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Community News

MDC Asks Public To Report Hemorrhagic Disease In Deer

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is beginning to receive some reports of hemorrhagic disease (HD) in deer this summer and is asking the public to help determine the extent of the disease by reporting suspected cases.

HD is a general term for two related viruses: epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) and bluetongue (BTV). They are spread to deer through the bite of a tiny, native midge, often called a “no-see-um” or “gnat.”

Reports from the public help biologists monitor deer health and better understand the impacts of the disease.

“Hemorrhagic disease is a naturally occurring virus in Missouri’s deer population,” explained MDC Wildlife Health Program Supervisor Brigid Niemeyer. “Outbreaks are most common between July and October and typically end after a heavy frost kills the midges that spread the virus.”

Signs of HD in deer can include reluctance to move; difficulty breathing; swelling of the head, neck, or tongue; and unusual behavior such as appearing dazed or unresponsive. The virus can cause high fever, prompting infected deer to seek water. Deer that die from HD are often found in or near water. Death can occur within days of infection, though some deer survive and develop immunity. There is no cure or vaccine for HD.

HD kills deer quickly, making the effects of the disease highly visible. However, the disease does not have long-term effects on the overall health or sustainability of Missouri deer herd. Even after a severe outbreak, the deer population recovers within a few years.

“We care deeply about Missouri deer and deer hunting,” Niemeyer said. “By reporting suspected cases of HD, members of the public can help us track where the disease is occurring and how it’s affecting deer numbers in specific areas.”

Missouri’s most severe HD outbreak occurred in 2012 during an extreme drought when deer gathered around limited water sources, increasing their exposure to infected midges.

Learn more about hemorrhagic disease at mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/wildlife-diseases/hemorrhagic-disease.

To report a suspected case of HD, contact the local MDC office or speak with a conservation agent. Find local MDC offices and agents online at mdc.mo.gov/contact-enage/local-mdc-contacts.

People can also report suspected cases online through MDC’s Wildlife Health Event Reporting Application at mdc12.mdc.mo.gov/applications/WildlifeHealthReporting.

Plant True Lilies In Fall For Striking Spring Color

During fall, many gardeners plant popular spring-flowering bulbs like narcissus, tulips and hyacinths.

“Fall also is a good time to plant lilies,” said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

“True” lilies are different from other spring bulbs and several other plants with the word “lily” in their common name such as daylily, lily-of-the-valley and blackberry lily. The bulbs of true lilies are composed of fleshy scales without a protective covering.

Prized for their striking color and fragrance, lilies add vertical elegance to gardens while using minimal ground space. When properly planted and cared for, these resilient perennials offer continuous summer blooms while attracting helpful pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds, Trinklein said.

Lilies have a rich history spanning thousands of years. In ancient Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean, lilies were cultivated for food, medicine and ornamentation. The earliest known visual record of the flower is a fresco from around 1580 B.C. found on the island of Crete.

In ancient Greece it was said that white lilies sprang from the breast milk of Hera, while the Romans associated them with Venus. In Christianity, the white Madonna lily became an enduring symbol of the Virgin Mary’s purity. During the Victorian Era, botanists traveled the globe to find new varieties.

Some of the more popular lilies are Asiatic lily, Oriental lily, tiger lily, royal (regale) lily and strains of Aurelian (trumpet) lily such as African Queen, Golden Splendor, Beijing Moon, Pink Perfection and Lady Alice. The range of size, color and form of lily seems almost endless, Trinklein said.

Unlike spring-flowering bulbs, lilies are never completely dormant and must be handled carefully when they are not in the soil. They lose moisture quickly, and wilted bulbs lead to poor growth and few, if any, flowers.

Lilies may be planted in fall any time before the ground freezes. An exception is the Madonna lily, which should be planted in late summer or very early fall to give it enough time to develop top growth before cold weather arrives.

Lilies require loose, fertile and exceptionally well-draining ground to prevent bulb rot. Start by loosening the existing soil to a depth of 12 to 15 inches to give lilies’ deep root systems room to expand. Incorporate a heavy layer of organic matter (such as compost, leaf mold or aged manure) to improve soil structure and boost nutrients. Lilies prefer a slightly acidic to neutral pH between 6.0 and 6.5. Add sulfur to lower the pH or lime to raise it if a soil test shows extreme levels.

Planting technique is essential to give lilies a strong start and ensure vibrant blooms. Begin by digging a hole 2-3 times deeper than the height of the bulb, which generally translates to planting them 6-8 inches deep. This keeps the bulbs cool during summer and provides structural support for the tall stems.

Place the bulb in the hole with its pointed end facing upward and its roots spreading downward. Space bulbs 8-12 inches apart to leave room for air circulation and future growth. Once bulbs are positioned, fill the hole with soil, press down gently to eliminate large air pockets, and water the area thoroughly to settle the ground around the roots.

Care after planting focuses on consistent moisture, nutrition and structural support to ensure healthy growth. Water deeply once a week, making sure the soil stays moist but not waterlogged to prevent root rot. Apply a 2-inch layer of organic mulch, such as shredded bark, to keep the roots cool, retain moisture and suppress weeds.

When green shoots emerge in the spring, apply a balanced, slow-release fertilizer such as 10-10-10, and repeat the application right before the flowers open. As plants grow, install stakes for taller varieties to prevent strong winds from toppling flower stems.

Finally, immediately remove faded blooms to prevent seed production, which redirects the plant’s energy back into the bulb for next year’s growth.

USDA Accepts Letters Of Interest For \$410M In New Energy Funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is accepting Letters of Interest for the Powering Affordable Reliable Technology (PART) Energy Program. PART offers partially forgivable loans to invest in infrastructure that produces electricity from hydro, geothermal or biomass energy sources as well as investments in energy storage systems to make intermittent renewable energy systems more reliable.

This program is administered through USDA Rural Development’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Individual awards for partially forgivable loans will range between \$1 million and \$100 million and will support affordable power for American families, and infrastructure that keeps pace with economic expansion.

Eligible projects receiving funding may be granted loan forgiveness up to 40 percent.

“Rural Missouri’s economic grit depends on a rock-solid, resilient power grid. By leveraging this federal funding window, our communities can capture a portion of the \$410 million budget to build localized energy storage systems, ensuring our rural manufacturing plants and ag operations stay competitive and running smoothly,” said the Missouri Rural Development State Director Ben Baker. “By investing in energy storage and renewables, this program ensures our clean energy future is both affordable and dependable.”

Loan funds applicants to finance power generation projects for Renewable Energy Resource systems or Energy Storage Systems that support Renewable Energy Resource projects. Approximately \$410 million in appropriated budget authority funding is available under this program.

RUS is accepting Letters of Interest now until Oct. 9, 2026.

Operating electric utilities are eligible to apply including those organized as for-profit organizations, state or local municipal utilities, Tribally owned utilities, Alaska Native corporation owned utilities, nonprofit electric utility, electric cooperative or other certificated electric utilities.

For more information on this program, visit the program page online and review the full Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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Donna DeTienne was married to the late John DeTienne (Post member) and has been a member for 33 years. Donna served as president and other offices over the years. She also helped with bingo every week and handed out poppies every year when she was able.

Leona Goodman was married to the late Paul Goodman (Post member) and has been an Auxiliary Member for 59 years. She served as secretary and other offices. Leona also helped with many of the Auxiliary activities.

The Auxiliary is so appreciative of these ladies for their service over the years and all they have done to support the Veterans.

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Laura Minor of Louisiana has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) summer 2026 president's list. The summer terms run from May-August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Last Sunday night I had an amazing experience visiting with JoAnn, the widow of Cotton Fitzsimmons. On the eve of the Annual Cotton Fitzsimmons Memorial Golf Tournament, there was a meet and greet held in the Moberly Community College Activity Center, and the Director of Alumni Affairs extended an invitation for me to attend the event on campus.

JoAnn had just arrived, and even though we have spoken on numerous occasions, this is the first time I had the opportunity to meet her. What a wonderful lady she is, let me just tell you.

I heard stories from players who Cotton used to coach at both the college and professional levels. I heard accounts from the Team Dr. of the Phoenix Suns, where Cotton spent most of his professional coaching days at. I sure wish that I would have had the opportunity to meet Cotton, because through choked up voices, and grown men's teary-eyed testimonies, I knew that he was some kind of a special human being.

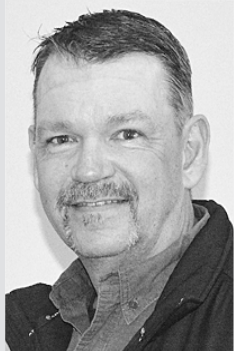
One story that stands out to me was told by Scott Wedman who won two NBA Championships, both with the Boston Celtics in the mid 80's. Scott played for Cotton as a member of the Kansas City Kings before heading to Boston. Scott recalls seeing Cotton open his wallet and hand a professional basketball player a wad of money.

Scott recalled that the young athlete had fallen on some hard times, but Cotton was there to give him the boost he needed.

The theme of the night by all speakers was that Cotton treated all of his players as his family. If I heard it once, I heard it a hundred times how he passionately cared for all his guys. JoAnn had always told me that, but hearing the stories from all of these different people validated every word that Joann had ever said to me.

As I was getting ready to leave, JoAnn handed me a folder, and inside of it was Cotton's 1949 Bowling Green Bobcat yearbook. It is a paperback book, but is in great shape for its age. The front is solid gray, with an embossed title that reads "The Speaker, 1949". Inside the front cover is Cotton's signature curvaceously spelled out like he knew it was going to eventually be an autograph. I quickly donated the yearbook to the Bowling Green High School to be placed in the trophy case and displayed for years to come.

Cotton learned all of these great traits right here. He is the poster-child of what it means to be a member of this community. It shaped him, nurtured him, and it created the man that he would become. He was from Bowling Green, Missouri, and it is our duty to make sure his legacy is forever alive. Help me bring Cotton home?



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
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Follow Fall Foliage With MDC's Fall Color Report

It may be hard to imagine a tree scape of red, orange and yellow leaves with temperatures still reaching the 90s, but fall and all the beauty that comes with it is right around the corner. For those chasing that fall feeling, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) offers weekly fall color updates from agency foresters all over the state at mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor.

Missourians have many opportunities to see fall color, as the variety of trees in the state offer changing colors that may last six to eight weeks. Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper are some of the earliest to change, beginning mid-September. By the end of the month, black gum, bitter-sweet and dogwoods are turning. The peak of fall color hits around mid-October.

The progression of color

change is predictable, but it can vary depending on weather conditions leading up to fall months.

"The majority of central and north Missouri has had adequate moisture, so we should have good fall color," said MDC Forestry Field Programs Supervisor Russell Hinnah. "With the droughty conditions in southern Missouri, particularly in the southwest, we could see muted colors, a shortened window of color and even early leaf drop."

Bright sunny days, coupled with cool nights, in the beginning of September can be the perfect setting to bring bright and vibrant fall colors, according to Hinnah. "We need cool nights, but not below freezing," Hinnah explained. "An early freeze can damage leaf tissue before color is fully developed and cause leaves to drop prematurely."

Fall color is the perfect backdrop for outdoor activities, such as hiking, camping or even floating. MDC conservation areas or Missouri state parks are wonderful places to take in the beauty of fall.

The changing colors are not just limited to trees. Prairies and roadsides offer a beautiful mix of purple, olive and auburn as wildflowers, shrubs and grasses change with the season. Those looking for fall colors should seek out environments with mature trees, such as parks or older neighborhoods.

MDC provides its annual fall color update at mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor. Weekly reports include what species of trees are turning and suggests the best places to view the fall color. The updates run now through November.

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By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Proverbs 21:23

First day of fall has finally arrived. This is my favorite season of the year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of Sept. 23 -30, 2026:

Sept. 23 - Bob Lipcamon, Jeff Fesler, Mary Cobb, Shevi McCoy

Sept. 24 - Avery Bradshaw, Edith Turner, Jaime Syrcle, Luke Smith

Sept. 25 - Melissa Johnston

Sept. 26 - Mckenzie Gwartney, Mary and Sean Massie

Sept. 27 - Clint Weir, Tasha Kirk

Sept. 28 - Nicole Browning, Jon and Kerensa Weibel

Sept. 29 - Elizabeth Rudd, Emily Rhodes, Pennie Rush, Penny

Tedrow, Bill and Laura Grimsley, Nic and Kristina Carter

Sept. 30 - Rachel McCaherty, Vanessa Edgar

-Deepest sympathy is extended to Laura Goree over the passing of her son Kenny Goree. Laura is Jamie's sister.

-Jamie Niffen and Wyvetta Davis called on Laura Goree of Bowling Green, Missouri, Saturday morning. We enjoyed visiting with Laura's daughter Lisa Verosa of North Carolina while there. While there Laura and Jamie's sister

Brenda Culp of Booneville, Missouri, also stopped by and visited.

-The Big River Band had an excellent crowd of 51 present Saturday evening at the Pike County Senior Center.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, Sept. 25 -- Buggs' Family Opry -- in Pearl -- music starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3-- Big River Band -- Pike County Senior Center -- music starts at 6:30 p.m.

PAYNESVILLE HOMECOMING SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Parade 10 a.m. (Line up Hall Lot 9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)

Opening Ceremony 11 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Memorial ceremony for Steve Eisele (former board member)

Noon - Cake and Dessert Auction

12:30 p.m. Lucky Game 1 p.m.- Corn Hole Tournament

1 p.m. band- (Push) from St. Charles

2 p.m. Motorcycle Judging & Memorial Service for Joe Westfall

3 p.m. 50/50 Drawing

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Pork- Tom Leake - Craft Vendors etc.

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Crafts- Becky O'Neal, Honey- Bee Haven Farms, Crafts etc- Sara

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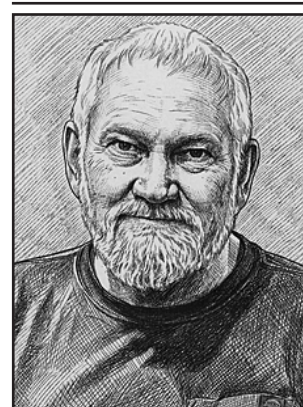


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Obituaries



Charles Ray Cowan

Charles Ray Cowan, 71, of Vandalia died at home Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026.

Charles was born July 30, 1955, near Roscoeto Virgil and Rosa Robinson Cowan.

At a young age, Charles accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. During his time of illness, he laid his trust in God for strength and guidance. At 17, he enlisted in the United States Army and also served in the National Guard. In his time of service, he was able to travel and experience the good and bad of military life. His 18th birthday was spent in Germany on a training mission. Many fond memories were made and later told with pride of his service.

Later in life, Charles served as a police officer and retired from the Department of Correction as a sergeant after 29 years. During his time with the department, he worked at numerous institutions.

Charles was an avid hunter and loved to fish as well. He enjoyed taking hunting trips to the states of Idaho and Colorado. Oh, the stories that were told of the deer that was shot in a blinding snowstorm. He really enjoyed snagging for spoonbills and the challenge of reeling them in.

A loving husband to his wife, Julie, survivor of the home. Children are Jaime Picton of Lamar, Ark., Jamie Ennis and husband, Chad of Austin, Texas, Laura Casagrande and husband, Rob of St. Peters, and Sarah Saleh of Farber as well as several grandchildren.

Charles was one of 17 children born to the Cowan family. Surviving siblings are Virginia "Ginger" Baker, Barbara Nichols and husband, Mike, Lois Gregory and husband, Terry of Malden, Debi Hopper of Perryville, Chester Cowan and wife, Joyce of Florida, John Cowan of Springfield, Greg Cowan of Lebanon, and Eric Cowan of Arkansas. Also surviving are brothers-in-law, Robert Bryant of Harviell, and Jim Moore of Arnold; and sister-in-law, Irene Cowan of Wentzville.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and family members, Virgil Lee, Richard, Robert, Delmer, Grover, and Clarence Cowan, Ruby Bryant, and Vivan Moore.

Funeral services for Charles were Saturday at noon at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with pastor Robin Terrell officiating. Burial followed in the Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation was Saturday from 11 a.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Robert Casagrande, Chad Ennis, Samuel Ennis, Ray Rueve, Jackson Saleh, and Brysyn Picton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home PO Box 54 Vandalia, MO 63382.



Diane Bueler

Diane Bueler, 64, of Hannibal died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at her home.

There will be no services. Arrangements for cremation are under the direction of the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

Patricia Diane Bueler was born March 9, 1962, in Hannibal to Darrell Lucas and Joan Cash Sorrell.

Survivors include three children, Chris Bueler, Courtney Bueler Matchett and husband, Ethan, and Caitlyn Bueler; two sisters, Karen Clayton and husband, Chuck, and Shelia Stengel and husband, Benjamin; and two grandchildren, Sophia Matchett and Elliott Matchett. She is also survived by her beloved companion, James "Jim" Hurlburt.

Diane was preceded in death by her father, Darrell.

She was a 1980 graduate from Bowling Green High School. She attended Culver-Stockton College-Canton where she graduated in 1989.

Professionally, Diane was a commodity manager at Watlow in Hannibal. She retired after 39 years of service.

Diane found joy in the comforts of home and in the many interests that reflected her thoughtful and engaging nature. She loved cooking and took pride in preparing meals that brought people together around the table. Nobody could cook like Diane.

She also had a remarkable talent for cast-iron restoration, a pursuit that reflected both her patience and her respect for craftsmanship. A devoted fan of St. Louis Cardinals baseball, Diane followed the game with enthusiasm and loyalty. She appreciated the tradition and excitement that baseball inspired, and she enjoyed the sense of community that came with cheering for her team. Diane was also an avid reader, and books offered her both enjoyment and reflection. She valued the opportunity to learn, imagine, and explore new ideas through reading, and she carried that same openness into her daily life. Among the many pleasures Diane enjoyed were trips to Las Vegas, where she appreciated the excitement, variety, and memorable experiences the city had to offer. Most of all, Diane treasured her family and the moments they spent together. Diane will be deeply missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northeast Humane Society.



Donna Ruth Potter

Donna Ruth Potter, 81, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill., surrounded by her family.

Donna was born Nov. 1, 1944, the daughter of Elgin Lovelace and Bertha Lent. She grew up and attended elementary school in Ashley and graduated with the Bowling Green High School class of 1962. She married Harold "Shorty" Potter on Feb. 11, 1962, they were married until Shorty's death on April 9, 2013.

Following high school Donna worked at Potter's Group Home while she raised her children. Once her children were grown, she went to work at Country View Nursing Home in the kitchen, followed by working at the sale barn kitchen.

Donna was passionate about spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved taking care of her yard and enjoyed barbecues. She traveled extensively with her husband until his passing, then her son, Ed continued to travel with her around the U.S.

Those left to carry on her legacy include her son, Ed Potter of Curryville; special cousins, Joyce "Pete" Porter, Lewis Ed and Jerry Woratzeck; grandchildren, Stephanie Mourino and husband, Wilson, Sara Bucher and husband, Chris, Ashley and Addison Potter, and Randi Potter; great-grandchildren, nieces; nephews; and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elgin and Bertha Lovelace, her husband, a son, Randy Potter and one daughter, Penny Potter.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com.



Shannon Mayo Culwell

Shannon Mayo Culwell, Sr., 83, of Vandalia died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday at Waters Funeral Home. Entombment will follow in the Culwell Mausoleum at the Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation celebrating Shannon's life will be held 4-7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 16, 1943, to Samuel Mayo and Fayette Mae Culwell. He grew up south of Vandalia where he attended South Carter Elementary School and graduated in 1961 from Van-Far High School.

Shannon began his working career at Heim Equipment in Laddonia, where he developed a lifelong passion for Allis-Chalmers tractors. On Nov. 25, 1962, he married the love of his life, Linda Lou Gooch. Together, they built a life centered around family, farming and their community.

Shannon and Linda spent their life farming. Shannon dedicated himself to the row-crop operation, raising corn, soybeans and wheat while Linda focused on the swine operation. Over the years, they continued to expand their farming operation, farming more acres, swine operation and building Culwell Farms into a way of life that represented their hard work, dedication and love for the land.

Shannon's passion for Allis-Chalmers tractors continued throughout his life. He enjoyed restoring Allis-Chalmers tractors to their original condition, taking great pride in bringing each one back to life. Every year, Shannon, his family and friends would parade the restored tractors in the Prairie Days parade. He always looked forward to that special day of showing the tractors, visiting with friends and sharing something he loved with the community.

Shannon and Linda were blessed with two children, a daughter, Sheila Melynn, and a son, Shannon Mayo Culwell Jr. Family was at the center of Shannon's life, and he took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He was a proud grandfather to Treyson Culwell, Samuel Middleton, Annalynn Culwell, and Reece Culwell.

Shannon was an active member of Central Union Church, where he served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His faith and his church family were an important part of his life. He also believed in supporting the community and generously contributed to community events and causes over the years.

He will be remembered for his love of farming, his passion for Allis-Chalmers tractors, his devotion to his family, and his willingness to support his church and community. His life was one of hard work, faith, family and service.

Shannon was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Mayo and Fayette Mae Culwell; a son, Shannon Mayo Culwell Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Felicity Goodpasture-Culwell.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Linda Lou Culwell; one daughter, Sheila Melynn Frost and husband, Greg; grandchildren, Treyson Culwell and wife, Megan, Samuel Middleton, Annalynn Culwell, and Reece Culwell; and his brother, Merle Culwell and wife, Sue.

Pallbearers will be Treyson Culwell, Samuel Middleton, Reece Culwell, Jeff Culwell, JC Davis, and Alan Wright. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Heim, Charlie Wright, Jack Reid, Merle Culwell, Jim Mac Elzea and Raymond Miller.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Union Church.

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



Betty Kay Parrish

Betty Kay Parrish, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green with The Rev. Sammy Lorton officiating. Burial will be held at Eolia Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday (today) at the funeral home.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and woman of faith whose life was centered around her family and serving the Lord.

Betty was born May 26, 1941, the daughter of Milton Clifton and Betty Ruth Kennedy Gillean, and raised in Texas. As a young woman, she milked cows twice a day and worked in the cotton fields, where she met the love of her life, James Parrish, while picking cotton near Mt. Joy, Texas. She attended school in Enloe, Texas, through the 10th grade, with 1957 being her final year of school.

Betty and James were married on Sept. 25, 1956, at her parents' home in Mt. Joy, Texas. Together they shared nearly 70 years of marriage, building a life rooted in love, family, hard work, and faith.

Throughout her life, Betty lived in several communities, including Curryville, Winfield and Vandalia, as well as Eureka and Troy, and communities in Texas finally settling in Bartlesville, Dewey and Barnsdall, Okla. She worked at a garment factory in Winfield and later co-owned Eolia True-Value Hardware and for the last many years owned Action Communications in Bartlesville. Above all, Betty faithfully served alongside her husband as a minister's wife for many years.

Her Christian faith was an important part of her life. She was associated with Holiness Churches and had a passion for serving Jesus. Betty enjoyed flowers, cooking, baking, and camping. Her love for others was often expressed through cooking, including preparing meals at various Holiness camps. Her generous spirit and willingness to serve others will be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

Betty is survived by three children, Patricia Hollenbeck of Bartlesville, Okla., Belinda Ellsworth and husband, Larry of Eolia, and Jim Parrish and wife, Sarah of Barnsdall, Okla.; four grandchildren, Ardie Ellsworth of Bowling Green, Jesse Ellsworth of Eolia, David Jackson and wife, Jessica of Andover, Kan., and Stephanie Holden and husband, Larry of Pawhuska, Okla.; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Milton Gillean and wife, Gloria, one sister, Barbara Cohea; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Parrish in 2024, her parents; a sister, Sandra Dowell; one grandson, Nathan Jackson; and three great-grandchildren.

Betty's life was one of steadfast faith, devotion to family, and service to others. The meals she prepared, the flowers she tended, the family she nurtured, and the many years she spent serving alongside her husband are lasting reminders of a life lived with love and purpose.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Jackson, Ardie Ellsworth, Jesse Ellsworth, Kevin Nassif, Larry Holden, and Larry LaFave. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremiah

Jackson and JoNathan Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to White-side Holiness Church, 23 Smith Wesson Way, Silex, MO 63377.

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



Sharon Marie Rogers

Sharon Marie Rogers, 76, of Bowling Green died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, at her home surrounded by her family.

No services are planned at this time.

The family is being served by Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory.

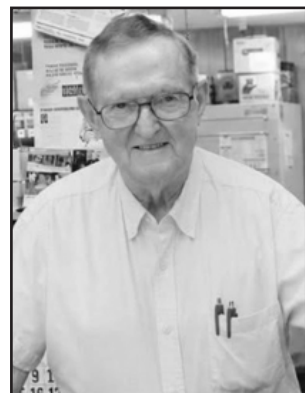
Sharon was born June 15, 1950, in Poplar Bluff, the daughter of Gale and Betty Edgerton Allen. She grew up in Poplar Bluff and later moved to Hazelwood where she graduated. Following high school she attended Sanford Brown College for nursing. Following nursing school, she stayed at home to raise her five children. She then began working at Stark Bros. Nursery and as a CNA and Med Tech in Silex at Silex Community Care.

Sharon enjoyed crocheting for others, fishing, mushroom hunting and just being outdoors. She collected pigs, snowmen and Boston Terriers. Her greatest passion was spending time with her family. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness.

Those left to carry on her legacy are her children, Trana Hagen and husband, Shawn of Bowling Green, Kiel Rogers of Warrenton, Kale Rogers and wife, Kara of Rockport, Ill., Tristen Rogers of Bowling Green, and Tiara Woods, Barry, Ill. Grandchildren, Joey Hagen, Kiel Hagen, Maleah Hagen, Julie Wolf, Nikki Rogers, Kal-El Rogers, Quinn Rogers, Alden Rehfeldt, Shaleen Rehfeldt, Layla Butler; a sister, Linda Ivy of Elsberry. Many nieces and nephews along with extended family.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brother, Earl Allen.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com.



Robert 'Bob' Hickerson

Robert "Bob" Leon Hickerson, 90, of Bowling Green died Thursday, Sept. 17,

2026, at the Baptist Homes of Vandalia.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Thursday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green with Glen Hickerson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Air Cemetery in Curryville.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m., until time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Bob was born Aug. 20, 1936, in Concord, the son of Ed and Ruth Dixon Hickerson. Growing up, he lived in various areas of Pike County, attending the Mt. Zion one-room schoolhouse in rural Bowling Green through the eighth grade, when he went to work for his father on the family farm before joining the United States Army, where he was stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland.

Bob married Glenda Pearl Walker July 11, 1956, and together they raised three children. In 1962, Bob and his family returned to Pike County following his honorable discharge, where Bob would work several jobs over the years. Bob's work career included working for Chem-Grow, the Pike County Highway Department where he helped with the construction of Clarence Cannon Dam, the state school where he was a janitor and bus driver. Bob was more recently known for locally hauling water and in 1986 he began Hickerson Shoe Repair off the square in Bowling Green, where he worked for the past 40 years.

He was an active member of Edgewood Baptist Church, as well as president of the Mt. Aire Cemetery. In his free time, Bob enjoyed listening and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball games, as well as visiting and talking with people at the shoe shop or while hauling water.

Those left behind to carry on his legacy are his children, Jerry Hickerson of Bowling Green, Glen Hickerson of Louisiana, and Penny Lawson of Troy; grandchildren, Renee Lancaster and husband, Dustin, Andrew Moore, Glen Allen Hickerson and wife, JaCee, Kala Willing, Tiffany Hustedde and husband, Blake, Christina Anderson, Brooke Hickerson, Natalie Hickerson, and Bennett Hickerson; great-grandchildren, Makayla, Dominic, Cheyenne, Irelynn, Lakely, Riverleigh, Lawson, Peyton, Brooke, Ellis, Crosby, Mila, Maebride, Edyn, Anderson, Vivian, Ryder, Bodhi, and Wyatt; a sister, Adeline Faulk of Kansas City; nieces, nephews, foster grandchildren, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, siblings, Elmer, Walter, Bill, Lucille, Millie, Pauline, and Lena; and a daughter-in-law, Marquita Hickerson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bennett Hickerson, Glen Allen Hickerson, Andrew Moore, Dustin Lancaster, Jose Santiago, Brian Gordanier, Jordan Hansen. Honorary pallbearer will be Jeff Hickerson.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Air Cemetery. See OBITUARIES on page 8

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2026 Vandalia Prairie Days

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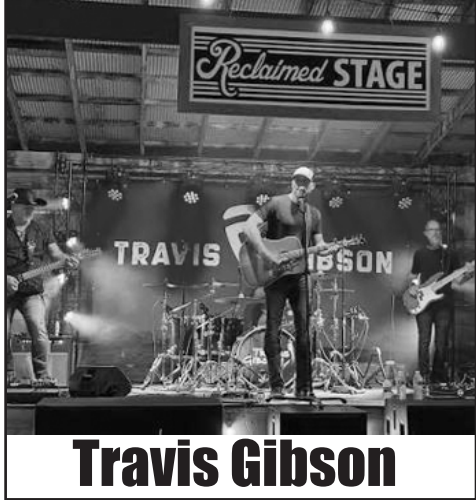


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The Bowling Green Police Department is inviting residents to bring their concerns, complaints and ideas directly to local law enforcement with the formation of a new Community Action Team.

The department will hold the first Community Action Team meeting Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. in the Bowling Green Community Room 201 W. South Court Street.

According to the department, the Community Action Team, or CAT, is intended to bring residents, local businesses, community organizations and law enforcement together to discuss concerns, share ideas and work toward practical solutions for a safer and stronger Bowling Green.

Topics are expected to include traffic and public-safety issues, recurring problems in the community, outreach initiatives and ways to build stronger partnerships between the police department and the public.

The department also hopes the meetings will provide an opportunity for residents and police to share information directly with one another.

The first meeting is open to everyone.

NOTICE OF WATER MAIN FLUSHING
The City of Bowling Green will be flushing water mains Tuesday-Thursday, September 22-24, 2026. Customers may experience low water pressure, water discoloration and/or a slight odor. If discoloration occurs, flush until water is clear or contact Alliance Water Resources at 324-2660. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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OBITUARIES

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David Buckley

Jacob Daniel Buckley, 95, of Clarksville died Friday, Aug. 21, 2026 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Nathan Adams will officiate.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until time of service at the funeral home.

Dan was born July 31, 1931 in Jacksonville, Ill., to Fred and Kathryn Chance Buckley.

He grew up in Blue Mound, Ill. During his high school years he moved to Pana, Ill., where he started working at his dad's monument company at age 16 and was later drafted into the United States Army on Feb. 14, 1952 serving in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged at the the rank of corporal on Feb. 8, 1954. After being discharged he came home to Pana, Ill., where he met the love of his life, Shirley Jane Hilton. They were married June 5, 1955.

Dan and his wife, Shirley eventually settled in Clarksville with their three children, Kathy Weiss and Gary Webber, Brian Buckley and Mindy Jensen and Scott Hipes. Dan and Shirley were married for 63 wonderful years before Shirley died.

Dan also has four grandchildren, Travis Glascock and wife, Amanda, Alex Jensen and wife, Emily, Kim Walters and husband, Keith, and Dakota Hipes,

and Noah Birk; and had 10 great-grandchildren, Blaine, Jacob, Sarah, Abram, Bradyn, Bailee, Owen, Haley, Allie, and Grant.

After many business adventures including sand-blasting, cabinet sales, refrigeration, car restoration and sale, monument lettering and many more. Dan was lock master at Lock & Dam 24 for many years and retired after 30 years of federal service he retired in December of 1988. Even after retirement Dan would always be working on something. He was known for being the love of his family, being hard working and extreme knowledge of about every subject imaginable.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, his sisters and brother, Lorraine, Judith,

and Dave, a daughter, Kathy Weiss, and a great-granddaughter Bradyn Jensen.

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Fall Fun Festival On The Prairie
Saturday, Sept. 26 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Prairie's Edge Garden Center



Kick Off The Fall Season with A Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, Hayrides, Straw Maze, Corn Pit & Fall Activities



Lots Of Vendors
Food & Crafts

Call & make reservations for upcoming field trip Teachers & staff free (group rates \$5 per person) Fall activities, petting zoo, free small pumpkin for corn & straw maze

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