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A Century Of Champ

The statue of Champ Clark on the south lawn of the Pike County Courthouse in Bowling Green observes its 100th anniversary on Friday, Nov. 13. Four thousand people packed the city square for the dedication on that cold, rainy Saturday. The statue, sculpted by Canton native Frederick Hibbard, was unveiled by Clark's three-year-old grandson, Champ. Clark was Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1911 to 1919 and a 1912 presidential candidate. The Bowling Green Times called the monument "a fitting tribute to the memory of the man who was the peer of Missouri statesmen and who brought fame to our little city."

Photo by Brent Engel

Churches Taking Reservations For Thanksgiving Dinner

The 31st Annual Community of Faith Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26. Advance reservations are required.

This free meal is open to anyone who would like to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. A limited number of meals will be prepared, so reservations should be made as soon as possible. The reservation deadline is Friday, Nov. 20. A maximum of eight meals may be reserved per person.

As in past years, home deliveries will be available in Louisiana, Clarksville and Bowling Green. Deliveries will begin at 10 a.m. Curbside pickup will also be available beginning at 11 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 621 S. Carolina St., Louisiana. No dine-in meals will be offered.

For reservations or questions, please call 573-754-4412, email cumclamo@gmail.com, or visit the church website at https://cumclamo.org. Please provide the number of meals needed, delivery address if applicable, and a contact phone number. No reservations will be accepted after Nov. 20.

Now in its 31st year, this annual Thanksgiving tradition is sponsored by local churches and community organizations working together to serve their neighbors. **Volunteers are still needed to help with meal preparation and delivery.**

For more information about volunteering, please contact Vicky Keely at 573-754-0149 or Mark Haddock at 314-221-5458.



NECAC Installation

NECAC held its Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers and Director Dinner Tuesday, Oct. 27. Pictured, from left, are Board Secretary Lowell Jackson, Pike County Board Members Curt Mitchell and Lori Smith, and President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page. Not pictured is Board Member Tommy Wallace.

NECAC Taking Utility Assistance Applications

NECAC has a remedy for rising utility costs.

The agency is taking applications from the elderly, disabled, families and individuals for the federally-funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program in 12 Missouri counties.

"Apply if you think you'll need assistance," said NECAC's Angela Kattenbraker. "The cost of utilities is going up. We can help a lot of people with any fueling type."

NECAC assisted about 7,300 households with utility assistance last year, and expects the number to increase this winter due to inflation and escalating costs.

LIHEAP offers a one-time payment to income-qualifying households depending upon the type of utility they use. The maximum benefit for tank propane-heated homes is $495. It's $326 for natural gas and fuel oil, $318 for electricity, $219 for wood, $153 for kerosene and $177 for cylinder propane.

ECIP may be used by income-qualifying household THROUGH May 31, with a maximum of up to $800 from Nov. 1 to May 31 and $300 from June 1 to Sept. 30. Applicants must have received a shut-off notice.

Applications are being accepted online or in person at NECAC Service Centers. The monthly income limit for a one-person household is $2,942 For a four-person residence, it's $5,657. Additional income limits for other family sizes are available upon request.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is distributed through the Missouri Department of Social Services, which then contracts with NECAC and other Community Action Agencies in Missouri to administer the service. Payments are sent directly to utility companies.

More info is available at www.necac.org, by calling 573-324-0120 or by contacting one of the following NECAC Service Centers:

Lewis County: 408 S. Fourth in Canton -- 573-288-3969.

Lincoln County: 11 Woodcrest Dr. in Troy -- 636-528-7604.

Macon County: 907 Highway PP in Macon -- 660-385-4616.

Marion County: 3518 Palmyra Road in Hannibal -- 573-221-7166.

Monroe County: 314 N. Washington in Paris -- 660-327-4110.

Montgomery County:

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Van-Far Makes History At State Cross Country; Bowling Green, Clopton, Silex Runners Earn All-State

By Brice Chandler
Editor

Area cross country runners wrapped up their seasons with impressive performances at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) State Cross Country Championships held Nov. 6-7 at the Gans Creek Cross Country Course in Columbia.

For Van-Far, the competition marked a historic achievement as the Indians sent both their boys and girls teams to the state championships in the same year for the first time in school history..

The boys, making their second consecutive team appearance at state, finished fifth in Class 1 with 159 points, narrowly missing the team podium. The girls, competing as a team for the first time at the state meet, finished 12th out of 15 schools with 279 points.

Seniors Slade Keller and Garrett Hopke led the Indians, both earning All-State honors for the second consecutive year.

Keller finished 14th overall with a school-record time of 16:47.1, while Hopke followed closely behind in 16th with a time of 16:51.0.

The two runners improved their times considerably from last year's state competition, where Keller finished 10th in 17:12.3 and Hopke placed 29th in 17:38.6.

Rounding out the boys' team were Tyler Carlyle (62nd, 17:55.7), Jaydon Hug-Hernandez (87th, 18:22.7), and Harrison Wright (108th, 18:51.0).

On the girls' side, senior Khloe Wallace led the Lady Indians with a 56th-place finish in 22:05.2.

She was joined by Elliott Utterback (90th, 23:05.1), Mylee Keller (98th, 23:10.5), Jordan Trainor (138th, 25:34.1), Emily Smith (151st, 26:37.7), and Kylee Gibson (158th, 27:53.0).

The historic trip followed a strong performance at the Class 1 District 3 meet, where the boys finished second and the girls placed third to qualify both teams for state.

The Van-Far School District congratulated the runners and Coach Kris Cross on an outstanding season, noting that the athletes had plenty of reasons to be proud of their accomplishments.

Bowling Green Earns Two All-State Honors

Bowling Green also turned in an impressive showing at the Class 3 championships on Friday, with two boys earning All-State honors and the entire girls team competing at state.

Junior Trae Jennewein led the Bobcats with a 14th-place finish in 16:25.4, followed closely by sophomore Eamon Finnegan, who finished 17th in 16:27.5.

Both runners earned All-State recognition after qualifying individually at the district meet, where Jennewein finished eighth and Finnegan placed 13th.

The Lady Bobcats, who qualified for state with a fourth-place district finish, placed 12th overall in Class 3.

Senior Harley Haywood led Bowling Green's girls with a 34th-place finish in 20:11.6.

Freshman Rayna Stewart followed in 83rd with a time of 21:28.1, while junior Abigail Kurz finished 95th in 21:36.1.

The remaining Lady Bobcats included McKinley Vanhooser (123rd, 22:08.5), Colbie Adkison (134th, 22:26.3), and Clara Sessler (169th, 26:37.3).

According to Bowling Green High School, every runner finished with either a personal-best or season-best time.

The school congratulated the athletes on their efforts, calling the state championships an incredible way to conclude the 2026 season.

Clopton, Silex Runners Finish Strong

Clopton also had reason to celebrate after junior Jason Hoffman earned All-State recognition with a 13th-place finish in the Class 1 boys race.

Hoffman crossed the finish line in 16:42.9, just ahead of Van-Far's Keller.

The Clopton girls qualified as a team and finished 13th overall with 281 points, just two points behind Van-Far.

Sophomore Beau Beauchamp led the Lady Hawks with a 53rd-place finish in 21:58.6, followed by freshman Evie Menne in 71st with a time of 22:27.9.

Other Clopton finishers included Trinity Marler (136th, 25:28.2), Briley VanBebber (140th, 25:42.9), and Gracie Menne (145th, 26:00.9).

The Clopton cross country program reported four personal- or season-best performances during the competition.

Silex junior Brooke Klein also earned All-State honors with a strong showing in the Class 1 girls race.

Klein finished 19th overall with a time of 20:45.0, securing a place among the state's top 30 runners.

The Silex R-1 School District celebrated her accomplishment on social media, congratulating Klein on her All-State finish and outstanding season.

Man Makes Game Boards - For His Wedding



Zaqry Uplinger with one of the cornhole boards he designed in advance of his wedding next year.

Photo by Brent Engel

By Brent Engel
Contributing Writer

Don't worry, the bride is cool with it.

NECAC Weatherization Specialist Zaqry Uplinger is bringing two cornhole boards he designed to his wedding next year in Palmyra.

Not for the ceremony, of course, but following a walk back up the aisle with his fiancé, Abigail.

"We were thinking about games we could play for the after-party to have fun with family and friends," the Louisiana man said. "It seemed perfect."

Uplinger is 23 and has enjoyed cornhole since he was a kid. The game is played with bean bags and an inclined board that features a six-inch-diameter hole. Players take turns tossing the bags toward the hole. Although two can play, four participants is the usual number. The team with the most points wins.

It turns out the couple's boards weren't the first. Uplinger designed two for Abigail's sister, Julia, who also was getting married. They're built to American Cornhole Organization specifications, which call for them to be two feet wide and four feet long.

"Getting the pitch of the legs was the most difficult," he said.

Uplinger used wood, vinyl, polyurethane and paint, and added a magnetic scoreboard to the back. The couple's boards were personalized.

"She was really happy when they were done," he said. "They're not perfect, but I tried to make them the best I could."

Uplinger credits NECAC Weatherization Crew Leader Fred Bryant for helping develop his skills. He also likes that Abigail gets into the game, even if he's a bit more competitive.

"She plays and is good, but not as good as I am," he claimed. "I'm way more invested."

So, what is it about cornhole that keeps him coming back?

"It's always fun — very exciting," Uplinger said. "You never know what's going to happen. Each game is different."

Making quality boards takes time — usually a couple of days — so Uplinger hasn't committed to building more.

"Everybody's been asking," he said. "Finding the time to do it is absolutely the most difficult part."

Community News



Clopton Alumni Association Holds Annual Banquet

The Clopton Alumni held its annual banquet on Saturday, Oct. 10. The doors opened at 5 p.m. The theme for the evening was "Harvesting Our Treasures".

The evening began at 6:15 p.m., with President Martha Hipes, welcoming everyone in attendance and introducing the emcee for the evening, Richard Grimshaw 2019 vice-president and class of



Breanna Clawson

1973. Prayer and pledge of allegiance was led by Kart Steinhage class of 1976.

A meal was then catered by Vicki Keely from Keely Center in Louisiana and served by the Clopton FFA students. A job well cone by both.

Next on the program was Hettie Hall, class of 1962, was in charge of the memorial candle and persons receiving honors for the year. She closed by reading a short poem.

A short business meeting was then held by President Hipes. She asked Joanne Hammuck, Class of 1958, representing the nominating committee to read the names of the officers and directors for the ensuing year. They were voted upon by the group and approved.

Carol Tolbert, Class of 1969, gave the treasurer's report. She told about the activities held and reported on the three scholarships and the John Davidson Scholarship that is given at second semester. She said the name of the John Norman Sitton Scholarship has been changed to the John Norman Sitton Memorial Scholarship.

The Clopton School Song was then sang and Led by Kathy Adams Gregory, Class of 1976. Speaker for the Class of 1976 was Michael Capps. All members of the Class of 1976 were asked to stand. Other classes that were recognized were: 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, and 2026.

Breanne Gregory Clawson, Class of 2008, spoke briefly on what it felt like when she received the alumni scholarship. She thanked the alumni for letting her received it was a great help to her. Breanne is now the K-5 principal at Clopton.



Michael Capps

A 50/50 raffle was then held and Tom Sitton won the raffle. He returned the money to the alumni. It was greatly appreciated.



Richard Grimshaw

Closing remarks were given by Richard Grimshaw and he thanked everyone for coming.

Photographer for the evening was Tony Hammuck, Class of 1979 and his assistant was Terry Redd, Class of 1980.

The banquet was a great success, approximately 112 attended and they would like to recognize the decorating committee for a job well done. It was beautiful.

Community Calendar...

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

On Nov. 14: Buffalo Township United Fund All Things Holiday trivia night will be at the Keely Center in Louisiana. Doors open 5:30 p.m., game begins 6 p.m. Cash prizes. Food available for purchase. For more info contact Karen Schuckenbrock, 573-795-4533.

On Nov. 17: The Pike County Democratic Club will be held at Mi Margarita restaurant, on the square, in Bowling Green at 6 p.m.

Beneficial Nematodes Depends On Moisture, Timing

Beneficial nematodes – microscopic roundworms that move through the soil in search of insect pests – can help control white grubs, fungus gnat larvae and certain soil-dwelling caterpillars.

Once a nematode finds a suitable host, it slips inside and releases bacteria that quickly stop the insect in its tracks, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall. Afterward, new generations of nematodes emerge to search for more hosts in the soil.

As with any biological control, success comes from pairing the right tool with the right place at the right time, Reall says. Moist soil is essential for nematodes because they rely on a thin film of water to move around. Temperature is also important. Each nematode species has its own "comfort zone," and applying nematodes outside those conditions can lead to disappointment.

How you apply them matters, too, she says. Nematodes prefer cool, shady and moist conditions, so it's best to water the soil before and after application and avoid bright, direct sunlight. In Missouri, they generally perform best in irrigated lawns, garden beds and greenhouses where soil moisture can be maintained. In drier areas, results can be hit or miss.

Nematodes aren't a magic fix, but they can be effective biological control agents if you use them under the right conditions.

Reall's tips for nematode success

Don't apply nematodes to dry soil or at the wrong time of year.

Don't expect immediate reductions in pest populations.

Match the nematode species to your target pest.

Apply when soil temperatures and moisture levels are in the nematodes' comfort range. Water before and after application to maintain soil moisture.

Focus on areas where you can maintain good soil moisture.

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333	500-600	395	446	216	500-600	345	390	
167	600-700	345	383	232	600-700	340	364	
64	700-800	315	361	32	700-800	310	355	
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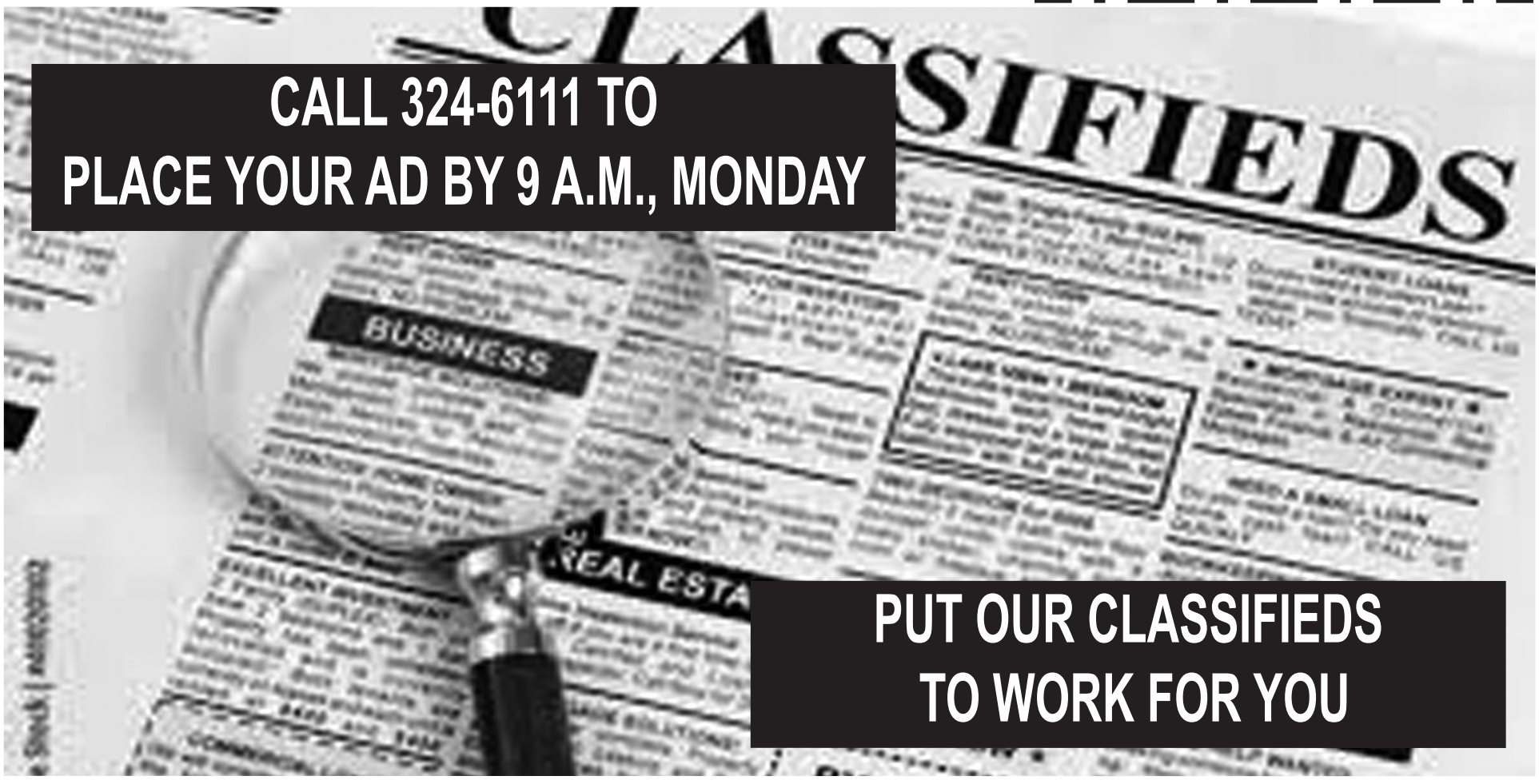
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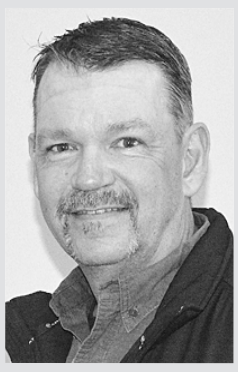
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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

While at the Fast Lane the other night, someone yelled out to me, "Hey Thompson, when are you going to do something for the community, and not just build a statue"? As I turned to see who it was, they had already sped off in a little white noise maker. So this, if you're reading, is for you, sir.

Let me start 15 years ago (2011) when I was the President of the Chamber of Commerce. For Heritage Days that year we brought the Big Top Circus to town, and had a sanctioned chili cook-off bringing in contestants from all over the mid-west to compete. That same evening, I had the Stunning Cunning Band from Memphis, Tenn., travel to Bowling Green to play for the festivities. We not only cut the ribbon on Wal-Mart and Saint's Avenue's grand opening that same year, but we also raised enough money standing at the 4-way stop in front of Crossroads to purchase 2 new American Flags for the newly built round-a-bout that marks the entrance to our beautiful city. Back then they were $750 apiece! I would later be named Chamber Member of the Year in 2011.

In 2020, My family and I opened A Taste of Philly, Steak and Ale, and while it is a for-profit company, we did things for the community that few others have ever done. We hosted weekly fund-raising events for everything from little league uniforms, to folks battling cancer, raising more than $100,000 for local causes. We also host an annual Community Opportunities Project (COP) to raise money for our local authorities. The money we raised this fourth year will be spent to "Shop with a Cop" during Christmas for underprivileged families.

ATOP has a $1,000 Michael J. Doughty Scholarship that goes to a Bowling Green senior annually for the past 5 years, and there is no plan on stopping that scholarship in the near future.

When the U.S. government shut down and was no longer filling its SNAP commitment, I started the Community Gift Box Initiative, providing food boxes and gift cards to over 250 families in Pike County. The First United Methodist Church, my wife, and my daughters helped me with that project.

For the past three years I have stood outside in the frigid weather in front of Walmart ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and I plan on making this an annual event for me and my girls.

For the past 12 years I have volunteered to be on the chain gang at Bowling Green Varsity football games.

Then, when I became the Mayor of Bowling Green, the first thing I did was get the ground for the Cancer Memorial Park. The City listened to my proposal, and agreed to donate the land to become the new site of the Cancer Park. I later had a meeting with the Little League of Bowling Green, and they pointed out some issues with the park. I brought a proposal to the Board, collected bids, and with the help of Park President, Kayli Labrash, and some other great citizens, was approved for some park renovations that are coming late this year, and early next. I have a time capsule coming, and yes…. I am giving it all that I have to bring a statue of Cotton Fitzsimmons to our home town. He is Bowling Green's native son.

I have loved this town since it adopted me 30 years ago, and the things that I do are demonstrations of that love. You've not seen the last me yet, either! I hope I have answered your question successfully, sir?

MDC Postpones Winter Trout Stocking Due To Warm Weather

Unseasonably warm temperatures have prompted the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to postpone its annual winter trout stocking. Fisheries staff stock rainbow trout in urban-area lakes across Missouri beginning the first week of November. However, warm water temperatures have pushed stocking efforts to the second week.

"Trout are a cold-water species and require water temperatures around 55 to 60 degrees," said MDC Hatchery Systems Manager Clint Hale. "Entering waters warmer than what they're accustomed to can be a shock to their system, ultimately resulting in their death."

Each fall, MDC stocks more than 70,000 rainbow trout in more than 30 urban lakes. Many of these areas allow anglers to harvest trout as soon as they are stocked, while others are catch-and-release until Feb. 1.

Rainbow trout are raised at four of MDC's state trout hatcheries. Around 70,000 trout are stocked in urban and conservation area lakes during MDC's winter trout stocking program. The areas are stocked to provide close-to-home trout fishing opportunities.

Trout fishing regulations vary by location and season. Anglers are encouraged to check local regulations before fishing. All Missouri residents between the ages of 16 and 64 must have a valid fishing permit. To keep trout, anglers of all ages must have a Missouri trout permit.

Fishing permits are available for purchase from numerous vendors across the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free MO Fishing mobile app.

Find locations and other information for winter trout stocking online at Winter Trout Fishing Areas | Missouri Department of Conservation

Pike To Pike . . .



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

Thursday, Nov. 12, Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their fundraiser fish fry from 4:30-6 p.m. Eat-in or carry-out. All ages are welcome. The Center thanks you for your continued support. Questions? Please call 217-285-4969. They have gift certificates available for any amount. They do not receive any federal or state funding and appreciate everyone's ongoing support to help keep the center up and running.

Big River Band Show Dates at the Pike County Senior Center, 220 West Adams, in Pittsfield:

On Saturday, Nov. 21, First Friday on Dec. 4, and the last Thursday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), with music starting at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. No concession stand so please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. Do not bring whole meals.

Buggs' Family Opry Show Dates at Pearl, Ill.:

Friday, Nov. 13, the last Friday, Nov. 27; and the second Friday, Dec. 11, with all shows starting at 7 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of Nov. 11-17, 2026:

Nov. 11 - Luetta Swartz, Ona Day Johnston

Nov. 13 - Allison Woods, Patty Manker, Dalton Woodward, Dylan Woodward

Nov. 14 - Dennis Douglas, Katelyn Musgrove, C.J. and Brandy Ostrander

Nov. 15 - Cheryl Kirk, Ed Butler

Nov. 16 - Gail Walston, Gary Dice, Joey Fesler

Nov. 17 - Marlee Bradshaw

Trivia Answers from Last Week:

1 Who is credited for saying, "A penny saved is a penny earned"? (Benjamin Franklin)

2 How many books are in the Bible? (66 books)

3 What year was income taxes first made law? (1914)

4 And to go along with Question 2, how many books are in the Old Testament and how many in the New Testament? (39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament)

On Election Day, Jamie and Wyvetta went to Bowling Green and took Jamie's sister Lavern Goree out for lunch at Merna's Kitchen for an early birthday. The food and company were both great.

We were among the very many who attended the visitations for both Debbie Evans at the Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, and also the visitation on Nov. 6 for Ryan Patterson.

Saturday night Jamie and I attended the Cannon Dam Opry at the Junction outside of Perry. Very good show with lots of talented musicians. Quite a drive for us to get there but good roads all the way. Very nice facility with plenty of seating.

I do have a question and a couple suggestions (those of you who know me, know I have plenty to say). Why does the Cannon Dam Opry and Grandma's Country Music Show, both in the same area, have their shows exactly on the same nights each month? It seems to me that these two band leaders could get together over a cup of coffee and figure out how to benefit by having their shows either on opposite Saturday nights or one band have their show on the Friday nights and the other band have the Saturday nights of the same weekend. By changing their show schedules, this would allow people to attend both shows making good crowds for each band.

It's never too late to show interest in Single Seniors + One, a not-for-profit group. All you have to do is either text or call 1-217-320-8438.

Jamie and I were invited to the Ramsey Creek Baptist Church's Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday evening, Nov. 8. This lovely country church outside of Clarksville, Missouri, is the home church of James and Amanda Niffen and Shayla, Jamie's son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter. There was a huge crowd that attended, and everyone enjoyed a totally delicious meal.

Here's a good quote that Jamie gave me to live by: "Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see". (I believe this was said by Edgar Allan Poe).

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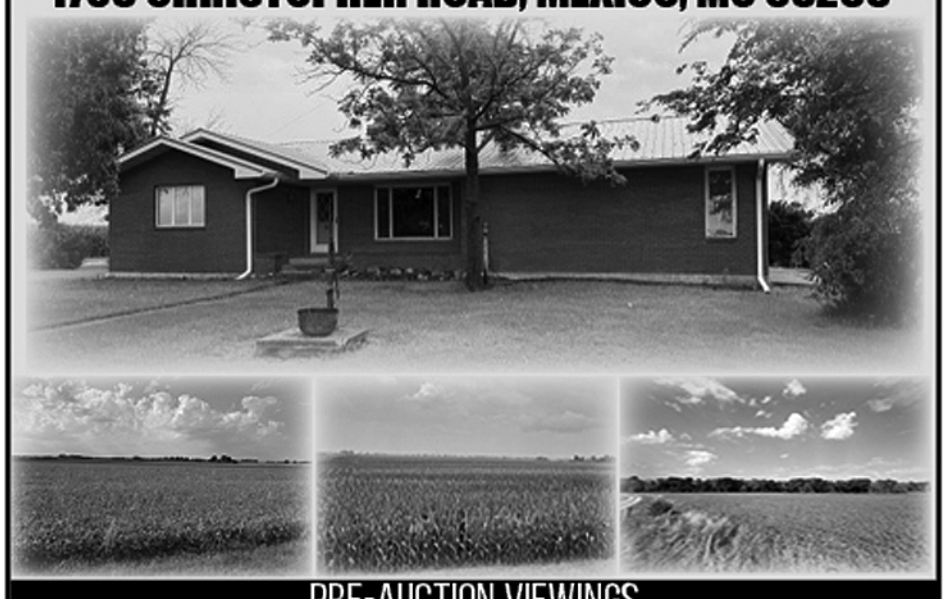
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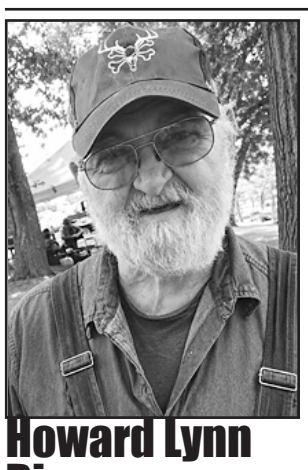
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Obituaries



Howard Lynn Dixon

Howard Lynn Dixon, 73, of Curryville died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at Elm Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Martin Miller officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Air Cemetery in Curryville.

Visitation was from 9:30a.m., until time of services at the church.

Howard was born in Vandalia Jan. 30, 1953, the son of Floyd Henry and Bettie Jean Johnson Dixon. Growing up around Vandalia and Curryville, Howard attended Van-Far School and graduated with the class of 1971. Following his schooling, he worked for area farmers as a farm hand where he enjoyed driving tractors. He would later take classes to learn how to be a storm chaser, along with helping the Jonesburg Fire Department and local EMT's. Other jobs Howard held over the years included working for Lovell's Hatchery in Bowling Green, driving snowplows in the winter for Pike County Highway Department, and most recently for Noel's Auto Sales in Curryville.

Outside of work, Howard enjoyed playing darts, driving tractors, and running around the Back Forty Bluegrass Festival. Most of all, Howard enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Those left to share his memory include siblings, Winifred Shy of Bowling Green and Gloria Henning of Loami, Ill.; nieces and nephews, Amy Steadman and husband, Jeremiah, Ashley Turnbull and husband, Darrell, and Joseph Shy and wife, Courtney; nine great-nieces and nephews; cousins and extended family.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law Daniel Henning and Dale Shy.

Serving as pallbearers were Joseph Shy, Elijah Steadman, Jeremy Shy, Aaron Turnbull, Dennis Noel, and Cody Noel. Honorary pallbearers were Aiden Turnbull and Andrew Turnbull.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes.



Leslie Marie Butler-Ritter

Leslie Marie Butler-Ritter, 30, of Vandalia died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026 at her home.

Leslie was born Nov. 6, 1995, the daughter of Mike and Sherry Kerns-Butler. She grew up in the Eolia and Bowling Green area. She attended Clopton Schools, graduating in 2014. She was a member of FFA and FBLA, during high school. She always enjoyed visiting with her teachers.

Leslie married Adam Ritter on June 18, 2018, in Bowling Green. To this union they had five children, Taylor Marie, Thomas James, Henry Eugene, Isabella Elaine, and Adam Charles.

When Leslie graduated high school, she worked at Country View Nursing Facility where she enjoyed visiting with residents. She then worked at The Learning Center until her health wouldn't allow her to continue.

Leslie was a Facebook junkie, she had multiple accounts, if she got locked out of one account, she'd create another. In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, scrapbooking, and painting rocks that she would pick up along the way from Bowling Green to Troy.

Leslie loved to write, she had several pen pals she would keep in touch with and wrote in her journal and notebooks. Above all, her greatest love was raising her children and being a stay-at-home mom. To Leslie, family was everything. She loved people and had a heart of gold.

Those left to carry on her legacy are her husband Adam Ritter and their children, Thomas, Henry, Isabella and Adam of Vandalia; her parents, Sherry Butler of Ashley, and Mike Butler and wife, Ronda of Troy; siblings, Michael Butler and wife, Morgan of Bowling Green, Caleb Marler and wife, Shaylee of Denton, Texas, Kylee Dameron of Maryville, Joseph Dameron of Silex, Kaiden Butler of Troy, Kyson Butler of Troy, Kianna Butler of Troy; step-grandmother, Merry Marler; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

Leslie was preceded in death by a daughter, Taylor Ritter; grandparents, James and Marie Butler, and Leslie and Edna Kerns.

Funeral services were at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green on Friday at 10 a.m., with burial being at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday from 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Joseph Dameron, Caleb Marler, Michael Butler, James Smith, Steve Smith, Jason Moss, Eric Benn, and Bobby Kerns. Honorary pallbearers were Brad Waddell, Bob Kerns, Mark Huber, J.T. Todd, Danny Harrison, Danny Wright, Ed Kerns, and Eugene Korte.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the family.

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



David Wade Childers

David Wade Childers, 47, of Louisiana died peacefully in his sleep at home on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2026.

Born May 2, 1979, in Oklahoma City, Okla., David was raised there and made his home there until August 2019, when he moved to Louisiana.

David and Christina "Shelly" Childers were joined in union through a traditional Scottish handfasting ceremony on Oct. 17, 2015, surrounded by family and friends. Their marriage was later legally solemnized on May 4, 2019.

David was a dedicated member of Praying Hands Assembly Church, where he publicly affirmed his faith through water baptism on July 3, 2022, officiated by Pastor Bob Hutsell. He faithfully served as the church's media photographer, capturing special moments, worship services, and the life of the church through his photography. David also found great fulfillment in participating in Convoy of Hope outreach efforts, helping extend the church's ministry of compassion and service to those in need.

David spent more than 20 years working in armed security in Oklahoma City. After moving to Missouri, he served as a correctional officer at Northeast Correctional Center from approximately 2019-2020.

A dedicated member of the Louisiana Lions Club, David served in club marketing and media from 2023 until his death. During the 2026–27 Lions year, he served as club secretary and District 26-M3 Diabetes Chair. He earned a bachelor's degree in Lions Leadership through Lions University, presented at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum by International President Mark Lyon.

David was deeply committed to serving his community alongside his wife, Shelly. Through their involvement with the Louisiana Lions Club and numerous community initiatives, he dedicated his time, talents, and creativity to projects intended to make a lasting difference. Among these was the Veterans Park project in Louisiana, reflecting his respect for veterans and his desire to help create meaningful spaces for the community.

David was also the inspiration behind Aslan, a beloved Lions mascot who helped break down barriers, encourage connections, and share the joy and spirit of service with others.

Outside of his dedication to community service, David enjoyed photography, karaoke, and collecting first-generation Transformers. An avid fan of The Lord of the Rings, he had a deep appreciation for fantasy, imagination, and storytelling. A creative storyteller himself, David was also an aspiring author, working on his original horror fiction series, The Hither. His creativity, humor, and love of storytelling were reflected in the many interests he pursued and the memories he shared with those around him.

David is survived by his wife, Christina "Shelly" Childers of Louisiana; a son, Jeral Howe of Harrah, Okla.; one stepson, Scott Bode and wife, Denae of Hannibal; two stepdaughters, Angela Bode of West Sacramento, Calif., and Megan Hollywood and husband, Keenan of Columbia; his father and stepmother, Ernest and Alice Childers of Central, Ark.; his mother, Cari Lagrini of Oklahoma City, Okla.; his grandmother, Linda Baughman of Mustang, Okla.; a brother, Ernest Wade Childers and wife, Elizabeth of Norman, Okla.; and one sister, Katie Breske of Midwest City, Okla. He is also survived by a half-sister, Barbie Bond and husband, Chadof Central, Ark.; and his beloved cat, Freya.

David also leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, along with a cherished extended family of friends and loved ones who became family through the bonds of love, loyalty, and friendship.

David was preceded in death by his beloved mother-in-law, Kristi Taylor, who died Sept. 25, 2015. He was also preceded in death by his cherished cat, Miss Kitty, who died over Father's Day weekend in 2025.

Memorial services will be held at the Praying Hands Assembly Church, 900 N. Carolina St., in Louisiana Saturday with visitation from 10na.m., until time of service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bob Hutsell will officiate. Cremation rites are being provided by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family of David Wade Childers to assist with funeral and final expenses.

Those wishing to honor David's dedication to community service may also make memorial contributions to the Louisiana Lions Club in his memory, supporting local community projects and the continued development of Veterans Park in Louisiana.



Dorlis Lee Grote

Miss Dorlis Lee Grote, 85, of Silex died Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lake St. Louis.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday at Olney Cemetery in Olney. The Rev. Don Amelung will officiate.

Dorlis was born in Aurora Springs on Nov. 4, 1940. Her mother, Olive S. Grote, preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1993, and her father, Ernst G. Grote preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 2008.

She graduated from Fairview High School in 1959. After high school she studied in the country of Mexico for a year. She often told stories of all the adventures there. Later, she worked for over 30 years as a secretary for an interior decorator/architect in the St. Louis area. At 59, she was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer and given only a few months to live. God had other plans as she often said and became cancer free for 25 years.

Her greatest joy was her cats. Her hobbies were taking care of her plants, making crafts, and crocheting. In her later years she crotched hundreds of hats for Operation Christmas Child Boxes.

She was a member of the Silex Baptist Church and after it closed moved her membership to Millcreek Baptist Church.

Donations may be made to Millcreek Baptist Church.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory, in Bowling Green.

Maggie Scherder Brings Home Four Medals From World Championships

By Brice Chandler
Editor

Maggie Scherder has added four more medals to her impressive international swimming career after representing the United States at the 12th World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Albufeira, Portugal.

The 24-year-old Troy resident, who has deep family ties to Bowling Green, captured gold in the 50-meter backstroke and three bronze medals during the international competition held Nov. 1-6.


Maggie Scherder

Scherder's gold medal came in the 50-meter backstroke, where she finished with a time of 44.73 seconds, narrowly defeating Mexico's Mariana Escamilla Brana, who finished in 44.84 seconds.

The victory was another milestone for the decorated swimmer, who has represented the United States in international competitions across Canada, Italy, Portugal, France and Turkey.

She also delivered an impressive comeback performance in the 200-meter backstroke, advancing from sixth place in the preliminary heats to capture bronze in the finals with a time of 3:34.86.

"From 6th after prelims to Bronze in finals!" Scherder shared on social media following the race.

Her other two bronze medals came as a member of the United States relay teams.

In the mixed 4x50-meter medley relay, Scherder swam the backstroke leg alongside teammates Gustavo de Oliveira, Joseph Jurries and Caitlin Trevor. The team finished third with a time of 2:45.87.

She also joined Katherine Vazhenin, Caitlin Trevor and Mary Borman in the women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay, helping the United States secure another third-place finish.

The championships brought together elite swimmers with Down syndrome from around the world to compete on the international stage.

The trip marked another return to Portugal for Scherder, where she previously competed in the 2022 World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships.

Scherder began swimming as a child in Peoria, Illinois, and quickly developed a talent for the sport. She competed throughout high school before advancing to international competition in 2018 at the World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Truro, Canada.

Since then, she has built an impressive athletic resume, earning numerous international medals and breaking dozens of Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation records.

Among her accomplishments are three gold medals at the 2023 Virtus Global Games in Vichy, France, along with a world open record in the 50-meter long-course backstroke.

She has also qualified for the Citi Para Swimming World Series under the S14 classification, a distinction that further demonstrates her ability to compete at an elite level.

Although Scherder grew up in Peoria before moving to Troy, she maintains strong connections to Pike County. Her father, Greg Scherder, grew up in Bowling Green, and numerous family members still reside in the area.

Scherder currently trains with the Rec Plex Sharks in St. Peters, Missouri.

Her latest accomplishments in Portugal add another chapter to a swimming career that has taken her around the world while representing the United States.

To follow Maggie's swimming career and future competitions, visit her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ScherderSwims.

Thank You

We were deeply comforted by the outpouring of love and kindness shown to our family during these difficult days since Bill's passing. Your kindness and support meant so much to us, and we are sincerely grateful to everyone who visited, called, brought food, and sent flowers or memorial donations.

The professionalism and support of the staff at Waters Funeral Home was calming. We were blessed to have Harold Williams, a long-time friend and Masonic brother, perform the services and help us find moments of laughter even in our sorrow.

A special thank you to Masonic Lodge 491 for providing the Masonic Funeral Rites honoring his membership. Thank you to the Vandalia Florist for the beautiful arrangements, to Karen's Catering for a wonderful meal, and to the Modern Maturity organization for use of the building. To all who call Vandalia home, we are blessed to be a part of this caring community. Thank you for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers and for helping us honor Bill's life.

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Community News

Control Of MO Bindweed Still Depends On Patience

Field bindweed is a persistent perennial weed that challenges Missouri gardeners, farmers and land managers by competing with and smothering other plants.

Field bindweed is one of those weeds that calls for the "right tool, right place, right conditions" approach, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall.

Its extensive root system and ability to regenerate from root fragments make field bindweed difficult to control. This has led to interest in alternative management strategies such as biological control.

Bindweed gall mites have received attention as a possible control method, says Reall. These microscopic mites feed on bindweed, causing distorted growth and reducing plant vigor. Research in Colorado showed that bindweed gall mites can reduce bindweed growth under specific conditions, especially in dryland rangeland systems.

Missouri's climate differs substantially from the semi-arid environments where bindweed gall mites have shown success. "Their performance is inconsistent under local conditions, and they are not considered a dependable management tool," Reall says. "Instead, effective bindweed management in Missouri requires an integrated approach."

Repeated mechanical removal can reduce root reserves over time, while carefully timed herbicide applications may improve control of severe infestations. "Persistence and consistent monitoring are essential, as no single method provides complete control," says Reall.

"Biological control remains an important area of research, but its success depends on matching the right organism to the right environment. In the case of bindweed gall mites, current evidence indicates that they are not well-suited for Missouri conditions," she says.

Preventing new infestations is also important because field bindweed spreads through both seeds and root fragments. Avoid moving contaminated soil, plant material or equipment between sites.

For effective control in Missouri, focus on mechanical, cultural and chemical control, such as:

Mechanical: Remove new growth and leaves every 1-2 weeks by digging with a garden fork or deep cultivation tool to remove as much root as possible. One-time tilling can spread the tenacious roots and create new plants.

Cultural: Maintain dense vegetation where possible, apply mulch, or use opaque coverings to suppress growth. Long-term smothering can weaken established plants, but persistent infestations require continued monitoring. Do not leave soil bare after weeding.

Chemical: Apply herbicides at bud-to-bloom stage or early fall when plants are actively moving resources to their roots. Random applications are unlikely to provide effective control. Visit your local MU Extension horticulturist or agronomist to learn about chemical control methods.

The search for effective biological controls continues, but for now, Missouri gardeners and land managers will see the best results by combining proven management practices and sticking with them over time, Reall says.

Registration Opens For Spring Online MU Extension Master Gardener Training

Registration is open for the University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener online spring 2027 course. The 15-week class runs Jan. 17-May 31, 2027.

The online core training course is designed to provide in-depth horticultural knowledge, says MU Extension Master Gardener state coordinator Debi Kelly. The course includes presentations and weekly discussion forums.

Gardening is an activity with many rewards, Kelly said. "One of them is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others. The Extension Master Gardener program was initiated to do just that. Its motto, 'helping others learn to grow,' emphasizes service to others as the program's main objective."

Kelly, MU retired state horticulture specialist David Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler, teach the 14 online sessions.

Classes are delivered as a series of narrated and scripted PowerPoint presentations with hands-on activities students can do at home. There is a quiz at the end of each learning module; participants need a composite score of 70 percent to pass the course.

Subjects include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, insects and diseases, woody and herbaceous landscape plants, landscape design principles, turf management and pesticide safety.

Core training is the first step toward becoming an Extension Master Gardener. After core training, participants complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service. Local coordinators help online trainees find volunteer opportunities so they can meet the volunteer service requirement.

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Community News

Hunters Harvest 1,633 Birds During Firearms Season

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that hunters checked 1,633 turkeys during the firearms portion of Missouri's fall turkey season, Oct. 1-31. Top harvest counties were Greene with 56 birds harvested, Laclede with 42, and Perry with 42.

For current fall firearms turkey harvest results by county, go online to MDC's website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/

Hunters harvested 1,950 birds during the 2025 fall firearms turkey season. For more harvest results for past seasons, visit MDC online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey/turkey-reports/turkey-harvest-summaries.

"Temperatures were well above normal across much of Missouri during the first two weekends of the fall firearms season, which likely accounts for some of the drop in harvest," said MDC Turkey Biologist Nick Oakley. "We also had a very wet spring, which hurts nest success and poult survival, so there are fewer young birds on the landscape this fall."

Fall archery turkey hunting continues through Nov. 13 and resumes Nov. 25 through Jan. 15, 2027.

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9. 1874 Indian Hd. Cent - Low Mintage
10. 1936 Unc. Buffalo Nickel
11. 1858 Seated Liberty Dime VF/XF
12. 1901 Barber Quarter VG
13. 1859-O Seated Liberty Half
14. 1871 - Seated Liberty Half
15. 1899-S Barber Half
16. 1946 Unc. Booker T. Washington Half
17. 1878 2nd Reverse Morgan Dollar
18. Choice Of 2 - 1878 3rd Reverse Morgan Dollars
19. 1878-S Morgan
20. 1880-O Morgan
21. 1888-P ANACS MS63 Morgan
22. 1896-O Morgan
23. 1921 - Morgan
24. 10 - Various Date Ike Dollars
25. 2012 ANACS MS-70 ASE
26. 2018-W Burnished NGC MS-70 ASE
27. 2021-S ANACS MS-70 ASE
28. 20th Century Type Coin Set In Plastic Display (Wow Set)
29. 1982 Proof Washington Silver Half
30. 1988 Proof Olympic Silver Dollar
31. 2 - 2009 Proof 4 Pc. Lincoln Cent Sets
32. Westward Journey Nickel Folder
33. 10¢ First Issue Fractional Currency PCGS VF- 20
34. 2 - 1934-A $5 Silver Certificates
35. 1953 - $5 Silver Certificate
36. 2020 Trump Gold Plated Dollar Signed Bill
37. D-Day 25th Anniversary Medal
38. 1965 British Crown - Churchill
39. 1977 British Crown - Queen 25th Jubilee
40. 1980 British Crown - Queen's 80th Birthday
41. Choice Of 2 - Liberty 1 Oz .999 Fine Silver Bars
42. 1898-P Morgan Better Date
43. 1898-S Morgan Better Date
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45. 1923 Peace Dollar
46. Buffalo 1 Oz Silver Round
47. 1911 $2½ Indian Gold
48. Choice Of 60 - 1 Oz .999 Fine Silver Bars
49. 20 - Buffalo 1 Oz .999 Fine Silver Rounds
50. 100 - 4 Rolls Of 1 Oz .9999 Canadian Maple Leaf
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146. 1963 US Silver Proof Set
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155. 2023-S Proof 70 Deep Cameo Silver Dollar
156. 1879-S Reverse Of 1878 PCGS MS61 Morgan (Wow)
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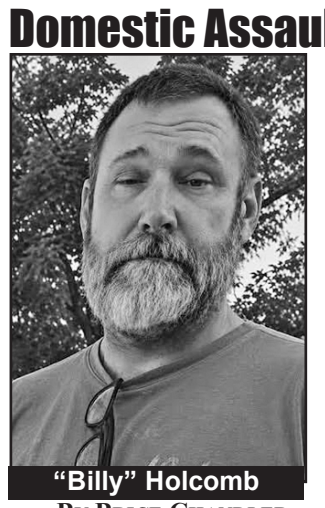
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Silex Alderman Arrested On Domestic Assault, Kidnapping



"Billy" Holcomb

By Brice Chandler
Editor

Silex Alderman William Michael "Billy" Holcomb, 50, was taken into custody Saturday evening, Nov. 7, in Camden County following an investigation into an alleged domestic assault and kidnapping in Lincoln County.

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a residence in the Silex area Friday evening, Nov. 6, regarding a reported domestic assault.

An arrest warrant was issued Saturday for Holcomb on probable cause of first-degree domestic assault and second-degree kidnapping.

Authorities reported that Holcomb had left the scene before deputies arrived to serve the warrant. Following an unsuccessful search of the surrounding area, the sheriff's office requested the public's assistance in locating him.

Holcomb was subsequently apprehended in the Camdenton area Saturday evening, according to other media outlets.

"The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office appreciates the assistance of our law enforcement partners and members of the public who helped share information regarding this investigation," the department stated.

Holcomb has served on the Silex Board of Aldermen since being elected in April 2025. His tenure has been marked by ongoing disagreements among board members and a former city attorney, including disputes that have disrupted city meetings.

Additional details surrounding the alleged assault and kidnapping have not been publicly released by authorities.

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