

Louisiana PD Covers Flock Cameras, Proposes New Safeguards

By BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

The Louisiana Police Department has temporarily covered the city's Flock Safety cameras while the Louisiana City Council and residents consider the future of the automated license plate reader system.

Police Chief Josh Baker announced the decision in an Aug. 21 press release, stating that all seven cameras operated by the city had been covered and deactivated pending further discussion by the council and public.

Baker said the decision was made by the police department and was not prompted by allegations or findings that Louisiana officers had misused the system. Instead, he cited concerns raised locally, as well as recently reported misuse involving law enforcement elsewhere, including St. Charles County.

Proponents of automated license plate reader, or ALPR, cameras say the system can assist officers in criminal investigations, locating stolen vehicles and finding vehicles associated with wanted or missing persons. However, Baker said safeguards are necessary to balance those uses with residents' privacy and individual rights.

would require officers to enter a Louisiana Police Department case number, the purpose of the search and an explanation of how the vehicle, location or other criteria relate to the investigation. Generic explanations such as "investigation," "patrol" or "official business" would not satisfy the requirement.

The ordinance would also prohibit using the cameras to automatically issue traffic citations, determine vehicle speed, enforce parking restrictions, collect civil debt or enforce minor traffic violations by themselves. An ALPR alert would be considered an investigative lead and would not, on its own, establish reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

Baker has previously said the city's Flock cameras cannot track speeds or automatically issue tickets. When asked why the proposed ordinance still specifically prohibits those uses, Baker said the language was intended as a safeguard against future changes to the system.

"Yes, that language is just in there as an assurance so that any updates to the cameras and software will NEVER be used to issue citations to citizens," Baker said.

Baker added that much of the proposed ordinance formalizes protections already contained in department policy or state law.

"In all seriousness, most of the proposed ordinance is already policy and state law," Baker said. "It is to make official a lot of what that policy already covers and put it in the public eye."

He said the cameras remain an important investigative tool, particularly in cases where officers may otherwise have few leads and cited their potential usefulness in locating missing or abducted children.

"These cameras are a huge law enforcement tool that can generate leads in cases where we may otherwise have none, along with protecting the children of our community," Baker

said. "God forbid we have another instance like we did nearly a decade ago. If we did, these cameras would make a kidnapping case like that much easier to identify the suspect and locate the child."

One of the proposal's primary privacy protections concerns data retention. Unflagged license plate detections would be automatically and permanently deleted no later than 30 days after collection. Information relevant to a documented investigation could be preserved longer, but bulk preservation of unrelated detections would be prohibited.

The city would retain ownership and control of its ALPR data, and the ordinance would prohibit placing that information into an unrestricted or automatically expanding nationwide sharing network. Recurring access by outside law-enforcement agencies would require approval and periodic review.

Additional safeguards include individual user accounts with multi-factor authentication, annual training and tamper-resistant audit logs. Audit activity would be reviewed monthly, while searches conducted by the police chief would receive separate quarterly review.

The proposal also includes disciplinary and municipal penalties for misuse. Knowing and intentional violations could result in employee discipline, including termination, and could constitute a municipal ordinance offense punishable by a fine of up to \$500, up to 90 days in jail, or both.

The proposed ordinance has not yet been adopted by the City Council.

The cameras will remain out of service while the issue is considered. A public hearing regarding the Flock Safety system was scheduled after the Trib's press deadline on Monday, Aug. 24, at Louisiana High School following the regular City Council meeting.

Vandalia Historical Society: August Community Update

The Vandalia Area Historical Society has a busy few weeks ahead, with live entertainment returning to Railroad Park, progress being made on the historic church, and several important steps approaching for the proposed Railroad Park renovation project.

Toby & Susie Return To Railroad Park Friday, Aug. 28

The Vandalia Area Historical Society will host a live Toby & Susie Show Friday, Aug. 28, in Railroad Park as part of the final Vandalia Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Sound Waves event of 2026.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the Toby and Susie show, followed by Ben Hummel with Open Road Band at 6 p.m.

For generations, Toby and Susie shows were a familiar form of small-town entertainment throughout Missouri and the Midwest. The characters were popularized through traveling tent-show productions, including the long-running Schaffner Players, which brought comedy, music and family entertainment to communities throughout the region. The Toby character — typically a good-natured, quick-witted country fellow — and Susie became audience favorites, with local humor and community participation often adding to the fun.

Vandalia's performance will continue that tradition, with local residents becoming the stars of the show and bringing the familiar Toby

and Susie humor to life right here in Railroad Park.

Plan for a full Friday night out with dinner, a show and live music.

It's The Good Stuff will begin serving food and a variety of drinks at 4:30 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, hot dogs, chili and homemade chips.

It doesn't get much better than dinner, a show and live music — all without paying an admission fee.

Bring your lawn chair and join us for a great evening of entertainment, laughter, music and socializing with the good people of our community.

Historic Church Gets a Fresh Coat of Paint

Is that paint we finally see going up on the historic church in Railroad Park? Yes, it is.

The paint started going on the building over the weekend, marking another visible step forward in the work being done on the historic structure.

It certainly is going to be a pretty building when it's finished. There is still work ahead, so keep watching as the transformation continues.

RAILROAD PARK PROJECT APPROACHES IMPORTANT DECISIONS

The proposed Railroad Park renovation project is also approaching several important milestones.

The Rual Morris Foundation has rescheduled its meeting with the Vandalia Area Historical Society from Aug. 25-Sept. 4. Representatives of the Historical

Society will provide a final project update before the foundation considers funding for the project.

If funding is received from the Rural Morris Foundation, the Historical Society plans to make its final presentation to the Vandalia Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

That presentation will come before the aldermen vote on whether to approve moving forward with the Railroad Park project.

Approval by the Board of Aldermen is one of the critical steps necessary before the project can proceed. The park is owned by the City of Vandalia and will continue to be owned and maintained by the city, while the Vandalia Area Historical Society has been working to secure outside funding for the proposed improvements.

If the project receives city approval, grant information will then be submitted to the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments for October grant submission as the next step in pursuing funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Historical Society will continue to keep the community informed as these decisions are made.

For now, there is plenty happening in Railroad Park. Come out Friday, Aug. 28, enjoy Toby and Susie, grab dinner, stay for Ben Hummel with Open Road Band, and take a look at the progress being made on the historic church.

Champ Clark Statue Turns 100 This Year

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

Dedication of the Champ Clark statue in Bowling Green was a tribute to an iconic man.

The ceremony took place on the south side of the Pike County Courthouse on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1926. More than 4,000 people braved a cold rain and icy winds.

Jefferson Davis Hostetter, a Bowling Green attorney and state senator who had served on the three-member committee that oversaw construction, was jubilant.

"It is built to benefit all the people and tends to perpetuate the life, the character and the achievements of one of the greatest Americans of our own generation," Hostetter said. "This monument will stand through years and the centuries to come as a beacon of light to generations yet unborn."

As Speaker of the House from 1911 to 1918, Clark was third in line for the presidency. He ran for the office in 1912, but was defeated in the Democrat primary by Woodrow Wilson. Such power can produce huge egos, but Clark often avoided it.

"Champ Clark could have made 10 times more money following some other profession, but he preferred to serve you people and he did serve you well," Republican Missouri Gov. Samuel Baker said. "The whole world knows Champ Clark came from Pike County. He gave his life to the state of Missouri, and it is fitting that you show him this reverence."

Democrat former governor and Pike County native Elliott Major called Clark "a towering figure in the maelstrom of national

politics and trusted sentinel" for Missouri constituents.

"From today, this ground will be one of the historic spots of the republic," Major declared.

Missouri U.S. Sen. James Reed had Clark's political fortitude. The Democrat known as "Fightin' Jim" supported businesses and opposed government overreach.

"His ruling passion was the rights of men," Reed said of Clark. "Accordingly, every doubtful case was resolved in favor of human liberty. His brain conceived no chains for freedom; it designed no fetters for the mind; it planned no dungeons for conscience."

Newspapers were equally charitable.

"Clark's sincerity, friendship for opponents and adherents alike, his fairness as a presiding officer and his knowledge of history; his love of clean anecdotes and humorous stories, and his marvelous retentive memory ranked with his attributes of leadership," the Louisiana Journal said.

Statue sculptor and Missouri native Frederick Hibbard spoke to the crowd, but his words apparently were not recorded.

Be it their manner of dress, their affinity for jazz or the successful fight for voting rights — something Clark and his family had supported — younger women attending were noted for being part of the "flapper" era.

"The crowd about the platform churned the green of the courthouse lawn into mud," the St. Louis Post-Dispatch observed. "Small boys and girls of grade schools gazed in awe at the statue and solemnly listened to the eulogies. Aged men pressed to the front where they could hear, their bushy, goat-like beards bobbing up and down as they chewed

tobacco. Others, lacking tobacco, reformed the words of the speakers with their lips."

Clark's three-year-old grandson, Champ, pulled a cord attached to a bunting-decked cover to reveal the memorial.

"Just like him, sure enough," one spectator said of Clark's likeness.

Also attending, but not speaking, were Clark's widow, Genevieve, his son, Bennett, and his daughter, Genevieve.

The program was done in two parts and took five hours because weather kept some speakers from arriving promptly. A lunch break followed the outside ceremonies. An estimated 500 people packed the third-floor courtroom for the second half in the afternoon.

Surviving members of the 1878 graduating class of Louisiana High School, where Clark had been principal, placed a wreath at the base of the statue. Music was provided by the Bowling Green High School Band and the Roy Hucklestep Band. A quartet of Dr. A.M. Bennett, Tully Reeds, Burt Kleppisch and George Dixon also performed.

There is a humorous anecdote in the statue saga. Clark may not have thought much of monuments. The opinion apparently surfaced at a dinner in 1918, three years before his death.

Clark was speaking about the U.S. Capitol room which displays sculptures of prominent Americans. Each state has two figures. While some are considered irreplaceable works of art, others have been called mediocre at best.

"I'll contribute \$100 if anybody will go into Statutory Hall some night with a sledge hammer and put half those statues out of business," Clark reportedly said.

Bowling Green R-I School Board Sets Tax Rate

By LARRY TWELLMAN

Prior to the start of its August meeting, the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education held a brief hearing concerning the proposed rate for the property tax for the 2026 tax year.

was recently elected to serve as the State Secretary for the Missouri Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). FBLA is a student organization with members in most of Missouri's high schools. Cole was also recognized for achieving a score of 35 on the ACT College Admissions Test. A perfect score on the test equals a score of 36. Cole's score of 35 puts him at the 99th percentile of all students taking the test.

The board approved a resolution to prepay General Obligation Bonds that were sold when the district voters approved a bond issue in 2019. The bonds, valued at \$900,000, will be repaid in March 2017 at a savings to the district of nearly \$200,000 in future interest expenses.

Tuition rates for non-resident students will remain

the same as in the previous school year at \$10,000 per student per year. Rates for employee day care and before and after school care will remain the same as last year.

Joe Chinn, high school principal, reported on the high school A+ program. This program allows high school students to qualify for state funding that will pay for tuition costs at all Missouri Community Colleges. Chinn said that 60% of the graduating class of 2026 qualified for the A+ Scholarship and that many of the graduates will take advantage of the scholarship to further their education.

The next scheduled meeting of the Bowling Green R-I School Board will be on Tuesday, Sept. 15, starting at 5:30 p.m., in the district office.



Cover Wins Grand Champion

Mealiea Cover of Bowling Green won grand champion shorthorn female at the Missouri State Fair. This qualified her for the Show-Me Shootout in the Colosseum. She showed against all of the other breed champions for a chance in the top five females exhibited at the Missouri State Fair.

Early Deadline For Next Week's Paper Due To The Labor Day Weekend
Thursday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.

Community News

Alliums Have Some Of The Most Striking Flowers Around The Globe

When contemplating which spring-flowering bulbs to plant this fall, few gardeners will consider alliums. “This is unfortunate, since ornamental alliums produce striking, globe-shaped purple flowers that float like vibrant spheres on green flower stalks,” said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Allium is a genus of more than 700 species in the Amaryllidaceae (amaryllis) plant family. The best-known alliums are used for food, such as onion, shallot and scallion, garlic, leek and chives.

When planted in the fall, ornamental alliums normally flower the following spring. Additionally, spring-planted alliums started from divisions or started plants tend to flower the first year. Most alliums flower in May, June or early July, depending upon species. After flowering, the foliage dies back, leaving a dormant underground bulb behind.

Probably the best-known ornamental allium is giant onion. This plant produces a round flower head (or umbel) of violet flowers on flower stalks (scapes) that can reach 6 feet in height. The flower heads are about six inches in diameter and are spectacular in the garden.

‘Globemaster’ is an interspecific hybrid with flower heads ranging in size from a softball to a volleyball. Originally developed in Holland as a cut flower, ‘Globemaster’ is reliable

and makes a powerful statement in the garden, Trinklein says.

‘Purple Sensation’ is an attractive cultivar that produces purple, starlike florets tightly packed into a round flower head about the size of a grapefruit. Scapes of ‘Purple Sensation’ reach about 3 feet high. Flowers tend to appear early in the growing season.

‘Star of Persia’ produces pale purplish-blue flower heads up to 10 inches in diameter with star-shaped florets. Florets tend to be more sparsely packed than those in other large-flowered alliums. Scapes are about 2 feet tall.

Not all alliums are large. Drumstick allium produces an abundance of reddish-purple, cone-shaped flowers with flower heads a bit over two inches in diameter on scapes about 20 inches.

Several alliums grow to a height of only 8-12 inches, making them more suitable for planting in the front of a border or used as an edging. The culinary herb Allium schoenoprasum, or chives, is one. Its pinkish-purple flower heads average about an inch in diameter and are borne on scapes about 15 inches. Its hollow, grass-like leaves often are used for a variety of culinary purposes.

Golden garlic is a small plant that produces bright yellow flowers and is suitable for a rock garden or for naturalizing. It reaches a height of about 12 inches and is one of the few alliums with yellow flowers.

‘Blue Eddy’ is another

small ornamental allium selected from the species Allium scenscens. Its name reflects the bluish hue of its somewhat twisted foliage. It produces small lavender-pink flower heads about 1.5 inch in diameter on 12-inch scapes.

Perhaps the most popular ornamental allium is ‘Millenium,’ a cross between Allium nutans and A. lusitanicum. Selected for its compact growth habit and abundance of rose-purple flower heads, ‘Millenium’ tends to bloom later in the season than other alliums for extended color in the garden.

Alliums need abundant direct sunlight to thrive. Well-drained soil also is a must, especially during the winter. If garden soil is heavy, incorporate organic matter to improve drainage. Alliums planted in poorly drained soil tend to be short-lived. Considered drought-tolerant, most alliums require infrequent watering and should be grown on the dry side.

Alliums are virtually pest-free and seem to be shunned by both deer and rodents. The flowers of allium are very attractive to pollinators, especially bees and butterflies.

Alliums need occasional rejuvenation through division. In late summer, after leaves die back, carefully lift the clump of bulbs with a spade or garden fork. Remove small outer bulblets and grow them in

Plant Madonna Lily In August For Years Of Pure Joy

Few garden perennials deserve the title “heirloom” more so than Madonna lily: some historians believe it is the first to have been cultivated by humans for ornamental purposes.

August is an ideal month for planting this iconic beauty and a good time to explore it in greater detail, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Madonna lily (Lilium candidum) should not be confused with Easter lily (Lilium longiflorum), whose flowers are somewhat similar in appearance. Madonna lily, a member of the Liliaceae plant family, is thought to be native to the Balkans and Middle East.

Its flowers are depicted on paintings made by the Minoans, a Bronze Age civilization that inhabited Crete and other Aegean islands. It can be found naturalized over much of southern Europe, Ukraine, North Africa, the Canary Islands and even into the New World.

Egyptians crushed its bulbs and used the ointment to treat inflammation, burns and tumors. Later, Greek physician and herbalist Dioscorides reportedly used it to treat diseases of women. Additionally, Romans are said to have used the extract of steeped Madonna lily bulbs to care for sore feet.

The Roman Catholic church has long considered the lily as a symbol of purity. Medieval artworks often depict the Virgin Mary holding, or near, flowers of what, apparently, is Lilium candidum. Clovis I, king of the Franks, upon his conversion to Christianity, is said to have been given a lily

from heaven by the Virgin Mary.

Plant Madonna lily in August or early September in a location that receives six or more hours of direct sun daily. In contrast with other lilies that develop “stem roots” and are planted 4-6 inches deep, Madonna lily should have no more than 1 inch of soil covering its bulb.

Water well after planting to encourage root development and rosette formation.

Madonna lily prefers nearly neutral to slightly alkaline soil. In most Missouri soils, ground limestone should be added at planting time.

Unlike most garden lilies, Madonna lily produces a rosette of leaves in the fall that remains throughout the winter. Late in the following spring, a single flower stalk (spike) 24 to 60 inches high emerges from this rosette. Spikes may hold from three to 12 elegant, pure-white flowers with exquisite fragrance.

Although strikingly beautiful and steeped with history, Madonna lily does have its challenges. It is susceptible to several diseases, including lily mosaic virus and cucumber mosaic virus. Symptoms are not always clearly visible, but most appear as chlorotic mottling of the leaves along with weak growth and eventual death of the plant. Control of these diseases is difficult, since they are spread by insects such as leafhoppers, which feed on the leaves of plants.

Madonna lily also is quite susceptible to botrytis, a fungal disease that favors moderate temperatures with

high relative humidity. There are several fungicides available that are labeled for botrytis control on ornamentals. Any product with chlorothalonil as its active ingredient should be effective. Additionally, applying sulfur dust on bulbs before planting may help to prevent infection from any surface wounds that might have occurred during handling.

Lilies of all types, and especially Madonna, are susceptible to root rots, so excellent soil drainage is necessary. Incorporate about 4 inches of aged manure or compost for several weeks before planting to help tight soils drain better. Consider raised beds where drainage is a problem even after incorporating organic matter. Additionally, cool soil is important for lilies to thrive. A heavy organic mulch to cover the bed is helpful to lily bulbs during the heat of midsummer.

Because of difficulties in finding virus-free bulbs, Madonna lily is in great demand. Disease-free strains are now available, although some gardeners (with appropriate patience) opt to start this plant from seeds, since the seeds normally do not contain viruses.

“Although there are other attractive lilies that are more disease resistant and easier to grow, none match Madonna lily’s symbolic importance as a garden flower,” said Trinklein. “Its trumpet-shaped, pure white blossoms and sweet fragrance are a timeless symbol of purity, majesty and refined elegance across thousands of years of human art and culture.”

MO Landowners Can Improve Forest, Woodlands For Birds

Even small steps by forest and woodland owners can make a big difference in improving habitat for bird species.

“Birds need our help, and private landowners can make important contributions to their conservation,” says University of Missouri Extension state wildlife and fisheries specialist Robert Pierce.

Pierce is a co-author of Missouri Forestry for the Birds, a new publication that explains how forestry practices can benefit birds.

Bird Populations Are Down By 30 Percent

Missouri bird populations are in peril, the publication notes. The decline is not unique to Missouri: North America has lost approximately 30 percent of its bird population over the past 50 years, due in part to habitat loss, widespread pesticide use and changes in land management practices.

“Missouri’s bird species and populations are very diverse,” says Pierce. The state is home to 350 bird species, and all but one of those has seen numbers decrease since 1966, according to the Missouri Bird Conservation Plan. Species that have seen the most dramatic drop in numbers include the northern bobwhite, the field sparrow and the cerulean warbler.

The publication provides detailed information on 21 “focal” bird species that are among those in greatest need of conservation in Missouri and are responsive to forest management. These species are representative of a broader bird community that also depend on forest and woodland habitats for their survival.

Small changes make big differences

Landowners can offset the declining numbers with practices designed to improve habits.

“Private landowners can make a meaningful difference,” said MU Extension state forestry specialist Stelzer, who is also a co-author of the publication. “These practices support bird conservation and the long-term sustainability and productivity of Missouri’s forests and woodlands. Missouri has a strong network of bird conservation partnerships with a proven track record of cooperation and successful project implementation, including the organizations that cooperated to develop this guide.”

Birds Help Missouri Agriculture

Birds help Missouri agriculture

“Bird populations benefit Missouri agriculture and the environment in many ways,” says Pierce. “Birds

like warblers, flycatchers and nightjars eat insects that damage crops and forests. Species like blue jays and sparrows help spread seeds, aiding forest regeneration. Others, like hummingbirds, contribute to pollinating plants.”

Forest Systems, Landscapes

The publication gives the reader insight into a variety of management practices and landscape considerations. It also gives a step-by-step plan with illustrations and lists resources to help landowners enhance habitats on their property for bird populations as well as for producing forest products.

The publication is available as a free PDF download at <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/mx360>.

Authors for the publication are from the Audubon of Upper Mississippi River, Central Hardwoods Joint Venture, LAD Foundation, Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, National Wild Turkey Federation, MU Extension, Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Forest Service.

Make Reservations Sept. 1-8 For MDC Managed Waterfowl Hunts

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds waterfowl hunters to make reservations online from Sept. 1-18 for MDC managed waterfowl hunts coming up this fall. Reservations are required to guarantee an opportunity to hunt on MDC’s 13 intensively managed wetland conservation areas.

There are three ways to obtain a hunting spot on a managed waterfowl hunting area:

Missouri residents may apply online for a reservation, which guarantees successful applicants a place to

hunt on a specific day at a specific area.

Residents and nonresidents can hunt with a reservation holder for hunting parties up to four people.

Residents and nonresidents can arrive at a managed waterfowl hunting area and draw for a spot in the morning drawing or “poor line.”

While these managed wetlands offer some of the best public waterfowl hunting opportunities in the state, waterfowl hunting is also available on other conservation areas and numer-

ous other public and private locations around the state.

For more information on managed waterfowl hunts, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/waterfowl/managed-hunts-waterfowl.

Get more information on waterfowl hunting from our 2026-27 Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest online at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/migratory-bird-waterfowl-hunting-digest, from MDC offices and nature centers and other places where permits are sold.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Buffalo Fire Station in Louisiana. At this time citizens may be heard on property taxes proposed to be set by the Buffalo Township Fire Protection District.

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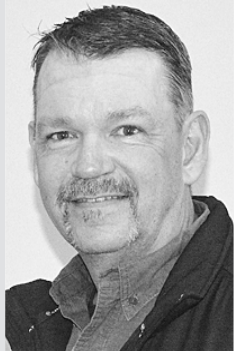
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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Supplies are tucked away neatly in backpacks, first outfit is already laid out, lunchmeat, chips, snack cakes and brown bags are purchased and awaiting assembly. The first day of school carries with it a lot of emotions, with some years carrying more than others. If it's your first day of becoming a Bobcat, the nervousness of all the people around you will have you clinging on mom's leg with a grip so tight it cuts off circulation. If you're walking into the halls of the High School for the first time, the anxiety of being a Freshman can be a little overwhelming. Lastly, If you're walking into those same halls on your last, first day of school, it too carries emotion such as excitement, superiority, and reflection.



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Being a senior was one of the greatest times of my life! it was jam packed with school pride, opportunity, and crucial decisions to be made. it was a yearlong "farewell party" for classmates that you spent countless hours with in the classroom, on the courts of fields, or together during summer breaks.

Bowling Green R-I opened its doors this week, and many students are feeling these emotions right now as you read this. These changes, although subtle, will help shape the person that they are to become, and open doors to countless opportunities down the road. What a wonderful era of time during a lifetime, quite possibly the best time!

foolishly wishing time would melt away, and I would warp to the stage to receive my diploma. Looking back, i am so glad that didn't happen. The memories you make in school are lasting ones, and ones that you will cherish and tell your children and grandchildren about. / have certainly told mine almost all of my stories,

For you students who are reading this, I ask you to seize the moment! Take it all in, and absorb as much of this time as you can. Take each day as it comes without looking for tomorrow first. This year will go by in a flash, and when it's done you will miss it. Not necessarily the long days, or the homework and assignments, and maybe not even some of the teachers,

but the closeness and comfort level you had with your classmates will be something that sticks to your heart for the rest of your life.

To all students, I wish you much success, adventure, friendship, and the best of luck as you enter into this new year of school. To the seniors, enjoy this last year to the fullest because in 9 short months you will begin a new chapter in life. I will leave you with this, just as i tell my youngest daughter who is now, unbelievably, a Senior at Bowling Green High School, "Make Good Decisions", because the ones you make start to matter now!

Godspeed, and Good Luck Class of 2027.

Missouri MAP Scores Reflect Steady Progress

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) presented preliminary statewide 2025-26 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) results at the August State Board of Education meeting.

Initial findings reveal modest improvement in English language arts (ELA), government, mathematics, and science across both grade-level and high school end-of-course (EOC) assessments.

MAP assessments in ELA and mathematics are required each year for students in grades 3-8 and once

during high school. Science assessment is required once in elementary school, once in middle school, and once in high school. Government is required in high school.

"We're seeing steady progress, thanks to the hard work of students, educators, and families," Interim Commissioner of Education Dr. Stacey Preis said. "There's more to do, but these results show upward momentum in classrooms across the state."

Among the data are some encouraging increases in student proficiency when compared to last year's results. Highlights include:

Grade 6 mathematics,

which increased by three points to 48.9 percent

Grade 8 science, which increased more than four points to 43.9 percent

English II, which increased more than five points to 58.4 percent; and

Biology, which increased over three points to 40.6 percent

MAP assessments measure how well students can demonstrate their understanding of the Missouri Learning Standards. The results provide educators and families with information about student learning at the individual, school, and district levels.

Lady Beetles, Aphids: Why Releases Often Fall Short

Lady beetles, aka ladybugs, are among the most recognized beneficial insects in gardens and landscapes. The adults and larvae feed on aphids and other soft-bodied insects, making them important natural enemies of common pests, says Tamra Reall, University of Missouri Extension horticulturist.

The larval stage is especially important. Lady beetle larvae – which are elongated and are often dark with orange markings -- are sometimes mistaken for pests. "In reality, they are active predators that can consume large numbers of aphids during development," says Reall. "In many cases, larvae contribute more to aphid control than adults."

Lady beetles are commonly sold for release as a biological control. While they are valuable predators,

simply releasing them without the right conditions rarely leads to meaningful control, she says.

Most commercially available lady beetles are collected from wild populations while overwintering, often in western states. Once released, their natural instinct is to disperse in search of food and breeding sites rather than remain where they are placed. Without suitable habitat, including pollen sources and shelter, populations are unlikely to establish or persist.

Environmental conditions and landscape diversity play a key role, says Reall. Gardens with a variety of flowering plants can support beneficial insects by providing nectar and pollen. Minimizing the use of broad-spectrum insecticides also helps protect both adult and larval stages, she says.

Supporting naturally oc-

curing populations of lady beetles and other predators leads to more consistent and sustained pest suppression.

"Biological control works best when we use the right tool, in the right place, under the right conditions," says Reall.

REALL'S TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Don't buy and release adult lady beetles with hopes that they will stay.

Don't expect immediate aphid control after release.

Plant small-flowered species like dill, alyssum or yarrow to provide nectar and pollen.

Allow low levels of aphids early in the season to build predator populations.

Avoid broad-spectrum insecticides that kill both larvae and adult beneficial insects.

Recognize and protect lady beetle larvae, which often consume more aphids than adults.

Biological Control: Natural Enemies Can Help Manage Pests

Biological control – using living organisms to help manage insect pests and weeds – can be an effective part of an integrated pest management (IPM) strategy, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall.

Many gardeners are already familiar with common biological controls, whether that means encouraging natural predators in the garden, applying beneficial bacteria to manage certain insect pests or using specialized organisms to suppress difficult-to-control weeds.

"Biological control is not about eliminating every pest," says Reall. "The goal is to reduce pest populations to levels

that plants can tolerate while protecting beneficial organisms and the environment."

Like any management strategy, biological controls work best when matched to right pest and used under the right conditions. Some organisms are highly specific, targeting only a single weed or pest species without harming non-target wildlife. Some require precise temperature, moisture or timing to provide effective control. Understanding the biology of both the pest and its natural enemy is critical to success, Reall says.

"Biological control is one tool among many," she says. Often, a combination of management practices produces better long-term results than re-

lying on any single approach.

Prevention remains the first line of defense. Selecting healthy plants, practicing good garden sanitation and monitoring landscapes regularly can intercept many problems before they escalate.

Reall encourages gardeners to start with accurate identification. "Choosing the right approach begins with understanding the problem. Once you know what you're dealing with, you can choose the right tool, use it at the right time and provide the conditions that allow it to succeed."

For help identifying pests, weeds, or plant damage in your garden, contact your local MU Extension center.



Snacks Given To Ambulance Base

On Friday, Aug. 21, the Susanna Randolph Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution presented a bag of snacks to the Van-Far Ambulance base. Pictured, from left: Brandon Osborn and Samantha Day from the base and Ann Carter and Ruth Miller from the DAR Chapter.

Submitted by Joy Davis



NE DAR District Meeting

The Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution held the Northeast District meeting on Friday, August 21, at the Madison Community Center. Four members of the Susanna Randolph Chapter in Vandalia attended that meeting. The Susanna Randolph Chapter is the largest chapter in the Northeast District with 74 members and meets at the Vandalia Area Historical Society Genealogy Center on the first Thursday of September through the following May at 6:30 p.m. Pictured left to right are Chapter Vice Regent Ruth Miller, Chapter Regent Leslie Fowler, Chapter Treasurer Joy Davis and Chapter Parliamentarian Ann Carter.

Submitted by Joy Davis

Letter To The Editor

I am led to write this letter to the editor because I need what's in my head to come out and be spoken.

As a long-time Vandalia resident I have taken an interest in the park project and have listened to the proposal and Cami Blackman and Paul Ray have put a lot of work into this. Any question you have they can answer it.

They have done their homework and more. If anyone is not familiar with what is going on, I suggest you contact someone to find out.

The Vandalia City Council will be voting on Tuesday, Sept. 8. I say we need to start taking an interest in our town and stop talking about it and do it. When did we become so afraid of change or stepping out?

My personal feeling at this point is that those who are going to vote against it, I would very much like to know the reasoning behind your vote. I can tell you that many of the reasons that may be presented can be debated and troubleshooted to the point where we may feel we had a voice. this is not a casual project.

This is one that will benefit Vandalia from now on. Railroad Park is the hub of town right now and as many events are held there it is surely obvious that there needs to be work. I ask that anyone who would like this project to become a reality come to the Lange building

on Park Street at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8.

We need all the support we can gather because it will take the village to be heard.

Any questions, Cami Blackman or Paul Ray would be more than happy to speak with you. To obtain the info to contact them call city hall, 573-594-6186.

A town is made of many people and it is time that we act like we are small town proud. Come show your support that evening. It is important enough that I am writing. if you know me, I do not take things lightly, you have a voice now use it.

Thank you,
Marilyn Schlueter

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Obituaries



Oliver 'Bud' Perkins III

Oliver "Bud" Perkins III, 61, of Bowling Green sadly died Friday, July 3, 2026, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Oliver was born to Jerry and Oliver Perkins on March 16, 1965, in Louisiana.

Bud worked for MODOT for 22 years and one month he always had to add that one month in there – can't forget that).

He enjoyed fishing, shooting, and being outdoors. Bud was always up for good barbecue or fish fry. He had a love for classic cars; he also collected novelty knives. Bud didn't really like to drive and would always say "I do enough of that at work" but was always ready for a good old road trip. Bud was definitely a fighter; he beat cancer three times.

Bud was known for being a caring, loving uncle, father figure, brother, son, and friend. He would help anyone. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Bud had a favorite saying; "I just haven't got that far yet"!

He is survived by his mother, Jerry Perkins; sisters, Debbie Edwards and Liz Hubble; a brother, Lee Perkins; stepchildren, Braxton Smallwood and Raiyden Smallwood; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by father, Oliver Perkins; a brother, David Perkins; and brothers-in-law, Terry Edwards and Bruce Hubble.

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



Donald Alexander Burkemper

A memorial Mass and full military honors for Donald Alexander Burkemper of Clarksville will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church near Old Monroe. Fr. Tim Cook will officiate. Private inurnment will be held at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Don, 77, was born Dec. 9, 1948 in St. Charles, the son of Victor Henry and Esther Marie Wilke Burkemper. Don served his country in the United States Army, serving in Vietnam from 1968-69. He was united in marriage on Jan. 21, 1978 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church to Jean Marie Jungermann. This union was blessed with two children, Amanda and Ted. Don was a lifelong farmer of soybeans and corn, and always had a herd of cattle. He was a member of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Clarksville.

Don's grandchildren were the center of his world. He was a longtime member of American Legion Post #420 in Old Monroe, where he previously served on the firing squad for the Missouri Funeral Honors Program. He also served on the MFA Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Esther Burkemper; his parents-in-law, Robert and Grace Jungermann; one brother, Bob Burkemper; one sister-in-law, Linda Burkemper; one nephew, Scott Burkemper; and one granddaughter, Lillian Hemphill.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 48 years, Jean Bur-

kemper of Clarksville; their children, Amanda Hemphill and husband, Luke of Clarksville, and Ted Burkemper and wife, Kirsten of Eolia; five grandchildren, Blake and Lauren Hemphill, and Olivia, Abigail and Ella Burkemper. Don leaves one brother, Gene Burkemper and wife, Terry of Elsberry; a brother-in-law, Ken Langley and wife, Janis of Langley, Okla.; sister-in-law, Mary Jo and husband, Dick of O'Fallon; sister-in-law, Nancy Schlesinger and friend, Gary Mudd of Silex; sister-in-law, Shirley and husband, Karl of Winfield; a brother-in-law, Rob and wife, JoAnn of Moscow Mills; a brother-in-law, Jim of Troy; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #420, Pike County Home Health and Hospice or Masses, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Levi Wesley Dennis Jr.

Levi Wesley Dennis Jr., 87, of Clarksville died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 at Luther Manor in Hannibal.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery near Clarksville.

Visitation was from 1 p.m., until time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 18, 1938 in Mt. Sterling, Ill., to Levi Wesley Dennis Sr. and Esther Addaline Surratt Dennis.

He is survived by a daughter, Christal Dennis of Clarksville; a sister, Lori Engle; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Bernita Dennis, a sister, Lillian Hughes, and by an infant son, Timmie Earl Dennis.

He was a truck driver for most of his life, working at Transwood Inc., in Clarksville, retiring in 2004. He loved making music, singing, and playing guitar.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Waters, Robert Hess, Jackie Royer, Bob Hughes, Mike Engle Jr., and Hunter Little.

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



Patricia 'Patty' Ann Dixon Ruby

Patricia "Patty" Ann Dixon Ruby, 61, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026.

She was born May 17, 1965 in Columbia to Robert William and Donna Jean Cluster Dixon.

Patty was a graduate of Mark Twin High School with the class of 1983. She mostly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren. She also had a dog, Sassy Jo, whom she loved very much.

She is survived by a daughter, Anna Marie Ruby of Eunice, La.; one sister, Regina Arnaud and husband David of Eunice, La.; two brothers, Robert Dixon of Eunice, La., and Gary Dixon of Wellsville, La.; a nephew, Robert James Dixon of Eunice, La.; nieces, Kaci Arnaud Hollier and husband Brandon of Eunice, La., Ashley Arnaud Miller and husband, Rusty of Eunice, La.,

Christina Burch Brower of Cairo, and Bille Ann Statham of Kent, Ohio; and grandchildren, Kiley Michelle Burch of Louisiana, Tiffany Ann Smith of Bowling Green, Caleb McCarty of Warrenton, Maliah McCarty of New Florence, and Taven and Christopher Lewis of Martinsburg.

Patty is preceded in death by her parents, maternal grandparents, Wilbur and Abbie Rose Moore Cluster, paternal grandparents, Paul and Liona Dixon, an uncle, Bobby Schofield and wife, Carol Cluster Schofield, a son, Kyle DeWayne Ruby, and a sister, Sherry Elaine Dixon Statham.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of cremation rites.

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



Katherine 'Kathy' Lamberson

Katherine "Kathy" Pearl Lamberson, 61, of Vandalia died peacefully at her home Monday, Aug. 17, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born Nov. 15, 1964, in Hannibal, Kathy was the daughter of Guy Edward and Donna DeGraffenreid Marshall. She graduated from Van-Far High School and went on to build a life centered on faith, family, kindness, and caring for others.

Kathy met the love of her life, Paul Lamberson, and they were united in marriage Dec. 1, 1990, in their home in Vandalia.

Kathy was known for her sweet and gentle spirit, always showing kindness to everyone she met. She had a special gift for caregiving, which was evident in her work at PCADD and later in the loving care she gave her mother at home. After raising her children, Kathy worked at Alco, County Market, Green's Supply, and Soft Surroundings.

She found joy in life's simple and beautiful moments. Kathy had a beautiful voice and loved playing guitar alongside her brothers when they gathered together. She also cherished singing at church. She loved being outdoors, growing beautiful plants and flowers, and spending time fishing and camping. More than anything, she treasured time with her grandchildren. One of her favorite pastimes was riding all kinds of bikes with her husband, Paul.

Kathy's faith was a guiding light throughout her life, and though she will be deeply and forever missed, her family finds comfort in the assurance that, through that faith, they will meet again.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy Edward and Donna Marshall; and two brothers, Bennie Marshall and Bo Marshall.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Lamberson of Vandalia; four daughters, Aleecia Dillon and husband, Mike of Eolia, Janice Schoneboom of Vandalia, Bethany Shores and husband, Eric of Shelbina, and Summer Kuntz and husband, Dustin of Jasper, Ga.; two brothers, David Marshall and wife, Debbie and Timothy Marshall and wife, Sara; three sisters, Judy Francis and husband, Rick, Patty Statham and husband, Jeff, and Donna McCune and husband, Greg; grandchildren, Joseph, Layla, Austin, Genesis, Hailee, Levon James, Dominic, Paul, Eli, Wyatt, and Westin; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

The family will hold a private Celebration of Life at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association-Cancer Research, c/o the funeral home.



Ronald Eugene Ball

Ronald Eugene Ball, 80, of Farber died Friday, Aug. 21, 2026 at Hannibal Regional Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 9, 1946, in Mexico, the son of Robert L. and Nadine E. Williams Ball. He was united in marriage to Carolyn Love on Dec. 2, 1967 in Vandalia. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Darryl Ball and David Ball of Farber; one grandson, Brandon Ball of Columbia; a sister, Jo Beth Schlemmer and husband, John of Laddonia; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Ball of Farber and Cathy Duhon of Hankamer, Texas; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bobbie L. Ball.

Ronald was a lifetime area resident and 1964 graduate of Van-Far High School. Throughout his working years, Ronald was employed by C.E. Refractories, Charleswood Furniture in High Hill, the Laddonia-Farber Road Districts, and the Van-Far School District as a bus driver. He also spent more than 50 summers trimming evergreens.

Ronald enjoyed deer hunting, caring for his pet parrots, mowing, and working in his garden. He was a member of Farber Presbyterian Church.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van-Far Fire Protection District and mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home P.O. Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.



Patricia 'Patty' Louise Worthington

Patricia "Patty" Louise Worthington, 67, of Mexico died peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones.

A celebration of life will

be held Saturday from 12-4 p.m., at the Mexico VFW hall. A potluck-style lunch with pulled pork and hot dogs. Everyone can feel free to bring a side dish.

She has survived by her three children, Maryam Alkurti, Brittany Baker and husband, Michael, and Aaron Keltner and wife, Jade. Also her six wonderfully love grandchildren, Aimee, Maci, Parker, Sadie, Carlee, and Bayne. Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Emily Worthington; as well as numerous nieces, nephews cousins, and other loved ones.

Patty was born July 10, 1959 in the Frankford area to Clarence and Lucille Worthington. After graduating from high school, Patty worked as a hairdresser before eventually retiring. In retirement she cherish nothing more than spending as much time as possible with her grandbabies, who were truly the light of her life.

Patty was known for her strong and stubborn personality, her competitive spirit at the card table and her unwavering love for her Kansas City Chiefs. She was also a devoted NASCAR fan and never missed an opportunity to cheer on her favorites, but above all Patty was known for her unconditional love she had for all of her babies. Her family was her greatest joy, and she made sure they always knew just how deeply they were loved.

Patty leaves behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, stubborn, determination, and most of all love her family will forever carry her memory in their hearts and cherish the love she gave so freely to each of them. She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

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Best Of MO Sale Raises Over \$113,000

Missouri State Fair Best of Missouri Sale raises more than \$113,000 for Youth in Agriculture

The Missouri State Fair celebrated youth in agriculture on Saturday, Aug. 22. The Best of Missouri Awards and Sale was a highlight of the Fair. This sale raised more than \$113,000 for Youth in Agriculture.

The Grand Champion Youth Bacon was exhibited by Madelynn Charlton of Bowling Green. Madelynn is the daughter of Kenneth and Kimberly Charlton and is a member of the Peppy Circle 4-H Club. Her bacon sold for \$7,600 and was purchased by Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council Brought to You by the Missouri Soybean Farmers and Their Checkoff, and Mike Deering for Senate, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

Chuck Miller, superintendent of the sale of champions and co-chairman of the Youth in Agriculture Committee, along with Rodney Heimer, co-chairman, offered appreciation to all buyers, Youth in Agriculture sponsors and hometown supporters. The Best of Missouri Sale and the Sale of Champions raised more than \$385,000 for youth exhibitors and youth involved in agriculture across Missouri.

A listing of the 2025 Youth in Agriculture sponsors is available on the Fair's website. A listing of the 2026 sponsors will be posted soon. Anyone interested in becoming a Sponsor or Hometown Supporter can visit the Fair's website by the end of August to make an online donation. To receive more information about sponsorship, contact Chuck Miller at 573-881-3589, Rodney Heimer

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Coin Inventory

1. 2 Sets Of 1999-2009 State Quarters In Warman
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2. John Adams Presidential Dollar Set Plated 24K Gold
3. Mesa Grande US American Indian Tribe Coin Set
4. 2007-2014 Presidential Dollar Set In Whitman Folder
(16 Coins)
5. Partial Set Of UNC Washington Quarters 1981-1998
(37 Coins)
6. 2010-2021 National Park Quarters Collection Complete
P And D Mint
7. The Washington Mint 2007 5-Coin Presidential Set 24K
Gold Layered (W/COA)
8. Choice Of 72 Liberty V Nickels
9. 1866 3-Cent Nickel
10. Choice Of 15 Various Date Ike Dollars, Some 40%
Silver
11. 3 – 90% Silver Franklin Halves 1951 – 1953 – 1963
12. UNC Bicentennial Washington Quarters
13. Choice Of 31 Sacagawea Dollars
14. Choice Of 14 Susan B. Anthony Dollars
15. Choice Of 67 Silver Walking Liberty Halves, Some
AU/BU
16. 4 – 1874-1965 Sir Winston Churchill Commemorative
Crown Coins
17. Choice Of 12 UNC Kennedy Halves
18. 2–1988-S And 2–1989-S ICG Proof 70 DCAM
Kennedy Halves
19. 1964 90% Silver Kennedy Half In Littleton Holder
20. 1967 PCGS MS65 Kennedy Half 40% Silver
21. 1971-S PCGS Proof 69 Kennedy Half
22. 2001-S PCGS Proof 69 DCAM Silver Kennedy Half
23. 3–1878-P Morgan AU First Year
24. 1878-CC Morgan First Year
25. 3–1879-O Morgans AU
26. 3–1880-P Morgans VF
27. 2–1880-S Morgans AU
28. 1880-S And 1880-O Morgans MS
29. 1881-P Morgan MS
30. 1882-S Morgan
31. 2–1883-S Morgans
32. 3–1884-P Morgans AU
33. 2–1885-P Morgans AU
34. 2–1886-P Morgans AU
35. 4–1887-O Morgans, 2 Are VF/AU
36. Choice Of 1887-P Or 1887-S Morgans BU/MS
37. 2–1888-P Morgans VF
38. 1888-O Morgan MS
39. 3–1889-P Morgan VF To XF
40. 1889-O Morgan AU
41. 3–1890-S Morgans Choice AU
42. 1890-P Morgan XF
43. 2–1891-O Morgans AU

44. 1891-S Morgan AU
45. 1892-P Morgan XF, Tough Date
46. 1891-P Morgan
47. 1894-O Morgan AU, Tough Date
48. Choice Of 1896-O And 1897-O Morgans VF
49. Choice Of 3–1900-O Morgans
50. 1900-P Morgan AU
51. Choice Of 1901-O Or 1902-O Morgan VF/AU
52. 1903-S Morgan
53. 1903-P Morgan AU
54. 1904-S Morgan
55. Choice Of 7 Various Mint 1921 Morgans, Several Are
AU/MS
56. 1878-7 First Year Morgan, PCGS AU58
57. 1879-P PGA MS64+ Morgan
58. 1879-P PCGS AG03 Morgan
59. 1881-S PCGS Genuine Cleaned AU Details Morgan
60. 1882-O NGC Brilliant UNC Morgan
61. 1883-O PCGS MS63 Morgan
62. 1885-P ICG MS63 Morgan
63. 1885-O ICG MS64 Morgan
64. 1885-P PGA MS65 Morgan
65. 1886-P ICG MS63 Morgan
66. 1887-P PCGS MS63 Morgan
67. 1896-O NGC G-4 Morgan
68. 1899-O Morgan
69. 1899-O ANACS MS63 Morgan
70. 1904-O AGP MS65 Morgan
71. 2-1921-P Morgan PCGS 1 is MS65 and 1 is MS66
72. 1921-S PGA MS65 Morgan
73. 1921-P PCGS MS62 Morgan
74. Choice of 1943 and 1963 Washington Silver Quarters
75. Choice of 4 Franklin Silver Halves – 1951, 1953 and
2-1954
76. 2-1964 Kennedy Silver Halves
77. 2017 PCGS First Strike Silver MS70 ASE
78. 1922 Peace Dollar
79. 1922 NGC MS62 Peace Dollar
80. 1897-S Morgan (tough date)
81. Choice of 5 – 1890-P Morgans, all MS
82. 1822 Large Cent
83. 40 Indian Head Cents, 1881–1899
84. 500 Wheat Pennies
85. 1867 Shield Nickel (no rays)
86. Binder Book of 113 Jefferson Nickels, 1946–2006
87. 1861 Seated Liberty Quarter (Nice XF)
88. Set of 24 Proof Washington Quarters, 1957–1981 in
Capital Plastics Display
89. 1982 Proof Washington Half
90. 1986 Unc. Ellis Island Silver Dollar
91. 1992 Proof Columbus Half Dollar
92. 1881-P Morgan XF
93. 1890-S Morgan
94. 1898 Morgan XF/AU
95. 1893-P Morgan Key Date XF
96. 1901-O Morgan
97. 1904-P Morgan
98. Choice of 1923 and 1924 Peace Dollars
99. 1925-S Peace Dollar
100. 1983 Proof Los Angeles Olympics Silver Dollar
101. 1990 Prestige Proof Set
102. Off Center Lincoln Cent Error Coin
103. Set of 1982 Lincoln Cent Varieties
104. 1970 Proof Set, 40% Silver Half Dollar
105. 2003 Mint Set
106. Choice of 2005, 2006, or 2007 Mint Sets (Un
opened)
107. 2009 Proof Presidential Dollar Set
108. 2 – U.S. Bicentennial Medal and Stamp Sets
109. 5 – \$2 Red Seal U.S. Notes, 1953 and 1963
110. 2 – 1934-C \$5 Silver Certificates
111. 1950-B \$20 Federal Reserve Note, K.C. District,
Choice PCGS New 63
112. 37 – Missouri Sales Tax Tokens
113. 50 – Foreign Coins
114. 1846 Large Cent (Small Date)
115. 1851 Large Cent, Full Liberty
116. 10 – Indian Head Cents, 1895–1904
117. 1909 V.D.B. Unc/BU Lincoln Cent Plus 2 – 1909
Lincoln Cents
118. 1865 2¢ Piece
119. Lot of 7 Buffalo Nickels, All Full Dates, 1923–1929
120. Choice of 3 Better Date Barber Dimes: 1898-S,
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143. 1885-O PCGS MS64 OGH Morgan
144. 1886-P CAC MS63 Morgan
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146. 1899-O NGC MS63 Morgan
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5. Savage Sporter Model 23A .22 LR, Pat. 1905
6. Mossberg Model 190 16 Ga.
7. Remington Model 722 .223 Cal. W/ Redfield Scope
8. Stevens Arms Crackshot .22 Cal.
9. Winchester Model 61 .22 Cal. Pump W/ Scope
10. Mossberg Model 183 .410 ga.
11. Quackenbush Wirestock .22 Cal.
12. World War II Japanese Type 99 Arisaka Military
7.7×58mm, Has Imperial Emblem On Receiver
13. Winchester Model 12, 12 Ga. Pump (Very Nice)
14. Hatfield SAS 28 Ga. Auto, Vent Rib (Like New)
W/ Box
15. Savage Model 93R17, .17 HMR, Laminated
Thumbhole Stock, Bull Barrel, Bushnell Scope (Wow!)
16. Remington Sportsman 58, 16 Ga. Auto, Engraved
Receiver
17. Winchester Model 12, 12 Ga. Pump,
18. Ruger Model 10/22, .22 Cal., Laminated Thumbhole
Stock
19. German Mauser 98 Sporterized, .22-250 Cal., W/
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35. Derya Model TM22 Flash 18, .22 Cal., NIB
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37. Savage Model 64 .22 LR Semi-Auto, NIB
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Winners in the 0-3 month girl's category (l-r): first, Skylar Henderson, daughter of Dylan & Vey Henderson of Bowling Green; first, Della Dietz, daughter of Baylee Dietz of Clarksville.



Winners in the 0-3 month boy's category (l-r): first, Emerson Lafave, son of Kassie Lafave of Clarksville; second, Dean Meyer-Mowen, son of Kayla Taylor of Bowling Green; third, Joseph Dennis, son of Elizabeth Dennis of Middletown.



Winners in the 4-6 month girl's category (l-r): first, Dottie Dempsey, daughter of Jackson & Savana Dempsey of Troy; second, Nessiana Dodd, daughter of Lacey Dodd of Clarksville; third, Rylan Starks, daughter of Alyssa Starks of Louisiana; third, Callie Bird, daughter of Dylan & Ryleigh Bird of Bowling Green.



Winners in the 4-6 month boy's category (l-r): first, Waylon Spegal, son of Michael & Desiree Spegal of Bowling Green; second, Hayden Reed, son of Steve & Alyssa Reed of Curryville; third, Noah Grossmann, son of Conner & Katie Grossmann of Perry; third, Lincoln Calfee, son of Ayden and Zoey Calfee of Louisiana.



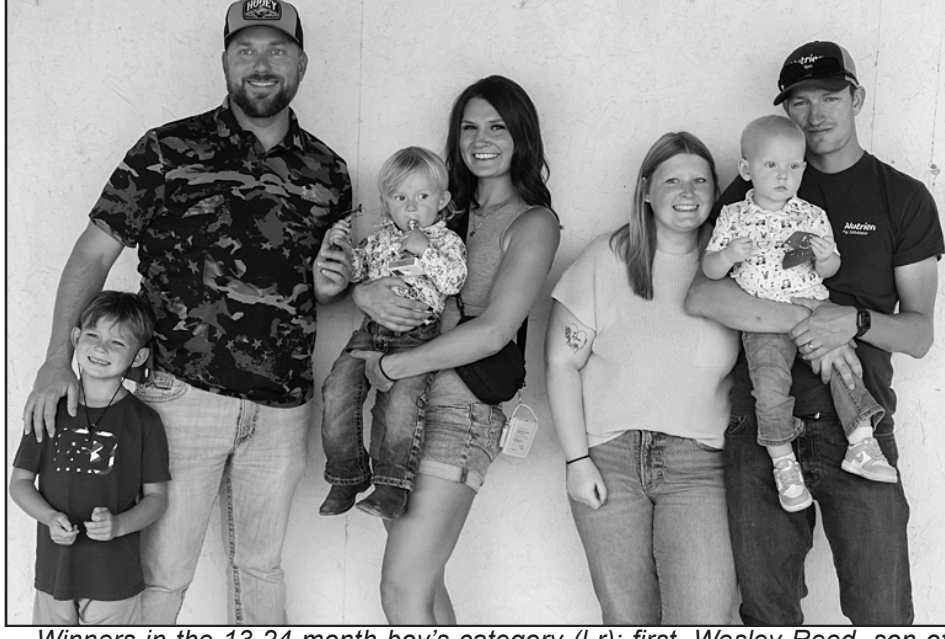
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Winners in the 7-12 month boy's category (l-r): first, Amara Bryant, Weston Burleson, son of Anthony & Tabitha Burleson of Curryville; second, Palmer Krumwiede, son of Nate & Molly Krumwiede of Bowling Green; third, Rhett Rule, son of Lane & Gracey Rule of Louisiana.



Winners in the 13-24 month girl's category (l-r): first, Charlotte Teasley, daughter of Payton & Paige Teasley of Bowling Green; second, Gabriella Sorensen, daughter of Clayton Sorenson & Michelle Scherder Sorensen of Bowling Green; third, Emarie Ostrander, daughter of Jazlyn Ostrander of Louisiana.



Winners in the 13-24 month boy's category (l-r): first, Wesley Reed, son of Steve & Alyssa Reed of Curryville; second, Rowan Robb, son of Blake & Kindell Robb of Louisiana; third, Lewis Kriss, son of Brandon & Trisha Kriss of Bowling Green (not pictured).



Winners in the 25-36 month girl's category (l-r): first, Amara Spegal, daughter of Michael & Desiree Spegal of Bowling Green; second, Joelle Bryant, daughter of Justin Bryant & Bethany Nulsen of Bowling Green; third, Magnolia McGuire, daughter of Kayle McGuire of Clarksville.



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Community News

MO Families Shrink Protein Portions, Serve More Meat-Free Meals

Recent reports have highlighted how rising grocery prices are forcing families to cut back on fresh fruit and vegetables. However, new research suggests that households are buying less animal protein, instead switching to plant-based sources, cheaper alternatives or serving smaller portions.

That is according to a survey of 3,042 households commissioned by MarketBeat, a financial media company, which found that 62 percent have lowered the amount or type of meat, seafood or dairy they pur-

chase because of rising grocery prices over the past 12 months. This means that 1,555,103 Missouri households are cutting protein.

Animal protein sits at the center of both the household grocery budget and the wider consumer economy. Meat and seafood are among the more expensive essentials Americans purchase each week, meaning they are often among the first items to be swapped, stretched, downgraded or reduced when prices rise.

Beef Is Taking The

Biggest Hit

Beef is by far the protein source that Missouri households have cut back on the most.

Among respondents, 43 percent identified beef as the main protein they had reduced, compared with 10 percent who selected fish or seafood and 8 percent who named chicken or turkey, followed by pork at 8 percent and dairy at 7 percent. The findings suggest that

households are not abandoning animal protein altogether but are becoming more selective, particularly with higher-priced products such as beef and seafood.

Nearly half of respondents (47 percent) said their household had replaced beef with a vegetarian protein source, such as beans or lentils, because of price increases.

Meat-Free Meals Are Becoming A Money-Savings Strategy

Serving meals without meat or fish has become a regular cost-saving measure for many households in the Show-Me State.

More than half of respondents (51 percent) said their household now serves a meal without meat or fish at least twice a week, specifically to save money. This includes 10 percent who do so every day, 13 percent who serve meat-free or fish-free meals four to six times per week and 28 percent who

do so two or three times per week.

A further 16 percent serve such a meal once per week, while 11 percent do so less frequently. Only 22 percent said they never serve a meal without meat or fish specifically for financial reasons.

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