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Hanaway Secures Conviction On 16 Counts In Ralls County Hostage, Assault Case

Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hanaway announced that a St. Charles County jury convicted Michael Clarkson on all counts for a violent assault and hostage incident that took place in Ralls County.

"Violent offenders who terrorize and endanger innocent victims will face the full weight of Missouri law," said General Hanaway. "This conviction reflects the courage of the survivor, the efforts of law enforcement to apprehend the offender, and the dedication of our trial team. We will continue to protect Missouri communities and pursue justice for victims of violent crime."

The litany of charges included two counts of attempted rape in the first degree, attempted sodomy in the first degree, attempted rape in the second degree, attempted domestic assault in the first degree, kidnapping in the first degree, harassment in the first degree, stalking in the

second degree, five counts of violation of an order of protection, armed criminal action, and unlawful use of a weapon.

Despite an order of protection issued against Clarkson, on April 20, 2025, he drove a four-wheeler to the victim's home. When the victim fled inside and locked the door, Clarkson smashed the door using a vase, took her phone after she had called 911, and held her at knife-point. Clarkson cut off the victim's clothing, bound her with her own pants, and forced her in and out of the home while threatening to kill her.

Clarkson then barricaded the victim in an upstairs bedroom for nearly seven hours, throwing furniture down the stairs to block law enforcement entry. During the standoff, Clarkson attempted to rape and sodomize the victim at knifepoint. Missouri State Highway Patrol SWAT ultimately made entry and apprehended Clarkson.

After finding Clarkson guilty on all counts, the jury recommended four life sentences plus an additional 63 years. Sentencing is scheduled for December 1 at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Christopher McDonough.

The case was tried by Assistant Attorneys General Corie Geary and George Lankford, with support from victim advocate Kara Lindhorst and investigators Carl Schwartz, Rob Jauer, and Tiffany Lindewirth. The investigation was conducted by the Ralls County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Attorney General's Office remains committed to ensuring that violent offenders are held accountable and that survivors receive justice. Individuals dedicated to public service and interested in joining the office's prosecution or investigative teams are encouraged to explore current opportunities at ago.mo.gov/about-us/job-opportunities.

Recent Bowling Green Visitor Enjoys Time Spent, Pike County Genealogical Society, Museum

BY CARLA HOUCHIN

I recently enjoyed a visit to Bowling Green to connect with cousins at a family

reunion.

While enjoying my time in your quaint town, I visited the Pike County Genealogical Society and Museum.

It was a delightful morning gathering information with the volunteers that helped me navigate resources about my family from the area. The volunteers were knowledgeable and friendly, quite willing to help me with the search. For such a small town, you should be proud of this group and be commended for preserving the resources that are housed in the library and museum.

My parents grew up in Bowling Green and I still have many family members who live in the area.

As a child, some of my fondest memories are my many summer visits there to connect with relatives.

Now, as an adult, I appreciate my Bowling Green roots and still enjoy my visits and family gatherings to your wonderful town.

Delighted to have family ties to Bowling Green.

Louisiana Museum Open During Colorfest

The Louisiana Area Historical Museum will be open during Colorfest Oct. 17 and 18.

A two-year renovation project is nearing completion. Volunteers will sell Mo Mo the Missouri Monster t-shirts and History Lives sweatshirts.

In addition, Museum President Brent Engel will sell hugs for \$1 each, with proceeds benefiting additional museum needs.

Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday. The facility is at 304 Georgia.

Louisiana Country Colorfest Oct. 17-18



Vandalia Historical Society Donation

Throughout June, Central Bank of Audrain County offered customers a five-gallon Central Bank bucket as a thank-you for a \$10 donation to encourage beautification projects. Donations collected at the Vandalia branch benefited the Vandalia Area Historical Society's downtown flower fund. Pictured, from left: Central Bank Vice President Kyle Fischer presents a check to Vandalia Area Historical Society, Vicki Wright, Cami Blackman, and Paul Ray historical society members.

Pike County October History Nuggets

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
FAIR THEE UNWELL

In October 1906, the Louisiana Press-Journal lamented that street fairs in the city had "degenerated into tenth-class" travesties that featured "low-down shows" which allowed "people to perform hazardous feats and break their necks for the moral uplift" of onlookers. "It is all a humbug and run in the interest of the show people and saloon cutthroats, and ought to be abated."

WHEN LIFE GIVES GRAPEES

The Clarksville Sentinel reported on Oct. 1, 1891, that since local resident John Glass had found such a poor market for his grapes, he "has made all his Virginia

seedlings into wine."

LONGFELLOW SERENADE

The Louisiana Journal borrowed from classic literature in October 1886 to describe the "shot-gun wedding" of David Britt and Minnie Hunter. Britt left town when Hunter gave him the choice of marrying her and taking care of their baby or spending at least two years in the state pen. "Then, the constable pursued and lodged the fleer in the calaboose, where the fleas flee not and the mosquito skeeteth about over his frame. Thus, saith David unto the arm of the law 'Take me hither and give me the hand of the dusky Minnehaha.'"

GROUSE AT THE HOUSE

A home invasion hit Frankford in October 1896.

The Pike County Chronicle reported that a prairie chicken "got rather familiar" with Mary Mefford when it descended upon her porch. "It flew away before a gun could be obtained."

GHOST COUNTY

The Radical of Bowling Green notified readers on Oct. 1, 1842, that state lawmakers were going to consider forming a new county "to be composed of a part of Pike, Montgomery and Audrain counties." Details were not offered, and in the end the effort failed.

ONLY THE JOYOUS

The Middletown Chips commented in 1906 that "Halloween night was observed in our village, and the fun-loving people enjoyed it to the utmost."



Clarksville Applefest

The annual parade during Applefest in Clarksville was held Saturday, Oct. 10. Pictured are some of those watching the parade which took place on Hwy. 79 through Clarksville.

Trib photos by Kimberly Chandler



Pictured are members of the Clopton High School Band during the 2026 Clarksville Applefest held Saturday, Oct. 10.

Bowling Green's Evan Craig Claims Junior World Shooting Championship

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Bowling Green's Evan Craig recently earned international recognition after claiming first place in the Standard Junior category at the 2026 International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) Shotgun World Shoot V in Corinth, Greece.

The championship, held Sept. 27-Oct. 4, brought together nearly 1,000 competitors from 50 countries for

what organizers described as the largest shotgun competition in IPSC history.

Craig represented the United States as a member of Team USA's Standard Division squad, competing in a challenging series of 30 shooting stages designed to test competitors' speed, accuracy and shooting skills.

He entered the international championship following another major victory in September, when

he finished first among 36 competitors in the Tac Modified division at the Generation 3 Gun Championship.

The win in Greece marks a significant achievement for the Bowling Green competitor, who represented both his country and his hometown on the international stage.

Make sure to check back for a feature article about Craig and his accomplishments.



LHS Homecoming Royalty

Louisiana High School held homecoming festivities last week. Pictured are the king Troy McDaniel and queen Karishma Clark.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler



Van-Far Homecoming Royalty

Van-Far High School held homecoming festivities two weeks ago. Pictured are the queen Mylee Keller and king, Garrett Hopke.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

Older Missourians Bring Spending Power

Households aged 65, Older Have Seen Strong Growth

Older Americans today generally have more wealth than previous generations, giving many retirees the ability to keep spending, investing and supporting local economies long after leaving the workforce, according to a new Missouri Economy Indicators brief from University of Missouri Extension.

The brief, *Wealth and Migration Among Older Households*, examines trends among older Americans and what those trends could mean for Missouri communities.

While rising prices and healthcare costs can reduce purchasing power, households led by adults age 65 and older have seen substantial gains in wealth over the past several decades, said Alan Spell, MU Extension assistant extension professor, who co-authored the report with MU Extension specialist Luke Dietterle.

In 2022, the median net worth of households age 65 and older was about twice what it was in 1992 after adjusting for inflation. Since 2010, net worth has increased across all age groups, though younger families have not seen gains comparable to

households 65 and older, Spell says.

"Since 2010, net worth has increased across all age groups, but rising home values and retirement assets have helped older households accumulate significantly more wealth than previous generations," Spell and Dietterle write.

This growing wealth means many retirees remain an important economic force in their communities, Spell says. In some cases, older adults who sell homes in higher-cost areas and relocate to more affordable communities can bring significant purchasing power with them.

Missouri could have an edge in attracting some of those retirees because of its relatively low cost of living. According to the brief, rural communities near larger metropolitan areas could be especially appealing to older adults seeking lower costs while remaining close to family, friends and services.

"Greater wealth allows many older households to continue spending significantly in their local communities even into retirement," the report states.

"Attracting older residents can benefit local businesses and economic growth, but communities also need accessible housing, quality health care and other amenities to meet the needs of an aging population."

The report also found older adults make up a larger share of nonmetro Missouri's population, and recent migration patterns suggest that share may continue to grow. Recreation-dependent counties have emerged as especially strong magnets for older migrants.

The Missouri Economy Indicators series (<https://muext.us/MEI>), produced by MU Extension's Excel - Regional Economic and Entrepreneurial Development program, explores economic, demographic and workforce trends affecting Missouri communities.

You can explore these trends in greater detail in the Missouri Map Room on MU Extension's All Things Missouri, a free online platform designed to support decision-makers in accessing, analyzing, and visualizing data about their communities.

From Ghosts To Energy Vampires:

Ameren Shares Halloween Safety Tips

From glowing jack-o'-lanterns to animated yard displays, Halloween decorations help create memorable experiences for families and neighborhoods. As customers prepare for trick-or-treaters, a few simple precautions can help keep seasonal displays fun and safe while helping avoid unnecessary energy use.

Before plugging in Halloween lights or decorations, take a moment to inspect cords, plugs and connections for damage. Decorations used outside should be labeled for outdoor use, and cords should be positioned away from sidewalks, steps and other areas where families may be walking.

Halloween is also a good time to look for "energy vampires" around the home. Electronics, chargers and decorative displays may continue using electricity while plugged in, even when they are turned off. Unplugging devices when they are not in use or connecting decorations to timers can help reduce unnecessary energy use.

"The spooky season is a great reminder to think about both safety and energy use around the home," said Tommie Bugett, director of safety for Ameren. "Simple steps like unplugging decorations when they aren't being used and keeping outdoor displays in good condition can help avoid problems."

To help make these precautions easy to remember, Ameren offers five Halloween safety tips:

Use the right products outdoors. Choose lights, decorations and extension cords that are clearly marked for outdoor use and plug them into GFCI-protected outlets for added safety.

Keep walkways clear. Position cords away from sidewalks, driveways, steps and other paths used by trick-or-treaters.

Keep connections dry. Place plugs and connections away from wet leaves, sprinklers, puddles and other sources of moisture.

Skip open flames. Battery-powered candles or lights can provide a festive glow in

pumpkins and displays without an open flame.

Watch out for energy vampires. Unplug decorations, chargers and other electronics when they are not in use, or use timers to help manage energy use. Timers can be a convenient way to manage outdoor lights and decorations, helping avoid unnecessary energy use during hours when displays aren't being enjoyed.

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that standby power from plugged-in electronics can account for ap-

proximately 5 percent to 10 percent of a home's electricity use. From chargers and gaming consoles to seasonal decorations, these "energy vampires" can continue drawing electricity even when they're turned off. Using timers and unplugging items when they're not in use can help keep the vampires at bay.

Halloween can also be a helpful reminder to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries as needed.

For more seasonal safety information, visit Ameren.com/Safety.

Floral Fireworks In The Fall

Dahlia Puts On Dazzling Show As Nights Begin To Cool

When many garden flowers show the ravages of having endured a long and sometimes brutal summer, dahlias are most spectacular, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

The warm days and cool nights of late summer and early fall cause dahlias to produce flowers with more intense, dazzling color.

A member of the aster plant family, dahlia is the national flower of Mexico. Aztecs were growing dahlias when Spanish conquistadors arrived in the 16th century. The Spaniards brought botanists with them to select plants to take back to Spain. Dahlia was one of the plants selected.

Early dahlias imported into Europe were of the single-flower type. As hybridization began, the first fully double-flowered forms and new color combinations appeared. Several hundred years later, dahlia has one of the largest arrays of flower forms, colors and sizes of any cultivated plant. To date, there are more than 50,000 named and arranged cultivars.

When most people think of dahlia, the tall types propagated from tuberous roots each year come to mind. "Indeed, the majority of named dahlia cultivars are of this type," Trinklein said. "They are popular for the cutting garden or the backdrop of borders." However, because of their tall stature and large flowers, this type requires staking or some additional support.

Dwarf or bedding dahlias

propagated from seed have gained popularity in recent years. Bedding dahlias produce large amounts of small flowers on bushy plants. This makes them ideal for annual beds or fronts of borders. Although these dahlias also form tuberous storage roots, most gardeners do not save them from year to year because of the availability of inexpensive plants each spring, Trinklein said.

Plant dahlias in an airy location where they receive at least six to eight hours of direct sun and protection from high winds. Plant tuberous roots of large types of dahlias about 14 days before the frost-free date for an area. Since dahlias cannot endure freezing temperatures, do not set out plants started indoors until the danger of frost has passed.

Dahlias grow well in fertile, well-drained garden soils high in organic matter. If soil lacks organic matter, add up to 4 inches of well-rotted manure, compost or other forms of organic matter before planting.

Prepare soil by incorporating about one-half cup of a garden fertilizer high in phosphorus and potassium but low in nitrogen, such as 5-10-10, in a 2-foot circle where each plant is to be located. Top dress with an equal amount of fertilizer in July. Dahlias grow rapidly and need lots of water. Keep soil moist but not wet.

The tall types of dahlias benefit from pruning. The amount of pruning depends upon the flower's intended use. Prune exhibition-type flowers to one main stem. Pinch plants for lavish garden display after first growth in

the spring reaches a height of about 1 foot. A second pinch after emerging shoots reach a length of 1 foot delays flowering but makes for a more spectacular display late in the growing season.

Botrytis (gray mold) blight and powdery mildew are two foliage diseases that affect dahlia. Avoid these diseases by strict sanitation, proper site selection and keeping foliage as dry as possible. Fungicides containing thiophanate methyl also provide effective disease prevention, said Trinklein.

Since most gardeners save dahlia's tuberous roots from year to year, some viral diseases such as dahlia mosaic virus occur. Sanitation, insect control and selection of tolerant cultivars control these.

Dahlias do not tolerate frost in Missouri's latitude. Dig roots and store each fall after the tops have died back. After digging, wash off remaining soil and let the roots dry. Do not dry them in direct sunlight. Separate tuberous roots in the fall by cutting them from the main stem. Allow the portion of the stem attached to the part containing the eyes to remain. Dust cut ends with a fungicide to discourage storage diseases.

You can also leave the entire root system intact and separate the next growing season. Pack the roots in moist peat moss, sawdust or other inert organic material and place in a wooden or cardboard box. Ideal temperature for storing roots is 40 to 45 F.

Learn more about dahlias and their care on the American Dahlia Society website.



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96	400-500	440	515	68	400-500	370	421
144	500-600	395	445	103	500-600	350	399
217	600-700	375	420	157	600-700	355	380
138	700-800	350	378.5	73	700-800	317	328
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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Hey Bowling Green, now is the current time to prepare the future to take a trip into the past.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, I will be at the site of the time capsule from noon-3 p.m., which will also be the future home of our legendary hometown coaching hero, Cotton Fitzsimmons. This location is on the Southwest corner of the square in downtown Bowling Green, catty-corner from the War Memorial.

Please come and donate your items, and we will place them in the capsule for the citizens of Bowling Green to dig up on July 4, 2076, America's 300th birthday. The donated items must be smaller in size, but we will cram the capsule tight with items to be buried. BTW, the capsule will be built, and donated to the city by Brad Sparks (Sparks Maintenance Contracting). Thank you, Brad.

Items like photos, magazines, newspaper articles, campaign buttons, challenge coins, 2026 DVD movies, anything small and dated 2026 that would give the future some idea of the technology we had would be an ideal donation as well. Movies released in 2026, that by then

will be considered classics, would be like us digging up the first Rocky movie if we were to dig up a capsule from 50 years ago, today.

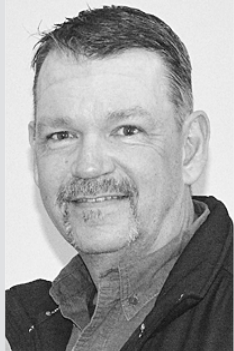
Please make sure to be a part of this, and meet me there with your donated item? I'm excited to see how creative we can get, and to be able to show the future Bowling Green, how the current Bowling Green was in the past. Wait... what?

I am personally going to put handwritten letters addressed to my children in it for them to open 50 years from now. At that point they will be 74, 70 and 67 years of age. It is a fun thing to be a part of, and it doesn't cost you a dime.

Also, that day, be sure to submit your design for the Bowling Green Crest contest! I will be at City Hall from 9-11:45 a.m., that morning to receive the designs, and the aldermen will ultimately select a winner from the entries submitted.

Then, make sure to come to my house trick-or-treating for a steamy hotdog, and yummy candy.

I'll see you then.



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Fall Tips For Healthier Gardens In Spring

What happens in the winter to our vegetable gardens? "As temperatures cool, warm-season plants die and wildlife goes into hibernation. In our gardens, this means it is time to clean up crop residue and protect the soil," says Eliza Pessereau, horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension's urban east region. "Of course, don't forget to leave some habitat for beneficial wildlife!" Pessereau adds.

Why Clean Up The Garden?

Insect pests and disease from this season may still be living on or in your dead plants, meaning they could reinfest your new plants next year, Pessereau says.

When pulling up dead plants, only those free of pests and disease should go into your compost. Otherwise, plant pathogens and insect pests could live in your compost pile, waiting to be reapplied the next year.

Put any diseased, spotty and discolored plants in the trash or bury them outside the garden. "Also, a good rule of thumb is to always put dead

tomato plants in the trash. They are prone to diseases," she says.

Why Leave Habitat?

If you have woody perennial plants, wait to cut down the dead stems until spring when nighttime temperatures have been above 40 F for at least a week. This allows time for native stem-nesting bees to develop and emerge so they can pollinate your plants next year.

Thinking of cleaning up the leaves? Fallen leaves can smother your lawn, but they work as the perfect mulch for overwintering garden beds or below trees and shrubs. And leave the lawn mower in the garage; insects such as the black swallowtail caterpillar spend the winter camouflaged in chrysalises that look like fallen leaves, and mowing the leaves can harm hiding insects.

Why Protect The Soil?

In the winter, when garden beds have no roots in the soil, soil erosion can be a significant problem. What can you do? Add fallen leaves, compost or a cover crop to your beds to help keep the soil in place. These

methods can also help out-compete weeds.

If using a cover crop, look for one that will winter kill, meaning it will die over the winter with freezing temperatures, so you will not need to smother it in the spring. If you use a winter-hardy cover crop, like the popular cereal rye, plan to smother it with mulch or cardboard a few weeks before planting in the spring.

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Nature Hike To Explore Cuivre River State Park

University of Missouri Extension will host an educational hike 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 23, at Cuivre River State Park.

The free program, Bugs, Trees and Grasses of Cuivre River State Park, will be held along the Blazing Star Trail and led by MU Extension specialists Kate McDonald, Eliza Pessereau and Sarah Higgins.

The program is open to outdoor enthusiasts, hikers, families and anyone inter-

ested in learning more about the natural world, said Kate McDonald, an MU Extension field specialist in agronomy. Participants will spend time observing and discussing the plants and animals encountered along the trail while learning more about local habitats and ecology.

Registration is free. The event involves moderate hiking on dirt and rocky terrain. The group will not hike the entire trail loop and will

instead complete an out-and-back route. Participants who wish to continue exploring the trail afterward are welcome to do so. Attendees should dress for the weather and are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring insect repellent.

Details and registration. For more information, contact MU Extension in Lincoln County at 636-528-4613 or email McDonald at kmcdonald@missouri.edu.

IRS Launches New Mobile App Expanding Digital Services

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced the launch of the new IRS mobile app, replacing IRS2Go and expanding the agency's digital services to give taxpayers more ways to securely access IRS tools and account services from mobile devices.

For more than a decade, IRS2Go has helped taxpayers check refund status and find free filing resources. The new IRS app builds on that foundation by adding a broader set of secure, account-specific features. Taxpayers can now securely sign in to the official IRS app and access selected account information and self-service options, including:

• Check refund and amended-return status

• View available balance information
• Make payments and review payment activity
• View select notices and letters

• Access available tax records and transcripts
• Manage certain profile and communication preferences
• Access an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

This is just the beginning—the IRS will continue expanding the app with new capabilities and services over time.

The IRS app is free and available through the Apple App Store and Google Play. Current IRS2Go users do not need to download a separate app. Users

with automatic updates enabled will receive the IRS app through the normal update process. Taxpayers can also visit IRS.gov for verified links and additional information.

The IRS app expands secure mobile access to selected IRS Individual Online Account services. It does not replace IRS.gov or the IRS online accounts. IRS.gov continues to provide comprehensive tax information, guidance, forms, tools and services. IRS Individual Online Account, Business Tax Account and Tax Pro Account will continue to be available through IRS.gov, with the IRS app initially extending selected Individual Online Account features only.

Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10

This Saturday the Big River Band will be at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield with the music starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be six musicians. And maybe a surprise or two. You won't want to miss it. Free admission. 50/50 tickets to buy. A donation is taken up for the band. You can bring non-alcoholic drinks and snacks but no meals. Hope to see you there.

Everyone taking part this coming weekend of the Pike County Color Drive in Pike County, Ill., as well as the Color Fest in Louisiana enjoy looking at all the vendors and be alert driving around because there will be lots of traffic. Just a suggestion but be sure to take time to go towards Independence, Illinois, and go to the Harvest Ridge Market where you will find fresh baked goods, pumpkins, mums, ice cream, and many other things, including weather-resistant handmade furniture. Many places to go so enjoy.

There will be a Fifth Friday Hymn Sing at the Detroit Christian Church Friday, October 30 which will start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of Oct. 14-20, 2026:

Oct. 14 - Joey and Karen Fesler, Jim and Linda Girard

Oct. 15 - Joyce Abney, Starla Lewis

Oct. 16 - Jona Grogan

Oct. 17 - Jenny Liebrecht, Mark and Lisa Welch

Oct. 18 - Jacob Fisher, Julie Davis, Marva Hurst

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Oct. 19 - Cheri Myers, Eve Rue, Jim Lagemann, Robert McDonald

Oct. 20 - Bradley Massie, Gary Williams, Larry and Sandy Wigington

Jamie and I attended the Fall Festival of Country Music at the Armory in Hannibal last Friday evening. Good music, good food, and good crowd. Then Saturday evening we went to Palmyra to Hall's Hall to enjoy the Silver Wings Band. Had such a good time.

The West Pike Class of 1966 had their 60th Class Reunion Saturday, October

10, at the Hull School where the noon meal was catered. There were 14 classmates who attended and Wanda Blacketer was one of them.

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Saturday, Oct. 17 - 9:30 a.m.

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Antiques & Collectibles: China Cabinet / Library Table / Small Roll Top Desk / Unique Smoking Stand / Small Tables / Halltree / Milk Cans / Round Oak Table / 2 - 6' Glass Showcases / Copper Boiler / Quilt Frame / Butter Churn / Coal Bucket / Crocks & Jugs / Several Wooden Boxes / Washboard / Wooden Yoke / Wash Tub / Insulators / Cast Boiler / Corn Planter / Oak Wall Phones / Johnny West Toys / Barbie Dolls / Other Toys / Sad Irons / Ice Tongs / Long Tom Toy Pistol - In Box / Lard Kettle / Nail Kegs / Red Wagon / Wagner Ware Dutch Oven / Corn Sheller / Buck Saw / Oil Lamps / Butter Mold / Old Canning Jars / Window Weights / 1896 Atlas / Crosscut Saws / Old Eyeglasses / American Leader Clarinet / Bottles / Chinese Checker Boards / Player Piano Rolls / Old Oliver Typewriter / Allis Chalmers Calendar from Avery and Levings Center, MO / 1949 Calendar from Roe Neuschafer Center, MO / Carbide Lights / Old Radios / Deer Head / Large Military Shell / Children's Books / Needlework / Domestic Engineering Magazines / Girl Scout Books / Seed Bags / Keen Kutter Grinder / Iron Wheels / Old Tools / More Not Listed.

Guns & Misc.: Rem Mod 700 30-06 / Win Mod 70 22-250 / Win Mod 94 30-30 / Win Mod 878 12ga / Rem Pump 12ga / Ithaca 1911 Army / J. Stevens 22cal / Enders Royal Service Double with Hammers / Eclipse Company Double with Hammers / J.P. Clabrought & Bros Double / 2 BLK Powder Kit Rifles / BLK Powder Pistol / 3 BLK Powder Pistols - In Frame / Antique Shot Dispenser / Powder Horns / Old Powder Cans / Powder Flask / Misc Gun Parts / Some Brass and Ammo / Gun Cleaning Kits Guns sell @ 10:00. Background check by New London 66. Must be MO Resident to purchase firearms.

Tractor, Mowers, & Misc.: Int C Tractor with Front Blade / 2 Bottom Plow / J.D. Horse Drawn Sickle Mower / Husqvarna 54" Cut Mower / J.D. 38" Cut Mower / Cub Cadet Snow Blower / Craftsman Rear Tire Tiller / J.D. Lawn Sweep / Chain Saws / Cattle Panels / Trailer Axel / Martin Houses / Large Amount of Fishing Equipment / Wheel Barrow / Etc.

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Auctioneer Note: Another nice sale. Don't miss this one! Many items not listed. Go to website for more pictures. Most of sale under roof. Must be MO Resident to purchase firearms. Lunch served by the Centerettes Club

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Contact Pete Breting, PCADD, at 324-5493 for more info.

October Is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Bowling Green MO — The Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities (PCADD) joins the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy in recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place in October. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to bring attention to disability employment and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The 2026 theme is "Celebrating Value and Talent."

PCADD's Community Employment Services (CES) program works with area businesses to help meet their staffing needs, while also providing job planning, training, coaching, and placement supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Individuals supported in the program all earn wages at or above minimum wage. The CES program was recently designated by the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities as an Employment First Model Agency, one of only a few in the state.

PCADD would like to recognize the following employer partners in helping area persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities realize their employment potential: Ann Layne Boutique, Chartwells Food Service, Bowling Green School District, Bowling Green Public Library, Crossroads General Store, First Christian Church, St Clement Parish & Church, Hart Chiropractic, Bowling Green Housing Authority, The People's Tribune, Pike County Connections, Pike County Memorial Hospital, Remax Realty, The Agency, Walmart, Bowling Green Visitors Center, Pepsi Warehouse, The Learning Center, Two scoops / Back Door Brick Oven, Frank and Ruby's Tee shirt shop, County Market, Feeder's Grain, Lynn's Heritage House, The Henny Penny, Super 8 Motel, Me Me's Pantry, Spring Hollow Coffee, Next Level Graphic Design, True Manufacturing, Twin Pike YMCA, Split Rail Vet Clinic, and A Taste of Philly.

Obituaries



Janice Wheatcraft Stone

Funeral services for Janice Wheatcraft Stone of Troy were at 1 p.m., at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry. The Rev. Abby Jones, pastor of Smith Chapel United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Serving as pallbearers were Aaron Henke, Brian Henke, Madison Heischmidt, Ryan Heischmidt, Nathan Stone, and Nicholas Stone.

Janice, 82, was born April 5, 1944 in Brookfield, the daughter of J.C. and Mary Alice Enoch Wheatcraft. She passed away Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 at the Elsberry Health Care Center, surrounded by the love of her family. She grew up in Brookfield and graduated from Brookfield High School in 1962. Janice attended Kirksville State Teachers College for two years.

In the spring of 1965, Janice met the love of her life, Melvin Stone, after the two were introduced by Billy Bob and Beth Watts. They were introduced on a Thursday and after just three dates, Melvin already knew he had found the woman he wanted to marry. The following Monday, he skipped classes and went to his Uncle Mackey and Aunt Betty to borrow money to buy an engagement ring. The very next day, on Tuesday, he proposed to Janice – and she said yes. Janice and Melvin always kept the details of those first few days between the two of them. They never told anyone exactly what happened that made them so certain, so quickly, that they had found the person they wanted to spend their lives with. It remained their own special story. Whatever happened in those few short days began a love story that would last a lifetime. Six months later, on Aug. 29, 1965,

Janice and Melvin were married in Brookfield. They shared 33 years of marriage.

Together, Janice and Melvin built a life and family. Their union was blessed with two children, Deborah Sue and Terry Wayne. They first lived in Pershing for a couple of years before moving to Elsberry, and later to the Stone Family Farm near Eolia, where they made their home until Melvin's death on March 22, 1999. After Melvin's death, Janice later relocated to Troy.

Janice's first job was a grocery store clerk in her hometown of Brookfield. After moving to Elsberry and continuing her family, she was a bookkeeper for Stone Standard Service, the business she and Melvin owned. She also worked as a teller at Bank of Lincoln County, a cashier in the school cafeteria for the Lincoln County R-II School District, and a bookkeeper at Annada Elevator. In the later years of her career, Janice became a real estate agent for Caldwell-Banker-Gundaker, where she worked until her retirement in 2015.

Janice was a long-time member of the Elsberry Study Club, the Elsberry Red Hats and the Morning Coffee Talk at Stu's Café in Elsberry. Melvin and Janice enjoyed square dancing for many years. They were members of Smith Chapel United Methodist Church near Elsberry. Janice loved her family and treasured the many memories they made together. She enjoyed watching her family grow through the years and welcoming each new generation.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. Wheatcraft and Mary Alice Enoch Wheatcraft; her parents-in-law, Robert Lee Stone and Helen Elizabeth Paulsgrove Stone; three brothers, Benjamin Jackson

“Jack” Wheatcraft, Gerald Eugene Wheatcraft, and Thomas J. Wheatcraft; and her husband of 33 years, Melvin Stone.

Janice is survived by a daughter, Deborah Sue “Debbie” Henke and husband, Ben of Silex; and a son, Terry Wayne Stone and wife, Dawn, of Eolia; five grandchildren, Aaron Henke and wife, Katie, Madison Heischmidt and husband, Ryan, Brian Henke and wife, Megan, Nathan Stone and Nicholas Stone and his fiancée, Emily Gray; great-grandchildren, Oliver, Jasper and Abigail Henke, Stevie Lee Stone and Joshua Heischmidt. Janice also leaves her brother, William Lee “Bill” Wheatcraft and wife, Peggy of Kansas City; a sister-in-law, Karen Wheatcraft of Brookfield; along with extended family and many friends.

Janice's life was made up of so much more than dates and places. It was the life she and Melvin built together, the family they raised, the years spent at the Stone Family Farm, and all the memories made along the way. She was blessed to watch her children grow, see them have families of their own, and welcome grandchildren and great-grandchildren into the family she and Melvin started so many years ago.

Her family will miss her dearly, but they find comfort in knowing that after 27 years apart, Janice and Melvin are together again. Their love story that began so many years ago continues with a beautiful reunion.

Visitation was from 10 a.m., until time of the service at 1 p.m., Saturday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry.

Memorials may be made to the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church (or) the charity of the donor's choice, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Alex Goodin

In loving memory of Alex Goodin, 38, of Bowling Green who died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 at St. Louis University Hospital.

A wonderful soul who brightened the lives of those around him with his infectious laughter and love of all thing's comedy. We celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind.

He was born Jan. 25, 1988 in Louisiana. Alex's journey was marked by humor and an unwavering devotion to his family and friends.

He was the son of Jim “Moon” Goodin and Deborah Elliott Goodin, who predeceased him, along with one sister, Cristy Kay, a nephew Brett Smith, and baby girl, Luna Rae Goodin. Through life's trials, Alex found strength in the memories he shared with his family, carrying them with him in his heart.

On July 8, 2017, Alex married Emily Laycook, the love of his life, with whom he built a beautiful family. Together, they nurtured a home filled with laughter, love, and warmth. Alex was a devoted father to five incredible children, Keegan, Connor, Kathryn, Hayden, and Harrison. His pride in his children was evident in every conversation, and his love for them was limitless.

He is survived by his wife, Emily, his cherished children; and his siblings, Steven Goodin, Trent Goodin, and Kim Cordes. Alex also leaves behind dear friends whom he considered his family, James and Amber Patrick and their family, who stood by him through every chapter of his life.

Alex's life was a testament to the power of laughter, love, and resilience. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. As we remember Alex, let us honor

his memory by spreading kindness and laughter, as he did so effortlessly.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana was in charge of cremation rites. No services are scheduled.

Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Beverly June Stacy

Beverly June Stacy, 72, of South Independence died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Baptist Homes of Tri-County in Vandalia, with her sisters, Crystal and Judy by her side.

She was born June 14, 1954, in Vandalia, the daughter of the late Jack Heaston and Alice Ames Heaston.

Beverly had a love for traveling and enjoyed adventuring through the countryside, seeing new sights and meeting and talking with new people along the way. She treasured the time she spent with her sisters and family and especially loved being with her children and grandchildren.

When she was at home, Beverly enjoyed watching old westerns, with Gunsmoke and Bonanza among her favorites. She also enjoyed working crossword puzzles and coloring. Beverly loved cooking for her family and was known for making good candies and preparing meals for those she loved.

Beverly took great pride in having a beautiful yard and spent many hours tending to her flowers and gardens. Flowers brought her great joy, but lilies held a particularly special place in her heart. The sight of a lily could bring both a smile to her face and tears to her eyes.

She is survived by her children, Larry Cloven Jr., of Independence, Randy Cloven and wife, Pamela of Plattsburg, and Bradley Goree of Independence.

She is also survived by her sisters, Judy Lybarger of Vandalia, and Crystal McCurdy and husband, Bobby of Vandalia; a brother, Jack Heaston of Columbia; grandchildren, Caitlin Cloven, Rielly Cloven, Randi Cloven, Alayjah Cloven, Ajayane Cloven, Phillip Clover, Shaye Cloven, Joseph Cloven, Sophia Cloven, Jackson Goree, and Nathan Goree; four great-grandchildren; along with other relatives and friends.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, David Stacy; her parents, Jack Heaston and Alice Ames Heaston; two sisters, Lynn McCurdy and Marsha Jeffries; and a nephew, Marty Withrow.

At the family's request, all services were private. A private visitation was held Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Waters Funeral Home. A private funeral service followed at 1 p.m., with burial at Vandalia Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Vandalia Branch Library.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waters Funeral Home.



Patricia Katherine Lindsey

Patricia Katherine Lindsey, 85, of Whiteside died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 at SSM St. Joseph in Lake St. Louis.

Memorial services were at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green Thursday at 12 p.m. Visitation was from 11 a.m.,

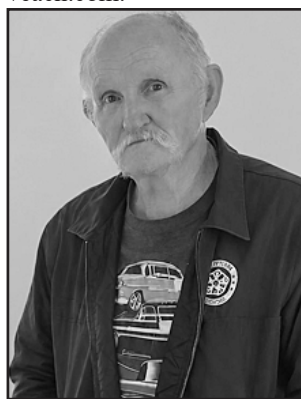
until time of service.

Patricia was born May 26, 1941 in St. Louis, the daughter of Robert and Viola Cooper Bowsby. She later moved to Whiteside, married Frank Lee Lindsey and they shared 57 years together. Patricia spent most of life as a homemaker, raising her children. She loved spending time with her family, always bragging on her grandchildren to anyone that would listen. Patricia was very compassionate, always thinking of others. She loved yard sales and antiques, she collected antique baby shoes and tinsy pictures. She was known for hosting family dinners and was such a joy to be around as she loved to laugh. Patricia never lost her inner child.

Those left to carry on her legacy are her children, Linda Miller and husband, Scott of Bowling Green, Karin Wiley and husband, Nathan of Frankford, Eric Lindsey and wife, Buffy of Curryville; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; a sister, Donna Brucher of Barnhart; nieces, nephews and extended family.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, Frank Lindsey, Jr., and Brian Lindsey; siblings, Sandra Bach, JoAnn Smith, Roberta Santoyo, and William Bowsby.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibb-veach.com.



James Dale 'Jim' Presswood

Memorial services for James Dale “Jim” Presswood of Elsberry will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Millcreek Baptist Church near Silex. The Rev. Don Amelung and The Rev. Benny King will officiate.

Jim, 73, was born Jan. 14, 1953 in Red Bud, Ill.

He died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 at his home.

Jim was united in marriage on June 22, 1974 in Wentzville to Beverly Ann Livingston. This union was blessed with four children, Adam, Jami, Andrew, and Christopher.

Jim currently worked as a building attendant for the City of St. Peters. Jim loved to add cigarette lighters and knives to his growing collection. He was one in a million and always made sure his family was taken care of. Jim attended Mill Creek Baptist Church.

Jim was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Mary Livingston; a brother-in-law, John Schwendeman; and one sister-in-law, Beth Bocklage.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Bev Presswood of Elsberry; their children, Adam Presswood and significant other, Gabbie of St. Charles, Jami Sanders of Odessa, Andrew Presswood of Greenwood, and Christopher Presswood and wife, Stephanie of Elsberry; six grandchildren, Maddie and significant other, Daylon, Rachel, Morgan, Levi, Laney, and Addy; and two great-grandchildren, Harper and Konner.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Friday at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Elsberry, and again from 9 a.m., until the time of memorial services at 11 a.m., Saturday.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Millcreek Baptist Church or Joseph R. Palmer Family Memorial Library, c/o Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street, Elsberry, MO 63343.

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



Mark Scott Auwarter

Mark Scott Auwarter, 58, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2026 in Rocky Mount.

He was born July 3, 1968 and was the son of Ron Auwarter and Judy McWilliam. Mark graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1986. He went on to attend Quincy Technical College, where he earned a degree in heating and air conditioning. A hardworking and resourceful man, Mark built a career around his knowledge, skills, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Mark began his business ventures in 1994 by opening Showcase Appliance in Mexico, where he worked in heating and cooling before expanding into the furniture business with Showcase Furniture in 1996. He later opened Slumberland Furniture in 2001. In the last few years of his life, Mark returned to his roots in heating and cooling, working in the Lake of the Ozarks area.

Outside of work, Mark loved spending time outdoors, especially boating on the Mississippi River and at the Lake of the Ozarks with friends and family. These places brought him joy and provided opportunities to enjoy the things he loved most.

Mark will be remembered for his big heart, generous spirit, and wonderful sense of humor. He had a way of making people laugh and bringing lightness to a room. A true jack of all trades, Mark seemed to know how to fix, build, or figure out just about anything. He often summed up his knowledge with one of his favorite sayings: “I know a little somethin’ about somethin’”. I don’t know a lot about a lot, but a little somethin’ about somethin’.” Those words, along with his humor and generous nature, will remain cherished memories for those who knew and loved him.

Mark is survived by his daughters, Haley Bledsoe and husband, Alex of Mexico, and Anna Auwarter and husband, Brandon of Washington; granddaughter, Emma Walker of Mexico; a sister, Kim Roesch and husband, Roy of St. Louis; and his mother, Judy Lake and husband, Gary of Monroe City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ron Auwarter.

Mark leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, laughter, and memories that will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

A private funeral service will be held with family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Arnold Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses and in memory of Mark.

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Kyle Jason Fowler

Kyle Jason Fowler, 56, of Bowling Green died unexpectedly Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 at his residence.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at the Curryville Cemetery. Services were officiated by Ryan Hager. There was no visitation.

The family was served by Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Kyle Jason was born Dec. 20, 1969, in Louisiana at Pike County Memorial Hospital to Beverly Shepherd Florence of Bowling Green and the late Cornelius Fowler, Jr. of St. Louis.

He never married. He lived in many states and worked in many places, but the job he excelled in was selling cars. He loved eating out, cooking and had a great love for animals. He had a big heart and a great sense of humor. When able he attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include his mother, Beverly Shepherd Florence, of Bowling Green; two sisters, Amy Pasley and husband, Quinten of Bowling Green and Lisa Johnson of St. Charles; an aunt and uncle, Betty Taylor and husband, Alvin of Davenport, Iowa; four nieces; two nephews; and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Orey and Elizabeth Shepherd and his father, Cornelius Fowler, Jr.

Pallbearers were Quinten Pasley, Terry Shepherd, Roger Milligan, and Kenneth Turnbaugh. Honorary pallbearers were Jordan and Joseph Pasley.

He will be deeply missed, forever loved and never forgotten.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.



Lora Steiner

Lora Annice Drewel Steiner died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waters Funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

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St. Alphonsus Parish-Millwood

SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 18

Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall

11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Buffet Style

\$15 adults

\$8 children 12 & under

Free preschoolers in dining room

Menu - Sausage, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Applesauce, Homemade Desserts, Tea & Coffee

Father Eric Kunz, Pastor

•Country Store •Quilt Raffle •Wagon of Groceries Raffle •Half Hog Raffle

Community News

OBITUARIES

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William Kohl
William H. "Bill" Kohl, 88, of Vandalia died Friday,

Oct. 9, 2026, at the University Hospital in Columbia. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday at Waters Funeral Home of Vandalia. Burial will follow in Vandalia Cemetery. Visitation celebrating William's life will be held 5-7 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

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October Proclaimed As Pork Month In Missouri

On behalf of Governor Mike Kehoe, Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn proclaimed October as Pork Month in Missouri. Director Chinn presented the proclamation to Missouri Pork Association leadership during a ceremony at Hermann Wurst Haus in Hermann.

"Missouri is proud to be a leading producer of high-quality pork, and it is a privilege to recognize the farmers who make that possible during the month of October and throughout the entire year," said Governor Kehoe. "The pork industry plays a vital role in Missouri's agriculture economy, supporting jobs and strengthening communities across the entire supply chain."

Missouri has 3.3 million head of hogs, which contributes nearly \$2.2 billion to the state's economy. Additionally, Missouri's pork production represents more than 4.4 percent of the United States total of pork.

"Missouri ranks seventh among all states in hog inventory, contributing significantly to the state's \$93.7 billion agriculture industry," said Director Chris Chinn. "Our state is a world leader when it comes to research, leadership and overall quality of product. We are happy to celebrate Missouri pork farmers and the delicious, quality products they provide for consumers."

"Every time you enjoy pork, you have a connection to a Missouri farm family," said Mike Diggs of Lamar, chairman of the Missouri Pork Association Board of Directors. "Pork Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate that connection and recognize the farmers who work every day to produce safe, nutrition pork while caring for our animals, protecting our resources and supporting our communities. We're proud to share the story of Missouri pork and the people who raise it."

A copy of the proclamation can be found on the Governor's website. Learn more information about the Missouri Pork Association online. For more information about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit the Department's website.

Welcome to the
41st Annual
Louisiana
Country Colorfest

Location: 398 Georgia Street, Downtown Louisiana
Admission: Free

Saturday October 17th

- 7am-10am Sons of American Legion Breakfast
- 7am Colorfest YMCA 5k Run/Walk
- 9am-3pm 5th Annual Chris Brown Memorial Car Show
- 9am Parade Line Up (Walkers= Sunset Park) – (Motorized Vehicles = High School)
- 10am Parade Begins
- 10am-5pm Vendors and Activities
- 11am – Elks Lodge BBQ and Beer Garden
- 12pm – Opening Ceremony at Main Stage
- 12pm- Pumpkin Painting (while supplies last)
- 12pm – 5pm – Magician Sean Lewis
- 12:30pm – Little Mr & Miss Colorfest Contest
- 1pm-5pm – Live Band Oldie & Moldy – Sponsored by Thomas McBeth
- 4:30pm Louisiana Alumni All-Class Reunion Social at LHS
- 6pm – Louisiana Alumni All-Class Reunion Dinner at LHS
- 8pm Live Band Retro Joe and 8 Tracks at the Elks Lodge – Open to the Public - Doors Open at 7pm
- Dance

Sunday October 18th

- 9am – Sunday Service at the Main Stage – Sponsored by The Bridge
- 10am – 4pm Vendors and Activities
- 10am-3:30pm – 3rd Annual Brotherhood of Bikers Motorcycle Show
- 12pm – Pumpkin Painting (while supplies last)
- 12pm-4pm Magician Sean lewis
- 1pm – Baby Show – Sponsored by PCMH
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Community News

Around Town In Farber News

By RUTH ETTA WILLIAMS
I have several text boxes and flyers pasted into this month's newsletter, so the text below may not be too helpful. Please check the attached PDF for more details. Thanks for all you do. Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Sept. 14 - Board of Alderman meeting Highlights: Meeting opened with the pledge and monthly financial, mayor and clerk's reports.

-Tricia Lower was approved as Board of Alderman member, replacing Sara Moore, who has moved out of town.

-DNR engineering report grant updates were given for the water and sewer projects. The DNR "Scrap Tire" grant was approved for picnic tables and park benches.

-FY27 Farber City Budget was approved, including a \$65,000 street repair project. A deficit in trash/waste removal was addressed with a \$2/month increase in the trash charge, and sewer charges were increased by \$1/month to offset the increase in the cost of water/sewer services. Rate change effective Oct. 1.

Farber Library News: Saturday Crafts program for Children has started. Check it out! Also, Story Hour is back. Stop by the Farber Library for more information and sign up. Reach out to Brenda Gower, Farber branch manager, at 573-249-2012.

Also, stop by to see Glenda Clithero's "Friendship quilt" on loan from Judy Hull. Several local names are included. Good memories...

If your family has outgrown your holiday dinner table, remember the Community Building is available. Call Dalana at City Hall.

Remember when everyone in town had a phone number that started with "249"??

Thanks to all who enjoyed the "Sharing Produce" spot at the Library! Special Thanks to

all who supplied the veggies. We are putting away the box for now, but plan to bring it back next spring.

Farber Depot t-shirts are still available. Contact Ruth Etta for details. On display at city hall, library, and Horseshoe.

Printed copies of the "Around Town" can be picked up at the Farber Library, City Hall, Post Office and Horseshoe Bar & Grill. For questions or comments, call or text me at 573-473-7389 or email Farbermayor1@gmail.com. Ruth Etta

Community Betterment's "Chairity Drive" is still underway. Donations for new chairs at the community building go

to Brenda at the Library, or CBC, PO Box 202, Farber, MO 63345

THIRD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER
Farber Community Building, Friday, Oct. 16, Farber Community Betterment invites you a soup and sandwich supper followed by Pumpkin "Lucky".

A big pot of chili will be provided along with iced tea, water and table service. Bring your favorite soup, sandwiches, side dish or dessert to share with family and friends.

We will eat at 6 p.m. All ages welcome to attend this free event.

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115 W. Main St., Bowling Green, MO 63334

Case No: 26PI-FC00039

In RE Alyssa R. Filsinger

You are hereby notified that the court duly entered the following:

Filing Date Aug. 20, 2026; Description Uncontested

Judgment Name Change

The name of Petitioner is changed from Alyssa Rose Filsinger to Alyssa Rose Harvey.

Judgement Against: ALYSSA FILSINGER; Amount: \$.00; Satisfied Date: Aug. 20, 2026

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K.G. - Clerk of Court

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Community News

Jefferson County Conservation Agent Offers Helpful Insights For Archery Deer

Missouri's archery deer season is underway, and hunters statewide are heading to the woods to hunt deer. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds bow hunters to review current regulations, practice safe hunting habits, and consider helping others through the Share the Harvest program.

"Hunters should have the proper permits and be familiar with the rules for notching and checking their harvest," said Jefferson County Conservation Agent Dominick Montileone. "It is also important to know the regulations that apply to the area where you are hunting, especially when hunting on Conservation Areas."

Agent Montileone said the best tool for finding new and current regulations is in the current 2026 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information Booklet. This can be found at hunting/fishing permit retailers and at any MDC office. It is also available for viewing and PDF download at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZVo>. The free MO Hunting mobile app for iOS and Android can be helpful as well for those who prefer to purchase and carry permits electronically. Learn more and download the app at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZoQ>.

Safety is another impor-

tant part of the season. As most hunting accidents involve improper tree stand practices, Agent Montileone reminds all hunters who use stands to employ a safety harness or fall-arrest system. Also, inspect all tree stand hardware thoroughly to make sure it is in good condition before climbing. Always use a haul line to raise and lower archery gear, and arrows should never be carried while climbing. Hunters must make certain broadhead arrows are always properly quivered when moving to and from a hunting position.

Keeping safety in the forefront the moment a deer is in sight is also crucial. "Hunters should always be certain of their target and what is beyond it before taking a shot," Agent Montileone said. "Seeing movement or hearing sounds alone are never a justification to shoot."

It's also a good safety practice to let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan to return.

After the hunt, Agent Montileone encourages hunters who harvest a deer this season to consider participating in Missouri's Share the Harvest program. "Share the Harvest gives hunters an opportunity to donate all or part of their deer to help provide meat to local families in need," he

said.

Through this voluntary program, donated deer are taken to participating meat processors, where the venison is processed and distributed through food banks and other organizations across the state, Agent Montileone explained. Hunters can choose how much of their deer they would like to donate and can keep the remaining portion for themselves.

"Share the Harvest is a great way for hunters to put their harvest to good use while helping others in their community," said Agent Montileone.

Hunters might even consider purchasing an extra permit so they can take a deer for themselves, and another to donate to Share the Harvest. Hunters interested in donating should contact a participating processor before bringing in their deer to find out about the donation process and any requirements.

"As the archery season continues, MDC encourages hunters to enjoy their time outdoors, respect landowners and other hunters, and follow Missouri's hunting regulations," Agent Montileone said.

"Taking a few extra minutes to prepare and make safety a priority can help ensure a successful and enjoyable hunting season."

Community Calendar...

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

On Oct. 22: There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pike County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice Agency at 8:30 a.m., in the conference room at 1 Healthcare Place, Bowling Green.

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