collector of Pike County, State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct list of lands and lots and owner thereof as appears on our land tax books, that will be offered for sale.

Dated: July 23, 2026
Pike County Collector

Tara Eskew

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Bowling Green
573-470-6301

Jean Ledford Owner 573-470-6301
Mark Ledford Fully Insured 573-470-4366

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Hope To See Everyone At The 2026 Pike County Fair

July 28-Aug. 1

Lynn's Heritage House

800 Kelly Lane - Louisiana
754-4020

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Vandalia area residents who were so gracious in their donations at the barbecue to help pay for my upcoming surgery.

Special thanks to the Evans family for all their hard work in planning, cooking, getting donations, and everything else they did to make it such a success.

Jason & Kari Bostic

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Community News

Veterans Encouraged To Apply For Managed Deer Hunts

Are you, or do you know, a Missouri veteran who enjoys deer hunting? Veterans are encouraged to apply to be one of the 35 lucky winners to participate in special managed deer hunts at Mark Twain State Park or at Crowder State Park. The application period is now open, and veterans can apply through Sept. 4.

The Hero Deer Hunt hosted at Mark Twain State Park in Florida, Missouri, will be held Nov. 6-8 and is accepting 20 hunters, while the Gen. Crowder Veterans Hunt at Crowder State Park in Trenton will be Dec. 4-6 with a total of 15 hunters.

"We appreciate the service of all veterans and are honored to host these Missouri veterans and service members and facilitate their experience in Missouri's great outdoors," said Kurt Schaefer, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

These hunts are all-inclusive hunting trips for Missouri resident veterans only — all lodging, meals, and a hunting guide are provided. Hunters will receive their own Managed Deer Hunting Permit, purchased on their behalf by generous donors, and deer harvested on this permit do not count toward their regular season harvest limit.

If the hero is lucky enough to harvest a deer, free limited processing is also provided. Hunters who have been drawn in the past are ineligible to hunt at the same location but can apply for the other. A hunter is considered ineligible if they have participated in both hunting locations. Applicants are limited to veterans and active service members, including reservists and National Guard members.

To apply, veterans are encouraged to visit their local Veterans Service Office or

apply online at 2026 Missouri Veteran and Military Appreciation Hunt. Selected hunters will be notified beginning Sept. 15. Applicants will not be notified if they are not selected.

The primary source of funding for Missouri's 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 more information on state parks and historic sites, visit Missouri State Parks. The Division of State Parks is part of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



Pictured is Clete Miller of Miller Ag Service with area youth presenting a donation for the Pike County Youth Fair building.

Local Channel SeedPro Directs Channeling Good Donation

Channeling Good, a Channel brand initiative, partners with local Channel SeedPros to provide donations to local nonprofits making a difference in their rural communities.

Through the initiative, Channel SeedPros nominate local nonprofit organizations for a chance to receive a donation from the Channel Brand.

In 2026, the Channeling Good initiative has collectively awarded \$175,000 to rural communities across the country.

Miller Ag Service recently directed a \$5,000 Channeling Good donation to the Pike County Youth

Fair to use the funds to build a new livestock barn.

"Winning a Channeling Good donation is a meaningful honor for the Pike County Youth Fair Board and the youth we serve. This support will help us continue investing in facilities and opportunities that allow 4-H and FFA members to learn, grow, and showcase their hard work. We are grateful to Channel for recognizing the importance of youth agriculture and helping strengthen the future of our fair and our community." — Taylor Braungardt, Pike County Youth Fair Board

Since 2021, Channeling Good has been dedicated to giving back to organizations that enhance farmers lives and strengthen rural communities. The initiative first started as a way to serve the communities of Mt. Vernon and Lisbon, Iowa who were affected by the devastating derecho storms that impacted Iowa in 2020.

After seeing the impact of serving those communities, the Channel brand made the decision to expand the initiative to local communities across rural America. In 2026, Channel have given \$175,000 to organization across rural America.

Management Intensive Grazing School Scheduled In NE MO

The Northeast Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), University of Missouri Extension, and the Missouri Forage and Grassland Council will host a

Management Intensive Grazing School Aug. 25-27 in Williamstown.

Grazing schools are designed to teach producers, educators and agency personnel the fundamentals of management-intensive grazing through a hands-on ap-

proach.

This three-day school provides opportunities for in-depth discussions, field exercises, farm tours, and reference materials covering both livestock and agronomic topics related to grazing.

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July 28-August 1, 2026

Saturday, July 25

6 pm - Fair Queen Pageant

Sunday, July 26

Noon - 4-H Gymkhana
3 pm - Gospel Sing

Tuesday, July 28

Adults: \$20;
Children 12 & Under Free
9 am - Poultry Show
5 pm - Goat & Lamb Show
5 pm - Food Pavilion Music by JW Fulton
5 pm - Petting Zoo Open
6 pm - Carnival Rides Open
6 pm - Little Mr. & Miss Contest
7 pm - Motocross Dirt Bike Races
8 pm - Rodeo by Outlaw/5J

Kids Night

Admission Price
All Inclusive for
Carnival & Events

Wednesday, July 29

Adults: \$20; Children 4-12: \$10
5 pm - Swine Show
5 pm - Food Pavilion Music by Open Road
5 pm - Petting Zoo Open
6 pm - Carnival Rides Open
6 pm - Western Fun Horse Show
6 pm - Talent Contest
7 pm - Motocross Quad Races
7 pm - Truck Pull - EMTP

Thursday, July 30

Adults: \$20; Children 4-12: \$10
10 am - Rabbit Show
5 pm - Cattle Show
5 pm - Food Pavilion Music by Avenue the Fallen
5 pm - Petting Zoo Opens
6 pm - Carnival Rides Open
6 pm - Western Speed Horse Show
6:30 pm - Baby Show
7 pm - Truck & Tractor Pull - Xcaliber

Friday, July 31

Adults: \$25; Children 4-12: \$15
5 pm - Food Pavilion Music by A Side of Country
5 pm - Petting Zoo Opens
6 pm - Look-A-Like Contest
6 pm - Carnival Rides Open
6 pm - Power Wheels
7 pm - Pike County 4-H & FFA Sale
7 pm - Demolition Derby
8 pm - Beer Garden Music by DJ

Saturday, August 1

Adults: \$25; Children 4-12: \$15
9:15 am - Clover Kid Pet Show
9:45 am - Cat & Dog Show
11 am - Horseshoe Tournament
12 pm - Cornhole Tournament
2 pm - Pedal Tractor Pull
3 pm - Carnival Rides Open
5 pm - Petting Zoo Opens
5 pm - Food Pavilion Music by The Accidental Entertainment Co. presents Pike County's Vocal Talent
7:30 pm - Side-by-Side Races
8 pm - Beer Garden Music by DJ

Season Tickets

Adults: \$50 • Children 4-12: \$30 • Children 3 & Under Free
Purchase at Main Gate or the following outlets

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HOMEBANK • Peoples Savings Bank • Fastlane C-Stores

• Louisiana •

Peoples Bank & Trust • HNB Bank • Fastlane The Jug & At the Bridge
• Eolia - Fastlane C-Store



Rodeo
Tues. July 28



Truck & Tractor Pull
Wed. & Thurs. July 29-30



Demolition Derby
Fri. July 31



Side-by-Side Races
Sat. August 1

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Pike County Fairgrounds - Hwy 54 East between Bowling Green and Louisiana, MO