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Pictured with her award-winning youth bacon is Madelynn Charlton of Bowling Green at the 2026 Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

Charlton Exhibits Grand Champion Youth Bacon

The Missouri State Fair 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.

The Reserve Grand

Champion Youth Bacon was exhibited by Kierstyn Lawson of California. Kierstyn is the daughter of Jason and Stephanie Lawson and is a member of the California FFA Chapter.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, Madelynn and Kierstyn will

sell their bacons in the Missouri State Fair Best of Missouri Awards & Sale.

Proceeds from the sale benefit both the winning exhibitors and the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture (YIA) Scholarship Program.

Masquerade Ball To Benefit Fire Department

A Black and White Masquerade Ball is planned as a fundraiser for the Clarksville Community volunteer fire department which serves the areas of Annada, Calumet, Clarksville, and Paynesville.

Plan an elegant evening out with friends and family. Formal evening wear paired with decorative masks is encouraged but not required.

Music for the evening will be provided by Jerry Epperson and company with featured entertainment by

comedian/magician Steve Barcellona.

The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Heavenly Hills (formerly Tievoli Hills), Hwy. N, Clarksville.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for cocktail hour followed by dinner and entertainment. All drinks for the evening, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be available at a reasonable cost. A silent auction and other ways to contribute to the fundraiser will be available. Please bring cash since credit card

payments are not available.

Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person or \$360 for a reserved table of 8. Seats are limited and paid reservations are required and shall be made through Sunday, September 13 by calling 201-513-1277.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated to support this local fire department that serves our area and provides mutual support to surrounding areas. The funds raised will be used to build a storage building.

Two Charged After Alleged Theft Attempts At Bowling Green, Area Walmart Stores

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Two Michigan men are facing felony charges in St. Charles County following an alleged series of attempts to obtain thousands of dollars in electronics from Walmart stores along the U.S. Highway 61 corridor, including the Bowling Green location.

Enrico C. Jackson of Detroit, Michigan, and Carl M. Tutt of Redford, Michigan, were arrested Aug. 1 in Wentzville after police were alerted to an alleged fraudulent pickup scheme involving electronics.

According to a probable cause statement filed by the Wentzville Police Department, the incidents began at approximately 11:15 a.m. at the Hannibal Walmart, where investigators allege merchandise was successfully obtained without payment through the use of a fraudulent phone application.

Jackson was reportedly seen at the Bowling Green Walmart at approximately 12:23 p.m., followed by the Troy location at approximately 1:15 p.m. and the Wentzville store later that afternoon.

At each location, investigators allege an attempt was made to obtain two Nintendo Switch 2 consoles and two Meta Quest headsets by presenting store employees with a fraudulent applica-

tion that appeared to show a valid merchandise pickup. The electronics were valued at approximately \$2,096.

The probable cause statement says the attempt in Hannibal was successful before employees became aware the application was fraudulent. Attempts at the Bowling Green, Troy and Wentzville locations were unsuccessful.

Wentzville police were dispatched to the Walmart there at approximately 1:52 p.m. after store employees reported a person attempting to pick up the electronics without a valid purchase.

Employees told investigators they were aware the same individual may be traveling to the Wentzville store after similar incidents at three other Walmart locations earlier that day. According to court documents, Walmart staff described the method as one they had encountered in connection with organized retail theft.

After leaving the Wentzville store, Jackson allegedly walked toward a nearby parking lot where a black Chrysler Pacifica with Florida license plates was located. Police said the vehicle matched one seen on surveillance footage during the earlier incidents.

Officers contacted an alleged accomplice inside the vehicle and reported seeing electronics matching those taken from the Hannibal store in plain view. Two Nintendo Switch 2 consoles

and two Meta Quest headsets were seized.

Jackson and Tutt were arrested and transported to the Wentzville Police Department.

According to the probable cause statement, Jackson initially denied visiting the other Walmart locations but later acknowledged being at the stores after investigators told him employees had seen him. Jackson reportedly told police he regularly purchases electronics and resells them overseas for a profit and claimed the merchandise recovered from the vehicle had been purchased.

Court records show Jackson has been charged with Class D felony forgery and Class E felony attempted stealing of \$750 or more.

Tutt is also charged with Class D felony forgery and Class E felony attempted stealing of \$750 or more.

Both men were initially held on \$5,000 cash-only bonds. Court records show each posted the full bond amount Aug. 5 and is no longer in custody.

Jackson is scheduled for a bond appearance hearing at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in St. Charles County Circuit Court. Tutt is scheduled for a bond appearance hearing at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The charges are allegations, and both defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

Allen Takes Over Ownership Of Vandalia Firestone

BY BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

A longtime Vandalia business is changing hands as Pike County Presiding Commissioner Bill Allen takes ownership of Vandalia Firestone & Appliance & Furniture.

Dea Hoover announced the transition alongside Allen in a recent video posted to the business's social media page.

"We are going to be transitioning over," Hoover said. "I'm going to be doing 100-percent tours, and he's going to be running Vandalia Firestone. So come on up and say hi."

Allen, who also owns and operates Bill Allen Auction Service, said customers can expect some changes while the business maintains the atmosphere generations of customers have come to know. "Come on by and say hi, and look for the changes that we're going to make," Allen said. "We're going to keep things simple, like the Hoovers have. We're going to add some things, we're going to do some upgrades, and just come on in and talk with us."

Vandalia Firestone has deep roots in the Hoover family. Dea grew up in Vandalia and spent much of her childhood at the business operated by her parents. Her mother, Donna Hoover, continued operating the longtime Vandalia store until her death on March 31, 2025.

Since then, Dea had been looking for someone willing to take over the business while continuing to serve the Vandalia community.

In a May 31 social media post, Hoover said she felt she was "destined to be a tour guide and a tour director" and asked anyone interested in taking over Vandalia Firestone to contact her.

"I need someone who will love it and take care of it, and continue to serve the people of Vandalia," Hoover said at the time. "It's a great business and a great opportunity."

The transition to Allen will allow Hoover to concentrate on her career in the tourism industry. She founded the St. Louis-based Are We There Yet? tour company in 2005 and purchased Discover

St. Louis in 2008. Hoover has spent years organizing and leading tours throughout the United States and abroad.

A 1989 Van-Far graduate, Hoover is also the author of several books, including STL Scavenger: The Ultimate Search for St. Louis's Hidden Treasures, which was featured by the Tribune following its release in 2021.

Although stepping away from operating Vandalia Firestone, Hoover indicated that long-term customers can still expect some of the same traditions at the familiar gathering place.

"There'll still be coffee," she said. "You can still bring cookies and donuts, and it'll still be the center of information next, of course, to the Harold's Barbershop and Institute of Higher Learning."

"We'll try to be here for as long as I live," Allen added jokingly. He also encouraged customers to stop next door for flowers, joking that the neighboring businesses provide "one-stop shopping."

Louisiana FFA Named Two-Star National Chapter

The Louisiana Agriculture Program and FFA Chapter has earned national recognition after being named a Two-Star National Chapter through the National FFA Organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The local chapter shared the news on Aug. 15.

"We are so excited to announce that our chapter has been named a Two-Star National Chapter based on our National Chapter Award application," the chapter announced on social media.

According to the chapter, less than 10 percent of FFA chapters nationwide are receiving a star rating this year.

The National Chapter Award Program recognizes FFA chapters that actively

carry out the mission and strategies of the organization. The program evaluates chapters on their efforts to improve chapter operations while providing educational opportunities for members.

Activities are centered around three primary areas: growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture.

To qualify for state or national recognition, chapters must complete activities addressing the program's quality standards while also meeting minimum requirements established through the National Quality Standards.

Chapters seeking national recognition must advance through their state associations before being evaluated at the national level. Na-

tional judges then rate qualifying chapters as Three-Star, Two-Star, or One-Star Chapters.

Louisiana FFA credited its members' efforts in leadership, service, and community involvement for helping the chapter earn the designation.

"We are proud of the hard work, leadership, service, and impact our members have put into making our chapter what it is today," the chapter stated.

The chapter also announced that members will travel to Indianapolis for the 99th National FFA Convention & Expo, where they will celebrate the national recognition.

"Two stars today, big things ahead," the chapter concluded.



PB&T Donates To NECAC

Peoples Bank & Trust of Troy donated \$10,000 to NECAC on Tuesday, July 28. The money is from the bank's Member Impact Fund, and will be used by NECAC to help with emergency services to clients in Lincoln, Pike and St. Charles counties. Pictured, from left in the front row, are NECAC St. Charles County Service Coordinator Carrie Dina, NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, NECAC Community Services Director Kayla Wasson and NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page. Back row, from left, are PB&T Vice President Suzette Morris, Vice President Kris Moesch, NECAC Lincoln County Service Coordinator Janice Allan, PB&T Vice President Carla Langford and PB&T President Justin St. Pierre.

Champ Clark Statue Turns 100 This Year

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

Champ Clark once noted that Thomas Hart Benton had been dead for more than 40 years before a likeness of the Missouri political icon was erected at the U.S. Capitol.

Bowling Green was not about to wait that long in paying tribute to a hometown hero.

Four thousand people packed the city square for dedication of a statue honoring Clark on Nov. 13, 1926 – just five years after his death. A likeness of Benton was erected 10 years after he died in St. Louis' Lafayette Park.

The Bowling Green Times called the Clark monument "a fitting tribute to the memory of the man who was the peer of Missouri statesmen and who brought fame to our little city."

Talk about a tribute began immediately after Clark's death on March 2, 1921 – two days before his last term as a congressman was to end and five days before his 71st birthday. The Champ Clark Memorial Association organized in Bowling Green "to perpetuate (his) memory."

"It will be national in scope and it is hoped and believed that friends and admirers all over the United States will join the association and contribute to its support," the group said in a statement.

Membership was \$1 – about \$17.50 today. Proceeds were to help fund construction.

Missouri lawmakers

stepped in on Feb. 23, 1923, when they approved \$25,000 in taxpayer dollars for a statue – more than \$460,000 now. Eight months later, Republican Gov. Arthur Hyde appointed Pike County Democrat legislators Jefferson Davis Hostetter and Carroll Thomas Wisdom of Bowling Green and Republican attorney Richard Ralph of Valley Park to a state memorial commission.

Hostetter and Wisdom were descendants of Pike County pioneers. Hostetter was a veteran attorney who, despite the Confederate connotation of his name, had in his first case successfully co-defended a black man accused of rape. Wisdom was a former tobacco company salesman and farmer who had provided support during Clark's 1912 presidential campaign.

On Aug. 24, 1923, the speaker's grandson, Champ Clark, was born in St. Louis to Bennett and Miriam Clark. The little lad would play an integral part of the statue unveiling in 1926.

Hyde refused to release the \$25,000 due to budget constraints, but urged his successor, Republican Samuel Baker to do so. He did.

Meanwhile, a former secretary for Clark got in on the effort. Clarence Cannon of Elsberry, who succeeded Clark in Congress, proposed on Dec. 23, 1923, kicking in another \$25,000 as part of a five-member federal panel that would work with the state and local organizations.

Though federal funding was not approved, the resolution showcased widespread support for the monument idea, and even

some who had once disliked Clark's politics found a measure of grace.

"We believe that if we were called upon to choose the greatest Missourian we would not hesitate one moment but would name the great Champ Clark of Pike as the greatest," the Lamar Republican editorialized.

There were opponents, of course.

"Some think the state has no right to build monuments to individuals," the Ralls County Record reported.

One of the most surprising objectors was Clark's widow, Genevieve.

"Why should \$25,000 of the state's money be expended on Bowling Green," she asked in a letter published in Pike County. "This is the substance of thousands of queries from all parts of the world, which have been received here. If you ask me, Champ Clark's widow, I have no answer ready, only this: I can say to the State of Missouri, in which I was born, 'Take back the \$25,000 which you gave to Bowling Green on Champ Clark's security. It has no need of it.'"

Hostetter, the memorial commission chairman, said criticism would not halt the project.

"Of course, we are going right ahead with the plans for the Clark monument," he said. "Mrs. Clark's statements aren't going to interfere in the least. They might as well have been left unsaid, so far as the commission is concerned."

A famous Missourian was about to give plans a big boost.

Next time: Right man for the job.

Looking For Ways To Save During Back-To-School Season?



THORNHILL AUCTION

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We will sell the following Real & Personal Property of the Late Carl & Donna Yager at Public Auction on **Friday, Sept. 11, 2026** **Beginning At 9:45 A.M.**

SALE SITE: 310 West Olive St.; Vandalia, MO 63382
DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 54 to Vandalia go south on N. Main (Hwy F) 0.3 mile to right on W. Olive St. to home on left #310.

**ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
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REAL ESTATE: Lot 3 Block 55 (60'x120') & Lot #4 (60'x120') of Block 55 fronting on W. Olive St. & S. Walnut St. in the City of Vandalia, Audrain County. Improvements include a 969 sq. ft. 5 room ranch home built in 1960. The home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room & kitchen with refrigerator & cook stove stay. Home has a gas furnace w/central air & is on city water & sewer sitting on Lot 3. Other improvements include a gazebo & 12'x18' storage shed.
NOTE: Real Estate will be sold as one tract including both lots.
NOTE: Due to the law on lead based paint & lead based paint hazards on any home built prior to 1978, any inspections for lead base paint by a purchaser must be done 10 days prior to the auction.

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- CHRISTMAS & FALL DECOR
- FISHING TACKLE
- ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES
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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: He had a passion for collecting toys, we have moved them to our Auction Barn in Troy & will sell the collection on Saturday Sept. 12th. David, Dusty & Bill

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

During the three and a half months that I have been mayor, I would guess that I have been asked 100 times why I decided to take on this role.

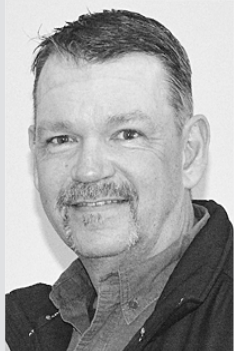
The answer has always been the same, and quite simple actually. I love Bowling Green, and want to do everything in my power to keep it a wonderful place to settle into, start and raise a family, open up a business, or find employment that is meaningful and one you can "hang your hat on" when you get home

from it. A hometown that you take pride in, one that is aesthetically pleasing to the eye, and one that you will defend against any and all naysayers about our little community. A community that has each other's backs, and everybody knows it.

Around here, most people hit the stools on Friday nights, and their knees on Sunday mornings. A tight knit community that welcomes newcomers, but dedicates a small corner of their eye on them at all times, just in case.

Barbershops and beauty parlors in Bowling Green provide all the news you'll ever need. They, for some reason,

always have late breaking news. And just like all news outlets, some of it is spot on true, and some...well, let's just say that hyperbole plays a big part in some of the stories told. Fish are always two inches longer, and a pound heavier!



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Why did I become mayor? My daddy instilled in me to leave a place better than when you found it. Camp sites, fishing holes, deer stands, whatever it was, "Leave it better than when you found it". That is my attempt,

and reason for tossing my hat into the ring to be your Mayor. This city has so much untapped potential, and I want to expose just a fraction of it in efforts to make all of our lives better, easier, safer, and more prosperous.

I cannot promise that I can fix all of your problems, but I can promise that they will be addressed, and not tossed aside. So please, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas on how to make Bowling Green better than when you found it, let me know? I am open for suggestions, and love to hear ideas that we, as a city, can adopt and make our own.

Have a wonderful day, folks!

Pike To Pike ...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

Big River Band - Pittsfield Community Center - Thursday, Aug. 20, 2:4-3:30. Buggs' Family Opry - Pearl, Ill. - Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the week of Aug. 19 -25, 2026:

Aug. 19 - Nathan and Nikki Newingham

Aug. 20 - Randy and Julie Love

Aug. 21 - Joe Winner, Mike Evans, Terrill Stearns

Aug. 22 - Jeremiah Hawkins, Larry Forgey, Maggie Still, Sheila Steininger, Everett and Judy Dean, Paul and Helen Roland

Aug. 23 Daniel Myers,

Krystal Huckstep, Tammy Gilbert, Wesley Dwight, Jan and Rick Shuford, Kettia Brokaw

Aug. 24 - Ricky Musgrove, Steve Lehr

Aug. 25 - Jerry and Ruby Garner, Kent and Chris Harter

Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. What was Uncle Sam's real name?

2. How many Commandments did Moses receive from God on Mount Sinai?

3. What state has no national park territory?

We were among the excellent crowd at the Buggs' Family Opry on Friday night. And what an honor it was that the Big River Band, that was all in attendance, was asked to guest sing. Then the next night the Big River Band had their show at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield with a good crowd attending that enjoyed a good show. That being said, the Big River Band will be at the Pittsfield Community Center this Thursday with the show starting at 2 p.m.

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this world be better, if folks whom we meet would say

"I know something good about you," and treat you just that way?

Wouldn't it be splendid, if each handshake, good and true,

Carried with it this assurance:

"I know something good about you?"

Wouldn't life be happier, if the good that's in us all,

Were the only thing about us that people would recall?

Wouldn't our days be sweeter if we praised the good we see;

for there is a lot of goodness, in the worst of you and me?

Wouldn't it be fine to practice, this way of thinking too;

You know something good about me, I know something good about you? Unknown

We
Welcome
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, Aug. 22 9:30 a.m.

160 Hickory Ln. - Eolia, MO 63344

Owners: Marion & Pamela Duff

GUNS - Guns will sell at 12 p.m.,

Tractors & Farm Equipment To Follow

Household, TOOLS, FISHING, & OUTDOOR: 2 roll top desks. Sleep number bed, Radio Flyer wagon, Kubota pedal tractor, garage refrigerator, smoker, oak pedestal, round table and chairs, Walnut, gun the corner gun cabinet, full size metal bed, quilt rack, a lot of jars, guardian ware service some new in the box, totes of yarn and material, salesman, sample dresser, graniteware, brass standard family-size, sports board, kraut cutter, butter mold, old toys, old games, little metal tractors, combines, hay balers, corn picker, clocks, TV tables, cane bottom chairs, sellers kitchen cabinet with flower bin, piano, metal patio table and chairs, GE washer and electric dryer, Geller's sewing machine pedal, wood bench, and much much more not listed.

Kubota, L2501 tractor with loader, 232 hours Kubota. B, 2301, tractor, 211 hours, Kubota, FDR, 1660, 5 foot 3-point finish mower, Kubota, Side-kick RTV XG. 850, John Deere, crank corn sheller, 3-point PTO, Seed sprayer, Switzer 22 ton, hydraulic wood splitter, cult mulcher for the garden, Danuser 3 point, post hole digger, 15-gallon electric sprayer, chemical sprayer, new roll of barbed wire Red brand, 3-point boom galvanized stainless electric fence wire, galvanized wash tubs, galvanize Old Ironsides 5 gallon fuel can, chicken feeders, coal buckets, aluminum extension ladders, homemade pull-behind 2 wheel wagon, lot T post, oxygen, acetylene tanks and cutting torch outfit, bolt cutters, gas cans, air tank, galvanized trash cans, post hole digger, shovels, potato forks, sledgehammers, Munster mall, Craftsman, bench vise, Sears Craftsman half horsepower bench grinder, like-new, Allied 3 quarter inch socket set, Agrifab lawn sweeper, pull behind, Aaron's real rear tine garden tiller, pull behind Cedar small garden tiller, pressure washer, cream cans, old metal cabinet, some drain tile, wagon jack, machete, corn knife, chain binders, fence stretchers, steel BG 55, leaf blower, toolboxes, small floor jack, wagon wheels and axle, 5-foot 3 point brush hog, SQ600, 3-point box blade, 3 point 6 foot blade, fence gates, Doolittle, 6610 2-wheel trailer, heavy duty, round pin panels, water tanks, cattle panels, tomato cages, Adirondak chairs and ottomans, metal shelving, and more not listed. This will be a full day auction.

GUNS: Guns will sell at 12 noon. Tractors and farm equipment to follow. Reuger AR-556 w/hyper fire trigger & magazine, 5.56cal, 410 TriStar double barrel over & under, 28" barrel, S&W 45ACP Revolver Jerry Miculek, Hot-shot Thompson 22 LR, Reuger 22 single 6, Revolver, Reuger .45 Black Hawk Revolver, BISLEY model, Reuger Wrangler 22L Rifle, Revolver, Reuger Super Black Hawk 41Mag, Revolver w/scope sight, Reuger 22 Revolver, Super Wrangler, Reuger 22L Wrangler Revolver, Long barrel, Wesson Firearms 357 Mag CTG, Bond Arms Grandbury TX 45 Colt 2 1/2" Rough & Rowdy, Bond Arms 22LR Pistol, S&W 44mag, Revolver, Kemper Model 82 Government Target, Rifle 22LR 24x44 Citron Scope, Model 135QE, HAT-SAN 22 w/gold trigger, Marlin Model 783 micro-groove barrel 22WMR Mag Tasco Scope, Rossi 45 Colt Saddle gun, Henry Lever, Action 22 octagon 24" Model H001TLB, Czech, CZ527 223 Remington LEFT handed rifle, Reuger American 17HMR w/scope 3-9x40, Case XX Hobo Pocketknife, Case XX hunting knife

Auctioneer's Note: Marian & Pamela are moving to Mexico, MO and everything sells to the highest bidder. No reserves, everything is in good condition.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, Sept. 15 5:30 p.m.

210 E. Park St., Vandalia, MO 63382

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Owners: D. Squared Holdings LLC, Dea Hoover

OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026

1-3 p.m.

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This home has been a rental house for the last few years. It is ready for new owners and can be a first-time home or a rental with a new owner. This home has had very good renters that took good care of it.

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Obituaries



Lloyd Wayne Kerr Walker

Lloyd Wayne Kerr Walker, 68, of Bowling Green died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026, at the Baptist Home of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday at First Baptist Church, with Pastor Charlene Wheeler-Williams, D.D., officiating. Visitation celebrating Lloyd's life will be held from 11 a.m., until the time of service at First Baptist Church, 214 N. Lindell Street, Vandalia, on Wednesday.

Lloyd was born Aug. 26, 1957, in Hannibal. He graduated from Van-Far High School in 1975. Over the years, he worked for Jerman Farm Supply in Vandalia and proudly raised Gildan red pigs. A skilled welder by trade, Lloyd attended Black Hawk College in Moline, Ill., and later worked as a welder for J.I. Case Co., in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Lloyd was a cherished big brother and a gentle, loving soul who always greeted others with a smile. He had a passion for cooking and found joy in watching his favorite characters, Batman, Spider-Man, and Johnny Quest.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel M. Kerr, and a sister, Pamela Sue Kerr.

Lloyd is survived by his father, Joe Louis Walker, Sr. and wife Diane; his siblings, Joe Walker, Jr., Lori Ann Walker, Anthony Walker and wife, Vickie, Barnard Walker, Kennard Walker, and Ruthy Chapman. He also leaves behind a dear uncle, Roland Kerr and wife, Tre; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.



Rebecca 'Becky' Jones Prince

Rebecca "Becky" Jones Prince died at the age of 77 in the early morning of Saturday, Aug. 9, 2026, following a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She went peacefully in her sleep surrounded by loving family in her Louisiana home.

Becky was originally from Petal, Miss., having graduated from Petal High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in mathematics. Becky worked first as a CPA assistant in Hattiesburg, Miss., and then as a teacher's aide in the Springfield, Mass., school system, teaching students with developmental disabilities in underserved schools. Becky moved to Louisiana in 1979, where she worked as a substitute teacher and sales associate for Century 21.

Becky devoted her life to helping others. In Springfield, Mass., she led women volunteers as a member of the Junior League. In Missouri, Becky served on the Louisiana School Board, the Louisiana City Council, and directed Louisiana Community Betterment. She was a mayoral candidate and named Citizen of the Year in 1995 by the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

Becky's leadership roles also included the Louisiana Economic Development Committee, Louisiana Museum Board, Vision 2000, and the Louisiana Garden Club. She led the local efforts of multiple charities, including the March of Dimes,

Red Cross, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, John Cotton Memorial Animal Shelter, and the Pike County Sheltered Workshop. Becky was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she taught Bible school and was a member of Ruth Circle. Perhaps most importantly, Becky was a devoted friend and supporter to her neighbors in the community, always eager to share her time, compassion, and even baked goods. Becky was a voracious reader and enjoyed traveling the world with the companionship of her husband Gary, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.

Becky is survived by her husband, Gary Prince; a son, Lance Prince and wife, Julie Gillespie Prince of Redwood City, Calif.; and sisters, Cindy Martin of Purvis, Miss., and Wendy Garner of Houston, Texas. Becky has three grandchildren, Jack Prince of Bishop, Calif., Lily Prince of San Diego, Calif., and Beau Prince of Tucson, Ariz.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Eloise Jones, brothers, William Jones and Robert Jones, and a sister, Penny Jones Alexander.

A memorial service was held at 5 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Visitation was from 3 p.m., until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the March of Dimes or American Cancer Society.

Mark Andrew Bail

Mark Andrew Bail went to his eternal reward on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, at the age of 54. He was born May 4, 1972, to Atanasio "Tony" and Sharon Lawbaugh Bail. They preceded him in death.

He was the husband of Shelley Bankhead Bail, formerly Fitchett; loving step-father of Cameron Fitchett and wife, Kaylie, Errett Fitchett, Gabriel Fitchett, Beau Fitchett, and step-grandchildren, Charlotte and Evelyn Fitchett; a sister, Diana Bail; friend of Bill W; and dear to many other relatives and friends.

Mark was a member of Arlington United Methodist Church. He enjoyed his career as an auditor with Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He was an avid fan of Star Wars, collected comics, and enjoyed building computers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington United Methodist Church, or Cold Water Cemetery (MSSDAR).



Gloria Dean McKinney

Funeral services for Gloria Dean McKinney, 92, of Vandalia were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with Pastor Bobby Jones officiating. Burial followed in Laddonia Cemetery.

Visitation were from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. McKinney died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

She was born Nov. 11, 1933 in Audrain County the daughter of Joe Henry and Ethyl Lou Jackson Righter. Gloria married Virgil F. Girard on May 16, 1952 and she later married Norman F. McKinney on Oct. 28, 1988 in Mexico. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2023.

Survivors include two sons, Dana Girard and wife, Patsy of Clinton, Okla., and Virgil Girard of Joplin; a daughter, Denise Willis of Vandalia; one step-son, Norman "Dutch" McKinney, Jr., and wife, Bobbi Sue of Park Hills; three step-daughters, Patricia Davis of Park Hills, Theresa Dalton of Bowling Green, and Michele Scott of St. Louis; eight grandchil-

dren; 17 step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; along with nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, one son, Randall Girard; and seven sisters, Emma Pease, Lois Landers, Betty Goodman, Billie Williams, Rheva Griggs, Villa Graves, and Fern Hanson.

Gloria was a lifelong area resident and a faithful member of the Bible Holiness Church of Bowling Green. She was elected as city clerk for Vandalia for four years, she also had secretarial positions at the Fire Brick Plant, the Missouri Department Highway and Transportation office, and for the equipment department.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, playing piano, working in her yard, tending to her flowers, always stayed active and productive. Gloria found joy spending treasured time with her family and lifetime friends.

Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Cael Leakey, Easton and Griffin Davis, Cole, Cade and Ryan Girard. Honorary pallbearers were Garrett and Carey Graves, Eddie and Kevin Griggs, Keith Landers, Gary and Leon Pease, and Steve Woolridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bible Holiness Church of Bowling Green and mailed c/ob Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Perry, MO 63462.

Larry Gene Bizelli

Larry Gene Bizelli, 77, of Vandalia died Monday, Aug. 10, 2026 at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

He was born July 2, 1949 in St. Charles, the son of John Glennon and Charlene Mae Post Bizelli. Larry married Sandra Kay Bizelli on Feb. 26, 2005 in Springfield. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Craig Bizelli and wife, Stephanie of Old Monroe and Nick Bizelli and wife, Marcy of Troy; three grandchildren, Tony, Richard, and Charlie June Bizelli; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Richard, Jack, and MaryAnn.

Larry was a certified mechanic for several St. Louis area dealerships. Larry and Sandra moved to Vandalia 22 years ago and are members of the First Christian Church of Vandalia. Larry enjoyed cars, boats, motorcycles and anything else with an engine.

No services are planned at this time.

Bienhoff Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Thomas 'Tom' Powelson

Thomas "Tom" Powelson, also known as "Sundrop" 82, of Louisiana, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026 at his home.

Tom was the middle son of Melvin and Beatrice Colbert Powelson. He was born Feb. 15, 1944 near Elsberry. At a very young age, Tom, learned to work hard in rural farm life. This could have been riding the tractor in the fields, hoeing in their big garden or working at Forest Keeling Nursery. When he graduated from Elsberry High School, he wanted to join the United States Air Force, however, his high arches kept him from serving his country. Thus, he entered the workforce to begin his service to others. Tom attended Pike-Lincoln Tech Center for electrical training.

Tom met his bride, Paulette, through a mutual Elsberry friend. They were married Aug. 29, 1970 at Whiteside Presbyterian

Church. Tom served the church as deacon, elder, and building committee.

Tom and Paulette were blessed with two children, a son John and Matt of St. Louis, and a daughter, Joy and Lance Hustedde of Bowling Green; and two grandchildren, Tanner and Alli. Tom and Paulette served as Godparents to Danny Zweifel and Rosanne Plante.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, paternal grandparents, Jobe and Oma, maternal grandparents, Thomas and Sarah Colbert, an older brother, Robert and many other relatives.

After Tom and Paulette moved to Louisiana, he became the man to call for anything to get fixed. It could be the furnace that went out at 2 a.m., for an elderly neighbor or the sewer was clogged. Once he snow plowed Highway D to get to a home where the furnace had quit and the

temperature was below zero. He enjoyed his time working at D&W Plumbing and heating for Karl and Allison Dewey and hours spent helping Gertrude with the cattle was special. Early 2000's he began working with Don Jenkins Superbus Construction. These luxury motorhomes were a sight to see from the empty shell to the finished product. "WOW" not being a man to sit still, he started working with John B. Carroll to build the Piker's Restaurant. Once the restaurant opened he became the gopher for whatever was needed. Helping John B. at the farm was a highlight too.

Having a big garden which included big sunflowers was his joy. When the fruits of his labor produced, he delivered his vegetable to friends and family to enjoy. Not only was he the family chauffeur, he gladly became the designated driver for golf trips, Elks Lodge trips or just anyone who needed a ride home. Ask most students of Louisiana High School between early 1990's and into 2000's he was always working to help with a float or build a prom even when John and Joy were not in the class. The bonus to his helping was having potato chip and chocolate chip cookies or gooey butter cake to share. With any project, Paulette asked him to help, he would especially if it was for the children in band, scouts or for the PCMH Relay for Life theme of the year. As you can see, Tom did not want to be idle. Even in recent years, every night included a ride in town or surrounding Pike County. He loved watching the crops grow and during harvest. To see the geese with goslings on Stark's pond was a joy. Every time you drink a Sundrop or see a sunflower you can remember Tom as a friend to all.

Visitation was Friday from 4-7 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes, & Crematory, 701 N. Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334. Visitation was also Saturday from 1-1:30 p.m., at Whiteside Presbyterian Church.

A funeral service followed on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., at the church. The Rev. Murray Phillips officiated.

Interment followed in Auburn Cemetery in rural Silex.

Pallbearers were Alli Hustedde, Mike Powelson, Justin Buchholz, Chris Currie, Braden Goewey, and Mark Tilley. Honorary pallbearers were David Buchholz, Ryan Mills, Danny Zweifel, Rick Henry, Clyde Korte, Rene Gonzalez, Robert Howland, and Mateo.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Pike County Memorial Hospital Foundation, any Veteran's organizations or donor's choice, c/o the funeral home.

Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook @mccoyblossomfh.

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.



Simon Herman Orf

Simon Herman Orf, 82, of Bowling Green died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday at 11 a.m., at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green, with Fr. Walter Kispotta and Deacon Wayne Korte officiating.

Visitation was Saturday from 9 a.m., until the time of service at the church. Cremation rites were handled by Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory of Bowling Green.

Simon was born Jan. 10, 1944, on the family farm in Bowling Green to Raymond and Rose Walters Orf. He was united in marriage on Sept. 3, 1966 to Diane Faye Grote at St. Clement Catholic Church. They would have celebrated their 60th anniversary this year. Diane survives.

Also surviving are Simon's sons, Larry Orf and wife, Robyn of Middletown and Brad Orf and wife, Kayce of Middletown; grandchildren, Cody McEntee and wife, Hannah, Dane Dunn, Bryson Splain, Khilyn Splain, Brinley Orf, and Wesley Orf; great-grandson, Morgan McEntee; a brother, Roland Orf; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family

members.

Preceding Simon in death are his parents; brothers, Truman Orf, Ezra Orf, William Orf, James Orf, and Raymond Orf who passed at birth; sisters, Geneva Knock, Roseanne Niemeyer, and Thelma Koester.

Simon spent his entire life residing and working on the family farm. He attended St. Clement Catholic School through the eighth grade, at which time he went to work full-time on the farm. He was also employed at Orf Construction for 42 years, retiring in 2005. Simon started Simon Orf and Sons backhoe business. He was a hard worker and was still working and farming up to the time of his death.

Simon was a kind soul who always had a smile on his face. He was the kind of man that would do anything for someone in need. He was a good, loving husband, dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather who took great pride in his family.

In his free time, Simon enjoyed camping and hunting. He and Diane had a group of friends and family they liked to travel to different campgrounds with. They liked to frequent Injun Joe's Campground and Ray Behran's Campground, but the Missouri State Fair was always Simon's favorite.

Serving as pallbearers were Dane Dunn, Adam Orf, Brandon Henderson, Marty Orf, Les Orf, and George Knock.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or the St. Clement Cares Fund.



Marcine Niemeyer

Marcine Niemeyer, 89, of Bowling Green died peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2026, at Lynn's Heritage House, in Louisiana.

Marcine was born in Curryville to John and Gertude Korte Niemeyer on July 4, 1937. He graduated from Cyrene School and Bowling Green High School. He served eight years in the Army Reserves and ended his service as a staff sergeant.

For 66 years, Marcine shared his life with his beloved wife, Elaine Privett Niemeyer. Together, they built a life grounded in faith, commitment, hard work, and love. Their marriage was a lasting example of devotion and partnership. Shortly after their marriage, he and Elaine purchased a farm in rural New Hartford and began building their life's work. Through determination and decades of steady effort, together they built a successful farm where they raised their sons.

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From, Wyatt Brown

Community News

OBITUARIES

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He was the proud father of four sons, Mark Niemeyer and wife, Bonnie Funk Niemeyer, Earl Niemeyer and wife, Shari Hearn Niemeyer, Mel Niemeyer and wife, Laurie Condon Niemeyer, and Jay Niemeyer and his significant other, Jennifer Faherty.

Marcine's greatest joy was his family which also includes his grandchildren: Ryan and Ashley Niemeyer; Scott and Jen Niemeyer; Elizabeth and Justin Edmond; Reed Niemeyer; Adam Niemeyer; Lillian Niemeyer; Kelsey Condon; and Mara Niemeyer. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren: Jayten Edmond, Adalynn Edmond, Madison Edmond, Haven Niemeyer, Luke Niemeyer, Charlotte Niemeyer, Brooks Niemeyer, Maeve Niemeyer and Scarlett Rose.

Marcine is also survived by his siblings, Jeanette Marcus, Leann Niemeyer, Eugene and Teese Niemeyer, Joyce Bibb, Alice and Phil Shocklee, Ellen and Dennis Sutter; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marcine was deeply involved in agriculture and his community. He was an active leader in the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H Club and Pike County Extension Council. He served many years as president of Pike County Farm Bureau and treasurer of Missouri Farm Bureau's PAC. Marcine was a lifetime member of St. Clement Catholic Church, served as a member of the Parish Council and was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

After selling the family farm, Marcine embraced a new chapter of life traveling with Elaine. Together they explored much of the country by group bus trip or taking off with Elaine by car. He especially enjoyed visits to presidential libraries and learning more about American history.

After a long and courageous journey with Parkinson's disease and cancer, Marcine is now at peace. He will be deeply missed by Elaine, his sons and their families, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, extended family, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will live on in the family he loved and the life he built.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday (today) at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Walter Kispotta and Deacon Wayne Korte officiating. Pallbearers will be his eight grandchildren. Burial will be in St. Clement Catholic Church Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Monday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory, in Bowling Green.

Donations can be made to Missouri 4-H Foundation or the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.



Ike Mack Watters

Ike Mack Watters, 68, of Bowling Green died Monday, Aug. 10, 2026 at SSM - Lake St. Louis Hospital.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held. Arrangements are pending at this time.

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MDC Changes Regulations For Upcoming Deer Season

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds deer hunters, landowners, and others of changes to regulations of the Wildlife Code of Missouri for the upcoming deer-hunting season. The changes focus on simplifying regulations and responding to public input.

Reduced Buck Limit For Nonresidents

MDC has reduced the antlered buck limit for those hunting on nonresident deer hunting permits from two to one. Nonresidents who qualify for nonresident landowner permits will maintain an antlered buck harvest limit of two.

MDC notes that the number of nonresident deer hunters in Missouri has increased by nearly 50 percent in the last 10 years and there has been an increasing number of resident hunters who have expressed concern about the impacts to land access and their hunting experiences. This regulation change aims to address resident hunters' concerns and helps alleviate increasing pressure from nonresident deer hunting.

Early Youth Portion Moved Earlier

MDC has moved the Early Youth Portion one week earlier this year to Oct. 24 and 25 to help avoid conflicts with Halloween activities at the end of October. The Early Youth Portion typically occurs two weekends prior to the November portion. This year it will occur three weekends prior.

APR Removed

MDC has removed the antler-point restriction (APR) for the final 18 counties where it was most recently in place. Yearling bucks, which the APR protects, travel many miles and can spread chronic wasting disease (CWD) long distances. Removing the APR will help to minimize the spread of CWD while also simplifying regulations.

CWD Management Zones Removed

MDC has removed the designations of the CWD Management Zone. A majority of Missouri counties either have had a case of CWD or are within 10 miles of a confirmed case of the disease, so a designated CWD Management Zone is no longer needed. Removing the CWD Management Zone also helps simplify regulations for hunters.

Prohibiting Feed, Minerals For Deer Continues

Placing feed and mineral for deer has been prohibited in counties close to where

CWD has been detected since CWD was first found in Missouri. Placing feed and mineral for deer artificially congregates them, resulting in an increased risk of disease transmission.

MDC will continue to prohibit the placement of feed and minerals for deer in counties within 10 miles of where CWD has been found. Learn more about the feed and mineral prohibition online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/feed-mineral-prohibition and on page 6 of the Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available online at mdc.mo.gov, at MDC offices and nature centers, and other places where hunting permits are sold.

Removed CWD Portion

MDC has removed the CWD Portion of firearms deer season to simplify the structure of the season while not significantly affecting deer harvest.

Mandatory CWD Samplings Moved To County Rotations

MDC has moved mandatory CWD sampling during the opening weekend of the November Portion of the firearms deer season to a four-year county rotation. Mandatory CWD sampling will now be conducted in every county of the state once every four years.

According to MDC, conducting mandatory CWD sampling on a county rotation will allow staff to continue to monitor CWD where it exists and allow for early detections in new areas. A mandatory sampling rotation also simplifies the mandatory sampling requirement for hunters.

Mandatory sampling for this season will be conducted in 28 counties on Nov. 14 and 15.

Get more information on mandatory sampling online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/mandatory-cwd-sampling and on page 7 of the MDC Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available online at mdc.mo.gov, at MDC offices and nature centers, and other places where hunting permits are sold.

Changes To CWD Management Permits

MDC has increased the minimum acreage requirement for CWD Management Permits and simplified the application process. Landowners are now required to have at least 20

contiguous acres in a CWD Core Area to receive CWD Management Permits. The change will make the acreage requirement consistent with other no-cost landowner deer hunting permits, reducing potential confusion for landowners.

MDC has also simplified the application process. Qualifying landowners in CWD Core Areas can receive five, no-cost, CWD Management Permits for use on their property during deer season and will receive a notice in the mail from MDC about the permit application process.

Learn more about the CWD Management Permit Program at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-management-permit-program.

No Post-Season Removals

As a result of public engagement and continued evaluation, MDC will not conduct targeted deer removals after the season and currently has no plans to resume the activity.

Instead, MDC staff will work with hunters, landowners, and other partners to develop a localized approach in which hunter harvest is the primary tool to manage deer numbers and CWD during the regular deer season.

Learn more about these regulation changes and get other information on deer hunting in Missouri from the MDC 2026 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet available online at mdc.mo.gov, at MDC offices and nature centers, and other places where permits are sold.

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From Mercy Kids ENT and GI specialists, pediatric surgeons, hospital stays, hearing evaluations all at Mercy Children's Hospital off Ballas Road to therapies at Mercy Kids Mid Rivers, including physical, occupational and speech therapy, Lincoln and his family have become very familiar with Mercy Kids providers and services.

On a recent visit for a dental procedure, the staff at Mercy Kids Tests & Treatments introduced Lincoln to a new kind of caregiver - Nellie. Nellie is a therapy dog that helps make difficult days easier kids.

"The moment she entered the room, everything

changed. Lincoln went from being scared and upset to smiling, talking and wanting to pet her," Bryca said. "Before his procedure, she even climbed onto the bed with him, and for the first time, he willingly got on the transport bed and went back without fear. Watching his anxiety melt away was something we'll never forget."

The Mercy Kids Tests and Treatments is a specialized area within Mercy Children's Hospital that coordinates and provides care for children under 18 and those with special needs who may require sedation or anesthesia for testing, treatment or minor procedures. It has a full-time certified child life specialist who works with kids and their families to ease the stress and anxiety of the hospital and helps prepare children for their procedure.

Mercy Kids has pediatricians and specialists as close to Pike County as Troy, Missouri and for extended stays and more complex inpatient needs, the West County Ronald McDonald House on the Mercy Hospital St. Louis campus is available for parents.

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Household & Misc.: 2 leather couches w/matching recliner, wood chairs, craft & sewing items, several purses & handbags, Cricut, Christmas items, more not listed.

Other: Kawasaki mule, Gravley 42" zero turn mower, chain saws, fishing bowls, etc.

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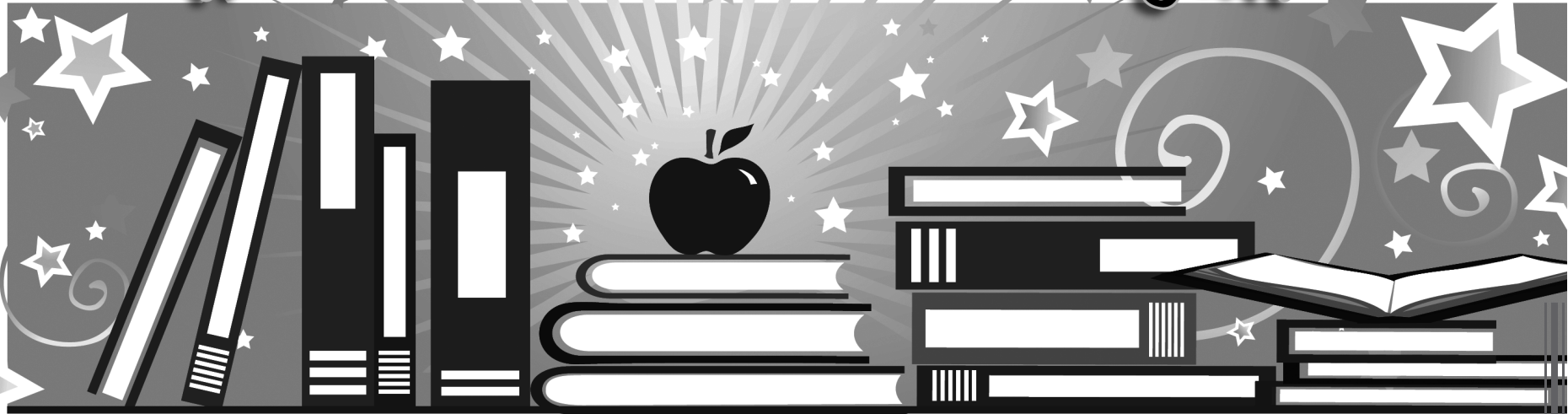
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- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing & make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.

RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and always use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs and wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the 'rules of the road.'

WALKING TO SCHOOL

- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

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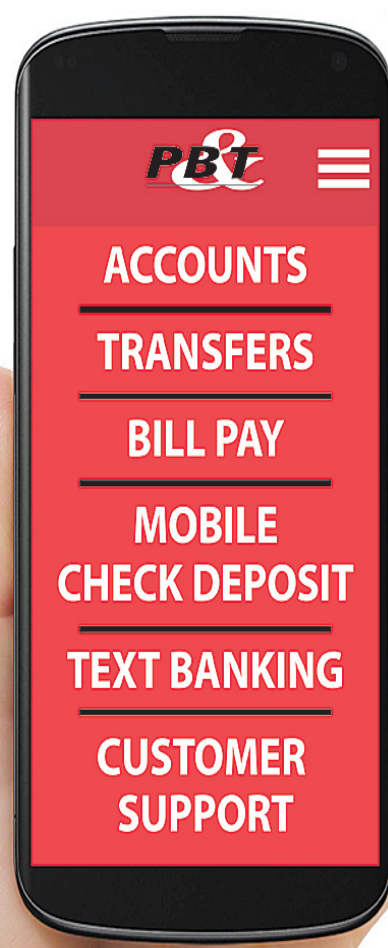
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8 – 4 Drawer Chest Of Drawers
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Utility Cart; Closet Shelves (Several)
Roll Around Organizers W/Shelves
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Ornate Kitchen Cabinet; Nice Kitchen Buffet
Lots Of Baskets And Laundry Baskets
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Pillow Top Mattress (Very Nice)
4-Drawer Wood File Cabinet
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Metal Roll-Around Kitchen Cart (Mid-Century)
Oak Kitchen Table And Padded Chairs
Hall Trees; Fur Coats; Lawn Chairs
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Slim Line Treadmill

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Copper Floor Lamps; #6 Griswold Skillet

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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

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