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Christmas In The Green Huge Success

Christmas In The Green was held Thursday, Nov. 19-Saturday, Nov. 21. Locations participating in the three-day event reported big crowds. Pictured are Liz Palmisano of St. Peters, left and Amy Borgschulte of Bowling Green shopping at the Pike Resale Shop.

Discover Nature With MDC Through Eagle Days

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites people to discover nature through Eagle Days events and by watching bald eagles around the state.

From December through February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Because of Missouri's big rivers, many lakes, and abundant wetlands, the Show-Me state is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing. Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in Missouri. Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

Enjoy MDC Eagle Days events

MDC hosts Eagle Days events around the state through February with some including live eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos, and guides with spotting scopes. Some events are added over the winter and some require registration. Get more information on MDC Eagle Days events at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle-days.

Look for eagles on your own

Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Early in the morning, find them flying and fishing. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars. Here are some hot spots around the state for winter eagle viewing:

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia,

Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access east of Bagnell,

Lock & Dam 20 in Canton,

Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville,

Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield,

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City,

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico,

Moses Eagle Park in Stella,

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis,

Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton,

Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs,

Smithville Lake north of Kansas City,

Stockton Lake near Stockton,

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner,

Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson, and

Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw.

Learn more about bald eagles in Missouri

Visit the MDC online Field Guide at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/bald-eagle. Download free publications on the Eagle Watch Program and Bald Eagles in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle- days.



14-Pointer For Gentry

Gentry Kent, 15, of Bowling Green bagged a 14-point buck during firearms season on Tuesday, Nov. 17. It scored roughly 186 and was shot outside of Bowling Green. He is the son of Ryan and Leisha Kent.

Bulldogs Historic Season Ends In State Quarterfinal Loss To Thayer

BY BRICE CHANDLER
EDITOR

Louisiana's remarkable football season came to an end Saturday, Nov. 21, as the Thayer Bobcats defeated the Bulldogs 37-20 in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 1 state quarterfinals at Cunningham Field.

Despite the loss, Louisiana finished its season with a 9-3 record, securing the program's most wins in recent years and giving Bulldog fans one of the school's most memorable football seasons in the past decade.

The Bulldogs entered Saturday's contest following a district championship victory over Crystal City, earning the opportunity to host a state quarterfinal game before an enthusiastic hometown crowd.

Louisiana's defense demonstrated its ability to challenge the Bobcats early, forcing a punt on Thayer's opening possession and making several key stops throughout the first half.

But Thayer struck first with a touchdown and successful two-point conversion midway through the opening quarter, taking an 8-0 lead.

Although the Bulldogs initially struggled to establish their running game against Thayer's defensive front, they found opportunities through the air and capitalized on Bobcat turnovers.

With just over two minutes remaining in the second quarter, Louisiana took advantage of a Thayer fumble deep in Bobcat territory.

On the ensuing possession, quarterback AJ Gschwender connected with Javon Ries, who hauled in the pass and carried the ball to within two yards of the end zone before being brought down. The impressive reception put Louisiana on the doorstep of its first touchdown.

Donnell Griffith finished the drive with a short touchdown run, and a successful two-point conversion evened the contest at 8-8 heading toward halftime.

The Bulldogs' defense helped preserve the tie late in the half, intercepting a Thayer pass as the Bobcats threatened to score.

Louisiana entered halftime tied with Thayer, but the momentum shifted early in the third quarter.

A Bulldog fumble on the opening possession gave Thayer favorable field position. The Bobcats capitalized with a touchdown and another two-point conversion, reclaiming the lead at 16-8.

Louisiana responded with one of its biggest offensive plays of the afternoon.

Facing fourth down, quarterback AJ Gschwender connected with a receiver on a long pass that moved the Bulldogs deep into Thayer territory. Gschwender later found Braden Taylor for a touchdown, bringing Louisiana within two points.

The Bulldogs' unsuccessful two-point conversion left Thayer ahead 16-14 with approximately six minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Thayer answered with another touchdown drive, extending its lead to 24-14. The Bobcats continued to find success on the ground, breaking through the Louisiana defense for several substantial gains.

By the end of the third quarter, Louisiana trailed by 10 points, and Thayer continued to build its advantage in the fourth.

Nevertheless, the Bulldogs continued to compete. Gschwender connected with Taylor for another touchdown late in the contest, accounting for Louisiana's final points.

Gschwender completed 14 of 26 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns. Taylor finished with three receptions for 64 yards and both receiving touchdowns, while Griffith contributed 48 rushing yards on 14 carries and a touchdown.

Jaylen Ries and Javon Ries also contributed to Louisiana's passing attack, helping the Bulldogs move the ball against the Bobcat defense.

While Thayer advanced to the state semifinals, Louisiana closed out a season that included nine victories, a district championship and an appearance among the final eight teams in Missouri Class 1 football.

The afternoon also provided an opportunity to recognize the program's history. Members of the 1986 Louisiana Bulldogs state team attended Saturday's contest, joining the current players for a commemorative photograph that brought together two generations of Bulldog football.

Although the final scoreboard favored Thayer, Louisiana's postseason run provided the community with plenty to celebrate and established a new benchmark for future Bulldog teams.



Angel Tree Under Way

NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, left, and Bowling Green Walmart Store Manager Andy Hoekstra put tags on the Angel Tree. Tags do not identify recipients, but have ages, genders and gift requests. Clothing and toys are especially needed. Walmart shoppers can select tags and buy the gifts listed. Gifts must be new, but shoppers are allowed to substitute age-appropriate items. Applications are being taken through Thursday, Dec. 3. NECAC and the Salvation Army will make sure gifts are delivered to recipients. For more information, call Dixon at 573-324-2207.

Six Arrested Following Execution Of Two Search Warrants In Perry

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 21, and continuing into the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 22, law enforcement officers executed two search warrants in Perry. The warrants were served in the 200 block of East Jefferson Street and the 500 block of South Marybell Street.

The Perry Police Department, Northeast Narcotics Task Force, Ralls County Sheriff's Office, and Center Police Department participated in the operation. Officers seized substances believed to be methamphetamine, cocaine, and crack cocaine, along with suspected drug paraphernalia. Officers also seized approximately eight to 10 bottles containing different pills. The pills will be submitted for laboratory testing to determine what they contain.

Six individuals were arrested during the operation:

* Dianna Jordan (63)
* Jonathan Nash (64)
* Joshua Nash (45)
* Trent Singleton (57)
* Eugenia Reed (67)
* Ryan Colbert (44)

****ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNLESS AND UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.****

The Perry Police Department remains committed to working with our communities, community partners, and other area law enforcement agencies to make Perry and Ralls County a safe place to live and work. The support of and the input from the community is appreciated.

Community News

The Recipe For A Safe Thanksgiving

As families across the country prepare for Thanksgiving, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is reminding consumers to take simple steps that will keep their holiday meals safe and enjoyable.

"Thanksgiving is one of America's most cherished traditions, bringing family and friends together around the table," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Mindy Brashears. "At USDA, we work year-round to help keep our nation's food supply safe. Food safety doesn't stop at the processing establishments that produce the food you eat. By following a few simple food safety steps at home, families can protect their loved ones and focus on what matters most — enjoying a safe and memorable Thanksgiving together."

Every year, USDA food safety specialists answer thousands of Thanksgiving questions through USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline. From when to buy a turkey to how to thaw and cook it safely, you can find all the information you need, including interactive thawing and cooking calculator, on our Your Safe Thanksgiving Guide webpage.

Prepare a safe meal on Thanksgiving by following these four key Thanksgiving food safety steps:

1. Plan and Thaw Safely

Buying a fresh or frozen turkey is really a matter of personal preference, but as you plan for your holiday meal, it's helpful to keep a few important food safety considerations in mind.

If shopping one to two days before cooking: buy a fresh turkey. If there is a "best-by" or "use-by" date on the manufacturer's label, then you can keep fresh turkey, unopened, in the refrigerator until that date.

If shopping weeks in advance: buy a frozen turkey. Never thaw on the counter. Thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator (24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) or in cold water (30 minutes per pound, changing water every 30 minutes).

2. Cook to 165 Degrees F

Use a food thermometer to check if your turkey is ready – it's the only way to know for certain that it has reached the safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Check in all three of these places:

Thickest part of the breast
Innermost part of the wing
Innermost part of the thigh

For optimal safety and uniform doneness, cook stuffing separately. However, if stuffing is cooked inside the turkey, use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing also reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F.

3. Keep Foods Out of the "Danger Zone"

Bacteria grow quickly between 40 and 140 degrees F, also known as the food safety "Danger Zone," putting your family at risk for foodborne illness. To keep food safe:

Keep cold foods in the refrigerator or nestled over ice. Serve smaller portions and replenish them as needed to keep food at or below 40 degrees F.

Keep hot food in the oven, heated chafing dishes, warming trays, or slow cookers at or above 140 degrees F.

Follow the two-hour rule: Refrigerate perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within 2 hours. Discard perishable foods left at room temperature for more than two hours.

4. Store Leftovers Safely

The joy of Thanksgiving continues with leftovers. By storing them properly, you can savor each comforting dish safely and happily in the days

Auxiliary To VFW Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 met on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed.

The October meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review.

During the business meeting Joy Davis presented the Patriot's Pen essay winners. It was decided to present monetary awards to the winners at the photo op on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Van-Far High School.

There was discussion concerning the veterans' gifts and the auxiliary members' gifts at the local nursing home.

Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The six members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Judy Hull, Ruth Miller, Lionel Shaw, and Victoria Shaw.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Vandalia Area Fairgrounds. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The family of Elmer "Bud" Shinn wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of the love and kindness shown during our time of loss. Thank you for the many prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food, and flowers. A special thanks to the staff of the Dialysis Clinic, Inc., Pike County Home Health and Hospice, Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, The Rev. Faye Vaughn, Ethan Colbert, and the Frankford Christian Church for the wonderful meal. God bless each and every one of you.

Carol Shinn
Dave & Sherry Koester
Gary Shinn & Teiko Finley
Jeff & Connie Hopkins
John & Suzanne Baird

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following offices are to be voted on at the Bowling Green, Missouri General Election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2027:

Alderman Ward 1	(two-year term)
Alderman Ward 2	(two-year term)
Alderman Ward 3	(two-year term)

Opening Date for Filing: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
Closing Date for Filing: Tuesday, January 5, 2027

Interested individuals must file a Declaration of Candidacy, in person, with the City Clerk, 16 West Church Street, Bowling Green, Missouri, beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, and continuing between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Tuesday, January 5, 2027, when the hours of filing will be 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, 2026, and Friday, January 1, 2027.

Done per order of the Board of Aldermen
Linda Luebrecht, City Clerk

Callaway Livestock Center, Inc.
Kingdom City, MO
573-642-7486
Please visit our website at
www.callawaylivestock.com
Feeder sale every Monday at Noon
Slaughter steers & heifers sell first
You are welcome to come in person or watch or buy on the internet
Short weaned, fleshy, non weaned or shots can lead into signifcant discounts
Feeder Sale Report For 11-16-2026 Monday Receipts 2,032 Head

1,228 **Steers, medium & large** — 592 **Heifers, Med. & Large**

		Computer Avg.				Computer Avg.	
4	300 & Down	550	655	3	300 & Down	350	460
30	300-400	450	590	22	300-400	400	483
160	400-500	430	507	117	400-500	365	448
287	500-600	380	468	254	500-600	340	367
278	600-700	355	400	74	600-700	310	326
171	700-800	340	372	73	700-800	320	332
236	800-900	320	334.5	42	800-900	290	309.75
60	900-1,000	310	316.75	3	900-1000	245	255
7	Bred Cows - Better	2300	2825		Others		
0	Pairs						
				Slaughter Cows		165	
	High Dressing	120	130		Low	80	110
	Bulk	110	120		Thin	60	80
17	Slaughter Bulls	165	182				

ALL SLAUGHTER STEERS & HEIFERS SOLD ON MON. NOON

Choice 2 & 3		Steers & Heifers	
Select		Mixed Select	

Receiving Hours Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Mon. 8 a.m.-

We appreciate your business both buyers & sellers! For more info contact

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Roger Temmen - 573-680-4538
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BIDS WANTED

Bleigh Construction Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites the submission of bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Bleigh Construction Company, a local General Contractor, is seeking subcontractor/Supplier "DBE" means a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in the following project:

SRTS-9901(315) Pike County Safe Routes to School Program: Ada Improvements to Include New Sidewalks and Misc. Drainage Structure North Main Cross Street Frankford, Missouri

Construction of approximately 1,700 linear feet of new 5-foot sidewalk with paved approaches.

Federal Project SRTS-9901(315) located directly adjacent to North Main Cross Street from Main Street

(Highway C) to Bowling Green Elementary School (School Street) in the City of Frankford, Missouri.

NOTE: Only DBE firms certified by the State of Missouri, Office of Equal Opportunity as of the date of bid opening, can be used to satisfy the DBE participation goals for this project.

Interested parties may contact Bleigh Construction Company, P.O. Box 957, Hannibal, MO 63401, or by calling (573) 221-2247 on how to obtain plan documents.

Bids must be received by December 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COW SALE
Callaway Livestock Center - Kingdom City, MO
Thursday, Dec. 3 6 p.m.
EARLY CONSIGNMENTS
Special Cow Sale Consignments
Bred Heifers
Mershon Cattle LLC
45 Premium Bred Heifers
30 Black & Black Baldie heifers, AI bred
15 Black & Black Baldie heifers, naturally bred
Bred May 21, 2026
AI calves sired by SydGen Black Pearl
Naturally sired calves will be from SydGen bulls
Brothers of the heifers harvested this fall graded 32% Prime, 39% CAB, and 100% Choice or greater, with an average daily gain of 4.14 lbs.
Gentle disposition; raised on grass and bucket-fed.
Herd Health: Two rounds of Pyramid 5 Plus Response.
Two rounds of Calvary 9.
Two rounds of Pinkeye vaccine.
Pelvic measured & tract scored April 15, 2026.
Treated with Vira Shield 6 VL5 & Pinkeye vaccine.
Wormed with LongRange.
Sonogrammed for pregnancy August 13–14, 2026.
Treated with Vira Shield 6 VL5, Scour Bos 9, and Pinkeye vaccines.
Wormed with Synanthic and Ivermectin.
E/A Belgian & Cattle Farms
15 Fancy Commercial Angus Heifers
Ultrasounded to calve Feb. 2, 2027.
Sourced locally in Northern Missouri and Southern Iowa.
Selected for maternal and growth traits.
Hand-fed and very gentle.
Synchronized and naturally serviced to calving-ease bulls.
Bulls have double-digit calving ease with the following figures:
93 WW
158 YW
119 $M
396 $C
Heifers are expected to calve easily and wean off big calves.
E/A culls heifers with disposition issues, poor feet, poor udders, or poor structural conformation.
Herd Health & Breeding Information:
Calfhood vaccinated. Vira Shield 6 VL5.
1st Round Scour Bos. 8-Way Blackleg.
Pinkeye vaccine. Pasteurella vaccine.
Poured and wormed in November.
Tract scored and pelvic measured.
All PI tested negative.
All genomically tested; EPDs available.
All fetal sexed; results will be available.
E/A offers a Bred Heifer Guarantee and stands behind their cattle 100%!
Invest in the Brand You Can Trust!
Kruger
80 big, stout Black and Black White-Faced first-calf heifers.
Bred to low-birth-weight Mead Angus bulls. Due Feb.1.
Weigh approximately 1,200 lbs.
First-Calf Heifer Pairs
Metz
18 big, fancy Angus first-calf heifers with fancy SydGen Angus-sired calves by side
Conroe
8 big, fancy Black White-Faced first-calf heifers w/big Black August calves by side. Bred Cows
Kruger
45 big, fancy Black & Black White-Faced cows, 3-4 years old. Bred to Mead Angus bulls. Due Feb. 1.
Weigh approximately 1,200 lbs.
Underwood Dispersal
33 Black, Black White-Faced, and a few Red White-Faced first-calf heifers.
Black heifers AI bred to fetal-sexed Hereford heifer semen.
Black and Red heifers AI bred to Angus.
All cleaned up with Angus bulls.
Due to start calving Jan. 20.
Additional Consignment:
52 Black and Black White-Faced cows, 6–10 years old.
Bred to registered Angus bulls.
Due to start calving Feb. 1.
Kenny Spray
42 Black and Black White-Faced cows, 3–5 years old.
Bred to SimAngus bulls.
Due to start calving Feb. 15 for 90 days.
Wormed and poured Sept.19.
Very nice set of cows. Cow Creek Ranch
74 cows, 3–8 years old. Average weight of 1,300 lbs.
Approximately 5 months bred.
Bred to SimAngus cross and Angus bulls.
Cow/Calf Pairs & Combination Consignments
Schubert Farm
12 Black & Black White-Faced cow/calf pairs, 3–5 years old
Calves tagged to match cows.
Cows poured and wormed Oct. 2.
Calves have not been worked.
M&L Cattle
55 Black and Black White-Faced middle-aged cows.
A few have calves by side; the remainder are bred for February calving.
Temmen
30 fancy B. cows, 3-4 years old, w/fancy Black calves by side
Frey
100 Black & Red cows, 6–10 years old.
Approximately 65 will have good calves by side weighing 200–400 lbs., Several 3-in-1 pairs.
Porter
15 Black cows, 3–6 years old, with Black calves by side weighing 200–400 lbs. 1 Angus bull, 5 years old.
Christian
20 Angus cows, 4–10 years old.
12 will have fancy Mead Angus-sired fall calves by side.
1 registered Mead Angus bull, 3 years old.
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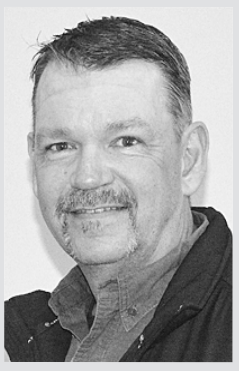
Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

This Thursday is a day set aside to pause, reflect, and give thanks for life's blessings, including family, health, and basic necessities.

We, the citizens of Bowling Green, have so much to be thankful for, and I feel that gratitude is on display every single day. We are an integral part of a tight knit community that, when it comes down to it, would go to great lengths to help out each other. That may look like lending a hand to a neighbor mending a fence, or it may look like giving a timely hug to someone who just lost a loved one. In the back of our minds we know that if needed, the Bowling Green community would come running.



TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

We are a safe community, and we feel at ease with our kids walking to school every day, with the confidence that they will return safely after the school day ends. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, we sometimes tend to somehow forget how fortunate we are. I know that I am as guilty as anyone for this.

Thanksgiving is a day we remember these things, and give our thanks to those around us. We give thanks to those that are, and were, essential parts of our lives, and to our higher power(s) as well. My thanks, my praise, and my glory go to God Almighty, and His Son, my Savior Jesus Christ. Without Him I am lost.

It's a day to reflect on the things, people, and Deity in your life, and be glad that you have them. We are blessed in so many ways, and this one carved out day in November is here to remind us of all these blessings. I am thankful for God, my family, my country, our city, and waking up knowing that I have at least one more day on this big blue and green marble.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, Bowling Green!

Pike To Pike . . .



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

Hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving with good health, good weather, good fellowship, and good food.

Buggs' Family Opry will be this Friday, Nov. 27, with the music starting at 7 p.m. Casen Shoemaker from Griggsville, Ill., and a member of the Big River Band, will be the Special Guest that evening. Come on out and hear this very talented young man.

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

Dec. 4 (First Friday in December); 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. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Something that you all might be interested in going to is the Tuesday afternoon music and dances at the Admiral Coontz Armory, 301 Warren Barrett Drive, in Hannibal, from 12-3 p.m. The live band Uptown Strings puts on a very good show and there is a very nice dance floor provided. Admission is only $5. This is a great way to enjoy an afternoon out and meet people.

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. 25 - Dec. 1, 2026:

Nov. 27 - Kacey Smith, Linda Brawdy, Randy and Marie Woods

Nov. 28 - Allison Niffen, Hannah Dice, Jim Chapman

Nov. 29 - Dennis Ebers, Margaret Leahr

Nov. 30 - Sean Massie, Jillian Myers, Joel Myers

Dec. 01 - Kendell Rawls, Sandy Peterson

Trivia Answers from last week:

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

2. Job in the Bible was from what country? (Uz)

3. What was the first American novel? (The Power of Sympathy by William Hill Brown)

Single Seniors + One had their "Meet, Greet, & Eat" at JJ's Taco burger in Louisiana on November 19th where everyone enjoyed delicious food and plenty of visiting. We had a nice group of 14 there, and to those who didn't make it, you really missed a good get together. And 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.

City Of Farber News

On Monday, Oct. 12, the Farber Board of Alderman meeting highlights: meeting opened with the pledge and monthly financial, mayor and clerk's reports. Citizen comments were heard regarding campers as full-time housing.

Unfinished business: Street improvement project contractor has advised start date depends on weather. If not completed this fall, we will be at the top of the list next spring.

DNR Engineering report grants for drinking water and sewer updates are progressing. Farber was awarded a DNR Non-Playground "scrap tire" grant. Funds will be used to add "gathering spots" with benches and tables made from recycled rubber. These will be located near the Sportsman Park playground and between the Community Building, and Library.

New Business: Banking services and investment options are being researched.

Just a reminder, City Hall Hours: Monday, 1-4:30 p.m., and Friday 8:30-noon, 1-4:30 p.m.

For the latest Farber "Around Town" news, EMERGENCY messages, water service interruption info and more, follow us on FACEBOOK, "Farber, MO". Town events and news can also be found the "Farber Community Betterment" Facebook page.

We will not have a third Friday Community Supper in November or December. Enjoy the holiday festivities with your friends and family. We'll get together again on Jan. 15, 2027.

CHAIR-ITY DRIVE

Farber Community Betterment is asking for donations to purchase new chairs for the Community Building.

Each chair costs about $32.50 each and 100 are needed.

Drop your donation at Farber City Hall (drop box is in back), or mail to PO Box 102, Farber, MO 63345.

DEPOT UPDATE: The roof isn't leaking, but we're still working on keeping critters out. The paperwork and other items that might get damaged have been moved to safe storage. If you would be interested in helping to sort, clean, catalog, have preservation tips, or are looking for a winter project…they would like to talk to you. Throughout the winter we will have a small display of different depot memorabilia at the Library. Come check it out.

GM&OHS magazine have reached out for information to do an article on our depot project. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our story. Let's take this chance to gather "Farber Depot Stories". We can supply details for the magazine article and record our history. Please take a few minutes to write down your memories, funny stories, or share old pictures.

If you would reach out to Ruth Etta, or Brenda Gower, we can help save your memories. Please drop them by the city hall or library. They have a voice recorder available and if you would prefer to tell your story, they can record and transcribe it for you.

For the latest Depot news check out "Farber Missouri 1874 Chicago & Alton Depot" Facebook page.

Please be thinking ahead to community activities for 2027 – Something new and different or repeat of something tried and true?

Looking for something to do as the weather gets colder – check out your local library. Lots of great books, magazines, movies and more are there.

Starting to think about Christmas shopping – shop local, check out Kuda Auto Repair & Towing, Horseshoe Bar & Grill, Dirt Road Designs & Dr. Hyde's Smoked Meats. Get creative, how about a gift certificate book or ornament filled with gift certificates? How about a Farber Depot t-shirt?

For questions or comments, call or text me at 573-473-7389 or email Farbermayor1@gmail.com.

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.

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Obituaries



Rusty Wayne Tredway

Rusty Wayne Tredway, 63, of Louisiana died peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2026, surrounded by his two children and fiancée.

He was born Oct. 7, 1963 to Dayle and Shirley Tredway.

Rusty's first home was in Vandalia. He attended school there until May of 1980 and then moved with his family to Louisiana, where he graduated from Louisiana High School in 1982. While in school, he enjoyed participating in many sports: football, basketball and track. His love for basketball gained him a scholarship to Hannibal-LaGrange University, which he attended for just one year. Rusty found that post-secondary schooling wasn't for him.

After school, Rusty went to work for Wayne B. Smith Mining Company as a laborer. At this point in his life, he decided to get married. He married Robyn Minor and moved to North Carolina, where Rusty worked in construction. Robyn became pregnant with their first child, Jessica Lynn, who was born Sept. 12, 1986. Once she was born, they moved back to Louisiana to be closer to family. A few years later, they had a son, Jordon Lee Tredway, who was born Feb. 2, 1990.

Rusty was a man of many talents; there wasn't a project or job that he felt he couldn't get done and do it well. He was a "jack of all trades" or so he thought. When he first returned to Louisiana he worked for Hemphill Construction as a carpenter. From there he became a supervisor for the Louisiana Water Department and then moved onto a supervisor position at Dyno Nobel. He also worked helping Clinton Ray with boring. He was quite proud of the massive excavation projects that he was part of while working there. Over the last number of years, he worked for Eagle Compression and then UPS (Universal Plant Services – Midstream Services) in energy transportation facilities. He worked all over the United States, including offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Rusty enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a kind, caring, and generous person, who never met a stranger. His family meant a lot to him. He cherished family gatherings during holiday times and spending time with his daughter, son, and grandchildren. He also enjoyed being on the river in his jon boat, fishing, bowling, golfing, card playing, deer hunting, and grilling. As of late, he thoroughly enjoyed watching the hummingbirds come to the six feeders he put on his back deck. He coached Little League, refereed some basketball and football games. He loved having people at his house for fish fry's and summertime holidays. Many stories have been told about the celebrations on the 4th of July at his place in the country. He was a member of the Boat Club, Elks, the Pike County Country Club, and was a supporter of Ducks Unlimited.

Rusty was preceded in death by his parents, Dayle and Shirley Branstetter Tredway and his older brother, Rick Hurshman.

Rusty leaves behind brothers, Randy Tredway and wife, Lisa and Ron Hurshman and wife, Tami; a sister, Vicky Swarnes and husband, Frank; a daughter, Jessica Tredway and fiancée, Jacob Mix; one son, Jordon Tredway; four grandchildren, Chloe, Harlow, Nolan, Maverick; and fiancée, Judith Nau.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday at 2 p.m., at the Elks Lodge in Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or New Harmony Cemetery.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory was in charge of cremation rites.



Ethel Marie Worthington

Ethel Marie Ruth Worthington, 89, of Bowling Green died peacefully at County View Nursing Home Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026. She was a cherished mother, grandmother, and friend, and she will be deeply missed.

Born in St. Louis to Harold and Alice Mehler on Oct. 13, 1937, Ethel was the oldest of 10 children. She married Frank Clare Worthington on Feb. 23, 1957, and moved to Pittsfield, Ill. There, she spent the earlier part of her career working as an on-air broadcaster for WBBA Radio. They moved to Bowling Green in 1966 to open Worthington Equipment – a Massey Ferguson dealership. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Frank II, Kathy, and Amy. Shortly before her husband's death in 1977, Ethel closed the dealership to care for him and her children. She went on to bring UPS to Bowling Green in 1979, where the company remained until 2024. In 1982, Ethel operated County Classics Coach and Wagon, where she enjoyed selling antiques and making stagecoaches. Whatever her work, Ethel always prioritized her children and devoted her life to fulfilling both roles of mother and father. Through her strength, determination, and unwavering love, she provided a wonderful example of devoting one's life to their family. That devotion extended to animals, too. Ethel always prioritized her children and devoted her life to fulfilling both roles of mother and father. She volunteered at local humane shelters, championed spaying, and neutering, and worked to find a home for every animal she met. She was blessed with many loyal, well-loved pets over the years, the last of them Miss Dottie. She found happiness in life's simple pleasures. On a beautiful day she could be found on her front porch, visiting with neighbors. She never missed her class of 1956 luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month or Cowboy Church on Tuesday nights. She loved her church family dearly and would often be the first person to arrive to make sure she had enough time to catch up with every member of the congregation. Her independent spirit, strong character, and love for her family were qualities that made her so special to those who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Worthington; her parents; and her siblings, John, Mick, George, Rosemary, Vicki, and Barbara.

Ethel is survived by her three children, Frank Clare Worthington II and Jenny Johnson, Kathy Marie Meyer, and Amy Lou Worthington Steven Sparks, all of Bowling Green; six grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. She is also survived by three siblings, Ruth Ann Crow and husband, Charlie of Farber, Gerald Mehler and wife, Cindy of Silex, and Debbie Hays and husband, David of Mexico; a sister-in-law, Janie Mehler of Silex; one cousin, Larry Sontag and wife, Angie of Chesterfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Through her strength, determination, and unwavering love, she provided a wonderful example of devoting one's life to their family.

A celebration of life was held Monday at 2 p.m., at the Eastern Missouri Cowboy Church, 15735 Business Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pike County Hospice or Eastern Missouri Cowboy Church in care of McCoy-Blossom Funeral Home & Crematory, 701 N. Hwy. 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Eva Ruth Owen

Eva Ruth Owen, 83, of Troy died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at SSM Hospital at Lake St. Louis surrounded by several family members.

She was born April 13, 1943 in Lincoln County to Howard Derwood and Nellie Corrine Taylor Wells. She grew up with her younger sister, Clara Jeanne and lived in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Oregon as her father, Derwood went where he could find adequate work to feed his growing family. Eva and her cousin and best friend, Carol Ann Jones attended Morris School in Briscoe as youngsters and later graduated from Troy Buchanan High School. She first married Jack Owen and this union was blessed with four children, Howard, Randy, Rodney, and Jason who she raised with pride and solid moral and spiritual guidance. Eva was a Christian by faith and grew up primarily attending the Holiness Church as well as Corinth and Moscow Mills Christian churches. She was also a member of Calvary Chapel of Troy for many years with the spiritual guidance of pastor Wes Denham, prior to a lengthy illness that limited her ability to attend services there.

Eva later married James "Craine" Norton on Aug. 9, 2000 near Eagle, Colo., a union that proved to be a love for the ages with Craine remaining a loving and ever-present companion for the next 26 years until her death. Some of her hobbies included riding horses, tending to her flower gardens, and cooking up a storm for her family, in non-election years of course. Eva was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be greatly missed and long-remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by husband, J.W. "Craine" Norton; four sons, Howard and wife, Ann, Randy and wife, Michelle, Rodney and wife, Holly, Jason and Jericho; step-children, Stephanie Norton and Cassandra Cruz; 22 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; a sister, Clara Jeanne Wells; former-husband, Jack Owen; and many other relatives, and friends.

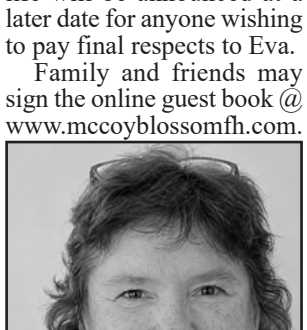
Eva was preceded in death by her parents, one infant sister, Dorothy Wells and a grandson, Luke Cruz.

Private graveside services were held Thursday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m., at the Briscoe Cemetery in Lincoln Count with longtime friend and spiritual advisor The Rev. George Prior officiating.

In lieu of flowers, family has requested that memorials may be made to the Briscoe Cemetery, c/o McCoyBlossom Funeral Home in Troy.

A public celebration of life will be announced at a later date for anyone wishing to pay final respects to Eva.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @ www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



Jo Veta Deimeke

Visitation for Jo Veta Deimeke, 61, of Martinsburg, was from 10 a.m.-noon Monday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Laddonia.

Private family services followed with burial in Laddonia Cemetery.

Jo Veta was born March 30, 1965 in Mexico, the daughter of Arthur Lee and Alice Jo Britton Isgrig.

She is survived by three children, Christopher Edward Deimeke of Martinsburg, Elizabeth Jo Seymour and husband, Robbie of New London, and Miranda Lee Mularoni and husband, Matt of Kansas City; seven grandchildren, Royce Allen Seymour, Tucker Matthew Chrisman, Ashlynn Ember Seymour, Quinten Maverick Seymour, Makenna Jo Mularoni, Mariah Lee Mularoni, and Macey Erin Mularoni.

Jo Veta spent 39 years as a teacher, most recently at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg. She enjoyed traveling and seeing new places, but the time she spent with her family meant the most to her. Her grandchildren were her greatest pride, and she loved watching them grow. Whether it was a family gathering or an ordinary day together, Jo Veta was happiest when her grandchildren were around.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laddonia Cemetery and mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Laddonia, MO 63352.



Sandra Kay Parrott

Sandra Kay Parrott, 68, of Bowling Green died unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026, at her residence.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday at Curryville Baptist Church in Curryville with The Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial followed at Curryville Cemetery.

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

Sandra was born in Hannibal Aug. 20, 1958, the daughter of Billy Ray and Barbara Walker Dixon. Growing up, she was raised in Curryville, graduating from Bowling Green High School with the class of 1976. She would go on to marry William "Bill" Parrott Feb. 11, 1989, and together they raised four children. Bill died July 10, 2014.

Sandra was baptized in 1968 at the Curryville Baptist Church and continued as a member until her passing. She enjoyed camping, reading and doing puzzles. Above all she enjoyed her family and especially her grandchildren.

Those left to carry on her legacy include her mother, Barbara Dixon; children, Deanna Feldmann and husband, Paul of Bowling Green, Laura LeForge and husband, Travis of Green Cove Springs, Fla., Debra Parrott of Columbia, and Joshua Parrott and wife, Alyssa of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Ethan Feldmann, Owen Feldmann, Trevor LeForge (Adysen), Trentin LeForge, Treyden LeForge, Anna LeForge, Hunter LeForge, Madison LeForge, Savannah Parrott, Kennedy Parrott, and Maverick Parrott; a sister, Janet Epperson of St. Louis; one brother, Jerry Dixon and wife, Leisa of Bowling Green; many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father; husband; a brother, Dennis Dixon; and one brother-in-law, Mel Epperson.

Serving as pallbearers were Ethan Feldmann, Joshua Parrott, Paul Feldmann, Travis LeForge, Kyle Dixon, and Mark Stokes.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Curryville Baptist Church.

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

We Welcome Your Local News



Georgina Ann Baker

Georgina Ann Baker, 70, was born Sept. 22, 1956, in Effingham, Ill. She died peacefully on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, with her son, Ryan and wife, Stephanie by her side, having received the prayers and sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Visitation was from 4-6 p.m., Sunday at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

The rosary service was at 10:30 a.m., Monday followed by the funeral Mass at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Good Success Church near Louisiana. Fr. Tyler Nelson officiating. Burial was at St. Clement Cemetery near Bowling Green.

She is survived by her brothers, Russ and Kent Baker; a sister, Debbie Wagner; two sons, Matthew and Ryan; and nine grandchildren, the children of Ryan and Stephanie.

Georgina loved her two boys dearly. She devoted their early childhood years to being a stay-at-home mother, remaining home with them until they were old enough to attend school. Throughout her life, she pursued a variety of interests and professions. She was an aerobics instructor, a photographer, and a real estate agent. In her thirties, she returned to school and earned an associate degree to become a paralegal. She was never afraid of learning something new or trying her hand at something different.

She had a special affection for the city of New Orleans and all things Cajun. She loved Boston Terriers, Friday night pizza, and the simple pleasure of sitting beside a warm fire. She kept a neat and welcoming home and possessed a natural sense of taste and style without being ostentatious. She appreciated fine things but never believed they should come at someone else's expense. She was frugal without being stingy, careful with money without being ruled by it.

Georgina treasured her family, particularly her mother, Mary, and her grandmother, Flo. She was fiercely loyal to those she called true friends, especially her lifelong friends, Barb, Karen, and Carletta. She valued honesty and loyalty and offered both passionately in return.

She was a woman of strong feelings, unmistakable charisma, and a wonderful laugh. She could change the mood of a room with that laugh, reminding those around her that life was meant to be enjoyed. She taught her sons that working hard was important, but so was having fun. She taught them the value of keeping a budget, of taking care of what one possesses, and, above all, of remembering that people are more important than things.

Like all of us, Georgina knew regrets and carried her share of life's sorrows. Beneath her strong personality was a heart that longed to love and to be loved. She wished, perhaps more than anything, that the people she cared about could simply get along. She was deeply passionate, sometimes complicated, often funny, and always unmistakably herself.

Those who loved her will remember not only what she did, but the countless little things that made her who she was: her laughter, her taste, her determination, her loyalty, her affection for the comforts of home, and the lessons she passed on through the ordinary moments of life.

We will miss her dearly. We entrust her soul to the infinite mercy of God, grateful that she was accompanied in her final hours by the prayers and sacraments of Holy Mother Church. It is our fervent hope and prayer that, her earthly trials now ended, she may enjoy the eternal company of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, and all the angels and saints in the happiness of Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Georgina was preceded in death by her infant son, Jesse Cornell, and her infant grandson, Louis Cornell.



Kathy Blevins

Kathy Blevins of Auxvasse died Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 surrounded by her family.

She was born in Olney on Jan. 29, 1943 to Paul and Irene Graves.w

Kathy was married to Tom Blevins of Vandalia on Jan. 29, 1961. They were blessed with five children, Michael Blevins and wife, Cara, Mark Blevins and wife, Michelle, Timothy Blevins, and wife, Mary, Gail Blevins Danison and Travis Blevins and wife, Nicky. Kathy was blessed with eight grandchildren, Shelton, Schuyler, Mariah, Coy, Logan, Drew, Riley, Jake, Eva, and Lane. Kathy treasured her great-grandchildren, Ella, Easton, Tate, Asa, Kennedy, Daniel, Benjamin, Lindsey and Brooks. Kathy also treasured her sisters-in-law, Rachael Blevins and Judy Allen.

She began her working career for the Vandalia School District and later worked as the city clerk for Vandalia. In 1983 Kathy began working for United Security Bank until retirement.

Kathy enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed outside activities such as flowers, mowing and camping. Kathy "occasionally" found time to play Keno and trying her luck at the boat.

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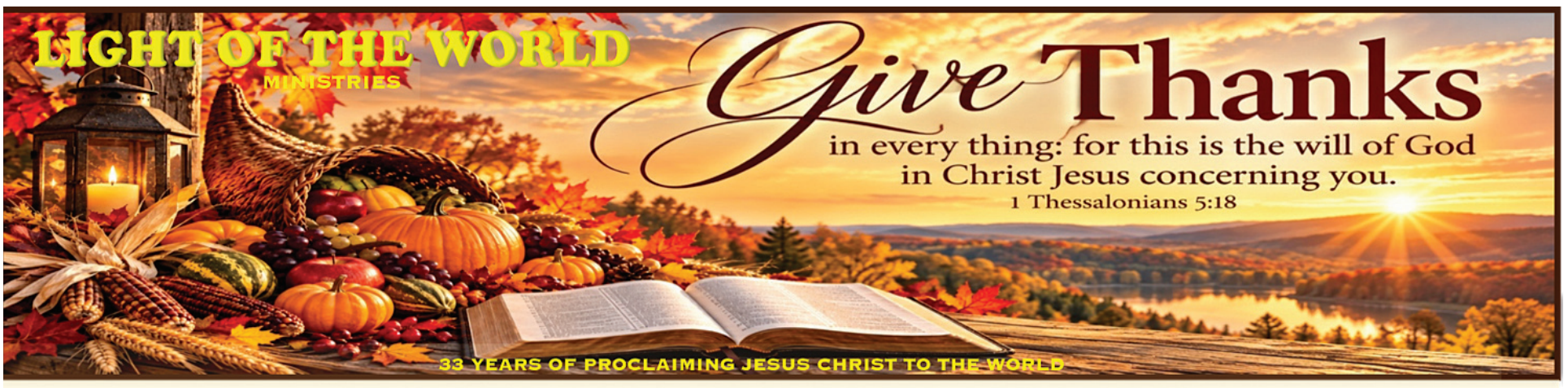

FROM THANKSGIVING TO THANKSLIVING!

The Debt We Could Never Pay—and the Love We Can Never Repay

By Duke DuVall

What are you most thankful for? Make a mental note, or better still, a pen and paper note of the first answer that came to your mind. Please jot down your answer and date it. Now you have a record of what your greatest treasure was as of today's date. Consider your answer in light of Jesus's teaching: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (**Matthew 6:21**). Every November, Americans gather around tables to count their blessings. We thank God for our families, friends, food, health, and the comforts of home. And rightly so! But here is a question worth considering this Thanksgiving: ***Can we be thankful for "treasures" God has given us and still fail to appreciate His greatest Gift of all?***

What if the most important reason for thanking God is not something we possess, but something we no longer possess—namely, a debt we no longer owe? What if the secret of living a life overflowing with gratitude is discovering the immeasurable price Jesus Christ paid for you to be forgiven of every single sin? It's life-changing to learn your greatest treasure is your eternal relationship with God—a relationship The Law makes impossible for you to obtain, but which is given to all who receive it from Jesus Christ by faith (**John 14:6; Romans 10:13**)! I owed a debt I couldn't pay, and my Savior paid a debt He didn't owe! That revelation from God turns Thanksgiving into "ThanksLiving," and an eternity of gratitude to God!

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

TWO DEBTORS—AND NEITHER COULD PAY One evening, Jesus was invited to a dinner party in the home of Simon, a Pharisee. While there, a woman known in the city as a sinner came to Jesus. Weeping, she washed His feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet, and anointed them with ointment. Simon was offended. Surely, he reasoned, if Jesus were really a prophet, He would know what kind of woman was touching Him! But Jesus knew far more than Simon imagined. He knew the woman's sins, but also the pride hidden in Simon's legalistic heart. So He told a parable exposing one of the greatest obstacles to overflowing gratitude: failing to realize how huge our own sin debt is to our perfectly holy God.

Jesus said, "There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both" (**Luke 7:41-42**). One man owed ten times as much as the other. But notice the words that put them on equal footing: "they had nothing to pay." Neither could pay! Both needed mercy, not merely more time to settle their accounts. Jesus asked Simon which debtor would love the creditor more. Simon answered, "I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most." Jesus replied, "Thou hast rightly judged" (**Luke 7:43**). Then Jesus contrasted the woman's overflowing affection with Simon's cold hospitality. Simon had offered no water for His feet, no welcoming kiss, and no oil for His head. The woman poured out her love lavishly on Jesus. Jesus concluded, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little" (**Luke 7:47**). Do not misunderstand the order of salvation. Her weeping did not purchase forgiveness; her joyful tears displayed a thankful heart that had received mercy.

Dear Reader, have you ever wept with joy for your eternal salvation? Jesus told her, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" (**Luke 7:50**). Simon saw a woman with a great debt of sin, but failed to see his own. And therein is the danger for every one of us. We may compare ourselves with someone whose sins seem "worse" than ours, forgetting that, judged by a perfectly sinless and holy God, none of us can pay the debt of even one of our sins.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." — Isaiah 53:5

THE DEBT WE COULD NEVER PAY We sing it, but do we believe it? "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!" The Bible declares, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**). It does not say some fall short while others earn a passing grade. All have sinned. And "the wages of sin is death" (**Romans 6:23**). Our greatest problem is not that we need a little moral improvement. We need forgiveness, righteousness, and a perfectly sinless life we could never accomplish for ourselves. Religious effort can't erase yesterday's sins. Good works can't justify us unto salvation. Jesus's earthly mission wasn't to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive! The good news—great news!—of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ did for us what we could never do for ourselves! "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (**2 Corinthians 5:21**).

At Calvary, the sinless Savior bore the penalty you and I deserved. Colossians 2:13–14 speaks of God "having forgiven you all trespasses" and "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us...nailing it to His cross." The record against us wasn't merely dismissed. It was satisfied by the immeasurable sacrifice of the spotless Lamb of God! When Jesus exclaimed, "It is finished" (**John 19:30**), He announced the completion of His saving work. His one-word exclamation, "Tetelestai!", conveys the completion of what was owed—PAID IN FULL! Dear Friend, what will it take for us to understand that we cannot add a single thing to the Son of God's sacrifice by trying harder to earn what He freely offers by grace? "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**). Notice the similarity between the two debtors and the Pharisee and tax collector in Luke 18. Both reveal the self-deception of trusting in our own works and righteousness, rather than the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. The Pharisees thought their attempts to "keep the rules" would impress God. They rigorously observed religious ceremonies and traditions, making a public show of their religiosity. The Pharisee's prayer contained no confession. He didn't ask forgiveness, perhaps believing he had no sins to confess. Nor was there genuine praise or thanksgiving to God. Exactly as Jesus told Simon, "but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little" (**Luke 7:47**). Unlike the Pharisee, who stood proudly reciting his self-congratulatory prayer, the tax collector stood afar off. Unable even to lift his eyes toward Heaven, the burden of his guilt and shame weighed heavily upon him. Overcome by his sins, he beat his chest in sorrow and repentance and cried out to God for mercy! His prayer was like beautiful music to God's ears—the very prayer God was wanting to hear from him...and from you and me! No amount of good works, church attendance, tithes, community service, or loving your neighbor will ever make you perfect. Should we do those things? Yes! To God's glory! (**Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 10:31**). But they must be acts of appreciation unto God Who saved us!

FROM THANKSGIVING TO THANKSLIVING! Dear Reader, this Thanksgiving we certainly want to thank God for the earthly blessings He has graciously given us—the time, talents, and treasures entrusted to our stewardship. But living out our gratitude to God daily—this is what I call ThanksLiving!—becomes deeper and richer as we praise God first and foremost for our spiritual and eternal blessings! "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**). When you gather around the table this Thanksgiving, thank God for the blessings you can see. But do not stop there! Thank Him for the Cross and your sinless Savior Who bore your sins there! Thank Him for the empty tomb and how Jesus's Resurrection confirmed His victory over death! Thank Him that the perfect righteousness you could never achieve is freely given through your Savior Who died in your place, rose again, conquered death, and is returning to take His own to Heaven forever! My Friend, are you ready and longing for Jesus Christ's return? "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (**2 Timothy 4:8**). If you have never personally trusted Jesus Christ and His gift of perfect righteousness (**Romans 5:17**) for eternal life, remember that salvation is not earned by religious works. (Study the Romans Road below.) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (**Acts 16:31**). For those of us who know Him, let this be more than a day of gratitude. Let it be a renewed beginning—a daily life marked by faith, hope, love, obedience, and thanksgiving. After all, THANKSGIVING is what we celebrate. THANKSLIVING is what we demonstrate! Once we understand the debt Jesus paid, the more our lives will say: "**Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift**" **(2 Corinthians 9:15).**

Heavenly Father, thank You! Thank You that it is only by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and His gift of perfect righteousness that I will be with You in Your glorious, perfect Kingdom of Heaven forever! I pray this Thanksgiving that I would think less of the temporary, earthly blessings I see, and more of the eternal blessings yet to be revealed when You take me from time into eternity. May I send Heavenward the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving unto You this very day, and every day, until I see You on That Day!
I pray this for Your Glory, in Jesus's Name. Amen.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION IN ROMANS

1: Who Needs Salvation?
Romans 3:23 *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*

2: Why Do We Need Salvation?
Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

3: How Does God Alone Provide Salvation?
Romans 5:8 *"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

4: How Do We Receive God's True Salvation?
Romans 10:9 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

5: What Is The Result of God Saving Us?
Romans 5:1 *"Therefore being justified by faith,we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"*

"THANK YOU GOD, FOR YOUR GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE!"

5 BLESSINGS THAT FLOW FROM OUR ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1. Gratitude glorifies God. *"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God."* **2 Corinthians 4:15**

2. Gratitude helps us see God. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."* **James 1:17**

3. Gratitude puts us in God's will. *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

4. Gratitude brings peace. *"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* **Philippians 4:6-7**

5. Gratitude draws us to God. *Jesus said, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger…Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."* **Luke 17:17-19**

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Community News

Skip The Pop-Up Timer This Thanksgiving

Millions of Thanksgiving turkeys come with built-in pop-up timers. But that's not the best way to tell whether the bird is safely cooked, says a University of Missouri Extension food safety expert.

A food thermometer is more accurate, more versatile and not particularly expensive, says Lakshmikantha "Kantha" Channaiah, MU Extension state specialist in food processing.

The pop-up timers that come with many turkeys may activate too soon or too late, Channaiah says. "But a food thermometer gives a direct temperature measurement. That is the best way to know whether the turkey is fully cooked."

Turkey should reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. The most reliable way to check is to insert a thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh without touching bone.

Color is not always a reliable indicator, Channaiah says. A turkey can appear done before it reaches a safe temperature. Conversely, some fully cooked birds may retain a pinkish tint in certain areas.

"Appearance can be misleading," Channaiah says. "A thermometer removes the guesswork."

Fortunately, a good food thermometer is one of the more affordable kitchen tools. Digital instant-read models are widely available for $10 to $25 and can be used year-round for hamburgers, steaks, pork chops, casseroles, soups and leftovers.

Inexpensive dial thermometers also can provide a reliable temperature reading when properly calibrated and used according to the manufacturer's instructions, and some models can safely remain in the oven.

Thermometers can also help you avoid overcooking your turkey. Many people continue roasting a turkey long after it has reached a safe temperature because they are relying on cooking times listed in recipes or assumptions based on the bird's appearance. Checking the temperature allows cooks to remove the turkey at the right moment, helping preserve moisture and flavor.

Before the holiday season, Channaiah recommends testing older thermometers for accuracy. A simple ice-water test should produce a reading of 32 F. If the thermometer is significantly off, it may need recalibration or replacement.

"Thanksgiving meals require a lot of planning and preparation," Channaiah says. "A food thermometer is a small investment that helps protect both food safety and food quality."

For many holiday cooks, it may be the most important tool in the kitchen.

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John Sitton Estate Auction

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
420 Hwy 161, Middletown, Mo 63359

ANTIQUES•COLLECTIBLES• MISCELLANEOUS
Loft Bed
Oak Armoire (very nice)
Matching Dresser and Chest Set
Faux Leather Couch (Ashley)
Set of 2 Faux Leather Recliners (Ashley)
Love Seat
White 5 Drawer Chest
Several End Tables
Plastic File Boxes
Thomasville Kitchen Table w/8 Chairs and Matching Hutch
Large Lot of Kitchen Items
Several Large China Ware Sets
Wooden Jewelry Box
Large Oak Knife Cabinet Custom Built By Billy Joe Ringhausen
Knee Hole Desk w/Chair
Roll Around Organizer w/Drawers
Old Oak Wash Stand
Stack-On Large Gun Safe 18 Gun w/Shelves
Large Metal Cabinet w/Lock Where John Stored His Ammo
Wooden Adv. Boxes
Diamond Art Painting Kits
Several Pcs. of Brass Items
Bulova Clock
Collection of Light Houses
Old Watches and Jewelry
Several Pcs. of Older Art Work
Belt Buckles
Complete Set of Corning Ware Dishes
Old Round Coors Beer Light
2 - 50th Anniversary 1953 NAA Ford Golden Jubilee ERTL Tractors NIB
3 - First Gear 1953 Ford C-600 Truck NIB
Spec Cast Best of Show 1/16 Scale Ford 8N Tractors NIB
2 - NCA Ford 600 Hood Emblems NIB
Old Brass Head Cane
Old Leather Pistol Holsters
2 Twin Beds
Old Wooden Wardrobe
#10 Western Crock w/Wooden Handles
2 - Metal Engravings (By Otto Wills)
Coors Beer Clock
Size Large TK Genuine Leather Jacket
Large Collection of Waterman Pens
Vintage Turn Leg Table
Waterman Solid Silver Limited Edition Edson #3421 of 4000
Silver-Toned Rhodium 18 Kt. Gold NIB (Wow)
5 Pc. Oak Bedroom Set King Size Bed
White Shoe Cabinet
Oak Roll Around Kitchen Cart
Large Lot of Blankets
Tools and Shop Items
Armor-All Shop Vac
Babco USA Bench Vise
Craftsman Router
Bench Grinder
Large Lot Hand Tools
Golf Set
Portable Air Tank
Fish Fryer on 20# Propane Tank
Heavy Duty Dolly
Yard Cart
Bounty Hunter Metal Detector
Poulan Chain Saw
Scotts Lawn Seeder
2 - Sets of Pet Steps
Ameristep Dog House Hunting Blind NIB
Kelly Axe
Pet Grooming Table
3 - Dremel Tools
Kubota Side Kick 2023 RTV XG850 19.8 Hrs. Like New, Spray in Bedliner
Windshield 1/2 Door, Manual Dump
Winch on Front and Brush Guard
Kubota MX5200 128 Hrs. Tractor Diesel
HST Transmission, 4 WD, Brush Guard, No-Def 52 H.P.
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1954 Ford NAA Ford Tractor
Dodge 1997 Dually 4/WD Gas 5.7 Hemi Ram 3500
164,139 miles. Very Good Solid Truck
9 Ft. Hyd. Dump Bed w/Stake Pocket Sides w/Draw Type Hitch
John Bought The Kubota Tractor and Side by Side Both New from Myers Implement in Bowling Green. They are both just like new. The tractor is the last year without Def.

John Sitton Gun Inventory
Folks! We had a big gun sale for John several years ago. We lost our good friend John this summer. If you want one of John's guns for your collection, this is your final chance.
1. Colt Auto 25 Cal Pistol
2. Colt Mall New Agent Lightweight 9MM Luger (New)
3. Colt Mustang Pocketlite 380 Auto (New)
4. S&W Bodyguard 380 Auto in mint shape, lightly used w/box
5. Kimber Micro 9 9MM Pistol Lightly Used
6. S&W Model 37 Airweight 38 Special Cal lightly used
7. Bond Arms Snake Slayer 45 Colt and 410 ga. over and under-NEW
8. Colt Python 1978 357 Mag, lots of engraving in original Colt Case, an older Colt Python (Wow)
9. Colt MK IV Series 80 Government Model 380 Auto Lightly used
10. H&R Handy Gun 410 - 12 MM 8" Barrel in original gun case
11. Jr. Colt 22 Short Cal in original Colt Box
12. Colt Auto 25 Cal in original Colt Box
13. Walther S&W Cal 9MM / 380 ACP New in Hard Case
14. Kimber Ultra Crimson Carry II 45 ACP Cal New in Hard Case
15. Kimber Pro Carry II Desert Tan 9MM New in Box
16. Colt Cobra 38 Special Cal Like New
17. Colt Detective Special 38 Special Cal Like New
18. Colt Cobra 38 Special Cal, Black Grips Like New
19. Colt Detective Special 38 Special Cal, Stainless
20. Remington Model 597 22 Cal L.R.
21. Winchester Model 61 22 Cal S-L-LR Pump (Nice Gun)
22. Remington Nylon 66 22 Cal Bolt Tube Feed Very Nice
23. Mossberg Model Patriot 6.5 Creedmor Bolt Action Walnut-NIB
24. Mossberg 410 ga. Pump Vent Rib New Gun
25. Winchester Model 62 22 S-L-LR Pump Like New Condition
26. Henry 22 Cal Lever Octagon Barrel (New Gun)
27. Winchester Model 61/22 Cal S-L-LR Pump (Like New)
28. SK 30 Cal Rifle w/Scope
29. Winchester Model 94 AE 357 Cal Lever Hard to Find (Like New)
30. Marlin Model 47 1908 22 S-L-LR Pump Never Been Shot
31. Winchester Model 1892 44-40 Cal Lever Saddle Ring Wow This One's a Classic
32. Henry 22 Cal S-L-R Lever Octagon Barrel NIB
33. Winchester Model 62-A 22 S-L-LR Pump (Nice Clean Gun)
34. Winchester Model 61 22 S-L-LR Cal Pump (Like New)
35. Anderson Model 8M-15 Multi Cal Lot of Extra Mags
36. Browning BL-22 22 Cal Lever Very Nice Gun
37. Remington Model 1100 12 ga. Lt. 20 Spec Auto
38/ Remington Model Fieldmaster 572 22 cal. Pump w/Scope
Folks Just Like the Last Gun Auction We Had for John There is Not a Bad or Damaged Gun Here. This is One Outstanding Collection. These Winchester Pumps 22's Are as Good as You Will Find Anywhere.
Large Lot of All Types of Ammo.
2005 - NWTF Medallion Collection (Framed) 1976-2005 NWTF Collection
John Sitton Knife Collection
1. NWTF Hunting Knife NIB w/Sheath
2. NWTF SkinnerNIB w/Sheath
3. Schrade Ducks Unlimited Limited Hunting Knife NIB w/Sheath
4. Here is The Biggest Collection of Schrade Crimshaw Knives I Have Ever Seen All New w/Boxes and Sheaths.They Will Be Put in Show Cases and You Can Buy Knife or Knives, 50 pieces
5. Choice of 2 - 3 Blade Schrade Old Timer Knives
6. Huusk Knife Japan Used
7. Schrade Uncle Henry Hunting Knife (New)
8. Schrade Uniroyal Knife (New)
9. Schrade Old Timer 75th Anniversary Knife (New)
10. Schrade Limited Edition Massey Ferguson Knife (New)
11. Kershaw SB 2 Knife Set New in Package
12. Defender Survival Knife w/Sheath
13. Schrade American Federal Duck Stamp Com memorative Knife 1995/96 Uncle Henry Quail and Ducks Unlimited Knives New in Package
14. Folks, Here is One Beautiful Set of Schrade Crimshaw Knives, Come Take a Look

John Collected Nothing But the Best. There Are Some Rare Ones to Add or Start a Collection.

There is a Large Oak Knife Display Cabinet That Will Sell That John Had This Collection Displayed In. This Handmade Cabinet Was Made by None Other Than My Dear Friend Billy Joe Ringhausen!
The Following Silver Coins and Beautiful Sterling Silver Set Belongs to John Sitton's Sister Sandy Orf;
1.Complete Set of McGrew Sterling Silver Flateware in Box
2. 16 - Presidential Dollars
3. Choice of 5 - 1921 Morgans
4. 2 - 1922 Peace Dollars
5. 1923 Peace Dollar
6. Choice of 3 - 1926 Peace Dollars
7. 5 - Bicentennial Kennedy Halves
8. Bicentennial Ike Dollars
9. 1964 Kennedy Halves
10. 1961 Washington Quarters
11. 1966 Mercury Dime
12. 2 - Foreign Coins

Coin Inventory
1. 26 - 1944 and 1945 Washington Silver Quarters, all readable dates
2. 23 - Silver Washington Quarters 7-1946 4-1947
9-1948 3-1949
3. 91 - Silver Roosevelt Dimes 1950's and 1960's
4. 116 - 1964-D Silver Washington Quarters
5. 3 - Rolls of mixed date Wheat Cents
6. 17 - Mixed date Wheat Cents, few Canadian
7. Sterling Silver Chain Necklace w/1896 Indian Hd. Cent
8. Liberty 1 oz. .999 Fine Silver Round
9. 2015 Mexican 1 oz. Fine Silver
10. Mid 18th Century Russian Empire 1 Rouble Elizabeth Petrovna Coin
11. 40 - 1930's and 1940's Silver Washington Quarters
12. 70 - 1964 Silver Washington Quarters
13. 130 - Buffalo Nickels
14. 22 - 1950's Silver Washington Quarters
15. 36 - 1950's Silver Washington Quarters
16. Bundle of unopened series of 2006 $1 Federal Reserve Notes, all consecutive nos.
17. 4 - Bicentennial Kennedy Halves
18. 1858 Seated Dime
19. 1971 and 1972 Ike Dollars
20. 1897-O Morgan
21. 3 - 1921 Morgans, 2 are unc.
22. 2 - 1922 Peace Dollars
23. 1924 and 1927 Peace Dollars
24. 95 - Indian Hd. Pennies
25. 47 - 1960's Silver Washington Quarters
26. 33 - 1964 Silver Kennedy Halves, mostly unc.
27. 1952-1954 and 2-1962 Silver Franklin Halves
27A. 14 Kt. Gold Ring
28. 10 - 40% Silver Kennedy Halves
29. 14 - Walking Liberty and Washington Silver Halves (Low Grade)
30. 10 - Buffalo Nickels
31. 8 - Mixed Date Silver Mercury Dimes
32. 1872 - Shield Nickel Has a Hole Drilled Thru It.
33. 21 - Mixed Date Ike Dollars
34. 1891-S Morgan
35. 3 - 1921-P Morgans
36. 48 - 1950's and 1960's Silver Washington Quarters
37. Choice of 5 - 1987 1 oz Liberty Gold UNC. (WOW)
38. 26 - Series of 2013 $20 Federal Reserve Notes With Consecutive Serial No's UNC.
39. 14 - UNC Series of 2013 Federal Reserve Notes Serial Numbers Consecutive
40. 2 - Series of 1976, 2 Series of 2009 and 1 Series of 2003 $2 Bills
41. 20 - Series of 1963 $1 Federal Reserve Notes
42. Series of 1957 $1 Silver Certificate Star Note
43. Series of 1934 $100 Federal Reserve Note
44. Series of 1934-A $10 Federal Reserve Note
45. Series of 1934-C $50 Federal Reserve Note
46. Series of 2003-A UNC $2 Bill
47. Series of 1976 and 2009 $2 Bills
48. Complete Lincoln Penny Design Collection
49. Series of 1953 and 1953-A $2 Red Seals
50. Choice of 2 - 1934 $500 Bills (Very Nice)
51. Choice of 2 - 1934-A $500 Bills (Very Nice)
52. Series of 1934-A $1000 Bill (WOW)
53. Choice of 45 - $1 Silver Certificates
54. Choice of 9 $2 Bills, 3 Are Red Seals
54-A. Choice of 2 1995 Proof ASE OGP W/COA
54-B. Cadillac Auto Co. 95th Anniversary Celebration 1 oz Coin
54-C. 58 - Susan B Anthony Dollars
55. 3 - Series of 1981-A $1 Federal Reserve Notes Consecutive No's
56. Full Roll of Bicentennial Kennedy Halves
57. Small Bag Mixed Coins Mostly Foreign
58. 1993 Louisiana, MO. Sesquicentennial Coin
59. N.R.A. M1903 Rifle Series Springfield Coin
60. Complete Morgan $1 Set in Binder Book W/First Day Stamp Covers
1878-1879-1880-1881-1882-1883-1884-1885-1886-2 1887-1888
1889-2 1890-2 1891-1892-1893-1894-1895-1896
1897-1898-1899-1900-1901-1902-1903-1904-3
1921, Peace Dollars in Same Collection W/First Day Stamp Covers
1922-1923-1924-1925-1926-1927-1928-1934-1935
43 Coin Set a True WOW Set
61. Belt Buckle W/1904 Morgan
62. Quail Unlimited Belt Buckle
63. 1904-O Morgan High Grade MS-64/65
64. Choice of 2 Series of 1934 $500 Bills (Very Nice)
65. Series of 1934A $500 Bill Very Nice
66. Choice of Series of 1928 or Series of 1934A $1000 Bills-WoW
67. Choice of 7 - $100 Federal Reserve Notes 1 Series of 1928, 5 - 1934 and 1934A 1 is a Star Note, 1 Series of 1960A
68. Choice of 2 $50 Federal Reserve Notes 1 Series of 1934 - 1 Series of 1950
69. 2 - $20 Federal Reserve Notes Both Series of 1934
70. Series of 1934-D $10 Silver Cert. Blue Seal
71. Series of 1953-A $5 Silver Cert. Blue Seal
72. Choice of 5 - $5 Federal Reserve Notes Series of 1934 and 1950
73. Choice of 19 - $1 Silver Cert. 14 Series of 1935, 5 - Series of 1957

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Please call Rich Duffner 573-721-0582.

ACCEPTING SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The City of Middletown, Mo. is accepting snow removal bids until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 2, 2026 for the following streets/lots:

South and North Caldwell, S. Cherry (from 161/Johnson St. to South St., side streets between North Cherry and North Caldwell, Post Oak School Road, Straube St., Main Street, South Street, and the parking lot at City Hall.

Bid specifications are available at City Hall, or by calling 573-549-2220. Successful bidder must have liability insurance. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, and to determine the best bid. Please mark sealed bids as ``Snow Removal Bid."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Pike County Commissioners at Bowling Green, Missouri, for the purpose of supplying the Pike County Highway Department with one (1) 2027 AWD Motor Grader with trade in of a

2018 John Deere 672GP Grader.

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.

Request for Proposal Advertisement

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.

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Community News

OBITUARIES

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Throughout Tom and Kathy's life they instilled many valuable lessons in their children: their love of family first, learning new things and life is what you make it. They thoroughly enjoyed life, worked hard and played hard. They loved people and never met a stranger. They were precious people and the definition of servants of God. Their favorite phrases were, "this too shall pass" and "with God, all things are possible", Mark 10:27.

A graveside service will be at the Auxvasse Cemetery shelter on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The Rev. Bill Koch will be officiating the graveside. All are welcome.



Vernon Gamm

Vernon Lawrence Gamm, 84, of Bowling Green died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green. He was born and raised on the family farm in Bowling Green on April 29, 1942, the son of Frank & Frances Becker Gamm.

From the time he was a boy until he joined the service Vernon always helped on the family farm. He graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1959. He married the love of his life, Joyce Dixon at Providence Presbyterian Church in Vera on Sept. 24, 1967. Providence Presbyterian Church was a very important part of Vernon and Joyce's family, they raised their children in the church and Vernon served in every aspect, including becoming an elder.

Vernon joined the United States Army in 1967, while in the service and reserves he made lifelong friends. Upon discharge he returned to the farm. Vernon and his son, Wade rebuilt their first truck in 1987. It was then they decided to open Hollowshop Auto & Sales, which was operated on the family farm. Vernon and Wade, and later Josh and Justin, became well known for rebuilding Ford trucks. Vernon continued to play various roles within the business until his death.

Vernon was always generous with his time, he served on the rural fire department board for many years, including serving as president. He also donated his time to the local 4-H, where he served as the wood working leader as his kids were growing up. Vernon enjoyed quail hunting when he was younger and would occasionally deer hunt.

Vernon had a passion for farming. He and his brother, Wayne farmed together for over 60 years. Upon Wayne's retirement, Vernon along with his son, Wade and grandson, Josh continued to expand both the livestock and row-crop operations. Even in his last years, Vernon ran the equipment, fed the cows and directed many of the day-to-day events. He was proud of his Century Farm, and it was very important to him that it continued.

Those left to carry on his legacy are his wife, Joyce; children, Vicky Gamm of Eckley, Colo., and Wade Gamm and wife, Kim of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Josh Graver and wife, Abby, Justin Graver and wife, Misty. Bailey Sykes (Liam), Larissa Gamm, Brandon Gamm and Cameron Gamm; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Audra, Meah and Haden; many nieces and nephews.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Edna Gillum, Katie Belle Oliver, Amy Gamm, and Wayne Gamm.

Funeral services will be Tuesday (today) at 10 a.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green. Visitation was at the funeral home Monday from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Pallbearers will be Josh Graver, Justin Graver, Brandon Gamm, Cameron Gamm, Bryan Oliver, and Brian Schumacher. Honorary pallbearers will be Kent Dixon, Larry Gamm, and Josh Graver.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health & Hospice.

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



Lawrence Taylor Strode

Lawrence Taylor Strode, 74, of New London died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Visitation celebrating Lawrence's life will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.., Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home & Chapel in Hannibal.

A Masonic service will be held at 1 p.m., with funeral services to follow. Pastor Tom Day will officiate. Burial will be in Barkley Cemetery in New London.

Lawrence was born Dec. 1, 1951, in Hannibal, the son of William F. and Mary L. Taylor Strode. He was united in marriage to Kathy Boyer on June 19, 1971, in Louisiana. She survives him at the family home.

Other survivors include his two daughters, Arena Baxter and husband, Mark of New London, and Amanda White and husband, Clayton of Palmyra; five grandchildren, Alexis Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Wyatt Briscoe, Kaitlyn Briscoe, and Blake Briscoe; a brother, Robert Strode and wife, Vicki of New London; a sister, Julie Reese of Warrenton; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Lawrence was preceded in death by a son, Lawrence Taylor Strode, Jr.; and two brothers, Charles Strode and Daniel Strode; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Claude and Helen Boyer.

Lawrence was a proud graduate of Louisiana High School, class of 1969. Following graduation, he continued his education through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 2 apprenticeship program. He dedicated more than 50 years of his life to working as a service lineman, faithfully serving his community and surrounding areas. Whether responding to electrical outages, working through challenging weather conditions, or helping restore power to those in need, Lawrence took great pride in his work and the opportunity to serve others. His dedication, strong work ethic, and willingness to lend a helping hand were qualities that defined his many years in the electrical industry.

Outside of work, Lawrence was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed hunting. He treasured traveling with his wife and family, attending his grandchildren's activities, and making lasting memories with those he loved most. Family was always an important part of Lawrence's life, and he found great joy in supporting his children and grandchildren in their many endeavors.

Lawrence also had a passion for youth sports and giving back to his community. In his younger years, he served as president of the New London Khoury League and coached numerous teams over the years. Through his involvement, he enjoyed mentoring young athletes, teaching the importance of teamwork, and encouraging them both on and off the field.

A devoted sports fan, Lawrence faithfully cheered for the St. Louis Cardinals. He was also a longtime St. Louis Rams fan until the team relocated, at which time he shifted his football loyalty to the Dallas Cowboys. Whether watching a game or discussing his favorite teams, Lawrence always enjoyed the excitement and friendly conversations that came with being a sports fan.

Lawrence was deeply committed to his Masonic brotherhood and community organizations. He was a 50-year member of Ralls Masonic Lodge No. 33, A.F. & A.M., and was also affiliated with the York Rite Hannibal Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons; Trinity Council No. 47; Excalibur Commandery No. 5; and the Little Dixie Shrine Club. Additionally, he was a member of the New London Lions Club. Through these organizations, Lawrence demonstrated his dedication to fellowship, service, and helping others throughout his community.

Lawrence was a member of New London First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Dallas Baxter, Wyatt Briscoe, Blake Briscoe, Taylor Strode, Joseph Strode, and Aaron Hodges. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Lake, Mark McLaughlin, Dickie Holland, Lynn Hodges, Mike Means, and Chris Gaines.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barkley Cemetery or the NEMO Humane Society in Lawrence's memory.

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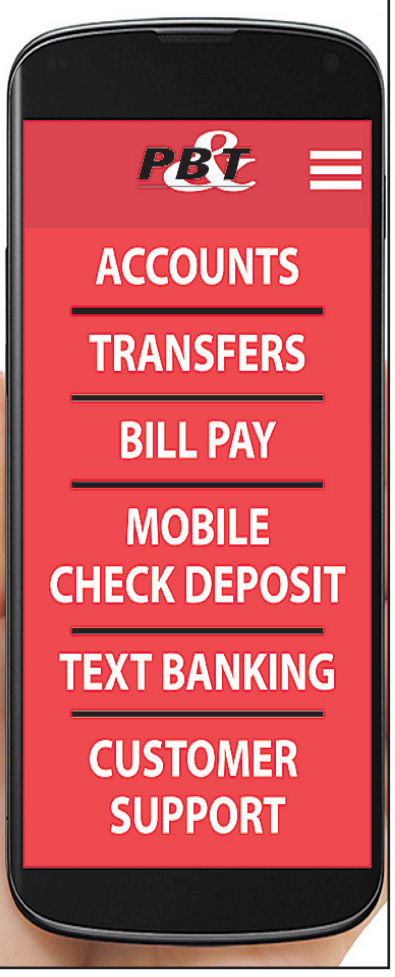

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