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Farber Depot Fundraiser

The Farber Community Betterment Committee held a fundraising event on Saturday, Aug. 1 in an effort to save the Farber Depot. Although the day was met with rainy weather, people turned out for vendors, depot tours, and a fish fry.

Trib photos by Nancy Case



Horse Shoe Bar & Grill in Farber fried fish for the save the depot event held on Saturday, Aug. 1. Pictured on left: Leroy Null, owner, fried fish throughout the day with lots of volunteers to help.



Pictured is the braking system at the Farber Depot that is still in good condition.



Brenda Gower of Farber is pictured taking a tour of the old Farber Depot.

Polston Drafts Ordinance To Remove Cameras

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Continued from last week

Police said a vehicle struck a parked vehicle in a Louisiana business parking lot July 8, causing approximately \$3,428 in damage. Surveillance video captured the collision but did not provide a clear image of the suspect vehicle's license plate.

Investigators later used the Flock system to identify a vehicle traveling near the area around the time of the collision. Officers located the driver, confirmed the vehicle's involvement, and obtained insurance information for the owner of the damaged vehicle.

As discussion of Polston's ordinance continued, retired Pike County Sheriff's Office detective and military police officer Joseph E. Minor submitted a memorandum to the councilman recommending that the city retain the cameras while strengthening privacy protections and oversight.

Minor argued that automated license plate readers may provide useful information during investigations involving stolen vehicles, property crimes, violent offenses, missing persons, and other emergencies.

He cited the 2010 abduction of four-year-old Alisa Maier from Louisiana as an example of the type of emergency in which quickly identifying a suspect vehicle could assist investigators. Minor acknowledged that Flock cameras did not exist at the time and that no conclusion could be drawn that the technology would have changed the outcome of that case.

Rather than removing the cameras, Minor suggested that the city consider an ordinance requiring officers to obtain a search warrant before conducting certain searches intended to identify or track a specific vehicle or person during a criminal investigation.

His proposal would allow

limited exceptions when immediate access is necessary to protect someone's life, prevent imminent harm, locate a missing person, or respond to another emergency.

Minor also recommended written rules governing access, data sharing and retention; periodic policy reviews; audits of system use; and restrictions prohibiting unauthorized searches.

Following receipt of the memorandum, Polston asked residents whether they would support keeping the cameras if his proposal were changed from complete removal to requiring a search warrant for certain uses.

Polston said the camera issue was not scheduled for consideration during the council's Aug. 3 business meeting and would instead be discussed at a future meeting or public hearing. A date for that hearing had not been announced by press time.

Community Support Grows As Railroad Park Survey Enters Final Weeks



Yard signs in front of homes and support signs displayed in business windows are becoming a familiar sight throughout Vandalia as community interest continues to grow for the proposed renovation of Railroad Park.

The Vandalia Area Historical Society is conducting a community feasibility survey to gather public input on the proposed beautification and functional renovation of the city-owned park. Survey results will be used to help guide the project's planning

efforts, support future grant applications and demonstrate community interest as funding opportunities are pursued.

Historical Society officials encourage residents to participate regardless of their opinion of the project. Organizers say all feedback is valuable and will be considered as the project continues through the planning and feasibility process.

Survey responses will be accepted through Wednesday, Aug. 19. Results will be compiled and presented during a meeting with a major local foundation on Tuesday, Aug. 25, as part of the organization's ongoing efforts to secure funding for the project.

Residents who have not received the survey by email and would like to participate may request a copy by emailing VandaliaParkProject@gmail.com. All survey responses are submitted anonymously to encourage candid feedback. Community members seeking additional information about the proposed Railroad Park

renovation may also contact the project through the same email address.

The Historical Society said it has been encouraged by the growing visibility of community support and appreciates the residents and businesses displaying signs throughout the community. Officials also encourage residents to share their thoughts with members of the Vandalia Board of Aldermen before the project comes before the City Council.

The Vandalia City Council is scheduled to consider whether to move forward with the proposed Railroad Park project during its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Lange Building. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend.

The Vandalia Area Historical Society thank residents for their continued interest and participation and said additional information about the project will be shared with the community as planning progresses.

Pike, Audrain, Lincoln Voters Decide Primary Races

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Voters in Pike, Audrain and Lincoln counties headed to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 4, to decide a number of contested county, legislative and congressional primary races while also casting ballots on four proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution.

Turnout was highest in Audrain County, where 5,358 of 15,281 registered voters cast ballots for a turnout of 35.06 percent. Pike County reported 3,524 ballots cast among 10,979 registered voters, or 32.10 percent, while Lincoln County recorded 13,223 ballots from 45,454 registered voters for a turnout of approximately 29.09 percent. Results remain unofficial until certified by election officials.

One of the closest local races in Pike County came in the Republican primary for presiding commissioner, where Bill Allen defeated Jared Henderson by 162 votes. Allen received 1,360 votes, or 53.17 percent, compared to Henderson's 1,198 votes, or 46.83 percent.

The remaining listed Republican county races were uncontested. Milan Berry received 2,294 votes for associate circuit judge; Kathy Turner received 2,249 votes for clerk of the circuit court; Laura Stumbaugh received 2,300 votes for county clerk; Kimberly S. Martin Luebrecht received 2,293 votes for recorder of deeds; Alex G. Ellison received 2,267 votes for prosecuting attorney; Tara Morrison-Eskew received 2,311 votes for collector of revenue; and Jade Meier received 2,233 votes for county treasurer.

Pike County voters also followed the eventual districtwide winners in the contested congressional and state Senate races. Republican Bob Onder defeated John G. Fraser in Pike County for the 3rd Congressional District nomination, 1,462-865, while Democrat Bethany E. Mann led her three-person primary with 375 votes.

In the 10th State Senate District, Republican Mike Deering received 1,337 Pike County votes to Tricia Byrnes' 1,149. On the Democratic side, John Wells received 444 votes compared to Pablo John Los' 150.

Audrain County had two contested Republican county races.

Heather Lierheimer won a three-way contest for county clerk with 1,556 votes, or 40.35 percent. Brandie Gay finished second with 1,305 votes, or 33.84 percent, followed by Stacey Higbee with 995 votes, or 25.80 percent.

Incumbent County Treasurer Lisa Smith won her primary by a wider margin, collecting 2,892 votes, or 74.21 percent, compared to Tiffany Burts' 1,005 votes, or 25.79 percent.

Republicans Melissa Buckman Young for associate circuit judge, Alan Winders for presiding commissioner, Meagan Miller for circuit clerk, Amy LeCount for collector, Teresa L. Allen for recorder of deeds and Jacob W. Shellabarger for prosecuting attorney were unopposed in their respective primaries.

Audrain voters also par-

ticipated in a competitive race for the 18th State Senate District. Greg Sharpe led the Republican field in Audrain County with 2,043 votes, or 49.76 percent. Dusty Blue received 1,382 votes, or 33.66 percent, while Ed Lewis received 681 votes, or 16.59 percent.

The Democratic Senate contest was much closer within Audrain County. Nick Miller edged John Leykamp by just 12 votes, 452-440. Districtwide, however, Miller's advantage was considerably larger, with unofficial Secretary of State results showing him winning 3,604-2,255, or 61.51 percent to 38.49 percent. Sharpe also won the Republican nomination districtwide with 14,948 votes, or approximately 47 percent, followed by Blue with 9,556 and Lewis with 7,303.

Lincoln County's Republican primary for presiding commissioner featured three candidates, with Joe Kaimann taking the largest share of the vote. Kaimann received 3,765 votes, or 44.14 percent. Lisa Seely received 3,023 votes, or 35.44 percent, while Roy E. Crane Jr. finished with 1,741 votes, or 20.41 percent.

Kenneth Schulte won the Republican nomination for county clerk with 6,282 votes, or 76.63 percent, defeating Terry Bell, who received 1,916 votes, or 23.37 percent.

Republican candidates Rebecca A. Richardson and Michael Jacobs were unopposed for associate circuit judge positions, while Kathy Krieg Hall was unopposed for clerk of the circuit court, Mike Wood for prosecuting attorney, Brenda Luck Schulte for county auditor, Jessica Zumwalt for collector of revenue and Tracy K. Martin for recorder of deeds.

Lincoln County voters also approved Proposition C.A.R.E., with all four precincts involved in the measure reporting. The proposition received 1,248 yes votes, or 53.68 percent, compared to 1,077 no votes, or 46.32 percent.

Congressional and Legislative Races

Across Missouri's 3rd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Bob Onder defeated challenger John G. Fraser with 66,668 votes, or 66.32 percent, to Fraser's 33,853 votes, or 33.68 percent.

Bethany E. Mann won the Democratic nomination with 39,279 votes, or 69.10 percent. Tommy Holstein finished second with 10,049 votes, followed by Paul T. Wilson with 7,519. Libertarian Jim Higgins was unopposed with 1,048 votes.

In the 10th State Senate District, which includes Pike and portions of Lincoln County, Mike Deering won the Republican primary with 15,842 votes, or 55.86 percent, over Tricia Byrnes with 12,518 votes, or 44.14 percent. Democrat John Wells defeated Pablo John Los 6,110-2,322, receiving 72.46 percent of the Democratic vote.

The candidates for the 40th State Representative District were unopposed within their respective parties. Unofficial Secretary of State totals showed Republican Chad Perkins with 5,073 votes, Democrat

Thomas D. McBeth with 1,342 and Libertarian Sheri Jay with 46.

In Audrain County's 43rd State Representative District, Republican Brendan Webber and Democrat Rich Gold were also unopposed in their primaries. Districtwide, Webber received 5,780 votes and Gold received 1,321.

For state auditor, incumbent Republican Scott Fitzpatrick easily won his party's nomination statewide with 549,997 votes, or 85.54 percent, over Gerald "Jerry" Wistrand Jr. Democrat Quentin Wilson won his party's nomination with 325,648 votes, or 67.84 percent, over Gregory Upchurch. Libertarian Dustin Coffell was unopposed.

Missouri voters approved two of the four constitutional amendments on the Aug. 4 ballot while soundly rejecting the other two.

Amendment 1, which continues for another 10 years the state's one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax supporting soil and water conservation, state parks and historic sites, received 1,141,865 yes votes statewide, or 82.29 percent. A total of 245,778 voters, or 17.71 percent, opposed the measure.

Amendment 2, requiring charter counties to elect county assessors and requiring those assessors to comply with training requirements established by state law, also passed comfortably. The amendment received 1,042,413 yes votes, or 76.92 percent, compared to 312,713 no votes, or 23.08 percent.

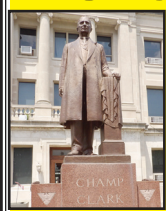
Amendment 4 was rejected by more than 80 percent of voters statewide. The proposal would have changed the requirements for citizen-initiated constitutional amendments by requiring them to receive majority approval statewide and in each of Missouri's eight congressional districts. It received 275,040 yes votes compared to 1,122,748 no votes.

Amendment 5, which called for phasing out Missouri's individual income tax based on revenue growth while authorizing the expansion of sales and use taxes, was defeated by an even wider margin. Only 233,309 voters, or 16.68 percent, supported the amendment, while 1,165,085, or 83.32 percent, voted against it.

Voters in Pike, Audrain and Lincoln counties followed the statewide outcome on all four amendments, approving Amendments 1 and 2 while rejecting Amendments 4 and 5. Of the three counties, Audrain registered the strongest opposition to Amendment 5, with 84.62 percent voting no. Pike County voters rejected it with 82.56 percent voting no, while 78.01 percent of Lincoln County voters opposed it.

The statewide defeats of Amendments 4 and 5 were also historically large. Other media sources reported that Amendment 5's 16.6 percent support was the third-lowest percentage received by a Missouri constitutional amendment since the state adopted the initiative process in 1908, while Amendment 4 received only 19.7 percent support.

Watch Next Week's Tribune For Champ Clark Statue Turns 100 Years Old Story By Brent Engel Contributing Writer



Community News



Peoples Bank & Trust has announced the release of a new Clopton Hawks School debit card. Pictured from left: Tracey Jamison (Peoples Bank & Trust Elsberry head personal banker), Jason Smith (Peoples Bank & Trust business development officer), Marlee Turner (Peoples Bank & Trust Bowling Green personal banker), Dr. Todd Smith (Clopton School District superintendent), Dalaney Johnson (Peoples Bank & Trust Bowling Green personal banker), Addyson Johnson (Peoples Bank & Trust Bowling Green personal banker), Wendy Williams (Peoples Bank & Trust Bowling Green assistant head personal banker), and Stormy McCrory (Peoples Bank & Trust loan officer).

Peoples Bank & Trust Introduces Clopton Hawks School Spirit Debit Card

Peoples Bank & Trust is excited to announce the launch of a new way for Clopton supporters to show their pride while giving back to local students. The Clopton Hawks School Debit Card is now available at all Peoples Bank & Trust branch locations.

This special debit card works just like a traditional card—customers can use it for everyday purchases and ATM withdrawals—but with an added benefit that goes beyond banking. Every time the card is used, Peoples Bank & Trust makes a contribution to the Clopton school district, helping support programs, students, and educators.

“Supporting our community is at the heart of what we do,” said Justin St. Pierre, President of Peoples Bank & Trust. “The Clopton Hawks Debit Card allows our customers to show their school pride while directly contributing to the success of local students and educators.”

Customers may request the Clopton Hawks Debit Card when opening a new account or switch their existing debit card. There is no additional cost to participate, making it an easy and meaningful way to support Clopton schools through everyday spending.

The Clopton Hawks Debit Card joins a lineup of

other school spirit cards offered by Peoples Bank & Trust, including those supporting Troy, Winfield, Elsberry, Bowling Green, and Louisiana school districts.

For more information, visit any Peoples Bank & Trust branch in person or online at www.pbtc.net.

About Peoples Bank & Trust

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. is a community bank dedicated to delivering personalized banking solutions and fostering strong relationships with our customers and communities while staying true to our commitment to provide hometown banking the way it should be.

Restored MO 4-H Building Opens At State Fair

A landmark on the Missouri State Fairgrounds will begin a new chapter as the Missouri 4-H Foundation and Missouri State Fair celebrate the restoration of the historic Missouri 4-H Building with a public ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13.

Originally constructed in 1905, the 4-H Building has welcomed generations of 4-H members, volunteers, families and fairgoers. “For more than a century, it has served as a gathering place where young people have showcased their achievements, built lifelong friendships and celebrated the values of Missouri 4-H,” said Rachel Augustine, executive director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

The restoration project preserves the building’s historic character while making improvements that will allow it to continue serving Missouri 4-H youths and visitors for years to come. The project was made possible through fundraising efforts led by the Missouri 4-H Foundation in partnership with the Missouri State Fair, along with the generosity of donors and supporters from across the state, Augustine said.

“This building represents far more than bricks and

mortar,” she said. “For generations of Missourians, it has been the backdrop for unforgettable 4-H memories and life-changing experiences. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who invested in preserving this historic space so it can continue inspiring young people for generations to come.”

The 4-H Building remains one of the most recognizable landmarks on the fairgrounds and continues to serve as a hub for Missouri 4-H activities during the Missouri State Fair.

Following the ribbon-cutting, guests are invited to tour the restored building and learn more about its history, the restoration process and the many donors and partners who made the project possible.

The restoration reflects a shared commitment to preserving an important piece of Missouri’s agricultural and youth development history while ensuring the building remains a welcoming place for future generations of 4-H members, Augustine said.

For more information about the ribbon-cutting ceremony or to learn more about supporting Missouri 4-H, contact the Missouri 4-H Foundation at 573-882-2680 or visit <https://4h.missouri.edu/foundation>.

About Missouri 4-H

Missouri 4-H grows today’s youth and prepares tomorrow’s leaders. With a blend of time-tested traditions and innovative hands-on learning, Missouri youth explore and find their spark in programs ranging from agriculture and conservation to aerospace and career development. Through clubs, programs, camps, in-school and after-school experiences, University of Missouri Extension faculty, staff and thousands of volunteers guide youth in developing essential skills, building confidence and fostering connections. Together, they inspire young people to make a real difference in their communities, their country and the world. To learn more about Missouri 4-H, visit 4h.missouri.edu.

About the Missouri 4-H Foundation

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is the affiliated non-profit partner of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development. For more than 75 years, the foundation has secured and managed funds for Missouri 4-H, providing higher education scholarships, recognizing 4-H volunteers and supporting the work of MU Extension 4-H. Learn more at 4h.missouri.edu/foundation.



Van-Far Fire District Program

Brandon Straube from the Van-Far Fire District provided a program for the children on Thursday, July 30 at the Farber Library. He reviewed when and how to make a 911 call. He explained what to do if there is a fire in your house and what firefighters look and sound like when fighting a fire. The children enjoyed shooting water from the firehose. Afterward, snacks were enjoyed, and each child received a prize for attending. Pictured are Brandon Straube, Scottlyn Cross, Truxton Cross, Madilon Oligschlaeger, Brandon Oligschlaeger, Jaxon Oligschlaeger, Claire Williams, Caroline Williams, and Harper Haynes.

MoDOT Invites Public To Join Discussion

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is inviting the public to join the discussion on high-priority unfunded transportation needs at an upcoming meeting.

MoDOT, working with its regional planning partners, has outlined a draft High-Priority Unfunded Needs list, which identifies \$1.3 billion in annual unfunded transportation needs for the system. The list was created to guide the development of needs into funded projects as state and federal transportation funds become available in future years.

The public is invited to review the list and provide feedback on the order of priorities and additional needs that could be funded in the future. A meeting to discuss the draft High-Priority Unfunded Needs list in Northeast Missouri will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Northeast District Office of the Missouri Department of Transportation located at 1711 South Highway 61, Hannibal, MO 63401. The presentation materials and a

comment form are also available online at: <https://www.modot.org/high-priority-unfunded-needs-public-meetings>.

MoDOT staff worked with regional planning partners throughout the state to develop a list of \$4.7 billion of high priority unfunded road and bridge needs, divided into three tiers. Tier one includes \$541 million of needs that could be accomplished in the time of the current five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as federal and state funding is available. These needs have more refined estimates. Tier two outlines \$2.1 billion of needs and includes those beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. Tier three includes \$2.1 billion of needs, also beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. In addition, the list identifies \$1 billion in multimodal needs. This year’s list also identifies \$1.1 billion in statewide maintenance and operations needs. Working in conjunction with statewide planning

partners, MoDOT has moved 20 needs worth \$186 million from the unfunded needs list to the FY 2027-2031 STIP, which was finalized in July.

MoDOT’s High-Priority Unfunded Needs Dashboard allows users to filter and see the needs broken down by tier, district, legislative district or county. The dashboard is available on MoDOT’s external website.

The draft document and comment forms will be available online through Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at <https://www.modot.org/unfundedneeds>. 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.

MoDOT is committed to providing equal access to this event for all participants. If you need a reasonable accommodation or translation services, please contact Northeast District Communications at NECR@modot.mo.gov by Monday, Aug. 10, 2026.

Urban Agriculture Cost-Share Grant Funds Available

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has announced the availability of Urban Agriculture Cost-Share Grant funds. A competitive grant program, the Urban Agriculture Cost-Share Grant will fund projects that demonstrate economic benefit and potential for sustainable revenue generation and job creation.

Examples of projects include developing small agribusinesses, implementing production infrastructure, creating direct distribution venues, developing agricultural workforce, or providing training and development skills for agri-

cultural business sustainability. It may also include introducing a new crop or product to an area, expanding the use of an agricultural product or adding value to agricultural products.

The Department will award grants of up to \$10,000 for reimbursement of eligible project expenses. Applicants will be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the total project expenses made during the grant period. Applications are due by Sept. 15, 2026 and awarded projects must be complete or near completion by May 15, 2027.

Projects must be in an area that is designated as an urban area by the 2020 United States Census Bureau. If you have questions about your location qualifying, please reach out to the Agriculture Business Development Division at abd@mda.mo.gov or call (573) 751-4762.

The application, grant guidelines and more information can be found on the grant website.

To learn more about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, please visit the Department’s website.

Join MDC, NDA Aug. 25 For Free Webinar

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the National Deer Association (NDA) invite landowners and others interested in managing deer on their properties to join them online for a free webinar on the fundamentals of establishing and managing effective food plots for deer and other wildlife in Missouri, and how hunters and landowners can incorporate food plots into their deer management plans this fall.

This live Zoom webinar on Wildlife Food Plots in Missouri will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. It will begin with a presentation from an NDA outreach specialist followed by MDC and NDA staff answering participants’ questions.

Register in advance at mdc-event-web.s3.amazonaws.com/Event/EventDetails/219743. Registrants will be given a link to the free webinar to click on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.

For those who have not previously used Zoom on their selected device, click the link ahead of time and follow the prompts to install the free Zoom software.

This webinar is the final of MDC’s and NDA’s free 2026 Missouri Deer Management Webinar Series via Zoom. Previous webinar recordings are available at mdc.mo.gov/your-property/improve-your-property/wildlife-management/deer-management-assistance-program-dmap.

Learn more about deer management at mdc.mo.gov/your-property/improve-your-property/wildlife-management/deer-management.

Route W Scheduled To Close For Bridge Replacement

Weather permitting, as early as Monday, Aug. 17, Route W in Pike County is scheduled to close for a bridge replacement project, located over Little Ramsey Creek, just north of Route H, in Paynesville.

The new bridge is anticipated to be complete and open to traffic by December 2026. All work is weather dependent, and schedules are subject to change. Bleigh Construction Company was awarded the \$2.2 million contract in fall 2025.

For more information on

this and other projects in your area, please contact MoDOT’s Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636). Work with us in the work zone! Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel. With an increased number of highway work zones in Missouri, we urge all drivers to pay attention every second, especially through a work zone. Be informed of your route by checking the MoDOT Traveler Information Map before you travel.

Callaway Livestock Center, Inc.

Kingdom City, MO
573-642-7486
Please visit our website at www.callawaylivestock.com
Feeder sale every Monday at Noon
Slaughter steers & heifers sell first
You are welcome to come in person or watch or buy on the internet

Feeder Sale Report For 8-3-2026				Monday Receipts 1,425 Head			
784 Steers, medium & large				499 Heifers, Med. & Large			
Computer Avg.				Computer Avg.			
2	300 & Down	535	735	8	300 & Down	540	605
28	300-400	550	617	35	300-400	470	500
134	400-500	500	558	76	400-500	425	474
254	500-600	440	486	160	500-600	400	445
141	600-700	390	433	173	600-700	355	381
150	700-800	360	388	34	700-800	320	336
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900-1,000				900-1000			
8	Bred Cows - Better Pairs	3500	3950	Others			
				Slaughter Cows		95	
High Dressing		184	195	Low		150	160
Bulk		170	190	Thin		120	140

13	Slaughter Bulls	220	239				
ALL SLAUGHTER STEERS & HEIFERS SOLD ON MON. NOON							
19	Choice 2 & 3	228	231	Steers & Heifers			
				Mixed Select	226	Select 224	
Receiving Hours Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Mon. 8 a.m.-							
We appreciate your business both buyers & sellers! For more info contact							
Jack Harrison - 573-999-7197		Jack Harrison, Owner		Myles McWhorter - 573-263-3759			
John P. Harrison - 573-220-1482		573-999-7197		Glenn Stegeman - 573-619-8495			
Roger Temmen - 573-680-4538		Market Report		Jarrod Simpson - 573-247-0706			
Justin Oberling - 217-440-7724		573-522-9244		Chad Nickelson - 573-631-1627			
Claude Niemeyer - 573-470-1017		24 hour recording		Kevin Miliiken - 417-588-0307			
Tyler Harris - 573-220-2766		Carson Poe - 573-550-9133		Craton Blattel - 417-650-7688			

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who voted last Tuesday in the 2026 Primary Election.

It is a privilege to be able to help decide who the leaders are in this City, County, State, and Country, and one that should never be taken lightly. Even though the results didn't turn out completely to my satisfaction, they satisfied the majority of voters, and for that I am grateful. Some of my votes helped an individual, a cause or an amendment, and some of them did not. Nonetheless, I submitted my opinionated ballot, and win or lose, I am proud that I did. I even wore that little sticker on my lapel all day to remind people to also do their civic duty.

For 250 years, Americans have been lining up at the polls to submit their ballots. They did it to express their opinion, not with their voice, but with their pen. There wasn't the vitriol of Facebook or X (formally known as Twitter), there was simply a quill and a bottle of ink. Not to say there was never political discussions over a pint of ale, or a dram of whiskey, but people spoke the loudest by not saying a word. They showed up on election day, they voted, and they hoped others would share in their beliefs.

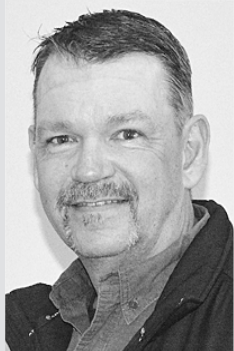
I remember when Americans

fought for Team America! I remember ONE unified country on 9/11/2001, I remember Old Glory in every yard, on every barn, and on every skyscraper in every American city. I remember a Country that had their children recite the Pledge of Allegiance in every classroom throughout our land, and I remember the playing of the National Anthem each night right before the TV set turned a snowy white blizzard for the evening.

We now see America's voting for Party and Power over People and Policy, I see lifelong friends, and even family members torn apart because of their beliefs. We used to live in a land that allowed us to think freely and speak our minds. Now people are persecuted for having an opinion different than theirs.

I want to get back there! I want to turn back the hands of time, and be in a simpler place. I want to live in a country that people should rightfully respect, and gives back to it what it has provided to them. I want God, Country and Family to be prevalent in all American's lives, not just those who share my views.

Together, we can be a better America. As cliché as it sounds, I believe it to be true. United we stand, divided we fall.



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Pike To Pike...



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

Birthdays & anniversaries for the week of Aug. 12-18:

Aug. 12 - Anita Mefford, David Syrcle, Todd Peebles

Aug. 13 - Bobby Myers, Joann Andres, Ron Boren

Aug. 14 - Kim and Lynn Curry, Terry and Judy Dees

Aug. 15 - Kyle Larson, Sara Rudd

Aug. 16 - Chris Harter, Deanna Bell

Aug. 18 - Debbie Lambeth, Kenny White, Sheila Kroeschel, Terri Robbins

This Saturday the Big River Band will be at the Pike County Senior Center with the music starting at 6:30 p.m. Concession products are available for purchase. 50/50 tickets are there to buy. Donation for the band will be taken sometime during the show.

How A Music Show Comes To Life
By Wyvetta

Jamie has three books that contain a total of 431 songs. Out of these books, he chooses 32 songs for each show that the band will do.

He also asks the band members if they have any new songs that they would like to do as well, and those will go into the book as well, sometimes replacing other songs or adding to the show. Then he has three books for each performer that he goes through and puts those same songs in individual "Set Books" for each performer for each show.

After doing that, he puts those songs in order for the show, and Wyvetta types up the songs in order for two sets along with who sings each song and what key they are to be played in. A picture is taken of both sets and sent out by text to all band members. At least once, the band members/performers all gather in the Niffen/Davis kitchen for a good practice, usually on a Thursday. After practice, they all help load the music equipment. Arriving early before show time, everyone helps unload and set all the equipment up and make a test run. The show usually lasts 2 ½ hours, including a break. Once the show is done, everyone loads all the equipment and everyone goes home. Equipment is once again unloaded and put away. And the process starts all over again for the next show. Just wanted to give everyone a little idea what put-

ting on a show entails. It's definitely more than watching the singers get on stage and sing. We are very blessed that the Big River Band is a group where everyone gets along. No one tries to out do the other, and they all work at trying to help each other sound their very best. And those of you who attend the shows are very much appreciated, and we want you all to know that this is why all of this is done.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser Fish Fry this Thursday from 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with three set sides which will include this month potato salad, slaw, fresh fruit plus your choice of dessert and tea. Eat-in or carry-out. All ages are welcome. They appreciate your continued support. Questions?

The Pleasant Hill Senior Center will be having a "Luau" on August 17 starting at 11:30. It would be ap-

preciated if everyone would bring an Hawaiian themed dish to share. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Jamie and I went to Jacksonville recently and enjoyed going to the new Hobby Lobby. By the way, they do not accept checks, which when the clerk said that I honestly thought she was joking. She wasn't.

Saturday Jamie and I enjoyed watching the Nathan Davis Tree Service take down and remove a huge soft maple tree that was next to our garage. For a long time I feared that that tree would come down on our garage that housed our vehicles. Watching this crew work on one extremely hot day, was an experience. They worked very efficiently and professionally and for a very reasonable cost. Only regret I had was that I didn't take a video of the biggest part of the tree being taken down after Nathan roped it off. It landed precisely where he wanted it to.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the Pike County Memorial Hospital, 2305 Georgia Street, Louisiana, Missouri, concerning the matter of the proposed tax rates for the year 2026.

The revenues will be used in the hospital's 2026-2027 fiscal year of operation. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027.

CURRENT YEAR ASSESSED VALUATION: \$404,075,937

The maximum rates allowed by state statutes and the proposed rates by the Board of Trustees for the tax year 2026 is as follows:

**TAX RATE CEILING
PROPOSED REVENUE**
0.2200 \$852,176

MDC, Partners Host Fourth Annual Governor's Mentored Hunt

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will partner with multiple organizations to host the Fourth Annual Governor's Mentored Deer Hunt scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9-11.

The mentored hunts will take place in several counties during Missouri's early firearms antlerless deer season.

This annual event is made possible through partnerships with the Conservation Federation of Missouri, National Wild Turkey Federation, National Deer Association, Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Kansas City Safari Club International, Missouri Disabled Sportsmen, Missouri's Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, Whitetails Unlimited, ALPS Outdoorz, Dead End Game Calls, MO Woods and Wildlife, Friends of the NRA, and Missouri Back Country Hunters and Anglers.

"These hunts wouldn't be possible without our part-

Corn Sweat, Missouri's Sticky Summer Heat

High temperatures and high humidity coinciding with one of corn's most critical growth stages results in a condition many refer to as "corn sweat."

Corn sweat is a colloquial term for transpiration, the natural process of corn plants pulling water through their roots and releasing vapor, mostly through the stomata of their leaves, into the atmosphere, says Zachary Leasor, University of Missouri Extension state climatologist. This process helps cool the plant as moisture is released into the surrounding air. Combined with evaporation of water from the ground, the total process of evapotranspiration can make already-humid air even more humid in areas with widespread crop production.

Leasor says research has found that crop transpiration can increase surface-level humidity and influence local weather. In large agricultural areas, this additional moisture may play a role in complex atmospheric processes such as thunderstorm

development. Landowners, and the endorsement of Governor Mike Kehoe. Mentored hunts offer the opportunity to learn about hunting in a controlled environment alongside others new to hunting," said MDC Education and Outreach Coordinator Rob Garver. "This multifaceted project not only helps develop novice participants into confident hunters and stewards of the land but also helps Missouri landowners manage deer in areas of dense population."

Registration is open now through Monday, Aug. 31. Those interested will first register for the event on the MDC website at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/op> F. Once registered, users will be contacted to fill out an application. Preference will be given to applicants who have never been hunting or those who have never harvested a deer.

Selected participants will spend the weekend with an assigned mentor who will instruct hunters on gun development.

Temperatures and humidity ramped up in July, with many locations across Missouri recording their first 100-plus degree temperatures of 2026. Heat index values have regularly exceeded 110 F and resulted in many heat advisories and warnings across the state, says Leasor. Most of Missouri experienced a wetter than average growing season before the most recent heat wave, providing ample soil moisture and available water for plants to transpire this season.

Corn sweat generally happens in late July to early August when crops have reached full canopy development and are at critical growth stages, says MU Extension soybean agronomy specialist Andre Reis. "At this time, crops and other vegetation are maximizing their water use primarily to cope with the heat and cool their foliage," Reis says.

Leasor says research has found that crop transpiration can increase surface-level humidity and may play a

safety, firearm handling, shot placement and how to harvest a deer. Mentors will also share their experience with hunting strategy, deer biology, behavior and senses, as well as how hunting fits into conservation efforts. Locations for hunts are in a variety of counties across the state. Anticipated counties include: Audrain, Benton, Cooper, Howell, Maries/Phelps, Osage, Platte, Madison, Pike, Putnam, and Shelby, Monroe.

Selected applicants will need to purchase a Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit or a Firearms Any Deer Hunting Permit. Those without hunter education certificates may apply with an Apprentice Hunter Authorization. Learn more about Missouri's Apprentice Hunter program online at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4ex>

For more information about the Annual Governor's Mentored Deer Hunt, contact John Burk at jburk@nwtf.net.

role in complex atmospheric processes such as thunderstorm development.

"However, it remains difficult to accurately quantify how much of the humidity may be due to an additional contribution of the crop transpiration, and how far this humidity can move across a region or vertically in the atmosphere before being mixed with atmospheric moisture from other sources," he says.

Corn ranks second only to soybean in Missouri agricultural commodities, with the state ranking in the nation's Top 10 corn-producing states, according to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Follow real-time weather conditions in your area through the Missouri Mesonet weather station network at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/stations>.

Related publication: "Using the Missouri Mesonet To Assess Evapotranspiration in Northern Missouri," <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/mp250>

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Obituaries



Beverly Ann Smith

Beverly Ann Smith, 91, of Troy died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026, at her home. She was born June 12, 1935, in St. Louis, the daughter of Hubert J. and Rose Esther Vallett Horrell. As a child, she attended St. John & St. James Catholic grade school. Beverly later graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in Normandy, and then attended Rubicam Business School. Her first job was working at an insurance firm. In June 15, 1957, she married Joe Smith at St. John and St. James Church in Ferguson. They were blessed with three little girls, Robyn, Gail, and Laurie, and a baby boy, Scott.

In March of 1979, Beverly began working at McDonnell Douglas Corp., as a secretary and she was a very hard worker. Beverly was a dedicated mother and her children were always her first priority. She worked at several different companies as an administrative assistant, later retiring from Gateway Church in November 2015. In her spare time, she enjoyed spending time with children and grandchildren. Beverly was a faithful member of Troy First Baptist Church, where she made many good friends. Her faith in Christ was paramount in her life. She encouraged her family to also put God first in their lives, seek God's wisdom, and be thankful in all situations. Beverly will be lovingly remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her children, Robyn Korn of Birmingham, Ala., Gail Luetkenhaus and husband, Russ of Troy, Laurie Prevatt and husband, Stephen of Normal, Ill.; Scott Smith and wife, Lori of Bowling Green; one sister, Darlene Phegley of Kansas City; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives, and friends.

Visitation was from 12-2 p.m., Thursday at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Thursday also at the funeral home in Troy. The Rev. Dr. Obie Dalrymple officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to Troy First Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o the church.

Family and friends are invited to visit the website at mccoyblossomfh.com to sign the online guest register.



Ronald Lee 'Ronnie' Hulse

Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Hulse, 85, of Center died after a life marked by hard work, humility, quiet strength, and an unwavering love for his family. His legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the horses he loved, and the countless lives he influenced by the example he set.

Ronnie was born April 29, 1941, in Jefferson City to Don and Virginia Hulse. He was raised on the family farm near Center, where horses were more than a business. They were simply a way of life. From an early age, he developed a love for horses that never left him. He also loved basketball and played throughout his youth, displaying the determination and competitive spirit that would become hallmarks of his life.

After graduating from high school, Ronnie attended Northeast Missouri State

Teachers College in Kirksville where he studied accounting. He later earned his certified public accountant designation in 1967 and began a successful career in public accounting. Although he enjoyed the work, his heart never strayed far from home. After several years, he returned to Center to help carry on the family business that had been part of his family's heritage for generations.

Before returning home, Ronnie proudly served in the United States Army and Army Reserve. He served honorably, earned the sharpshooter qualification with the M-14 rifle, and carried the values of service, responsibility, and humility with him throughout the rest of his life.

As a fourth-generation horseman, Ronnie helped continue the tradition that made Hulse Stables one of the nation's most respected American Saddlebred breeding and training operations. Through decades of hard work, careful breeding, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Hulse Stables became known throughout the horse industry for producing exceptional horses and conducting business with honesty and integrity.

One of the defining chapters in the farm's history was the legendary stallion, Champagne Fizz, whose influence on the American Saddlebred breed can still be seen today through generations of champion horses. Ronnie took great pride in helping build a breeding program that left a lasting mark on the industry, but those who knew him best admired him just as much for the way he treated people.

Over the years, Hulse Stables became much more than a successful horse operation. It became a place where countless young people from the area learned the value of hard work, responsibility, and commitment. Ronnie gave many local boys and girls their first jobs, teaching lessons that reached far beyond the barn. Long after they left Hulse Stables, many carried those lessons with them throughout their own lives.

To Ronnie, Hulse Stables was never just about horses. It was about the people who made it special. He believed loyalty should be returned with loyalty and that the people who worked beside you became family. No one represented that better than Nancy Cummins, who worked alongside Ronnie for more than twenty years. Through decades of friendship and dedication, Nancy became a cherished member of the Hulse family, and Ronnie often said Hulse Stables would never have been the same without her.

Ronnie's work ethic was legendary. His days often began around three o'clock in the morning, long before the sun came up, and rarely ended before the work was done. Yet no matter how long the day had been, there was always time for what mattered most. Many evenings ended with several rounds of basketball with his children. Those simple games became some of their favorite memories.

It was during these years that Ronnie met Debbie, the love of his life. Together they built a beautiful marriage grounded in faith, love, and unwavering commitment. They raised their three children, Stephanie Black, Lee Hulse, and Anne Luebrecht, on the family farm in Center. Ronnie worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful life for his family and taught them by example every day.

He expected his children to do their best at whatever path they chose and never settle for complacency. He believed character mattered more than recognition, that hard work opened doors, and that a person's word was something to be protected. Those lessons shaped not only his children, but his grandchildren as well, and continue to influence generations of his family.

Along with life's many blessings came profound heartbreak. One of the greatest losses Ronnie endured was the passing of his beloved son, Lee. Though that loss was carried quietly, it never left him. Through every difficult season, Ronnie leaned on his faith, the love of his family, and

Debbie's steadfast support.

If there was one title Ronnie cherished most, it was "FaFa."

His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of his life. Whether he was sharing stories from the farm, offering advice, lending a helping hand, or simply spending time together, they always knew they had someone they could count on. He celebrated every milestone, encouraged them through life's challenges, and loved each one without reservation.

Ronnie was the kind of man whose word could always be trusted and whose handshake never needed a contract behind it. He led quietly and never asked more of others than he expected of himself. Whether he was serving his country, balancing the books, training horses, mentoring a young employee, or spending time with his family, he believed in working hard, doing the right thing, and leaving things better than he found them.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Virginia Hulse, and a son, Lee Hulse.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Hulse; two daughters, Stephanie Black and husband, John, and Anne Luebrecht; grandchildren, Adam Black and wife, Aliyah, and their children, Lee-lah, Lilith, and Arthur; Rose Black and fiancé, Gary McCurdy; and their daughter, Piper McCurdy, Josh Black, and Wade Luebrecht. He is also survived by many extended family members, lifelong friends, and members of the horse community whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

Ronnie never measured success by awards or recognition, although he earned many throughout his life. He measured it by the strength of his family, the friendships he built, the work he was proud of, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

For his family, Ronnie was more than a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was their cornerstone. He was the steady hand, the solid rock, and the foundation on which his family was built. He inspired them to work hard, live with integrity, love deeply, and always strive to become the best version of themselves. His absence leaves a space that can never be filled, but the example he set will continue to guide his family for generations to come.

To know Ronnie was to know a man who loved deeply, worked tirelessly, kept his word, and never sought recognition for doing what was right. His was truly a life well lived.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23

Peggy Pettey

Peggy Pettey, 68, of Curryville died Sunday Aug. 2, 2026, at her home.

Peggy was born July 25, 1958, to Claudan Hogue Hearn and Faye Heaton in Hannibal. Peggy was united in marriage to Kevin Pettey on July 16, 1977. He survives.

Peggy lived her entire life in Pike County. She was a 1976 graduate of Bowling Green High School. Peggy was an amazing daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Surviving to carry on her memory are her husband, Kevin; children, Mandy Vaughan and husband, Jonah of Columbia, Maggie Outlaw of Curryville, and Kristopher Pettey of Columbia. Along with two grandsons, Gavin Outlaw of Springfield, and Colton Williamson of Columbia. Her memory will also be cherished by nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members and friends.

Preceding Peggy in death were her parents, siblings, Bill Heaton, Valerie Tipton, and Eddie Heaton.

Cremation services are being handled by Bibb-Veach.

No services are being planned at this time.

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Elba Julia Colbert

Elba Julia Colbert, 92, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026 at the Avenir at Maple Grove Nursing Home in Louisiana.

Cremation rites according to her wishes are being provided by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

A graveside service to bury her urn will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 at the Auburn Cemetery near Silex.

She was born Sept. 15, 1933 in Guadalajara, Mexico to Joaquin and Elena Baez Rangel. She was married to Edward H. Colbert on Dec. 22, 1965 in Guadalajara, Mexico. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 2012.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews, and a sister-in-law, Anna Dean Fessler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and all of her siblings.

Elba lived in Whiteside after marriage and later moved to Louisiana in 1981.

She worked at Stark Bros. Nurseries until her retirement. She also was a translator helping the hospital and police department. She enjoyed taking care of her plants and her trips to Quincy, Ill. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana and enjoyed going to church and visiting with her church family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral@att.net.



James Edward Ford

James Edward Ford, 82, of Louisiana, formerly of Vandalia died peacefully at 12:13 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

A visitation celebrating James' life was from 5 p.m., until funeral services begin at 6 p.m., Monday at Waters Funeral Home. Full military honors were conducted at the funeral home immediately following the service.

Cremation arrangements followed.

James was born May 21, 1944, in Frankford, the son of William Edward and Annabelle Watson Ford.

He was united in marriage to Carolyn Cheney on Aug. 4, 1963. Together they shared many years of marriage and built a life centered on family.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Ford; one daughter, Carmen Ford; two brothers, Gary Ford and wife, Donna, and Dennis Ford and wife, Debbie; three grandchildren, Kerry Channell, Dalton Channell and wife, Leah, and Alivia Perrine; two great-grandchildren, Amana Burse and Demarious Burse; along with several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many friends who will deeply miss him.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

Answering his nation's call, James enlisted in the United States Army on April 22, 1968, and proudly served during the Vietnam War. During his military service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device in recognition of his honorable service.

James enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He loved fishing, riding his bicycle to the library where he enjoyed visiting with friends and reading western novels, searching for treasures at yard sales, and enjoying a good meal. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. James also loved his faithful dogs, Nala and Miles, and cherished visiting with friends at the local barber shop.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vandalia Branch Library.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on James' memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com



Carolyn Nell Turner Johnson Hooton

Carolyn Nell Turner Johnson Hooton, 92, of Eolia died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, at the BEL Oak of Country View Nursing Facility.

Born July 26, 1934, in Cyrene to Lee and Myrta Bess Turner, Carolyn grew up in Cyrene and graduated from Bowling Green High School.

Carolyn married Marion Johnson on June 13, 1954, and together they made their home in Eolia, where they raised three children. She subsequently married Thomas Hooton on Nov. 27, 1981. She retired from the Eolia Post Office as the postmaster.

Outside of work, Carolyn was known for her quilting, famous canned green beans that all the grandkids loved, travel adventures, stamp collecting and gardening. She was an active member of Whiteside Presbyterian Church where she was the pianist for many years.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husbands, Marion Johnson and Thomas Hooton, and children of her blended family, a son, Michael Hooton and a daughter, Susan Johnson Thurmon

She is survived by one sister, Mary Leona William of Austin, Texas; a brother, Daniel Turner and wife, Mary of Eolia; children, David Johnson and wife, Sherry of Deltona, Fla., Sam Johnson of Eolia, and Steven Hooton and wife, Jeanette of Camdenton; grandchildren, April Pierce and husband, Mike, Stephane Albregts, Lindy Alexander, Gina Sutterer and husband, Jacob, Micki Thurmon, Kyle Hooton, Brooke Hooton; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Whiteside Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Murray Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Eolia Cemetery.

Visitation for Carolyn was from 4-7 p.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling

Green.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Johnson, Sam Johnson, Steven Hooton, Jacob Sutterer, David Cadwallader, and Pete Colbert.

Memorials may be made to Whiteside Presbyterian Church.



Zachary Alexander Brewer

Zachary Alexander Brewer, 31, of Raymore died peacefully at home Friday, Aug. 7, 2026.

Services will be Tuesday (today) at Abundant Life Church, Administration Building, 410 SW Persels Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 3p.m.

Zachary was born in Overland Park, Kan., on Sept. 14, 1994 to Donny and Kelli Brewer, joining his brother, Ryan. He graduated from Raymore-Peculiar High School in 2013. Zach had many interests that he cared about passionately. He knew everything about NASCAR, Winnie the Pooh, his favorite people's cars, and could remember any quote from his favorite shows. He thoroughly enjoyed aggravating his father and brother, and wouldn't go anywhere without his mom.

Zachary had cerebral palsy, but you would never know that he was disabled. He greeted everyone he came across with a smile and truly lived his best life. He had the kindest soul and gave unconditional love to his family and friends. He will be forever missed in our hearts.

Zachary was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Robert Brewer and Bob Beers; uncle, Jeff Beers; and paternal step-grandfather, Wayne Turner.

Here to cherish Zachary's memory are his loving parents, Donny and Kelli Brewer; a brother, Ryan Brewer; grandmothers, Donna Brewer Turner and Shirley Beers; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Special Olympics Missouri in honor of Zach. (<https://somo.org/>)

Arrangements are with Cullen Funeral Home in Raymore.

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Menu
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Noodles
Sweet Corn
Cole Slaw

<u>Dessert</u> Ice Cream Hot Fudge Cake Fresh Peaches	<u>Drinks</u> Tea Coffee
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Community News

OBITUARIES

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Frances Walraven

Frances Walraven, 80, of Curryville died Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, surrounded by her family, at her son's home in Eolia.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with the Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial will be held in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Earlene was born Feb. 1, 1946, in Center, the daughter of Ether Burt and Mary Ellen Rarden Jennings. She grew up in Frankford, attending Frankford Elementary School and Bowling Green High School. She would marry Richard Walraven and together they raised two sons. Earlene spent her working years as a CNA at various local nursing homes including Sunset Nursing Home, Moore-Pike, and ended her career at Sidwell Manor before retiring.

Earlene was a huge fan of Elvis, enjoyed doing crosswords, paint-by-number pictures on her phone, and watching Disney movies. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Shane Jennings of O'Fallon, and Christopher Walraven of Eolia; grandchildren, Shaun Jennings, Kyla Jennings, Brink Jennings, Nicole Walraven, Clayton Walraven, and Caitlyn Hammel; great-grandchildren, Sedona Jennings, Rosie Hammel, and Riley Hammel; siblings, Margie Terry, Lelia Ince, and Mary Sue Taylor and husband, Larry; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Ether Burt Jr., Marion Clyde Jennings, Delmar Jennings, and Jeannette Bailey.

Serving as pallbearers will be Shane Jennings, Christopher Walraven, Shawn Jennings, Clayton Walraven, Kyla Jennings, and Rob Taylor.

Memorials may be made to the donors' choice.



Robert 'Rob' Dale Windland

Robert "Rob" Dale Windland, 57, of Frankford died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green, with the Rev. Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be held in Curryville Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday (today) at the funeral home.

Rob was born Dec. 22, 1968, in Hannibal, the son of Jess A. and Joyce Wallace Windland. He grew up in Curryville, attending Curryville Elementary School, and graduating from Bowling Green High School, alongside the class of 1987.

Following graduation, he briefly worked for Beatty Sawmill before beginning his 38-year working career with True Manufacturing where he was currently working. During this time, Rob moved to Frankford, where he served in the Frankford Fire Department. Rob enjoyed many things, including deer hunting and fishing, traveling, side-by-side rides, and poker runs with friends and being with his family. He was a member of the Frankford Worship Center.

Those left to carry on his legacy include his children, Waylon Windland and wife, Kerry, Cameron Windland and Alex, and Payton Windland and Kannon Burnett; a grandchild, Keo Marie Clark-Windland; one brother, Rick Windland and wife, Sherry; three sisters, Kathy Merriman and husband, Tim, Karen VanBoening and husband, Gary, and Debbie Willard; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dakota Windland, Austyn Windland, Jaye VanBoening, Gabriel Merriman, Jared Merriman, Timothy Merriman, Brandon Merriman, Colby Merriman, and David J. Hinch. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Gary Giltner, Tim Merriman, Mike Hinch, and Seth Harvey.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



Nanette Kathleen 'Kathy' Snyder

Graveside services for Nanette Kathleen "Kathy" Snyder, 66, of Perry, will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at South Fork Cemetery.

Kathy died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026 at her home.

She was born Oct. 4, 1959 in Moberly the daughter of Frank McGee and Mary Elizabeth Dunlap Snyder.

Survivors include one niece, Michelle Johnson of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; two nephews, Jeff Barr and wife, Becky of Souix Falls, S.D., and Scott Johnson of Hannibal; three great-nieces and nephew, Dalton Tayon, Marcia Van Arkel and husband, Logan, and Gretchen Reibsam and husband, Tyler; one brother-in-law, Charles Heim, along with a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Elaine Heim and Linda Deaver.

Kathy was a 1978 graduate of Paris High School and a 1991 graduate of Northeast Missouri State. Following college, she moved to Kansas, where she built a successful career in banking, serving as a vice president of a Wichita bank for 20 years. After returning to Perry, she continued her dedication to serving others through her work at Audrain Title Company, followed by several years at Bienhoff Funeral Home, and most recently as the bookkeeper at The Junction Restaurant and Lounge.

Away from work, Kathy enjoyed reading and traveling, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. Whether gathered around a pool or simply visiting on the back patio, she cherished every opportunity to share laughter, stories, and time with the people she loved most.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Fork Cemetery and mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Perry, MO 63462.

We Welcome Your Local News

Back To School Easy Meal

Taco Lasagna

Yields:
8 serving(s)
Prep Time:
15 mins
Total Time:
1 hr 20 mins
Cal/Serv:
617

This hearty Tex-Mex taco lasagna hits so many of the classic casserole notes: Cheesy? Perfect for a crowd? Flavor for days? Great (greatest?) way to stretch a pound of ground beef?

The list goes on and on. With a taco-spiced beef and black bean sauce, flour tortillas, creamed corn, and a generous amount of sharp cheddar and pepper jack cheeses, this casserole is the perfect comfort food for your next Taco Tuesday or really any day of the week.

How To Make Taco Lasagna
INGREDIENTS

Onions, Peppers & Garlic: These three ingredients are the base of my meat sauce. Both the sautéed onions and peppers add bulk and just a touch of sweetness. As for the chopped garlic? Well, it just makes everything taste a little better, doesn't it?

Ground Beef: 85 percent lean ground beef is my go-to here, enough fat and great beefy flavor.

Taco Seasoning: I used a combination of chili powder, ground cumin, and flour to flavor and thicken my meat sauce. The flavor is similar to a packet of taco seasoning but without any added salt.

Black Beans: I love the flavor and texture of good old canned black beans in this casserole. Want more beans? Add two cans instead of one, and your meat sauce will have even more fiber.

Salsa: Salsa is a fantastic, flavor-packed simmer sauce, and I love how it makes the whole lasagna just taste more taco. One 15-oz. jar is all you need here, and you can use mild, medium, or spicy, depending on your heat preferences.

Creamed Corn: If you haven't treated yourself to a can of creamed corn recently, take this recipe as a good time to do just that. It's just lightly creamy and naturally sweet, and I like to spoon it between the layers of our lasagna.

Flour Tortillas: To resemble tacos as closely as possible, I used medium flour tortillas instead of lasagna noodles here. (Slightly stale tortillas are absolutely fine to use: they soak up even more delicious sauce!)

Cheeses: A blend of sharp cheddar and pepper Jack gives this lasagna plenty of gooey cheese pull moments and tons of flavor too. Buy an 8-oz. block of each cheese, and grate it on the large holes of a box grater. Sure it's a little extra elbow grease, but the cheeses will melt better.

Toppings: Chopped tomatoes, onions, and cilantro lend freshness and crunch to each bite. A generous drizzle or dollop of sour cream adds a little tang. The world is really your taco-topping oyster here, so don't be shy about topping your lasagna with chopped scallions, crushed tortilla chips, or slice jalapeños too.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Chopped onions and peppers are sautéed until just tender and starting to brown in spots. You want to fully cook these veggies in this step because they won't continue to soften much more once other ingredients are added.

Farber News

Farber Board of Alderman held its monthly meeting Monday, July 13.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by approval of the meeting agenda, June meeting minutes, and accounts payable.

The city's insurance coverage rates were reviewed and coverage for the coming year will be with American Midwest Insurance Group.

A fence permit was issued. The MoDOT Maintenance agreement was postponed until the August meeting.

Farber's annual tax rate hearing will also be held in August. Next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m., at the Farber Community Building. Meetings are open to the public.

They appreciated everyone who helped, participated or came to check out Farber's first "Fun at the Depot". Let's do it again. It was a good day, just a little soggy. What a great community we live in.

Depot t-shirts are still available. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Etta (contact info at bottom). Display shirts at the Horseshoe Bar & Grill, Farber Library, City Hall and Vandalia Barber Shop. We can ship, rates depending on quantity of shirts. Dirt Road Designs & Apparel provided great service making our shirts.

\$85,000, yes, we know that's a big number, and that's the estimate to repair and replace the depot roof, repair and paint the depot exterior. Lots of folks said, "We have to save this..." so here we go. Step #1 - A temporary roof repair and closing the critter holes will be done now. We need to put together a plan to finish the job. Want to help? Got a fundraising idea?

Let's begin Sunday, Aug. 23, 2:30 p.m., at the depot.

NE MO Genealogical Society To Meet

The Northeast Missouri Genealogical Society will hold their third meeting of the year on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m., at the Eastern Missouri Cowboy Church, 15735 Business Hwy. 61 North, Bowling Green.

Audrey Jones will give a presentation about the history of the Library, Jail and Witching Graves. After the program Donna Lawson, president of the Northeast Missouri Genealogical Society, will conduct the business meeting. For year 2026 the other

Officers are: Nancy Tie-mann, vice-president; Trav-elle Whitaker, secretary; and Ann Guymon, treasurer.

The Northeast Missouri Genealogical Society serves 14 counties in northeast Missouri and the quarterly meetings are scheduled at

If you have an empty tote, please bring it along. We'll start packing and moving the building contents to a safe location during renovations. If you have information or knowledge on the best way to store the documents, please share. Also, we are also still looking for a "purpose" for the depot. Something to help keep the lights on and the maintenance done. The more unusual, the better. Your thoughts please.

From the Van-Far Fire Crew: Tips to keep you safe! In case of emergency dial 9-1-1. Know the address where you are. If away from home, be aware of your location, landmarks, street signs, intersections, businesses, etc. Don't hang up, help is on the way.

The produce sharing boxes are still on the library's front porch.

Check out the Railroad park playground equipment. It's ready to use. The remaining fresh paint is coming.

Summer will begin winding down this month and school will again be in session. Please watch out for kids, and school buses loading and unloading around town. Be safe everyone.

Remember, printed copies of the "Around Town" can be picked up at the Farber Library, City Hall, Horseshoe Bar & Grill and the Farber Post Office.

The third Friday community dinner will be Friday, Aug. 21. Eat at 6 p.m.

Taco beef and chicken provided. Bring favorite taco add ons: chips, tortillia shells, side dish or dessert. Iced tea, water, and table service provided by Community Betterment.

For questions or comments, call or text Ruth Etta Williams at 573-473-7389 or email Farbermayor1@gmail.com.

various locations to make it possible for the outlying members to attend. A 30-33 page quarterly is published each April, June, August and October and is dedicated to the collection of genealogy materials, both published and unpublished. The public and those interested in family research are welcome to attend. For more information about the meeting or information about the Society, call Duane Harsell at (573) 288-4200.



New MDC Hunting Booklets Available For Deer, Turkey, Drove, Waterfowl

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds Missouri deer, turkey, waterfowl, and dove hunters that new booklets for upcoming hunting seasons are now available. Hunters and others can get the most current information on upcoming fall hunting from the MDC 2026 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet and the MDC Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest 2026-2027.

Deer & Turkey Hunting

MDC's 2026 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet has detailed information on fall deer and turkey hunting seasons, limits, permits, managed hunts, regulations, conservation areas to hunt, post-harvest instructions, chronic wasting disease (CWD) updates, and more. The booklet is available where permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov.

What's New For 2026

The CWD Management Zone has been removed. Regulations still apply in some counties.

During the November

Portion, hunters who harvest deer in designated counties must take the deer or head(s) on the day of harvest to a mandatory CWD sampling station.

Grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable products used to attract deer are prohibited year-round in counties that are within 10 miles of where CWD has been detected.

The CWD portion of firearms deer season has been removed.

The antler-point restriction has been removed for all counties.

Hunters using a Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit and/or a Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit may now take only one antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer seasons combined.

Permit prices have increased to keep pace with the rising costs of goods and services.

New managed deer hunts have been added, and others have been removed or modified.

Deer hunting regulations have changed for some conservation areas.

Migratory Bird & Waterfowl Hunting

MDC's Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest 2026-2027 has detailed information on waterfowl hunting along with hunting doves and other migratory game birds such as rail, snipe, and woodcock. It also has information on needed permits and duck-stamp requirements, hunting seasons and limits, hunting areas, regulations, and more. The digest is available where permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov.

What's New For 2026

Permit prices have increased to keep pace with the rising costs of goods and services.

The Migratory Bird Hunting Permit has been replaced by a Resident Migratory Bird Hunting Permit and a Nonresident Migratory Bird Hunting Permit.

Duck hunting zone boundaries have changed slightly for the 2026-2030 seasons.

Duck season date formulas have changed for the 2026-2030 seasons.

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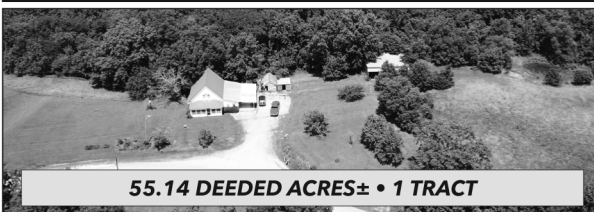
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Community News

Pike County Fair Highlights - Trib Photos By Kimberly Chandler



The brother-and-sister duo Donna Grote and Richard Biggs teamed for "When I Lay My Isaac Down" during the annual Pike County Fair Gospel Sing on July 26. An audience of more than 250 people heard traditional hymns and more modern religious music from area church choirs, soloists and duets. The event was hosted by Prayer and Action in Christ Together (PACT). A free will offering of \$1,454 will be split between the Hope Center and Bowling Green Ministerial Alliance to help those in need. Photo by Brent Engel



Outlaw Rodeo kicked off the first night of the 2026 Pike County Fair on Tuesday, July 28.



2026 Pike County Fair Queen Riley Anderson is pictured giving the crowd a wave after being crowned on Sunday, July 26.



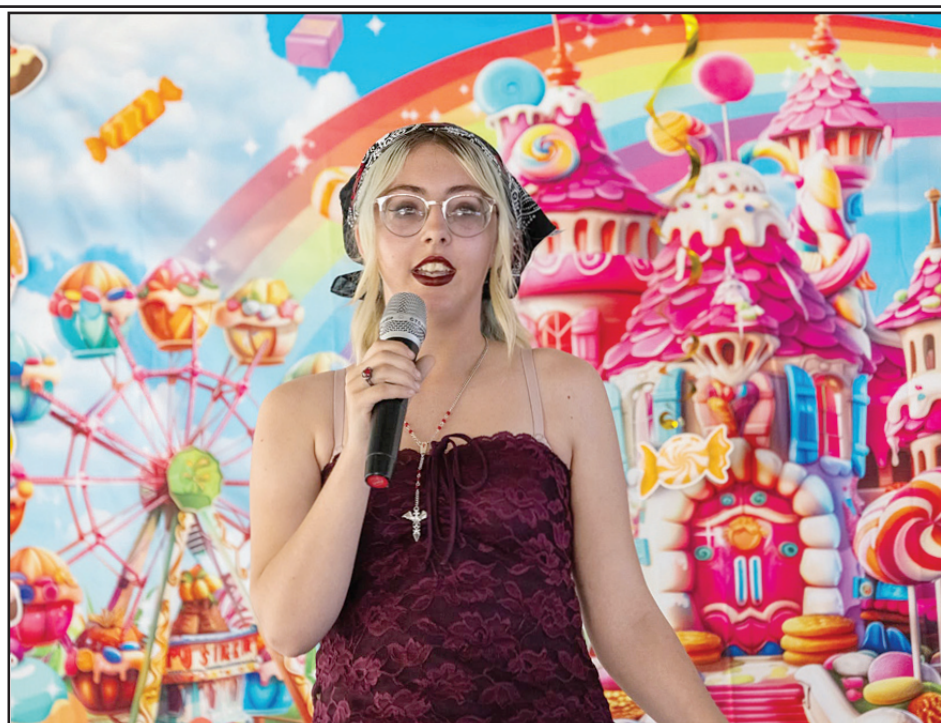
Ethan Luebrecht and passenger prepare to do some hitting at the 2026 Pike County Fair Demo Derby on Friday, July 31.



Mason Luebrecht takes his turn at the pedal tractor pull on Saturday, Aug. 1.



Shoes were flying at the 2026 Pike County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 1.



Emilie Chandler of Louisiana was one of the participants in the talent show at the 2026 Pike County Fair.



The band, Disengaged CoMo, entertained the crowds at the food stand pavilion on day four of the 2025 Pike County Fair on Friday, July 25.

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