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Disproving The Old Adage

Julie Leverenz finds that money can grow on trees as she prepares for the Champ Clark Honey Shuck Festival of Trees. The free event takes place Nov. 19-21 at Clark's home, Honey Shuck, in Bowling Green. Local businesses, organizations and individuals have decorated trees. People who visit can vote on their favorites and attend a puppet show about the history of the house. The tree Leverenz is eyeing was decorated by Community State Bank. A photo of Clark appears at upper right. More information is available at Champ Clark Honey Shuck on Facebook.

Photo by Brent Engel

MSF Youth In Ag Scholarship Deadline Is Jan. 15

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2027. The application form can be found on the fair's website.

NEW THIS YEAR: Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be sent by email only to mostatefair@mda.mo.gov by Jan. 15, 2027.

These scholarships are possible thanks to the gracious contributions of many individuals and companies supporting Youth in Agriculture. A total of 62 scholarships amounting to $119,750, were awarded in 2026.

The following scholarships will be awarded in 2027:

one $5,000 S. Wayne Yokley Platinum Scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters,

one $3,500 Sharon Topliff Scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters,

one $2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners/Sydenstricker Genetics,

four $2,500 supreme scholarships sponsored by the Missouri State Fair Foundation,

numerous $2,000 supreme scholarships sponsored by Bell Trust,

five $1,750 scholarships sponsored by MFA, Inc. Charitable Foundation

and numerous $1,750 (plus) scholarships sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters.

Applicants must be high school seniors, active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college, university or technical school.

Missouri State Fair scholarships are funded through the generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors, hometown supporters and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions.

A portion of each animal's sale price is allocated to the scholarship program. A complete list of sponsors and buyers are listed at www.mostatefair.com.



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Pike Genealogical Society Recap

By Nancy Reid, President

Your Pike County Genealogical Society has been busy during 2026 and at this time we would like to highlight some of the projects that we have been involved in. Each project helps to educate the community that we are here and to preserve the history of Pike County for future generations.

Our library hours generally run from the first Thursday or Saturday in March and goes until the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We do continue to work in the months of December through February in the library and are glad for people to stop in if we are working for additional help or even a tour of our 1884 jail museum, where we showcase artifacts of Pike County. So, onto our projects.

In April, the Society had a booth space at the VFW History Day. We brought along loose photographs that we were given from the Bowling Green Times office and visitors to our booth spent much time trying to find their friends and relatives amongst them. The laughs and the stories that were told were priceless. Our library added new shelving to hold all of the bound Bowling Green Times and Louisiana Press Journals that the society received when the Bowling Green Times office closed and moved locations.

Much work has been done on our early obituary books from the 1800's to 1914 to make sure that we have everyone we can account for from the Pike County area. Work continues on the obituary books to make sure that we have everyone, don't want to leave any ancestor out.

One of our newest members, Sandy D., has been scanning the Collier Funeral Home records to add to our collection. Collier is the only funeral home in Pike County that we didn't have any records for, and this will be a great addition to our collection.

The Davis Chapel Cemetery is also a project that the Society has been working on. Davis Chapel Cemetery is on Mt. Zion road and many of those buried don't have a tombstone. Through death certificates and obituaries or death notices, the members have been identified. Three Society members, Audrey J, Donna C, and Sandy D, all doused (or witched) the cemetery and were able to identify 29 graves without markers. Thanks to Jeff K's kindness and generosity each grave has been marked with a metal cross that will last a lifetime. Work on the cemetery continues and a book is anticipated with all the information that is compiled.

In September, the Society partnered with the Tom Thompson, Mayor of Bowling Green, to be the funding collection agency for the Cotton Fitzsimmons Memorial Statue. Since the society is a 501 3(c), donations to the memorial statue are tax deductible.

Also in September, the Society opened their door for Heritage days and provided tours of the jail and library which showcases all the resources that we have.

In just our regular library hours throughout the year, we continue to work on various projects to preserve the history of Pike County and its residents. We assist those that come in and request help with researching their kin folks. Tours are given to various organizations such as school groups, Girl Scouts, DAR, and others.

So, as you can see, we have had a full year and are already planning a book sale for June 5, 2027, in which a variety of books and puzzles will be available. So come out and support this non-profit entity and see what rich source of history we are to the community.

Hope you make plans to visit us in 2027, we are located at #5 East Church Street, Bowling Green.

Former Bowling Green Police Captain Alleges Misconduct

By Brice Chandler
Editor

A former Bowling Green Police Department captain who submitted a formal complaint alleging misconduct within the department has been dismissed from his position.

The captain submitted an eight-page complaint to Bowling Green Mayor Thomas Thompson and the City Council on Oct. 7, requesting an independent investigation into the department's leadership and operations.

The complaint outlined several areas of concern involving the Bowling Green Police Chief and other department personnel, including allegations of mishandled evidence, interference with internal investigations, possible misuse of city resources, discriminatory statements and workplace retaliation.

The allegations contained in the complaint remain unproven.

Among the more significant concerns raised is an allegation that an audit of the police department's evidence room identified approximately $3,000 in unaccounted-for currency and assets.

According to the complaint, the discrepancies involved records dating back to a previous police administration. The captain alleged that despite his responsibilities involving internal investigations, he had not been directed to investigate the missing property.

WGEM subsequently reported obtaining emails indicating that $1,306 in seized currency associated with a 2023 case was among the property reportedly unaccounted for during the audit.

Beard, who serves as the department's evidence custodian, previously disputed allegations of missing evidence, telling KHQA that the claim was "unequivocally" untrue.

The complaint also raises concerns about two incidents involving potential officer misconduct that the captain alleges he was discouraged or prevented from investigating.

In one incident, the captain alleged that a Bowling Green officer struck a fleeing motorcyclist with a patrol vehicle during a pursuit along Highway 61.

The captain stated that he reviewed body-camera footage of the incident and believed the officer's actions warranted further investigation into whether the use of force was legally justified.

A second incident involved a Bowling Green officer who participated in an arrest that resulted in criminal charges against a Pike County sheriff's deputy.

The captain alleged that he requested permission to investigate whether the Bowling Green officer had misrepresented the amount or type of force used during the arrest. According to the complaint, Beard declined the request, stating that the focus of the case was on the county officer.

The complaint cites Missouri statutes and federal court decisions concerning the use of force and officer accountability. However, the captain's allegations do not establish that either officer violated the law.

The captain further alleged that his supervisory authority was repeatedly challenged and that previously approved disciplinary decisions were reversed without his knowledge.

In addressing concerns raised about his own conduct, the captain stated that he was willing to cooperate with any legitimate investigation but maintained that he had not been provided sufficient information to respond meaningfully to the accusations against him.

The captain was reportedly placed on paid administrative leave in early October before his employment was terminated Nov. 6. The city can not publicly disclose the reason for the termination due to policy.

The City Council voted to place the captain on paid administrative leave Oct. 5, two days before the written complaint was submitted.

Chief Beard has disputed allegations in the complaint and told WGEM News that he intends to pursue defamation lawsuits against individuals who circulate its contents as established facts.

The complaint requests an independent investigation, including a review of departmental records, interviews with potential witnesses and an examination of whether department policies and procedures were properly followed.

Bowling Green Mayor Thomas Thompson has reportedly indicated that many of the concerns have been addressed internally, although details of those actions have not been publicly disclosed.

Bowling Green Mayor Thomas Thompson acknowledged an external investigation or review is underway, but did not disclose whether it includes the allegations against Chief Beard and other department personnel.



Emmett Bags 10-Point Buck

Emmett Mudd of Silex was successful in bringing home a 10-point buck on opening morning of firearms season, Saturday, Nov. 14.



10-Pointer

Kaden Whiteaker of Vandalia bagged a 10-point buck on opening weekend of firearms deer season.

Community News

Commission Awards Contracts For Projects In Northeast District

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded the following contracts for resurfacing, shoulder improvements, and seal coat projects in the Northeast District.

A $5.8 million contract was awarded to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for resurfacing and shoulder improvement projects in Marion and Shelby counties at the following locations:

Missouri Route 168 - resurfacing and shoulder improvements from Missouri Route 15 in Shelbyville in Shelby County to Business U.S. 61 in Palmyra in Marion County.

Missouri Route 168 - resurfacing and shoulder improvements from just east of Route JJ to U.S. Route 61 in Hannibal in Marion County.

Business U.S. 61 - resurfacing from Route BB to U.S. Route 61 south junction in Palmyra in Marion County.

Route W - resurfacing from U.S. Route 61 north junction to U.S. Route 61 south junction in Hannibal in Marion County.

A $1.1 million contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC for a resurfacing project on Missouri Route 154 from Missouri Route 19 south junction in Ralls County to U.S. Route 54 in Pike County near Vandalia.

A $8.9 million contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC for a resurfacing project on U.S. Route 61, from 1.3 miles north of Missouri Route 47 near Troy in Lincoln County to the St. Charles County line at the Big Creek bridge.

A $10.4 million contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC for a resurfacing project on U.S. Route 61, from the Bear Creek bridge, just north of Warren Barrett Drive in Hannibal to 0.5 mile south of Missouri Route 19 near New London in Ralls County.

A $325,970 contract was awarded to N.B. West Contracting Company for a seal coat project on Missouri Route 94, from 0.2 mile east of Bluffton Road to Missouri Route 19 near McKittrick in Montgomery County.

Additional information regarding timelines and traffic impacts will be released prior to the start of construction.

For more information on this and other projects in your area, please contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636). Work with us in the work zone! Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel. With an increased number of highway work zones in Missouri, we urge all drivers to pay attention every second while driving, especially through a work zone.

Be informed of your route by checking the MoDOT Traveler Information Map before you travel.

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

On Nov. 24: Red Cross blood drive at Middletown Baptist Church from 1- 6 p.m., at 302 Johnson St. , Middletown.

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143	400-500	410	490	133	400-500	360	467
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245	600-700	350	395	131	600-700	325	352
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Home is on rural water w/septic and not in the city limits.

Investors take note: Finish interior for office space or rental. Tract lays nice with easy access to Hwy 61, prime business location & not in the city limits.

Note: Due to no fault of the sellers, the purchaser of above tract sold on October 12, 2026 has failed to close as per the contract causing a forfeiture of earnest money. So, we will sell the above tract again under the same terms to the highest bidder.

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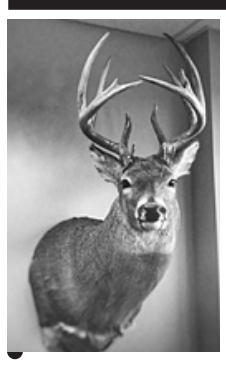
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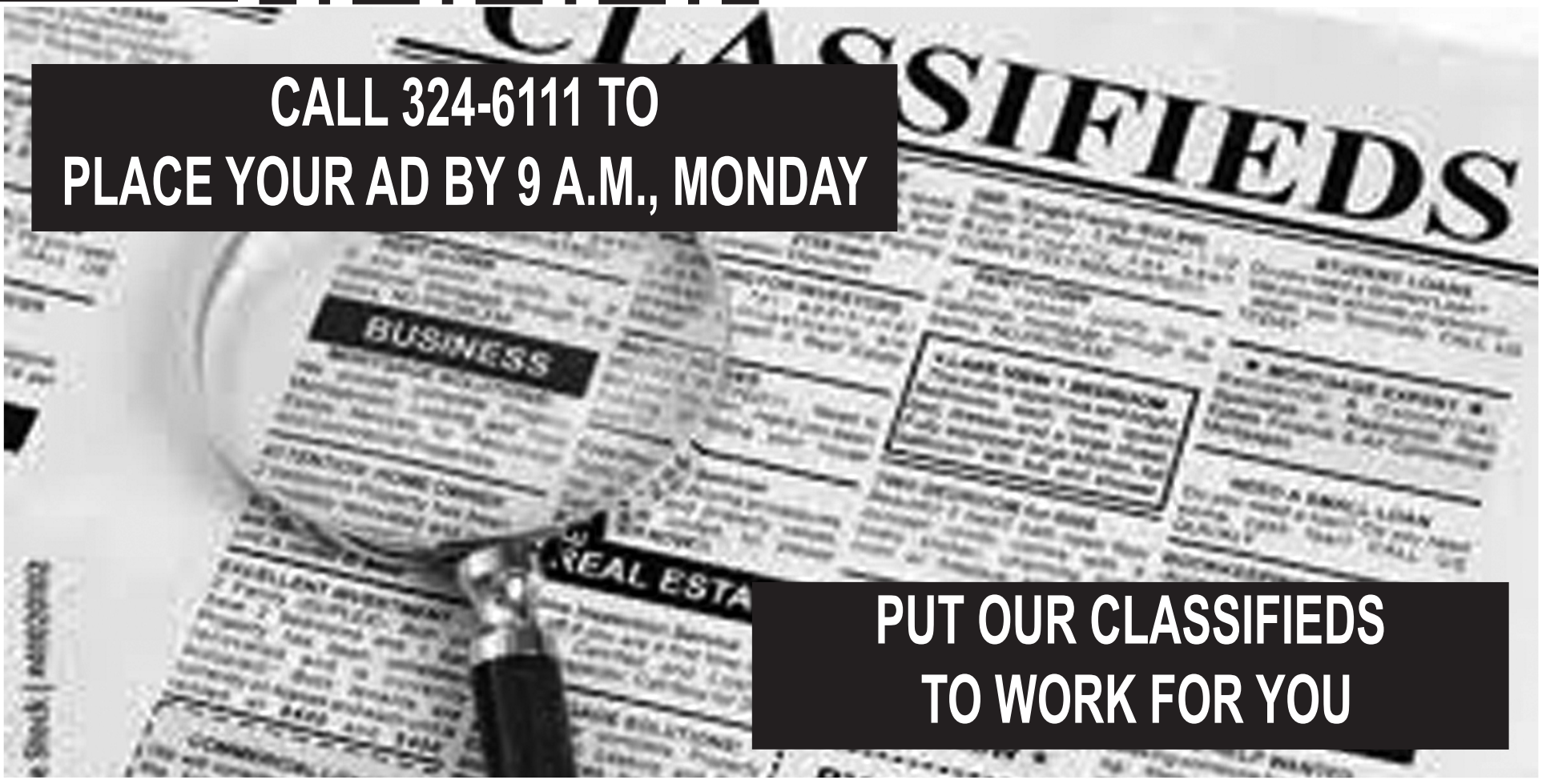
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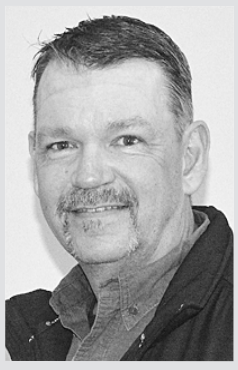
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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

I certainly hope that you all had the opportunity to enjoy this year's opening day deer season? To some it may appear to be a brutal slaughter of a great animal. While it is definitely one of God's beautiful creations, and certainly a great animal, deer are an integral part of the food chain. Deer, if left uncontrolled, would create havoc on every road, every highway, and even in every city among America.



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

A lot of people use this weekend as a reason to get together, sit by the campfire, tell stories of hunts past, and prognosticate about this year's hunt. Temperature, rut, wind direction, preparation, cameras, all of these things are discussed. Brothers that use this time as a reunion, parents and children exploring a treat that only comes about once per year. These stories will be passed down forever whether a deer is harvested or not.

Deer season is much more than a testosterone driven excuse to shoot something. It is a time to create lasting memories, bond, enjoy raw nature, and best of all, put food on the table. To many, it is decades packed with the greatest memories that one could only dream of having. A time to discard discrepancies, and embrace the crisp air with the thought of a fruitful harvest. Some of my most precious memories with my children are in a buddy stand, with them filled with the anticipation of a deer leaping majestically over a barbed wire fence that they have been gazing at for seemingly hours. Sometimes it happens, other times it simply does not. Nature is funny… I guess that it is why they call it hunting, and not merely shooting.

Although Miley, my daughter, and I saw only a field mouse the entire day hunting, we connected in a way that is different than most. One that I will most certainly never forget, and I'll put money on the fact that she will never either.

MDC Reports MO Hunters Harvested 36 Black Bears This Season

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Missouri hunters harvested 36 black bears during the state's sixth bear hunting season, Oct. 17-30.

More than 5,200 hunters applied during May for 2,000 permits for the season with the maximum allowable harvest being 60 bears. Of the 2,000 hunters selected through a random drawing of all applicants, close to 1,490 hunters purchased permits for the season.

Bear hunting in Missouri is limited to Missouri residents and restricted to three designated areas of southern Missouri called Bear Management Zones (BMZ). Each permit issued is for a specific BMZ and hunting is limited to public or private property within the BMZ.

In BMZ 1, 29 bears were harvested out of a maximum of 30. In BMZ 2, seven out of a maximum of 22 were harvested. No bears were harvested in BMZ 3 out of a maximum of eight.

Of the bears taken, 34 were harvested using firearms methods and two were harvested with archery equipment. Of the harvested bears, 23 were males and 13 were females.

"We had another successful black bear hunting season this year," said MDC Black Bear/Furbearer Biologist Nate Bowersock. "Despite the acorn crop potentially being above average, hunters were able to harvest a record number of bears. By increasing the number of permits this year, we provided more opportunities for Missourian to take advantage of this unique hunting experience that resulted in more bears being harvested then previously seen."

Learn more about Missouri black bears and bear hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/bear.

Pike To Pike . . .



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

"We don't need more to be thankful for; we need to be more thankful." quoted by Bob Rue

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8,9

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

Saturday, Nov. 21, First Friday Dec. 4, Last Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, and the first show in 2027 will be the third Saturday, Jan. 16, with music starting at All shows 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, Illinois, that always start at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 27, with special guest Big River Band's very own Casen Shoemaker. Come on out to listen to this very talented local young man.

And their last show of the season will be Friday, Dec. 11.

By the way, since it is the season, if you are planning to go to one of the Big River Band's shows in the next few months and question whether the show will be happening due to the weather, here's the answer for you. The radio station KJFM Eagle 102.1 FM Radio has graciously agreed to announce the cancellation or you can check on Facebook on the Big River Band page or you can call the phone number above. The Band doesn't want anyone to risk getting out on extremely slick roads so keep this information where you can find it to either listen or call.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of Nov. 18-24, 2026:

Nov. 18 - Sophia Dwight

Nov. 19 - Berlyn Thomas, Timothy Blacketer

Nov. 20 - Elizabeth Lipcamon, Kara Puterbaugh, Nicole Bedenbender

Nov. 23 - Bobby Hutton

"When God is doing the talking, it's a good idea to just sit back and let Him talk." quoted by Pastor Gary Dice

Jamie and I went to Bowling Green on Thursday to the home of Jamie's sister Lavern Goree and another sister Brenda Culp of Booneville, was also there. We had a nice visit.

Friday night Jamie and I went to Pearl to enjoy the Buggs' Family Opry. Jeff Griggs was special guest. It's always fun to go to the shows provided by both the Buggs' Family Opry as well as the Big River Band to be able to enjoy the shows as well as socialize with others.

Trivia Questions:

1 What U.S. State is commonly known as "The Nutmeg State"?

2 Job in the Bible was from what country?

3 What was the first American novel?

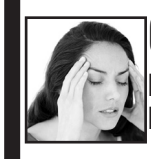
It's never too late to show interest in Single Seniors + One, a not-for-profit group. Qualifications are you must be 62+ in age, single for one reason or another, able to pay for your meal and provide your own transportation, and have a workable phone number. Not a matchmaking group, but you never know who you might meet. This group was invented to provide seniors a place to enjoy a meal with others. Interested in joining in? All you have to do is either text or call 1-217-320-8438.

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Obituaries



Donald Eugene Christian

Donald Eugene Christian, son of Harold Donald Christian and Linda Mae White Traynor, was born Aug. 5, 1976 in Mexico. He departed this life, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, in Kaiser at the age of 50 years, three months and three days.

On Oct. 19, 2019 at Bridal Cave, he was united in marriage to Britni Jean Weigle and together they were blessed with four children. Together they shared six years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Britni Jean Christian of the home; three sons, Brayden William Christian and Haley Rambo of Osage Beach, Kasen Edward Christian of Farber, and Dante LaTrez Harrington and wife, Deejah Lee of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Waelyn Mae Christian of Camdenton; his mother, Linda Mae Traynor and husband, Earl Eugene of Lebanon; a brother, William Robert "Bobby" Christian of Kansas City; and a host of nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

Donald was raised in Vandalia and graduated from Van-Far High School where he played football, basketball, and participated in track. He was also a Golden Glove Boxer Champion. Donald worked at Master Tech Marine Services building outdrives, construction at Swiss Village Cabins, and was property manager of the Wisgiama Ranch in Camdenton.

Donald made a profession of faith and attended Southside Baptist Church, where he received several Sunday School awards.

In his spare time, he loved riding and building choppers, specifically his Shovelhead. He was a talented and creative artist in leather working, woodworking, and welding. Donald was a jack of all trades and master of all. He treasured the time attending his children's sporting events and cheering them on.

He was a loving husband, dad, son, brother, and a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and will treasure the memories he created for his family and friends.

Funeral services were at 5 p.m., Friday at Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home, Camdenton. Visitation was from 3-5 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the family, left at the funeral home or mailed to the funeral home at 15 Clint Avenue, Camdenton, MO 65020.

Arrangements are under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Camdenton.



Homer 'Tony' Shrum

Homer "Tony" Shrum, 85, of Bowling Green died surrounded by family on Friday, Nov. 6, 2026.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Anne Gladney Shrum; four sons, David Shrum and wife, Rochelle of Wright City, Jeromy Shrum of Mission, Kan., Matt Shrum and wife, Kim of Lake St. Louis, and Brandon Shrum and wife, Robyn of Wentzville; eight grandchildren, Zech, Josh, Simon, Cooper, Lylah, Daphne, Parker, and Beckham; one brother Gary Shrum of Kewanee, Ill.; and countless extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jeff Shrum and two brothers, George Shrum and Bill Shrum.

Homer was born in Hannibal on March 24, 1941 to Homer and Margery Darst Shrum. After graduating from Hannibal High School, he attended Hannibal-LaGrange College then graduated from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State). He began his teaching career in Cahokia, then taught elementary art in Bowling Green, Curryville, and Frankford schools for 33 years. In the summers, he coached Little League and painted houses and an occasional courthouse with Charlie Foutes, Melvin Dempsey, and later with Jim Mitchell. He also served as the official basketball scorekeeper for the Bowling Green Bobcats for two decades.

After retiring from teaching, Tony worked at the Northeast Correctional Center for 14 years before retiring again to a steady diet of grandkids, Andy Griffith, and caring for his pets. Whether he was pushing his cart of art supplies through the halls of an elementary school, working at the correctional center, or simply spending time with family and friends, he treated everyone with patience, respect, and a gentle heart.

Memorial visitation was from 4-6 p.m., Thursday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com



Carolyn Sue Hays

Carolyn Sue Hays, 56, of Louisiana died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026 surrounded by her loving family.

A memorial visitation was from 3-6 p.m., Friday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

She was born Nov. 22, 1969 in Louisiana to Margaret Sue Ince and Kenneth Dean Hays of Vandalia. She grew up in Louisiana and completed her schooling there.

Carolyn devoted many years of her life to being a homemaker, caring for her family and creating a home filled with love.

She enjoyed listening to music, spending time with family and friends, and being around animals. Above all, her family was an important part of her life, and she treasured the time she spent with those she loved.

She is survived by her six children, Eric Turner and wife, Bridget, Robert Kenneth Turner and wife, Erin, Phillip Dusty Turner, Dylan Turner, Kaleb Turner and wife, Mellisa, and Kassidy Kemry; and seven grandchildren, Payton Turner, Haley Turner, Zoey Turner, Thea Turner, Keaton Turner, Kolt Turner, and Kash Turner.

She is also survived by her longtime companion, John Jennings, with whom she resided in Louisiana; and three brothers, Gary Hays and wife, Carolee of Perry, Kenneth Hays of Louisiana, and Eddie Hays of Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Sue Ince, her father, Kenneth Dean Hays, and a brother.

Carolyn will be remembered for the love she had for her family, her enjoyment of life's simple pleasures, and the memories she leaves behind with those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

Memorials may be given to the family, c/o the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Henry E. Watson

Henry E. Watson, 94, of Bowling Green died at his home Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 16, 1932, in Spencersburg, the son of Samuel and Elsie Walsinger Watson.

Henry grew up in rural Spencersburg, he attended school at Bridgewater School until eighth grade. He spent most of his life in Pike County, except for a short period in Vandalia. Henry married the love of his life, Kathleen Hopke on April 27, 1957, she preceded him in death on Oct. 4, 2016.

He served in the United States Army from 1952-54 stationed in Germany. Henry was a member of the Elm Grove Baptist Church. He spent his life farming and working at various garment factories and sawmills. Henry enjoyed square dancing and being a caller, but his greatest satisfaction came from smoking a pipe and making his wife mad. He especially loved playing with his grandkids. Henry had a fun-loving personality and when he told a story there was never a dull moment.

Those left to carry on his legacy are a son, Stacey W. Watson and wife, Stacey L., of Bowling Green; three daughters, Rita Jennings of Jeffersonville, Ind., Janet Grffith and husband, Larry of Bowling Green, and Linda "LuLu" Flowers and husband, Jeff of Spencersburg. Six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, family, and close friends.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, wife, granddaughter Ceara Flowers, great-granddaughter Emily Traynor, six sisters, one brother and three siblings in infancy.

Funeral services were Friday at 12 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory in Bowling Green. Burial was at Curryville Cemetery.

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

Pallbearers were Cody Watson, Tucker Watson, Carl Dockler, Jeff Nutt, Donald Griffith, and Christopher Nutt. Honorary pallbearers were Clayton Nutt, Melissa Nutt, Jessica Watson, Alicia Flowers, Trenton Griffith, Darin Griffith, and Kole Griffith.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

What we lost today, heaven gained. Mom and dad are dancing together again.

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



Iva 'Jean' Gray

Iva "Jean" Gray, 90, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories, laughter, and love.

On July 28, 1962, Jean married Earl H. Gray, beginning a life together filled with family, memories, and the many adventures that come with raising children and watching generations grow. Jean was preceded in death by Earl in 2003.

Jean was the mother of Terry Rebout and husband, Michael and Stephen Gray. Her family grew to include three grandchildren, Gretchen and husband, Andy, Matthew and wife, Rebecca, and Justin and wife, Erica; along with 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Each generation brought new joy and new stories to share.

She is also remembered by her brother, Jo Tom Forster and wife, Barb; and sister, Bette Crowder.

Jean retired from Alex R. Masson's Greenhouse in 1991. That same year, she moved to Bowling Green, where she enjoyed many years of life. In 2023, she returned to Kansas City, Kan., to live with her daughter and son-in-law, bringing her closer to family during the later chapter of her life.

One of Jean's special joys was the arrival of the hunters each November, when hunters came to hunt but became family.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at Highland Park Cemetery, 3801 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kan., 66102.

Following the graveside services, family and friends are warmly invited to gather for a luncheon and celebration of Jean's life, beginning at approximately noon, at 6811 Everett Avenue, Kansas City, Kan., 66102

Please join the family to share memories, laughter, and stories as they celebrate a life that touched so many.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: Sisters, Servants of Mary, 800 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102.

And while her chair may now be empty, it isn't difficult to imagine Jean looking over everyone with that familiar little smirk, wondering what all the fuss is about. She was one of a kind, deeply loved, and will be dearly missed.



Randall Dale Momphard

Randall Dale Momphard, 61, died peacefully at his home in Foley Friday, Oct. 9, 2026, with his beloved wife, Shelby, lovingly by his side.

He faced cancer with remarkable spirit, courage, and determination until the very end. He never gave up, and even in his final days, he continued to share the words that meant so much to everyone around him: "I love you."

Randall graduated from Buchanan High School and went on to proudly serve in the United States Marine Corps. After returning home, he built a successful career in automotive sales management.

He leaves behind his wife, Shelby Momphard; two sons, Ryan Momphard and wife, Megan and Austin Momphard and wife, Johnna; his parents, R.T. and Bonnie Momphard; a brother, Steve Wing and wife, Monique; and three sisters, Debbie Reading and husband, Dave, Lori Eaklor and husband, Jim, and Angie Hagar and husband, Tim. He will also be deeply missed by grandson, Carson; granddaughter, Lexi; and his many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Randall had a true gift for conversation and built a successful career in car sales, where he generously shared his knowledge, mentored others, and helped them thrive in the business. He embraced life with joy and loved having fun and spending time with family and friends. A true "water baby," Randall was happiest on the lake - whether surrounded by a boat full of people or simply enjoying the peaceful moments with Shelby by his side. He also dearly loved his cats, Peaches and Cali, whose companionship brought him comfort until the very end.

He was an organ donor, and his family is honored to carry out his generous final wish.

A Celebration of Life will be held at VFW Post 8828, located at 444 State Hwy. J, Troy MO 63379 on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 2-5 p.m., where family and friends can gather to remember and celebrate the life he lived so fully.

Memorial donations can be made to Meningitis Foundation of America in leu of flowers.



Ruth Ann Luckett

Ruth Ann Luckett, 85, of Louisiana died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026 in Louisiana.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Jim Dietrich officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

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

She was born Feb. 7, 1941 in Corning, Ark., to Henry and Gracie Aldona Arnold Wilder.

She is survived by four daughters, Jeanne Carnes, Lisa Sagastume, Deania Carnes-Smith and husband, Clyde, and Nancy Wastler and husband, Shawn; grandchildren, Sherry, Brandy, Zach, Ashley, Devin, Lyndsay, Ethan, Tiffany, and Alex; and numerous great-grandchildren.

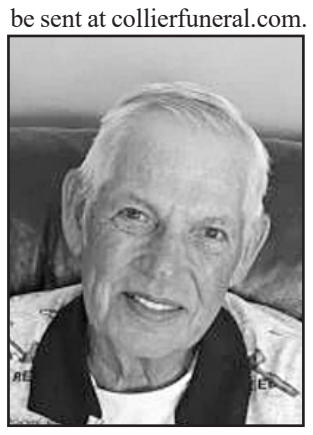
She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Debra Carnes Bergstrom, and 11 siblings.

Ruth was a homemaker who particularly loved to sew dresses for her five daughters. Later in life, she continued to use her passion for sewing to make quilts with her sisters, aunts, and cousins where they would sell them at craft shows. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a devout Christian. She loved her God, her family, and the St. Louis Cardinals. She made the best pecan pie. Along with sewing, reading was also a favorite hobby of hers. She was a sucker for ice cream, popcorn, and a good Rice Krispie treat. She enjoyed scrapbooking, but what she enjoyed the most was spending time with her family and friends.

Pallbearers were Devin, Ethan, Alex, Bo, Zachary, and Austin.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



Elmer 'Bud' Shinn

Elmer "Bud" Lee Shinn, 90, of Bowling Green died

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peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026, surrounded by the family he loved so dearly. Though his loved ones' hearts are broken by his death, they find comfort in knowing he is no longer in pain and is finally at peace.

Bud was born July 25, 1936, in Pike County to Lennie V. and Iantha Hasty Shinn. Family members often shared the story that his mother insisted he was actually born on July 26, 1936, and his birth certificate reflected the incorrect date. Whether celebrating one day or the other, Bud lived a life well worth celebrating.

He attended school in Bowling Green and graduated at the remarkable age of 16. On July 16, 1958, he married the love of his life, Carol Jean Walker. Together they built a loving family and shared years of marriage, memories, and adventures.

An accomplished athlete in his younger years, Bud excelled at baseball and earned recognition as a talented pitcher. Throughout his life, he carried a deep love for the outdoors. If you knew Bud, you knew there was almost always a dog by his side, a fishing pole in his hand, or a horse waiting nearby. He loved raising and riding horses and spent countless hours on trail rides and at the saddle club, creating memories that his family still treasures today. As an avid hunter and fisherman, he never shied away from a challenge. The mountains of Colorado held a special place in his heart. For more than 50 consecutive years, he made annual elk hunting trips with family and friends. Those hunts were about much more than filling a tag. They were weeks spent in the mountains sharing stories, laughter, hard work, and creating memories that would last a lifetime. He was also a devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan, though those who knew him best would say his loyalty often came with a healthy love-hate relationship as he cheered, grumbled, and second-guessed every season right along with the team.

Bud also spent many years fishing for crappie and catfish in Louisiana with his dear friend Jimmy Adams and numerous family members. His family often joked that he could catch fish when nobody else could, and he almost always came home with a story to tell. Some of the most cherished family memories center around his fish fries, where family and friends gathered to enjoy good food, fellowship, and Carol's famous homemade pineapple ice cream.

Many mornings found Bud gathered with his friends at Short Line 66, known locally as "The Station," in Frankford. There, over cups of coffee, he enjoyed sharing stories, laughter, and conversation with his coffee buddies. Whether the tales grew taller with each telling depended on who was listening, but the friendships formed around those mornings remained genuine and lasting.

Throughout his working career, Bud held several positions that showcased his strong work ethic and mechanical abilities. He worked at the Shell Gas Station in Bowling Green, at Wayne B. Smith's rock quarry in Louisiana, and later as a pipefitter at Hercules. In 1980, Bud and Carol moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where he continued his pipefitting career with Roquette Company until retirement. Never one to sit still, Bud remained active after retirement, taking on a variety of jobs including work at a ranch resort, transporting camping trailers across the country, and assisting at Werenski Fishery.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, Lennie V. and Iantha Shinn; a son, Mike Shinn; five sisters, Dottie Harrelson, Ella Brown, Lynette Bird, Mary Butler, Myrt Reid; three brothers, Jack Shinn, Lennie Dale Shinn, Wayne Shinn; and a grandson-in-law, Louis Cardoni.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Jean Shinn; his children, Sherry Koester and husband, David of Bowling Green, Gary Shinn and Teiko Finley of Puyallup, Wash., Connie Hopkins and husband, Jeff of Frankford, Suzanne Baird and husband, John of Bowling Green; and Mike's wife, Kim Shinn of Kahoka. He also leaves behind many cherished grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; along with his faithful companion and beloved dog, Otis.

More than anything, Bud loved his family with his whole heart. He leaves behind a legacy of unconditional love, hard work, laughter, and treasured traditions. His family will carry his memory with them every time they saddle a horse, cast a fishing line, gather around a fish fry, or watch the leaves begin to change as elk season arrives each fall.

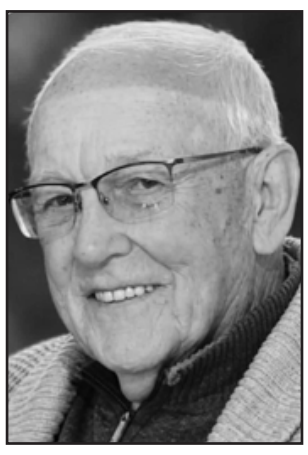
Services were Saturday with visitation from 10-11 a.m., at the First Christian Church in Frankford.

A funeral service followed at 11 a.m., at the church. Burial took place immediately following at Fairview Cemetery in Frankford.

Serving as pallbearers were DJ Koester, Caleb Hopkins, Michael John Shinn, Brayden Buffington, Chase Buffington, and Gary Shinn. Honorary pallbearers were Roger Shinn, Carl "Tick" Shinn, Jeff Hopkins, John Baird, and David Koester.

The family inviteed all who knew and loved Bud to join them in celebrating his life.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family.



Donald E. Giltner

Donald E. Giltner died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana.

Donald was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Kirksville to Dr. E.E. and Sybil Giltner. He married Priscilla Porter Brinkley in June 1958 in Murray, Ky.

He proudly served two tours in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Second Lieutenant. During his military service, he was stationed in Korea.

He began his career in education in Louisiana as a middle school history teacher. Through dedication and hard work, he advanced to become a middle school principal, high school principal, and assistant superintendent. His commitment to his community extended beyond education, as he also had the honor of serving a term as mayor of Louisiana.

Donald will be lovingly remembered by his children, Julie Constable and husband, Hiram, Donald Giltner II, and Susan Gower and husband, Ed; and grandchildren, Bryan Gower and wife, Simlin, Brad Gower and wife, Courtney, Brooke Snyder and husband, Dave, Erin Deters, Craig Smith and wife, Maggie, Cole Smith, Caitlin Smith and husband, Grayson, Melisa Constable, and Tracy Fishel and husband, Bob.

He is also survived by great-grandchildren, Austin Schoene, Alex Gower, Adalyn Gower, Aiden Gower, Ashlea Wiedeman, Austin Lindsey, Zayden Simpson, and Daxton Wiedeman; a sister, Diane Hudson; and nieces, Kathy and Karen, along with other loving family members.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, s daughter, Kate Cantrell, and one great-grandson, Teven Blackwell.

Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Monday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday (today) at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana. The Pastor Rodrick Sweet will officiate. The family will have a private burial following service at the Riverview Cemetery with full military honors.

Serving as pallbearers will be his four grandsons, and Bob Allen and Bill Suddarth. Honorary pallbearers will be Darren Williams, Dave Townes, Jack Huckstep, and Karl Dewey Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association, John Cotton Memorial Animal Shelter, or the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Donald will be remembered for his dedication to education, his service to his country, his commitment to his community, and, most importantly, his love for his family. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched throughout his lifetime.



Shirley Ann Keith

Shirley Ann Keith, 92, of Bowling Green, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026, at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be at 12 p.m., Tuesday (today) at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with The Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m., until time of services on Tuesday (today) at the funeral home.

Shirley was born Feb. 26, 1934, the daughter of William Whiteside and Ovela Myers Alloway. She grew up living in Bowling Green most of her childhood, attending Bowling Green Schools and graduating with the class of 1952. Following school she began working. She married Billy Wayne Keith on Sept. 14, 1958, and to this union three children were born. She and Bill were married for 47 years, until his passing in April of 2006.

Shirley and Bill owned and operated Keith's Cleaners in Bowling Green for nearly 30 years, when they sold the business in 1991 and moved to Lakeland, Fla., where she lived until returning to Bowling Green in 2017 to be closer to her family. When her children were younger, she was a girl scout leader for her daughters.

In her spare time, Shirley enjoyed making Barbie doll clothes, playing card games of any sort, sewing, having a glass of white wine and hosting parties. She loved Christmas, going out with her birthday group ladies, animals of all kinds, but especially cats.

Those left to carry on her legacy include her children Janet Ray and Kurt Temple of Crossville, Tenn., Ron Keith and wife, Colette of Bowling Green, and Linda Luebrecht and husband, Paul of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Devin Ray and husband, Adam of Colo., Jae Ray of Colorado, Heather Keith and husband, Joe, Josh Keith and wife, Marissa, Sarah Luebrecht, and Andrea Luebrecht and Landon; and great-grandchildren, Caleb, Clyde, Malia, Ellie; and sister, Wilva Dean "Deanie" Ebers.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Keith, Josh Keith, Paul Luebrecht, Kurt Temple, Joe Meyers, and Landon Deters. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Don Hunter, Rodes Hood, LeRoy Vogel and Dick LaBrier.

Memorials may be made to the BGHS Alumni Association or Pike County Hospice.

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

George Shrum

George Shrum of Louisiana died Friday, Nov. 13, 2021.

George is survived by wife, Mary Fiske; children, George and wife, Kara, Jonathan and wife, Kelly, Homer and wife, Kelly; and grandchildren, Anna, Cooper, Quinn, Emma, and Calvin.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Margery Darst, and brother, William.

George was born in Hannibal Nov. 19, 1943 to Homer and Margery Darst Shrum. After graduating from Hannibal High School, he attended a variety of universities before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. These were Hannibal LaGrange College, North East Missouri State, University of Memphis and Central Missouri State where he met his future wife, Mary Fiske from Canaan, N.H.

Before completing his education, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He attended basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes and participated in the July 8, 1967 Salute to the Flag at Soldier Field. Upon graduation from basic training, he was appointed to the rate of Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Second Class. He was stationed in Virginia Beach and Brunswick, ME, with deployments in Bermuda and the Azores, all while never stepping foot on a ship. He was discharged from the service on June 18, 1973 - Petty Officer Second Class.

George and Mary were married June 29, 1968 while he was enlisted in the Navy.

After he was discharged from the Navy, he completed his education at Central Missouri State with a bachelor in education. In 1973, George started teaching seventh and eighth grade social studies in Louisiana Middle School. It was then his greatest impact could be felt. Countless students passed through his classroom door, including his own three sons. To George there were no bad students, all of them had the ability to succeed, and it was up to him to help bring that ability out in them. For him education went hand in hand with enjoyment, not anxiety. Through his lessons he taught students how to make the world a better place, not just for themselves, but for everyone around them. Teaching the importance of not just passing through life, but to pay attention to everything around them. Pay attention to not just your love ones, but see people who may be struggling and need a helping hand. That kind gesture may go a long way in making someone feel significant and worthwhile.

Known as papa to a lot of people, he absolutely loved his family. His grandkids meant everything to him. Mom and dad were never at home as they traveled the state, never missing games or events wearing out I-70 between Kansas City and St. Louis. He was an unbelievable role model and a true friend to whoever had the opportunity to know him.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

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Bids will be received by the County Commissioners at the Office of County Clerk, 115 West Main, Bowling Green, MO until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday December 3, 2026. Specifications may be obtained from the Pike County Highway Department 119 East Park, Bowling Green, MO. For questions about trade-in please contact Billy Orf (573)470-6860. Pike County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Notice is hereby given that Bowling Green R-1 School District (the "District) requests Proposals for the analysis and implementation of possible facility improvements. The district's objectives in issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) are to provide a competitive means in which to select a single qualified provider to

implement this project. The contract shall follow the requirements of the Missouri legislation.

Proposals will be received until 10 a.m., on Dec. 10, 2026 at the office of the Superintendent, Bowling Green R-1 School District, Attn: Dr. Jeff Jennewein, 700 West Adams Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334, jennewein@bgschools.k12.mo.us. Proposals will be in accordance with Missouri Revised Statutes and the Request for Proposal (RFP) guidelines.

Upon review of Proposals received in response to this RFP, the District may enter into a contract with the provider that provides the best overall value to the District.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to be the sole judge of the value and merit of the proposals offered

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Community News

MU Family Impact Center Transitions To Statewide Virtual Model

Missouri families can now connect with the University of Missouri Family Impact Center from anywhere in the state through a new virtual model that expands access to health and wellness education, resources and referrals.

For more than a decade, the center served as a community resource in Columbia, bringing together university programs, community partners and students to support individuals and families through services focused on health, financial well-being, life skills and youth development. The new virtual model builds on that foundation while extending the center's reach statewide, said Jo Britt-Rankin, executive director of the center.

The Family Impact Center will continue its mission of helping individuals and families improve their quality of life through lifelong learning and connections to trusted resources, Britt-Rankin said. Through online programs, coordinated referrals and collaboration with MU faculty, students and partners, the center can now serve Missourians regardless of location.

"After 12 years of growing the Family Impact Center in Columbia and serving Mid-Missouri, we felt it was time to expand our reach to all Missourians," she said. "The virtual model lets us build on a strong foundation while connecting more families with educational opportunities and resources, particularly in rural and underserved communities."

The center will offer live and on-demand programming in areas including:

Nutrition education

Physical activity and wellness

Social and emotional health

Preventive health education

Programs are available through webinars, online courses and recorded modules that allow participants to learn on their own schedules. A centralized website and referral system also help connect families with programs and services that fit their needs.

The Family Impact Center is strengthening referral pathways with programs including MedZou Community Health Clinic, NutriZou Nutrition Services, the Integrated Behavioral Health Center and Mizzou's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, helping participants find additional support when needed, Britt-Rankin said.

Accessibility remains a priority, she added. Mobile-friendly platforms, captioning and translation services, low-bandwidth options and recorded sessions help ensure that families can participate regardless of technology limitations or scheduling challenges.

"Technology gives us the opportunity to connect more Missourians with high-quality health and wellness education and make those resources easier to access," Britt-Rankin said.

Learn more about the Family Impact Center at www.MUFamilyImpact.org

Soil Testing Still Matters

Harvest is starting to slow down, meaning it's almost that time of the year: soil sampling. While spending a cold day walking fields and collecting soil cores may not seem exciting, the information gained from a soil test can have a significant impact on both crop productivity and farm profitability.

Soil sampling is arguably one of the most important annual practices a producer can complete. A soil test provides a snapshot of what is happening beneath the soil surface, helping us understand nutrient availability, soil health, and factors that may be limiting yield potential. Without this information, fertilizer and lime applications become a little more than an educated guess.

With input costs remaining high and commodity prices fluctuating, it can be tempting to skip soil sampling in an effort to save money. However, the cost of a soil test is relatively small compared to the potential expense of applying fertilizer that is not needed or failing to apply nutrients that are limiting production. A current soil test allows producers to make informed decisions and invest fertilizer dollars where they will have the greatest return.

One of the most important pieces of information provided by a soil test is nutrient availability. Crops remove nutrients from the soil each year, and those nutrients must be replaced to maintain long-term productivity. Even fields that consistently produce good yields can develop deficiencies over time if nutrient removal exceeds replacement. Regular soil testing helps identify these trends before they impact crop performance.

Soil tests also provide valuable information about soil pH. The ideal pH range for most row crops is between 6.2 and 6.8. When soil pH falls outside of this range, certain nutrients become less available to plants, even if adequate amounts are present in the soil.

Leaf The Cold Behind - Move Your Tropical Plants Indoors For The Winter

When the outdoor growing season wraps up, moving your potted tropical plants indoors upgrades mere winter shelter into a lush jungle paradise, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Tropical container plants have surged in popularity in recent years. They typically require a larger upfront investment than annuals, but overwintering them lets gardeners enjoy those plants for several years rather than a single season.

Move your tropical plants inside well before the first frost. Many tropical plants suffer from chill injury when night temperatures consistently fall below 45 F. The lower temperatures cause the plant to go dormant for the winter.

Before moving plants indoors, thoroughly inspect them for pests. Mites, a common plant pest, are difficult to detect because they are so small. Eliminate mites by washing leaves thoroughly with a mild detergent or spray the plant with a pesticide labeled for use on mites indoors.

Place smaller plants in a sunny window. They should bloom periodically throughout the winter. Use other techniques if you have larger plants or lack adequate indoor lighting.

Put woody tropical container plants in a cool location and let their leaves drop. An unheated garage that maintains a temperature of 45-50 F is an ideal location.

You can winter other tropical plants by harvesting and safely storing the bulbs, tubers or corms they produce. Elephant ear is a good example. Its large leaves make it impractical to overwinter as a mature plant.

For overwintering, the "500-pound gorilla in the room" has got to be a banana plant, Trinklein said. What do you do with a plant that has grown 6-8 feet high in one summer? Simple: Cut it back and move the "stump" into an area where temperatures average 45-50 F. Move it outside in spring after the danger of frost has passed.



Quilt Of Valor

The Susanna Randolph Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held their regular chapter meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center in Vandalia. At this time Linda Martien, chairman of the Missouri Quilts of Valor, gave a program on the origins of the Quilt of Valor organization. Steven Bland of Hannibal, a former Vandalia resident and Van-Far graduate, was presented with a Quilt of Valor for his service during the Vietnam War. The quilt top was made by chapter member Ruth Miller and machine quilted by Mary Jones.



Silex High School Veterans

Clarksville Memorial VFW 4610 Commander attended the Veteran's Day Activities at the Silex High School on Wednesday, Nov. 11, and was the guest speaker for the celebration, Commander Herbert is always happy when can do something, pertaining to veterans. He is also service officer for the Post and District 17. He is always willing to help veterans and spouses that have questions. Just give him a call at 573-725-9520.

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