

Dedication of Bolivar signs

The community honored donors who supported the new Bolivar signs along Mo. 13 during a dedication ceremony at Bolivar City Hall on Monday morning, May 19. The donors' contributions were commemorated on a plaque displayed in the Board Room at City Hall.

The Bolivar signs, which are estimated to cost around \$317,892 total, were primarily funded through \$257,750 in donations. The Missouri Department of Tourism awarded the City of Bolivar a \$30,000 grant to go toward the cost of the signs, and the City of Bolivar contributed around \$30,143, or 9% of the total cost.

Community Development Director Kyle Lee said City staff worked to lower the overall cost of the sign project by bidding out each component of the sign construction.

He also said the signs were



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identified as a priority in the City of Bolivar's 2020 Comprehensive Plan, in which local residents filled out surveys to share their priorities for community projects over the next 20 years.

Former Gov. Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson shared their gratitude to donors and for being recognized on the signs. Gov. Parson said he is proud to call Bolivar his hometown.



Teresa and Mike Parson unveil the new plaque

City of Humansville to be audited

Auditor Fitzpatrick to examine finances at behest of the citizens

Humansville has had governmental issues over the past year, leading some citizens to be concerned about the town's finances and fund appropriations. City residents gathered 170 certified signatures to petition for an audit from State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick.

The Board of Aldermen for Humansville had voted on an audit last year, but Mayor Tracy Mason, the tie-breaking vote, went against the measure. The vote upset some residents, leading to the petition, which collected more than the required 135 signatures.

"I want to thank the people of Humansville for taking the time and effort to collect the signatures necessary to initiate this petition audit. With the numerous issues that have occurred in the city over the last year, and with allegations of missing money, it's important that we shine the light of truth and transparency on the city's government," said Auditor Fitzpatrick. "We will do our best to give taxpayers a

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2025 Graduation Feature

In upcoming special section

Over the past two weeks, Polk County schools have held their commencements for the 2025 graduates. Friday, May 23, Pleasant

Hope wraps up the Polk County graduations. Look for the special section in the Friday, May 30 issue of the Bolivar Herald-Free Press for pictures of all the graduates.

Better late than never



Members of Bolivar FFA Chapter left to right, Logan Welch, Lukas Craven, Hailey Hale, and Ira Cron

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Because of the weather, the annual Drive Your Tractor To School day was postponed in February. Tuesday, May 11, was a beautiful morning for the tractors, plus a couple of hors-

es, to make their way down Hwy D to the high school. Drive Your Tractor To School Day usually occurs on the last day of FFA week each year in February, but a late snow day prevented that from happening this year, causing a lot of tractors

to be already in the hay fields and not available. The horses got to go on to the Barnyard Day at the elementary school to visit with lots of curious students.

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How well do you know Polk County?

Do you recognize where this might be? Watch each week for a picture to see if you can guess where it is. A new picture of the same spot will be featured each Wednesday and Friday. Winner will be chosen in a random drawing from the entries with the correct guess. Winner will be announced in the last edition of that month's Friday paper. Place your guess for the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the sponsoring business.

RULES:

- One guess per person per week.
- May enter online via Messenger, drop off your guess at the BH-FP office, or call 417-326-7636.
- Include name, phone number and email address to your entry.

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Martha M. Bird, 102, Hermitage

Wanda J. Emerson, 92, Bolivar
Sharon S. Truitt, 77
Rose Mary "Sandy" Williams, 79, Pittsburg



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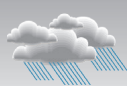
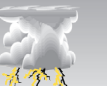
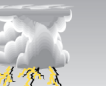

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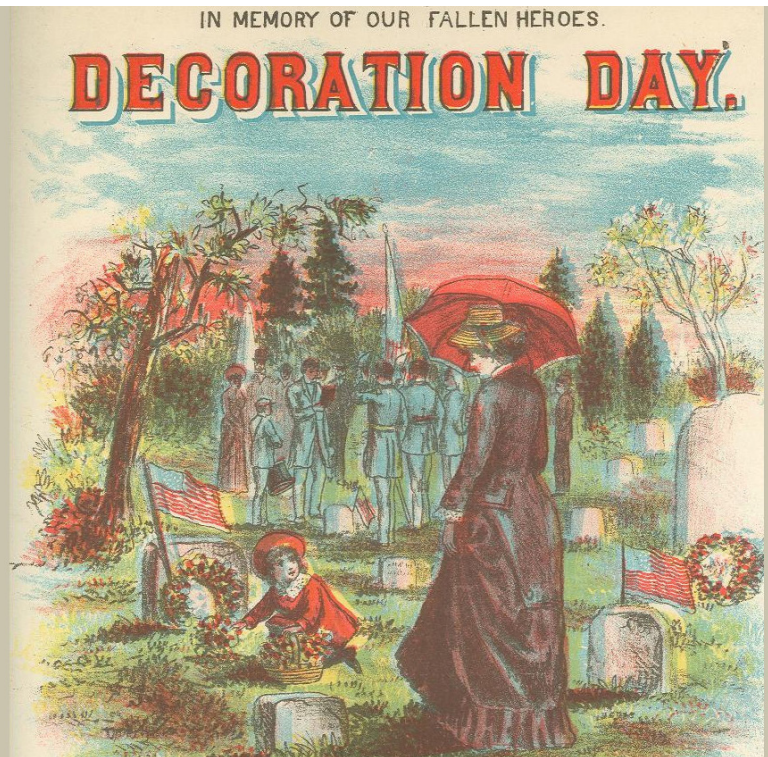
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Decoration days scheduled at local cemeteries

Barren Creek Cemetery
Barren Creek Cemetery, Fair Play, will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at the cemetery grounds. Donations will be accepted at the meeting and can also be mailed to Paula Henderson, secretary/treasurer, at 4244 S 34th Road, Fair Play, MO. The yearly financial statement is available upon request.

Brighton Cemetery
Decoration Day at Brighton Cemetery will be Sunday, May 25. The annual meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the old Brighton Methodist Church building. All donations are appreciated, as grounds maintenance and upkeep are funded by donations. Cemetery Board members will be available Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 24 – 26, to accept donations and assist with locating graves. Donations may also be mailed to Brighton Cemetery, PO Box 664, Brighton, MO 65617.

Dunnegan Cemetery
The Dunnegan Cemetery annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the cemetery pavilion. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make a donation for the care and upkeep of the cemetery, please send to: Becky Peters



PO Box 302
Humansville, MO 65674
Goff Cemetery Association
The annual meeting of the Goff Cemetery Association will be held May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Cemetery Gazebo. Anyone associated with the cemetery is welcome to the meeting or to drop off a donation at 930 South Springfield Avenue in Bolivar

during regular office hours. Questions may be directed to Kevin Holt, President, at 417-777-1870 or Giana Andrews, Treasurer, at 417-327-2777.

Hickory Grove Cemetery
Hickory Grove Cemetery will have its Decoration Day on Sunday, May 25. Lunch on grounds at 12:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 1:15 p.m.

Mitchell Cemetery
Mitchell Cemetery’s annual business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

Mt. Olive Cemetery
Decoration Day at Mt. Olive Cemetery will be Sunday, May 25. The annual business meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the cemetery. All donations are appreciated and are used to maintain the cemetery. Donations may be made that day or mailed to Karen Stillings, 1740 E. 552 Road, Brighton, MO 65617.

Mt. View Missionary Baptist Church
The annual Memorial services will be held on June 1, 2025, at Mt. View Missionary Baptist Church. Morning services will be at 11 a.m. with preaching by Pastor, Bro. Colin Crouch, followed by dinner on the ground. After dinner, the Mt. View Cemetery Board will meet at about 1:30 p.m., then Bro. Mike Henderson will bring the afternoon service. All are welcome to attend.

New Bethel Cemetery
Decoration at New Bethel Cemetery in Halfway will be Sunday, June 1. A potluck lunch will be served at noon, followed by a short business meeting. Please bring a food dish to share and

your own plates, silverware, and drinks. If you are unable to attend, donations can be mailed to New Bethel Cemetery, P.O. Box 53, Halfway, MO. 65663. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Pleasant Hope Cemetery
Pleasant Hope Cemetery decoration day will be Sunday, May 25. Donations will be collected that day to be used for the care and upkeep of the cemetery.

Reed Cemetery
Reed Cemetery in Halfway will hold Decoration Day services on Sunday, May 25. The annual business meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the pavilion. All donations are greatly appreciated and are used to maintain the cemetery. Donations may be made that day or may be mailed to Reed Cemetery, % Randy Voris, 4247 Hw P., Halfway, MO 65663.

Schofield Cemetery
Decoration services for Schofield Cemetery will be on Sunday, May 25, starting at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Doyle Mayfield will bring the memorial message, then the Schofield Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting. A basket lunch on the grounds will follow the morning service. The address is 2334 Highway EE, Halfway.

Spiegel honored for 20 years with Polk County 9-1-1

Miranda Spiegel started with Polk County 9-1-1 as a full-time dispatcher in April 2005. After spending 13 years on the dispatch floor, she took an administrative position in 2018. “Miranda has been a dedicated and loyal member of our team, and we are truly fortunate to have her,” said Sarah Newell, Director of Polk County 9-1-1. “Celebrating 20 years of service is not only a personal milestone, but in the world of emergency services and 9-1-1 dispatch, it is an extraordinary accomplishment.” Newell went on to say, “This profession demands strength, resilience, and compassion—qualities Miranda exemplifies every day. In an industry where we often hear the worst of the worst, she has consistently shown up with unwavering commitment. No matter what challenges the day brought, Miranda would end every shift with a simple, steady, ‘See you at 7:00,’ letting us all know she’d be back, ready to serve again. Her dedication and perseverance are nothing short of inspiring. I am so thankful to work beside her in this career and to witness the difference she makes every day. It’s a privilege to recognize her for the incredible impact she’s had over the past two decades.” “What I enjoy most about working here is being part of the continued success of Polk County 9-1-1,” said Spiegel. “It’s been incredibly rewarding to witness and



Miranda Spiegel. STAFF PHOTO/LINDA SIMMONS

contribute to the growth of our organization, seeing how far we’ve come and the exciting direction we’re heading. Every day presents a new challenge, which keeps me motivated and constantly learning. Most of all, I take great pride in being able to help people in need and make a meaningful difference.” When asked about special memories from her time with 9-1-1, Spiegel told us, “As I look ahead, I’m truly excited about moving into our new home at the new facility. It represents a fresh chapter for our team and the continued growth of Polk County 9-1-1. Reflecting on the past 20 years, it’s hard to pinpoint just one memory—there have been so many. I’ve had the privilege of working alongside some truly incredible people and have built lasting friendships that I will always value. In this field, we experience both highs and lows, and I’m proud to have weathered it all. It’s been a challenging but incredibly rewarding journey—and I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

“As I reflect on 20 years of service in 9-1-1, I am filled with gratitude and pride. It’s been an honor to serve alongside some of the most dedicated, compassionate, and resilient professionals in public safety. These two decades have brought challenges, growth, life lessons, and countless moments that reminded me why I chose this path.” Spiegel extends her thanks to many, “I want to extend my deepest thanks to Director Sarah Newell for her continued support, leadership, and belief in our team. Her guidance has been instrumental in shaping not only my career but also the strength and success of our entire center. To all those I’ve worked with and served over the years, thank you. Here’s to the memories, the mission, and the impact we’ve made together. Lastly, I want to thank my family most of all for the support and encouragement throughout my career. Thanks for putting up with me on the hard days. I love you.”



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Parkview Health Care Facility earns 5-stars

Parkview Health Care Facility in Bolivar has earned a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the highest rating possible through the CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System. Owned and operated by Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation, Parkview Health Care Facility provides skilled nursing, memory care, and inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. It also offers independent living apartments in duplex and triplex styles, including one-bedroom, one-bathroom, and two-bedroom, two-bathroom options. The Five-Star Quality Rating System helps families and caregivers compare nursing homes. Each facility receives an overall rating, as well as separate ratings for health inspections, staffing, and quality measures. A five-star rating means a facility is “much above average” in overall quality, according to CMS. “Parkview has achieved five-star national recognition continually since the rating system was established in 2008. We are extremely proud of the Parkview team,” said Tim Francka, administrative director of long-term care at CMH. “This rating reflects the dedication of the entire team, from

leadership to nursing to support staff, in delivering high-quality, compassionate care.” Francka emphasized that the star ratings are a helpful tool, but families should also visit facilities in person to get a true sense of the care environment. “CMS recommends using the ratings along with other sources of information,” Francka said. “Visiting the facility and seeing the care firsthand is the best way to know if it’s the right fit for your loved one.” CMH operates six long-term care facilities and one residential care center in Cedar, Dallas, Greene, and Polk counties. Parkview Health Care joins Ash Grove Health Care Facility, another CMH long-term care facility in Ash Grove, in earning a five-star rating. Three other CMH facilities earned four-star ratings. Ryan Skopek, LNHA, is the administrator of Parkview Health Care Facility. To view CMS ratings for area care centers, visit www.medicare.gov/care-compare. For more information about Parkview Health Care Facility, call 417-326-3000 or visit www.citizensmemorial.com.

15 QUESTIONS

WITH Clarissa Copeland

ECLC preschool teacher

What is your most irrational fear?
Snakes!

Most prized possession?
My mama’s Bible!

What is the most important thing to teach children today?
To be kind to everyone!

What made you decide to become a preschool teacher?

I started my teaching career teaching fifth grade, then second grade for several years. There was an opening for a preschool teacher, so I gave it a try and really enjoyed it. I love the eagerness and excitement the little ones have to learn! I wanted to be a part of nurturing their lives to show them the importance of learning and to help lay the foundation for their academic as well as social, and emotional development. They are little sponges at this early age and take in everything around them! Teaching has been a very rewarding experience, knowing I have played a part in their development.

Hometown?
Bolivar

What can’t you live without?
My faith in my Heavenly Father! Without Him, I couldn’t do anything!

Top pet peeve?
When you go to grab a Kleenex and the box is empty!

Family?
My husband, Alan; daughter Courtney and husband Cory Coale; daughter Whitney and husband Camden Welch; son Matthew and wife, Jenna; grandchildren Hattie and Ellis.

Superpower you would like to have?
A photographic memory so I can vividly remember all of the details of the special times in my life!

What are your plans after retirement?
I plan on spending my time with my family and making special memories with my grandchildren!

What is one thing not many people know about you?
I am the youngest of nine children. I was considered the tie breaker because I have four older brothers and four older sisters!

Favorite season?
My favorite season is fall! I love the beautiful colors and enjoy the fresh crispness in the air!

What is your favorite memory from your years teaching?
Some of my favorite memories are not only all of the children I have been blessed to have in my class, but also their parents and the many relationships I have built over the years.

Social media, love it or hate it?
I am not a fan! I feel it takes away precious time that could be spent with your family.

Hobbies?
Gardening, sewing and visiting the National Parks.

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Legals

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for Bolivar ECLC Classroom Addition will be received at the 524 W Madison St, Bolivar, MO 65613 until 3:00 PM Friday, June 13th, 2025. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room of the district office. Each bid shall include a five percent (5%) bid security in the form of a bid bond executed by the bidder and an approved Surety Company.

The Bolivar ECLC Classroom addition consists of approximately 5,000 square foot four classroom addition to the existing Early Childhood Learning Education facility for Bolivar School, including but not limited to building construction and associated site alterations.

Bidders may obtain Contract Documents beginning on Monday May 19th, 2025, from: Engineers Reprographics, 1600 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, Missouri 65802, Phone: 417-869-2222. Sets are available are available digitally at www.erplanroom.com. For more information, please contact Project Manager Connor Stokes at Paragon Architecture, 417-885-0002, extension 1011, or by email at: stokes@paragonarchitecture.com.

The Owner reserves the right to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder and to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality on all bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days.

All bidders must provide a sworn affidavit affirming participation in a federal work authorization program and stating that the bidder does not knowingly employ any person who is not authorized to work in the U.S. The contractor must comply with current Prevailing Wage laws and other statutory regulations as referred to in the specifications. This project is tax exempt.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Wednesday May 21, at

12:30pm, at 524 W Madison St, Bolivar, MO 65613 in the Board room of the District Office. Following the Pre-bid meeting, a site walk will occur at the project site. Attendance at this Pre-bid conference is strongly recommended for all prime bidders and strongly recommended for all subcontractors.

Substantial Completion: All work for this project shall be substantially complete by April 1st, 2026.

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF POLK
COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of John Lee Barrett Deceased Estate Number 23PO-PR00099

NOTICE OF FILING
OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
AND PETITION

FOR DISTRIBUTION
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF John Lee Barrett, Deceased: You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein. and for distribution of such property, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Polk County, Missouri, on June 5, 2025, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

Wayne K. Rieschel, Attorney
P.O. Box 379, Buffalo, Missouri 65622

417-345-8516
wrieschel@gmail.com
Linda Barrett, Personal Representative
2286 Hwy AC, Goodson, MO 65663

Dates of Publication May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Deldie E. Smith, deceased. The undersigned, Melinda G. Fulks, is the trustee of a trust that allows the trustee to pay the decedent's debts upon receiving sufficient proof of the debts. The trustee's name and address are:

Melinda G. Fulks
Successor Trustee
4815 South 135th Road
Bolivar, MO 65613

The decedent's creditors are advised to present their claims to the trustee within six months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.
Melinda G. Fulks, Trustee

NOTICE OF FINDING
OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS

May 21, 2025
City of Bolivar
345 S. Main Avenue
Bolivar, MO 65613
417-326-2489

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Bolivar.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2025 the City of Bolivar will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning & Development (CPD), Kansas City, Kansas Field Office for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant funds (award B-23-CP-MO-0913) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), to undertake a project known as the Route D/Bufalo Road connector otherwise known as the East Loop Road - North for the purpose of

constructing a new 3-lane roadway between Highway 32/ Route D intersection to the north and E. Buffalo Street to the south totaling 12,000 linear feet. The entirety of the East Loop Road was reviewed as a part of the EA which also included the East Loop Road - South which is proposed between E. 455th Road/E. Mt. Gilead Road to the north and State Highway 83/S. Springfield Avenue to the southwest. Funding includes \$2,500,000 in CPF funds and additional funding includes MoDOT Governor's Transportation Cost Share (\$3,351,055), MoDOT Cost Share (\$2,500,000 anticipated), and local matching dollars (\$1,700,000).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Bolivar has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the office of the Community Development Director, City of Bolivar, 345 S. Main Avenue, Bolivar, MO 65613, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. The ERR may also be examined at the office of Great River Engineering, 2826 S. Ingram Mill Rd. Springfield, MO 65804, and may be examined or copied Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. and Fridays 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of Great River Engineering, 2826 S. Ingram Mill Rd. Springfield MO 65804. All comments received by June 5, 2025 will be considered by the City of Bolivar prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice

they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bolivar certifies to HUD that Mike Stephens in his capacity as City of Bolivar Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Bolivar to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Bolivar's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Bolivar; (b) the City of Bolivar has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning & Development, Region 7, 400 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, or email at CPDRROFKAN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact

HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Notice is hereby made by Mike Stephens, Mayor and Certifying Officer of City of Bolivar.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FOR DEFAULT in the payment of a Promissory Note dated November 17, 2021, and secured by a Deed of Trust of the same date made by Jackie White and Angie White, husband and wife, to the undersigned Trustee, as recorded in Book 2021L at Page 5929 of the Deed Records of Polk County, Missouri, conveying the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 in Pomme de Terre Recreation Center, a subdivision in Polk County, Missouri, being located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 35, Range 22 as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 45, Deed Records of Polk County, Missouri.

I will, on Monday, the 13th day of June, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at 1:00 P.M. at the North door of the Polk County Courthouse located in Bolivar, Missouri, sell the real estate described above at public venue to the highest bidder or bidders for cash for the purpose of satisfying said debt and the costs of executing this trust.

DOUGLAS, HAUN &
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TRUSTEE

By
K. Patrick Douglas, President
Douglas, Haun, &
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P.O. Box 117
Bolivar, MO 65613
417-326-5261

NOTICE
We are acting as a debt collector and are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Public Record

CIVIL PETITIONS

The following civil petitions have been filed in Polk County Circuit Court:

- Discover Bank vs. Kyle W. Rowles; breach of contract.
- World Finance Corporation vs. Ronald A. Baker; suit on account.
- World Finance Corporation vs. Timothy J. Myers; suit on account.
- Michael G. Matzke et al vs. Kenneth D. Coale et al; personal injury-vehicular.
- World Acceptance Corporation vs. James C. Parker et al; suit on account.
- World Finance Corporation vs. Racheal Cobb; suit on account.
- Dirty Trucking LLC vs. Endrizzi Diesel LLC; breach of contract.
- TLD Acquisitions Inc. vs. Jonathan Henderson et al; breach of contract.
- Commerce Bank vs. Shaun Brandenburg et al; breach of contract.
- Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Patrick Murphey; suit on account.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. James Jeffries; suit on account.
- Bank of America N.A. vs. Rebecca Grant; suit on account.
- World Acceptance Corp vs. Christy Ricker; breach of contract.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Ashley McMullin; suit on account.
- The Central Trust Bank vs. Christopher J. Slagle; suit on account.
- Capital One N.A. vs. Kristin M. Rafferty; suit on account.

CIVIL ACTIONS

The following civil suits have been disposed in Polk County Circuit Court with Associate Circuit Judge Randolph Bloesch (unless otherwise noted) presiding:

- First National Bank of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, vs. Becky Peters, Humansville; contract-other; default judgment against Peters for \$2,920 and interest at the annual statutory rate, plus court costs.
- Citizens Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Bolivar, vs. Steffenie Quinlan, Bolivar; breach of contract; consent judgment against Quinlan for \$13,916 plus \$3,571 interest and court costs and 9% annual interest.
- Michael Joseph Stock, Pleasant Hope; adult abuse stalking; tried by court, judgment against Stock for full order of protection.

- Crown Asset Management, LLC, Columbia, vs. Alexandria Charest, Bolivar; breach of contract; consent judgment against Charest for \$1,367 and 9% annual interest plus court costs.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The following people were assessed fines in the Bolivar Municipal Division of the Circuit Court of Polk County, Judge Jill Porter presiding:

- City of Bolivar vs. Corlee D. Antonni, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$201.
- City of Bolivar vs. Austin Clay Bolen, Bolivar; disturbing the peace; \$401.
- City of Bolivar vs. Lindsay Dawn Butler, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Cassidy Shaye Cantrell, Springfield; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Drake Milo Davis, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$201.
- City of Bolivar vs. Jacob P.C. Hampton; disturbing the peace; \$201.
- City of Bolivar vs. Jessica Renee Herbert, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$301.
- City of Bolivar vs. John Gilbert Herbert, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$301.
- City of Bolivar vs. Jimmie Crivits Lea, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Zachary R. Mandrell, Bolivar; disturbing the peace; \$401.
- City of Bolivar vs. Darian James Miller-Galloway, Bolivar; endangering the welfare of a child; suspended imposition of sentence, two-years probation plus court costs.
- City of Bolivar vs. Peter Steven Pasillas, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$101.
- City of Bolivar vs. James Cole Pruitt, Niangua; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Tessa Ray, Springfield; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Maurice O'Neill Rodgers, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Dessa Nicole Schroeder, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar; Ethan Brian Sisco, Aurora; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Taylor Rae Smith, Bolivar; disturbing the peace; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Jacob Scott Sullivan, Humansville; defective equipment; \$151.
- City of Bolivar vs. Eric Luis

- Torres, Bolivar; defective equipment; \$251.
- City of Fair Play vs. Ashley Ann Danielsen, Springfield; speeding; \$238.
- City of Fair Play vs. Isaac A. Davis, Springfield; driving while intoxicated; \$346.
- City of Fair Play vs. Ethan Loyd Taylor, Rolla; no insurance; \$110.
- City of Morrisville vs. Joshua A. Long, Willard; trespassing; \$50.

ASSOCIATE COURT

The following people pleaded guilty to traffic citations and misdemeanors in Polk County Circuit Court, Associate Judge Jill Porter presiding. Dollar amounts listed are for fines only; court costs are in addition to the fine. Amended charges were amended by the prosecutor:

- Courtney Joe Atkinson, Buf-falo; no insurance; \$61.
- Kenneth Eugene Bergmann, Walnut Grove; failure to check turkey as prescribed; \$75.
- William Dale Burk, Bolivar; driving without a valid license; \$47.
- Paul Fernando Carrera, Springfield; speeding; \$100.
- Charles Wayne Cull, Louis-burg; no insurance; \$61; driving without a valid license; \$41; failure to transfer plates; \$51; no seat belt; \$10.
- Christopher Allen DeSanto, Springfield; resisting arrest, no insurance, driving without a valid license, failure to display plates; \$51 plus court costs, and 60-days in jail with credit for time served.
- Ashton Josephine Dever, Sullivan; no seat belt; \$10.
- Evan Joseph Dunning, Lee's Summit; speeding; \$300.
- Hugo Roberto Espinoza Jr., Aldrich; speeding; \$101.
- Dakota Shiloh Friend, Walnut Grove; speeding; \$100.
- Melissa Kay Haslock, Stock-ton; speeding; \$200.
- Mykenzie N. Hicks, Republic; fishing without a permit; \$50.
- Eileen Marie Howell, Bolivar; speeding; \$51.
- Dayton Cole Huskey, Spring-field; speeding; \$300.
- Conner Alexander Jenkins, Raymore; speeding; \$200.
- Francisco D. Lopez, Glad-stone; speeding; \$100.
- Phillip M. Martrelli, Bolivar; fishing without a permit; \$56.
- Joseph Wesley Miller, Hu-mansville; driving without a valid license; suspended im-position of sentence, one-year probation plus court costs; speeding; suspended im-po-

- sition of sentence, one-year probation plus court costs.
- Paula Michelle Moore, Straf-ford; speeding; \$200.
- Blake Alan Painter, Bolivar; excessive vision reducing ma-terial apple to windows; \$51.
- Bradyn Micheal Persinger, Bolivar; speeding; \$250; no insurance; \$61.
- Camryn Riley Powell, Ava; speeding; suspended im-po-sition of sentence, one-year probation
- Caleb A. Rains, Bolivar; fail-ure to stop at stop sign; \$61.
- Milton Allen Reeves Jr., Straf-ford; speeding; suspended im-position of sentence, one-year probation plus court costs.
- Danny Charles Sewell, Boli-var; possess or transport wild-life without a permit; \$56.
- Joseph Michael Shaver, Kansas City; speeding; sus-pended imposition of sen-tence, two-years probation plus court costs.
- Ricky Dayvonte Singletery, Tonganoxie, Kansas; speeding; \$71.
- Ransom James Spicher, Humansville; failure to cover or sufficiently secure vehicle load; \$131.
- Matthew Phillip Suver, Wheatland; no insurance; \$61.
- Matthew S. Tucker, Blue Springs; speeding; suspended imposition of sentence, one-year probation plus court costs.

- Shawn Michael Tucker, Leb-anon; no seat belt; \$10.
- Curt M. Walker, Brighton; driving carrier vehicle with un-safe system; \$131.
- Rebecca R. Wicklund, Fair Play; speeding; \$71.
- Levi H. Woods, Walnut Grove; fishing without a per-mit; \$150.
- Barbara Colleen Worm-ington, St. Paul, Minnesota; speeding; \$101.
- Ronald Joseph Yale, Inde-pendence; speeding; \$350.
- Dylan Joel Young, Bolivar; speeding; \$156.
- Barbara Elizabeth Zink, Buf-falo; no seat belt; \$10.
- Jose Enrique Zunga Ortiz, Kansas City; driving without a valid license; \$41.
- Alexander T. Welschmeyer, Billings; failure to register vehi-cle; \$51.
- Timothy Harlow Wheelson, Independence; no insurance; suspended imposition of sen-tence, one-year probation plus court costs.

DISSOLUTIONS

The following dissolu-tions of marriage have been filed in Polk County Circuit Court:

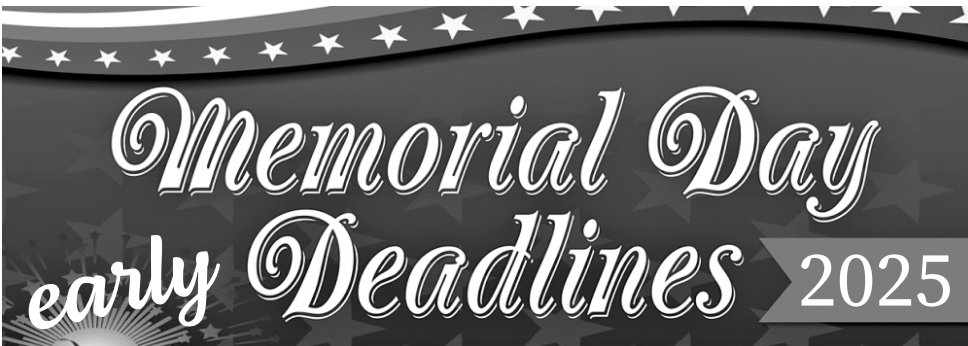
- Michelle R. Mincks and David J. Hopkins.
- Jenna Aga and Hysen Aga.
- John D. Dinwiddie and Halle N. Dinwiddie.

- Anne M. Lally and Sean H. Lally.
- Benjamin W. Rohrs and Vanessa D. Rohrs.
- The following dissolu-tions of marriage have been granted in Polk County Circuit Court:
- Angela R. Schneider and Michael Schneider.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The following marriage applications were filed in the Polk County Recorder's office:

- Justin Chance McDowell, 22, Clinton, and Jazmine Paige Abdulla, 23, Clinton.
- Ambrose Joseph Baltz, 43, Stuttgart, Arkansas, and Tami Renee Browning, 42, Bolivar.
- Aiden Daniel Way, 20, Warrensburg, and Bailey Ray Raymond, 20, Warrensburg.
- Izaiah Anthony Woodard, 23, Bolivar, and McKenzie Dawn Stephens, 24, Bolivar.
- Wyatt Dee Lynn, 23, Boli-var, and Maycee Marie Ven-able, 22, Bolivar.
- James Irvin Jenkins III, 24, Bolivar, and Natalie Nichole Shouse, 25, Bolivar.
- Hoy Lee Haley, 81, Bolivar, and Brenda Joan Gunnels, 68, Bolivar.
- Bryan Lee Glaser, 45, Bolivar, and Brenda Jean Harris, 48, Bolivar.



Please note our early deadlines for the May 28th issue due to Memorial Day.

DEADLINES

Classified Line Ads Friday, May 23, 11 a.m.
Classified Display Ads Friday, May 23, 11 a.m.
Legals.....Thursday, May 22, 12 p.m.
News Items..... Friday, May 23, 11 a.m.
A Section Display AdsFriday, May 23, 12 p.m.

The paper will be in the news racks at the usual times on Wednesday, May 28th.

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Missouri Legislature Passes Water Protection Bill

JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 82 by a vote of 116-23 last Thursday afternoon. Once signed into law, the legislation will protect Missouri's abundant water resources from being exported out of state without a water exportation permit from the Department of Natural Resources.

SB 82, sponsored by Senator Jamie Burger, passed by a vote of 31-1 in early March before being handled through the House to its final passage by Representative Cameron Parker.

"Missouri's abundant water resources are vital to our farmers and to our state's future," said Missouri Farm Bureau President Garrett Hawkins. "This legislation gives our state the tools to responsibly manage and safeguard our water for generations to come. Our members, especially those who live and work in southeast Missouri, greatly appreciate the leadership of Senator Burger, Senator Jason Bean, and Representative Parker in protecting one of Missouri's most valuable assets."

The legislation prevents anyone from exporting water out of the state unless they hold a permit and additional requirements are met. In addition to providing protections statewide, the bill allows for scrutiny of water exportation within 30 miles of the state border and guarantees that any permitted usage does not deplete Missouri's water resources.

The bill now moves to Governor Mike Kehoe's desk for final approval.

DIY methods to stop those pesky, garden-digging squirrels

How DO you keep squirrels out of potted plants? If these mischievous critters dig in the container soil, they also destroy your plants. Here are five DIY methods to keep squirrels out of the flower pots.

Make a Barrier for Your Pots

- Make the exposed soil in your containers as tricky for them to get at as possible.
- After you plant your flowers or vegetables in pots, add chicken wire or plastic netting to the top of the container. Just cut it to fit well. Seedlings will grow up through it, but if you are starting with larger plants, you'll have to cut the wire to fit around the base of the plants. Pin the wire down with metal ground staples so that squirrels can't pull it out.
- Cover the top of the exposed soil with small rocks, mulch, or spiky pine cones, which they won't appreciate having to dig through.
- Go a step further and stick sharp objects into the soil. Bamboo skewers, toothpicks, nails, or plastic fork tines may deter them.

Deter Naturally with Strong Odors

- Squirrels have sensitive noses and hate the smell of peppermint, cloves, cinnamon, garlic, citrus, vinegar, cayenne, and eucalyptus.
- Soak cotton balls with herbal oils such as peppermint, eucalyptus, clove, cinnamon, or lemon, and place them near your plants to make the squirrels look for somewhere else to bury their nuts. You must replenish the oil as the odor fades to keep them from returning. A small dish with lemon juice or vinegar positioned near the plants might also work.
 - You can try sprinkling a small amount of dry spice such as cinnamon, cloves, garlic powder, or cayenne on the soil, but it will have to be replaced each time it rains or you water the plant, so it is not a very cost-effective method. Instead try poking a cinnamon stick or clove of garlic in the soil or sprinkling a few whole cloves or some hot pepper flakes on the soil. They will keep their odor longer than a ground-up spice.
 - Make an irritating spray by diluting hot sauce with an equal amount of water and adding a tablespoon of dish soap. Spray it on the pots you wish to protect. If you find you need to spray the actual plant, try it on a small area before you douse the whole thing to make sure it does no harm. Squirrels are not fans of spicy foods and will leave. Many people have found that mixing cayenne pepper with birdseed will keep the squirrels from raiding their bird feeders.
 - Other smells they don't like include fish fertilizer and blood meal. Watering your plants with stinky fish fertilizer might be enough to keep squirrels at bay while feeding your plants. A little blood meal mixed with the top layer of soil can have the same effect. Just don't overdo it and over-fertilize your plants.
 - Coffee grounds may smell pleasing to humans, but apparently, squirrels don't like the odor. Mix them in with the top layer of soil; hopefully, they will keep

the critters away. The jury is still out on the effectiveness of coffee grounds. Maybe it has to do with the type of Java you drink. Decaf? Flavored? It's worth a try while adding a few nutrients. They're a nitrogen-rich green garden material.

Grow Plants That Repel Squirrels

- Some plants squirrels naturally avoid, usually due to their fragrance.
- If you grow herbs, thyme, rosemary, sage, oregano, mint, and lavender have fragrances humans love, but squirrels hate. If you have room in a mixed planter, add an herb plant or two to keep the squirrels away.
- If you want to keep your pots floral, try growing some nasturtiums or marigolds, which also can repel them with their odor.
- Slip a cactus or two into a mixed container. After being poked by a sharp spine, your squirrely friends may decide to move on.

Scare Them Off

- Dog hair is smelly enough to keep them at bay. Scatter it in and around the planters you wish to protect. The best thing about dog hair is that it gets smellier when wet! Some folks think human hair has the same repellent effect.
- Try predator urine if your squirrels are brave and nothing keeps them away. If they think a fox or coyote is lurking, they will pack their bags and leave town.
- Get a plastic owl or a hawk statue to keep near your containers, and they should keep away until they figure out that the fake birds of prey are not a real threat.
- Wrap a rubber snake around a pot you want to protect. Some squirrels may have had bad experiences with the slithery critters and stay away. Keep in mind, garter snakes are good for the garden!
- Go high-tech with an ultrasonic device that makes sounds only animals can hear, or low-tech with wind chimes or banging pie plates. That said, you need to move them around, or animals get used to their placement.
- Flashes of light and motion can also scare them. Try pinwheels or lawn ornaments that spin in the wind. Hang shiny mirrors, old CDs, or strips of aluminum foil that will spin and reflect light in unpredictable ways.

Grow Your Plants Out of Reach

- Window boxes at the second-story level will be hard for your squirrely friends to reach as long as they cannot leap from a nearby branch. Be sure to install the boxes where it is easy for you to tend the plants from inside.
- Hanging baskets are perfect for keeping plants safe from rodent harm. Please make sure they are at least 6 feet from any surface a clever squirrel could launch themselves off from to reach it. If hanging the basket from a pole or shepherd's crook, use the same kind of baffle you would use to keep them from climbing up to a bird feeder. They also hate anything sticky or greasy, so you could spread some tanglefoot or petroleum jelly on the pole to deter them.

April 2025 Monthly Jobs Report

Missouri nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 6,600 jobs in April 2025, and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point. Private industry employment decreased by 6,900 jobs, and government employment increased by 300 jobs. Over the year, there was an increase of 4,200 jobs from April 2024 to April 2025, and the unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in April 2024 to 3.9 percent in April 2025.

EMPLOYMENT

Missouri's nonfarm payroll employment was 2,994,600 in April 2025, down by 6,600 from the revised March 2025 figure. The March 2025 total was revised downward by 5,100 jobs from the preliminary estimate.

Goods-producing industries decreased by 600 jobs over the month, with manufacturing declining by 700 jobs and mining, logging, and construction gaining 100 jobs. Private service-providing industries declined by 6,300 jobs between March 2025 and April 2025. Employment in private service-providing industries decreased in leisure and hospitality (-1,800 jobs); other services (-1,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,100 jobs); professional and business services (-900 jobs); financial activities (-900 jobs); and information (-700 jobs). Employment increased in private education and health services (200 jobs). Total government employment increased by 300 jobs over the month, with increases in state (200 jobs) and local government (200 jobs) and a decline in federal government (-100 jobs).

Over the year, total payroll employment increased by 4,200 jobs from April 2024 to April 2025. Employment gains were in private education and health services (16,600 jobs); other services (1,300 jobs); and mining, logging, and

construction (600 jobs). Employment decreased in leisure and hospitality (-7,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-4,400 jobs); professional and business services (-2,900 jobs); manufacturing (-2,600 jobs); information (-2,100 jobs); and financial activities (-200 jobs). Government employment increased by 5,000 jobs over the year, with increases in state (4,200 jobs) and local (1,600 jobs) government and a decrease in federal government (-800 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT

Missouri's smoothed seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in April 2025. The April 2025 rate was two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the April 2024 rate of 3.7 percent. The estimated number of unemployed Missourians was 124,132 in April 2025, up by 3,299 from the revised March total of 120,833.

The state's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate decreased in April 2025, declining by six-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent from the March 2025 not-seasonally-adjusted rate of 4.4 percent. A year ago, the not-seasonally-adjusted rate was 3.3 percent. The corresponding not-seasonally-adjusted national rate for April 2025 was 3.9 percent.

Missouri's labor force participation rate was 63.4 percent in April 2025, eight-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 62.6 percent. Missouri's employment-population ratio was 60.9 percent in April 2025, nine-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 60 percent. Missouri's unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in April 2025, three-tenths of a percentage point lower than the national rate of 4.2 percent. Missouri's unemployment rate has been at or below the national rate for 10 years.

Crashes

Single-vehicle crash causes severe injury

On May 17 at approximately 10 a.m., Sergeant Long responded to a single-vehicle accident on Mo. 13, near Humansville.

A 22-year-old male from Bolivar was driving a 2007 Chrysler Town and Country southbound near Route N when he traveled off the road and struck a culvert. He was not wearing a seatbelt and was seriously injured in the accident, and was

taken to Cox South by ambulance.

His totaled vehicle was towed by B&B Wrecker of Bolivar.

Motorcycle and truck accident leaves one seriously wounded

Sergeant Long responded to a motorcycle accident at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 19. The collision occurred on Route D, one mile south of Polk.

A 2003 Ford F-250, driven by a 25-year-old Fair Play man, was trav-

eling north. The driver came around a curve too quickly and struck a 2000 Suzuki 1500 motorcycle, driven by a 26-year-old Willard man.

Both men were wearing safety devices, but the motorcycle driver was transported to Mercy Springfield with serious injuries.

The truck sustained extensive damage and was removed from the scene by Nelson's Towing. The motorcycle, totaled in the crash, was removed by A&J Towing.

AUDIT

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better understanding of the financial health and operational effectiveness of their city. If necessary, we will also provide recommendations to improve the performance of their government. I urge everyone to be patient while we perform this intensive review of the operations of the city

government and encourage anyone with information that may be helpful to our audit to reach out through our Whistleblower Hotline."

This audit will be the first conducted on Humansville by the State Auditor's Office. If anyone has additional information for the State Auditor, they can provide it confidentially by email at moaudit@auditor.mo.gov, visiting www.auditor.mo.gov/hotline, or



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MEMORIALS

The following are paid memorials provided by family and friends.

Wanda June Emerson


June 27, 1932-May 15, 2025

Wanda June Emerson, 92, of Bolivar, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Wanda was born on June 27, 1932, in Hydro, Oklahoma, to Mac Cecil and Georgia Ben Russell. Shortly after her birth, her family relocated to Washington state in search of a better life away from the Dust Bowl. It was there she spent her formative years and met the love of her life, Franklin Emerson. They were united in marriage on May 1, 1949, and shared a long and loving life together.

In the early 2000s, Wanda and Franklin made their home in the Bolivar area. After Franklin's passing in 2008, Wanda found joy and comfort traveling with her sisters, creating cherished memories in places such as Virginia Beach, Mount Rushmore, Mexico, and Arizona.

Wanda had a passion for gardening – especially her flowers – and loved the rewarding work of canning. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother



who took great pride in her family and the life she built with them.

Wanda was preceded in death by her loving husband, Franklin, her daughters, Linda Queen, Janet Elledge, and her parents.

She is survived by her daughters, Roxanne Emerson; her grandchildren, Nina Biggerstaff, Andrea Brown, Natalie Whitt, Dawn Hoover, and Kimberly Queen; her great-grandchildren, Frankie Biggerstaff, Renee Powell, Robby Powell, Autumn Queen, Danni Hoover, Angela Hoover, Brianna Hoover, Jackson Hoover, Taylor Davis, and Andrew Davis; and her great-great-grandchildren, Emily, Lani, Elle, and Zoe.

She will be remembered for her strength, her love of beauty and nature, and the way she brought joy and warmth into the lives of those who knew her.

Services for Wanda will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Visitation for Wanda will be Wednesday, May 21, starting at 1 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program offers \$50 vouchers

The 2025 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, sponsored by the State of Missouri Department of Agriculture and SeniorAge, is offering support to eligible seniors. Participants who qualify will receive \$50 in vouchers to use at any participating farmers' market.

To qualify, seniors must meet certain requirements and be present at sign-up. Only one set of vouchers is allowed per address. For seniors who wish to designate a proxy to shop on their behalf, the proxy must attend the sign-up to understand the shopping process.

To qualify, please bring:

- Proof of income, such as a current bank statement or 2024 tax return
- Proof of identity - Missouri driver's license or state-issued ID

- Proof of residency - current utility bill or bank statement
- Proof of age - a driver's license or birth certificate (participants must be 60 years or older)
- Designated proxy documentation, if someone is shopping for you.

If you meet the qualifications, you will receive your vouchers the same day.

Sign-ups begin on Monday, June 2, and will continue through the month of June. Anyone interested can sign up at the Polk County Senior Center every Thursday in June from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The senior center is located at 1850 W. Broadway in Bolivar.

For questions, contact 417-862-0762.

Share your milestones

The Bolivar Herald-Free Press invites residents to send their engagement, wedding, baby, and other milestone announcements.

Include important date(s) and time(s), names, hometowns, and any other relevant information. A picture can also be included in the announcement.

The BH-FP will share the announcements for free in the newspaper as space allows.

To send the announcements, email news@bolivarmonews.com, drop off in-person at the BH-FP news office (located at 335 S Springfield Ave.), or mail to P.O Box 330, Bolivar, MO 65613.

I'm Free

By Anne Lindgren Davison

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times,
my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

DEATH NOTICES

Rita J. Bennett
Pleasant Hill
Born: May 1, 1946
Died: May 16, 2025
Services: Tuesday, May 20, at Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home
Arranged by Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home

Martha M. Bird
Hermitage
Born: April 5, 1928
Died: May 18, 2025
Visitation: 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, May

22, at Hathaway-Peterman Chapel
Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at the chapel
Arranged by Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home

Wanda J. Emerson
Bolivar
Born: June 27, 1932
Died: May 15, 2025
Visitation: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Butler Funeral Home
Services: 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at

the funeral home
Arranged by Butler Funeral Home

Sharon S. Truitt
Born: May 10, 1948
Died: May 19, 2025
Services: pending
Arranged by Butler Funeral Home

Rose M. “Sandy” Williams
Pittsburg
Born Oct. 1, 1945
Died: May 17, 2025
Services: None planned at this time

Poppy: Remembrance of fallen heroes

Silent reminders of the sacrifices made for our freedom.

COLUMBIA, Mo. – “In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row” So begins “In Flanders Fields,” written in 1915 by John McCrae, a Canadian poet and military physician.

“The poem’s powerful imagery of sacrifice, remembrance, and duty helped to make poppies one of the most recognized symbols to honor soldiers who have died in combat,” said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

More than a century later, the poppy still symbolizes Memorial Day and is used to honor our fallen military heroes.

The poppy referred to by McCrae is known today as the corn poppy or Flanders poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), a common flower native to Europe, Trinklein says. Its seeds often lie dormant for years and spring to life when the soil is disturbed. This happened in European cemeteries used to bury fallen soldiers of World War I, which is one reason the plant is associated with those who have died in combat.

Poppies belong to the *Papaveraceae* family, which contains 30 genera and about 600 species. Most are cold-tolerant and prefer relatively cool summers. Among the annual poppies, in addition to Flanders poppy, is the notorious opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*). Although its flowers are quite beautiful, growing the opium poppy is illegal in Missouri, noted Trinklein.

The Iceland poppy and Oriental poppy are two of the most familiar per-

rennial types. The latter has the distinction of being the most popular garden poppy. Its large, spectacular orange-red flowers are 3 ½-4 inches in diameter and have petals with a crepe-paper texture. Borne singly on wiry stems, the flowers wave well above the low-growing, sharply toothed foliage. Leaves and broken stems yield a milky white sap.

Like most poppies, the Oriental poppy is not suited for extremely hot weather and usually goes dormant in summer, Trinklein said. In Missouri, it flowers in the spring, usually in April, and seemingly disappears from the landscape by July due to heat.

Oriental poppy prefers well-drained soil and a sunny exposure. Do not overwater during its dormant period, which

often extends throughout the winter. Plant with other species of annuals and perennials that will provide color in the area once the poppies go dormant. You can start Oriental poppy from seeds, but it will not flower until the second or third year. In addition to red-orange, flower colors include rose, salmon, pink, and white.


Iceland poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*) prefers cool climates and tends to be short-lived in Missouri. Because of this, Missouri gardeners probably should treat it as an annual or biennial. It has colorful and distinctive flowers. Some of the more durable varieties, such as “Champagne Bubbles,” are rewarding even though their bloom period is brief, said Trinklein.

“If annual poppies interest you, then Shirley poppy is hard to beat,”

he said. “Shirley” refers to any named cultivar of *Papaver rhoeas*. Some cultivars are quite colorful and have flowers likened in texture to tissue paper. They are easy to grow from seed.

Poppies generally do not transplant well, so directly seed annual types into the garden. If started indoors, plant in a cool location in peat pots or other biodegradable containers that can go in the ground with the plant. This reduces root disturbance and increases the chances of transplant success. Poppies tend to reseed themselves readily and can become a weed in the annual flower garden. To prevent this, simply remove seed pods before they mature and shed seed.

Another type of poppy treated as an annual in Missouri is derived from the opium poppy, but it is



legal to grow in our state. Peony-flowered poppy (*Papaver somniferum* var. *paeniflorum*) bears spectacular, fully double flowers up to 5 inches

in diameter with lacy, tightly packed petals. It comes in shades of red, pink, purple, and white and requires the same care as Shirley poppy.

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	CBS	Survivor (NPG)						Local	(35) Late Show (NPG)		Midnight		
	NBC	Chicago Med (NPG) (N)		Chicago Fire (NPG) (N)		Chicago P.D. (NPG) (N)		Local	Tonight Show (NPG)		Late Night		
	FOX	MasterChef (NPG) (N)		(12) Secret Service (N)		Local Programs (NPG)				Local Programs (NPG)			
	ION	Blue Bloods (NPG)		Blue Bloods (NPG)		Blue Bloods (NPG)		Blue Bloods (NPG)			Blue Bloods : "Pit"		
CABLE	A&E	Stadium Lockup (NPG)		Stadium Lockup (N)		Booked: First Day In		Stadium Lockup (NPG)		Stadium Lockup (NPG)			
	AMC	(6:00) Tombstone (23, R) ★★½ Kurt Russel		First Blood (82, R) ★★★★★ Sylvester Stallone		Hacksaw Ridge (16)							
	ANIMAL	The Vet Life (NPG)		Savvy Wildlife		The Vet Life (NPG)		The Vet Life (NPG)		The Vet Life (NPG)			
	BET	(5:00) Girls Trip (17, R)		Payne (N)	Assisted	Ms. Pat	Ms. Pat	TBA	TBA	Payne	Assisted		
	BRAVO	Summer House (NPG)		Summer House (NPG) (N)		Summer House (NPG)		Karamo		The Valley			
CARTOON	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Robot		
	CMT	Cowboy	Queens	Cowboy	Queens	Movie	Queens	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360*		The Source with		CNN NewsNight (N)		Laura Coates Live		Anderson Cooper 360*			
	COMEDY	Everybody	Everybody	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
	DISCOVERY	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Files (N)		Ghost Adventures (N)		Mysteries of the (N)		Expedition Unknown			
DISNEY	Big City	Big City	StuGo	Kiff (NPG)	ZOMBIES	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey		
	E!	The Office		The Office		The Office		E! News		Bell			
	ESPN	2025 Stanley Cup Final (live)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports			
	ESPN2	E60		College Baseball : "Big South Baseball Championship Game 4" (live)				UFC Archival					
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Tournament of Champions (TV G)		Guy's Grocery Games					
FREEFORM	Cars 2 ★★½	Cars 3 (17, G) ★★★★★ Owen Wilson, Cristobal Alonzo				The 700 Club (TV G)		Boy World		Boy World			
	FX	No Hard Feelings (23, R) ★★★★★ Jennifer Lawrence		No Hard Feelings (23, R) ★★★★★ Jennifer Lawrence		Sweet Home (12) ★★½							
	HGTV	Renovation Aloha		Married to Real Estate		Fix My Frankenhouse		Hunters		Married to Real Estate			
	HISTORY	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(13) American Pickers		(15) American Pickers		(13) American Pickers			
	LIFETIME	The Rookie (NPG)		The Rookie : "S.T.R."		The Rookie (NPG)		The Rookie (NPG)		The Rookie (NPG)			
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
	NEWSNAT	Cuomo		On Balance with		Banfield		Cuomo		On Balance with			
	NICK	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang		
	PARMT	Django Unchained (12, R) ★★★★★ Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz				The Godfather (72)							
	SYFY	Beast (22)		(32) Plane (23, R) ★★★★★ Gerard Butler, Mike Collier		(16) Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (16) ★★½							
TBS	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite			Family		Family		Family		Family			
	TCM	Sayonara (57, PG) ★★½ Marlon Brando, Patricia Owens				(45) Flower Drum Song (61, NR) ★★ Nancy Kwan, Jack Soo							
	TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper		My Strange		My Strange		Dr. Pimple Popper			
	TNT	(6:30) NHL Hockey Pro Ice hockey				NHL Hockey Coverage of professional ice hockey							
	TRAVEL	Paranormal Caught on Camera : "Moroti"		Paranormal Caught on Camera : "Games"		Paranormal : "Moroti"							
TV LAND	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
	USA	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (101, PG) ★★½ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint				(26) Harry Potter & Chamber (102)							
	VH1	(6:00) The Missing (22)		Colombiana (11, PG-13) ★★½ Zoe Saldana, Jordi Molla		Basketball Wives							
	HBO	The Last of Us (NMA)		(105) The Brutalist (25, R) Adrien Brody, Felicity Jones		A. Edelman							
	MAX	The Iron Claw (23, R) ★★½ Zac Efron		(12) The Martian (15, PG-13) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain		The Florida							
PREM	PARSHO	(6:00) Parasite (19, R)		(15) Oldboy (13, R) ★★½ Min-sik Choi, Jitae Yu		(15) The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (11, R) ★★★★★							

THURSDAY EVENING								MAY 22, 2025			
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC	9-1-1: "Buzoff" (TV14)		9-1-1 (TV14)		9-1-1: "Final Approach"		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
	CBS	Marriage: "Ghosts"		(101) Matlock (TV14)		Bisbeth: "Tiny Town"		Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)		Midnight
	NBC	Transplant: "Orta" (N)		Transplant (TV14) (N)		To Be Announced		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)		Late Night
	FOX	Farmer Wants a Wife: "Families PL2" (TV14) (N)				Local Programs (TV14)		Local Programs (TV14)			
	ION	Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Chicago P.D.: "Fight"		Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)		
CABLE	A&E	The First 48 (TVPG) (N)		Accused: Guilty or (N)		Accused: Did I Do It?		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TVPG)	
	AMC	Rocky II		Rocky III (82, PG) ★★★★★ Sylvester Stallone, Tals Sire		Rocky IV (85, PG) ★★½ Sylvester Stallone					
	ANIMAL	River Monsters (TVPG)		River Monsters (TVPG)		River Monsters (TVPG)		River Monsters (TVPG)		River Monsters (TVPG)	
	BET	(5:00) The Cookout (104)		For Better	For Better	Ms. Pat	Ms. Pat	Payne	Assisted	Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	Top Chef (TV14)		Top Chef (TV14)		BravoCon		Housewives (TV14)		(45) To Be Announced	
	CARTOON	Burgers		Dad	Dad	Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morby	Effects
	CMT	Cowboy		Queens	Cowboy	Queens	Movie	Queens	Mom	Mom	Golden
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360*		The Source with		CNN NewsNight (N)		Laura Coates Live		Anderson Cooper 360*	
	COMEDY	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Everybody	Everybody	Daily Show	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
	DISCOVERY	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!
	DISNEY	Big City	Big City	StuGo	Kiff (TV17)	ZOMBIES	Miraculous	Wizards	Wizards	Bluey	Bluey
	E!	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		E! News	Bell
	ESPN	(6:30) NBA		(40) 2025 NBA Finals (live)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	(6:00) College Softball: "Regionals"		College Softball: "Regionals" (live)				NFL Live		UFC	
	FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FREEFORM	Beauty and the Beast (17, PG) Emma Watson				Rodeo (N)	Rodeo (N)	The 700 Club (TV G)		Boy World	Boy World
FX	Fallout (18) Tom Cruise		Welcome to Wrexham		Welcome to Wrexham		Welcome to Wrexham (TVMA)				
HGTV	Rock the Block (TV G)		Flipping 101 (TV G) (N)		Hunters		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Flipping 101 (TV G)	
HISTORY	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: "The Alien Spacrum" (TVPG) (N)								Ancient Aliens (TVPG)		
LIFETIME	The Rookie (TVPG)		The Rookie: "The Vow"		The Rookie (TVPG)		The Rookie: "Crushed"		The Rookie (TVPG)		
MTV	Teen Mom: (TV14)		Teen Mom: (TV14)		Ridiculous		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSNAT	Cuomo		On Balance with		Banfield		Cuomo		On Balance with		
NICK	Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	
PARMT	(6:00) The Equalizer (14, R) Denzel Washington				The Equalizer (14, R) ★★★★★ Denzel Washington, Martin O'Shea						
SYFY	(6:00) Nope (22, R) ★★★★★ Daniel Kaluuya				SurrealEstate (N)		Anna (19, R) ★★★★★ Sasha Luss, Helen Mirren				
TBS	All Elite Wrestling: Collision				Collision		Godzilla: King of the Monsters (19, PG-13) Kyle Chandler				
TCM	Broken Arrow (50, NR) ★★★★★			(45) Westward the Women (51, NR) ★★★★★ Robert Taylor				Brokeback (16) ★★★★★			
TLC	My 600-lb Life: Where Are They Now? (TV14) (N)				My 600-lb Life: "Michael's Journey" (TV14)				My 600-lb Life (TV14)		
TNT	AEW Collision Wrestlers compete.				Movie		Movie				
TRAVEL	Kindred Spirits (TVPG)		Kindred Spirits (TVPG)		Kindred Spirits (TVPG)		Kindred Spirits (TVPG)		Kindred Spirits (TVPG)		
TV LAND	Seinfeld		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
USA	Chamber Secrets (12)		(101) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (104, PG) Daniel Radcliffe		(104) Goblet of Fire (16)						
VH1	Karen (21, NR) Taryn Manning			Blumhouse's Truth or Dare (18)			Basketball Wives				
PREM	HBO	Kong: Skull Island (17)		100 Foot Wave (N)		The Last of Us (TVMA)		100 Foot Wave (TV14)		Rehearsal	
	HBO	Birds of Prey: And the (20, R) ★★★★★		(40) Morgan (16, R) Kate Mara, Anya Taylor-Joy				The Shining (80, R) Jack Nicholson		100 Foot	
	PARSHO	The Comeback Trail (20, R) ★★★★★ Robert De Niro				The Chi: "Black Friday"		Hard Truths (24, R)		Indecent	



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CONSERVING THOUGHTS

Cottonmouth Snakes

In Missouri, any snake found near the water or swimming in it is presumed to be a venomous cottonmouth.

The snake that usually gets killed by snake-fearing humans in this scenario is frequently not a cottonmouth. Cottonmouths do, indeed, reside in Missouri, and they live along streams and remote portions of some of the lakes in this part of the state; but they don't have the range or commonality that often is attributed to them.



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Now that it's warming up, cottonmouths will be coming out of their winter dormancy. So will all the humans who like to frequent streams and lakes. So, it's a good time to review the facts – and a few fallacies – that surround cottonmouths. Let's start with the facts:

Cottonmouths are highly venomous snakes that should be treated with the utmost respect by humans. Their preferred habitat areas are along creeks and small rivers. The northern cottonmouth – the type of cottonmouth found in Missouri – is a heavy-bodied snake that ranges in color from dark olive to almost black in coloration. This thick-bodied snake typically grows to between three and four feet in length and can reach nearly two pounds in weight. It has cross-bands across its body, but these markings are often indistinct due to the snake's overall dark color. The belly is cream-colored and heavily mottled. The snake's most noticeable characteristic is the one that gave it its name: As a defensive measure, cottonmouths hold their mouths open in a wide gape, showing a white interior.

Cottonmouths are primarily nocturnal. They feed on fish, frogs, lizards, rodents, small birds and other snakes. Its venom has a higher toxicity, which makes it an effective hunter.

Along with these truths are some fallacies that are often associated with cottonmouths. Perhaps the biggest mistake many people make is the assumption that any dark snake seen in or near the water is a cottonmouth. The truth is that all snakes can swim, and many of Missouri's snake species can frequently be found near water. So, just because you see a dark snake in the water, it doesn't mean it's a cottonmouth. People also need to remember that cottonmouths aren't found statewide in Missouri – they're only found in the southern part of the state.

Contrary to what some people claim, cottonmouths do not go out of their way to "ambush" humans. The truth behind this belief has to do more with a cottonmouth's defensive mannerism than with wanton aggression. Unlike many other species of snakes, cottonmouths often will not back down when they are agitated or feel threatened. This stems from the snake's instinctual knowledge that it possesses potent venom. This creates a potential scenario of humans unknowingly getting too near a snake that's willing to stand its ground and is good at concealment. This, in turn, can lead to situations where people feel they were aggressively "attacked" out of nowhere by a cottonmouth when, in truth, what happened was a human got too near a partially concealed snake that had no intention of fleeing.

If one is bitten by a cottonmouth, medical attention should be sought immediately. As is the case with avoiding other venomous snakes in the wild, the key to avoiding cottonmouths is awareness. When walking along a stream or swamp, always be on the lookout for snakes and always check before you step over a rock or a log, or into thick vegetation.

Information about cottonmouths and other snakes of Missouri can also be found at mdc.mo.gov.

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MDC NEWS

Learn about caves at May 23 MDC virtual program

Find out how animals are adapted to live in these underground habitats

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Caves are unique habitats that provide either permanent or temporary homes for a number of wildlife species.

People can learn more about caves and the animals that live in them at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Caves: Springtime in the Dark" on May 23. This free on-line program, which will be from 3-4 p.m., is being put on by the staff of MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This program is open to all ages. People can register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/207656>

At this event, MDC Naturalist J.D. Kennedy will discuss cave habitats and what happens in a Missouri cave during spring. He will talk about how spring is the time bats emerge from caves. He will also have fun facts about other animals that utilize caves throughout the year.

Though this program is free, registration is required. Register by using the link above. Registrants must provide an email, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period when participants can interact with the presenters.



People can stay informed about upcoming programs at MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center and other MDC facilities by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about upcoming events or how

to sign up for text alerts from the nature center can call 417-888-4237. Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual and in-person programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.

Some MDC areas offer good camping opportunities

Camping procedures may vary for specific MDC areas

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Camping is a way to connect with the outdoors that can be both enjoyable and economical for the entire family. If a camping trip is on your family's to-do list for this spring or summer, be sure to check out some of the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) camping opportunities. Listed below are some of those MDC public use areas in southwest Missouri that offer camping opportunities:

Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area (Christian County): This area south of Ozark and along Highway 65 features eight designated camping spots. These sites are designed to be tent-only and require a short walk from the parking area. People wanting to camp at Busiek must first obtain a special-use permit from MDC's Southwest Regional Office at 2630 N. Mayfair Ave. in Springfield. These permits are free, but campers must obtain them through an in-person visit to MDC's Southwest Regional Office; they are not issued online or over-the-phone.

Little Sac Woods Conservation Area (Greene County): This area features two designated primitive camping spots. Both camping areas

are tent-only and require campers to walk from the parking lot. As is the case with Busiek, people wanting to camp at the Little Sac Area must first obtain a special-use permit from MDC's Southwest Regional Office at 2630 N. Mayfair Ave.

Lead Mine Conservation Area (Dallas County): This area features five designated primitive camping areas. The main campground has 50 gravel sites. The other four camping areas are primitive and provide campers with an open area to camp, but no other amenities. These designated camping sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. An MDC special-use permit is not needed except if a group of 10 or more individuals wishes to camp in the same area.

Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area (Vernon County): This area, located approximately one hour north of Joplin and two hours south of Kansas City, features three camping areas located near Bushwhacker Lake. These designated camping sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. An MDC special-use permit is not needed except if a group of 10 or more individuals wishes to camp in the same area.

People interested in camping at

MDC areas with designated camping sites need to remember that these spots include no RV hook-ups, no bathroom/shower facilities, and no drinking water. People can get more information about camping at any of the MDC areas listed above by calling MDC's Southwest Regional Office in Springfield at 417-895-6880.

In addition to MDC public use areas that have designated spots for camping, some other MDC areas allow primitive camping anywhere in the area. People should check the area regulations of a specific area (either online, at an MDC office, or with a conservation agent) to learn more about camping regulations at a specific area. Camping at all MDC areas is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.

More information about camping at MDC public use areas can be found at:

<https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/activities/camping>.

People can get detailed information about MDC areas (trail locations, parking information, GPS navigational information, etc.) on the MO Outdoors app. Learn more at:

<https://mdc.mo.gov/contact-enage/mobile-apps/mo-outdoors>.

Weekly Weeds

Crabgrass and Purslane
Crabgrass

Crabgrass is a low-growing summer annual that spreads by seed and from the rootings of nodes on the soil. Undisturbed, it can grow to 2 feet tall.

This weed appears from mid-spring through summer when the ground is warm. It grows well under dry, hot conditions. As an annual, crabgrass dies at the end of each growing season—usually at the first frost in the fall—and it must produce new seeds every year.

Fortunately, crabgrass is fairly easy to manage. Controlling crabgrass before it sets seed is important because the seeds can remain viable for at least 3 years in the soil.

In the lawn, mowing regularly is often all you need to prevent crabgrass from flowering and producing seed. Most experts recommend that you mow your lawn to a height of 2 to 4 inches and that you mow frequently enough to keep it within that range.

Also, if you keep a lawn, select grass adapted to your location so it's a healthy, thick lawn. Crabgrass loves a poor lawn. Because seedling crabgrass isn't very competitive, a vigorously growing turf will crowd out new seedlings. Perennial ryegrass is the best competition for crabgrass. It also provides some insect control, emitting a natural poison that gives some small, damaging bugs the

"flu." Fertilizing is key and must be done in the spring and fall.

Many herbicides for crabgrass aren't that effective. Avoid using chemical herbicides in vegetable gardens because of the variety of crops grown and planted there. In gardens, you can easily control crabgrass by mulching, hoeing, and hand pulling when the plants are young and before they set seed. You can also control this weed with solarization. Finally, crabgrass thrives in compacted lawns, so work on aerating the lawn; this will go a long way.

Mulching with wood products (e.g., wood chips or nuggets), composted yard waste, or synthetic landscape fabrics covered with mulch will reduce crabgrass in shrub beds and bedding plants and around trees by blocking sunlight needed for its germination, establishment, and growth. If crabgrass is germinating in the mulch, move it with a rake to reduce seedling establishment. Hand-pull escaped crabgrass plants before they set seed.

Purslane

Purslane is considered noxious in at least one U.S. state. Why is this edible annual succulent plant considered troublesome? After all, it's high in vitamins and even grown as a crop in some countries.

The answer goes back to the definition of weeds: Purslane can produce over 2,000,000 seeds PER PLANT! It reproduces by tiny black seeds and stem fragments in late spring



Crabgrass
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Purslane

and vegetatively through its leaves, making it especially tough to eradicate. Many gardeners have hoed purslane one day only to see it growing at full strength the next. So, unless you only want to grow purslane, think about how to control it.

In-home landscapes and gardens this summer, weeds are generally managed by hand-weeding. Keep an eye out for the purslane! Pull out this weed as soon as you see it and destroy the plant; this weed can live in your soil for years!

Mulching is also helpful, especially in garden beds. To be effective, organic mulches should be at least 3 inches thick. Synthetic mulches (plastic or fabric mulch), which screen out light and provide a physical barrier to seedling development, also work well. Fabric mulches, which are porous and allow the flow of water and air to roots, are preferred over plastics. Combinations of synthetic mulches with organic or rock mulches on top are commonly used in ornamental plantings.

Liberator Tennis wins two medals at State

By Bob Campbell

Cooper Tennis Complex in Springfield brought the best tennis teams on Friday, May 16, for the M.S.H.S.A.A state championships.

This tournament hosted the first part to determine the best single player and the best doubles team. The second part on Thursday, May 22, will be for the team championship.

Both Liberator doubles teams qualified, with team #1 of Brody Ingold and Brody Campbell edging group #2 of Mac Rich and Colton Ingold in the district championship.

Cy Douglas, the Liberators' #1 singles player, brought his strong game and final-four experience too.

Liberator doubles team #2 of Rich and Ingold faced off against a strong Moberly pair of O'Loughtin and O'Loughtin.

After an intense two games, the Moberly pair prevailed 2-0.

Douglas began his singles match against a familiar opponent, Joey Dayes of Springfield Catholic, and won 2-0.

Campbell and Ingold faced off against Savannah's Davies and Matthews and moved their record closer to a state record with a 2-0 win.

With Bolivar's doubles team #2 eliminated, #1 advanced to play Haroutounian and Majors of Clayton, who handed Bolivar's #1 their first defeat of the year when Ingold and Campbell played together.

Bolivar #1 medaled in fifth place the next day, and Clayton won the state championship.

Douglas faced Noah Gou of Clayton, who won 2-0. Gou went ahead and won the state championship, and Douglas would capture the 5th-place medal.

Now the Liberators will put all of the pieces of their team back together and play the team championship as an undefeated team.



Brody Ingold, Coach Rothdiener, Brody Campbell with fifth place medals in final four doubles, and Cy Douglas with fifth place in final four singles.



Colton Ingold and Mac Rich take time to regroup against Moberly.



Brody Ingold (left) and Brody Campbell attack Savannah's doubles team.

Polk County Scoreboard



Cy Douglas in his opening game victory over Springfield Catholic.

STAFF PHOTO/BOB CAMPBELL

Polk County Scoreboard

Boys

Baseball

May 12

Bolivar 3
Fair Play 0
Halfway 7
Humansville 5
MCE 9
Pleasant Hope 2

May 13

Bolivar 2

Fair Play 0
Halfway 4

Humansville 4
MCE 4

May 14

Halfway 12
MCE 2

Willard 10
Osceola 7
Hermitage 3
Wheatland 20
Crane 5
Billings 8

Springfield Catholic 12
Hermitage 20
El Dorado Springs 14
Osceola 9
Weaubleau 6

Ash Grove 2
New Covenant Academy 7

Pleasant Hope 1

Weaubleau 13

May 15

Bolivar 1
Fair Play 2

Weaubleau 13
Walnut Grove 12
Greenfield 10

Tennis

May 12

Bolivar 5

Maryville 1

Girls

Soccer

May 12

Bolivar 1

Camdenton 0

May 13

Bolivar 6

Cassville 0

May 15

Bolivar 3

Branson 0



Cy Douglas' form shows why he is a top-rated player in Missouri.



Brody Ingold makes a solid return.



Mac Rich shows Moberly a strong serve.

SBU NEWS



7 Bearcat Track and Field Athletes Qualify for NCAA Championships

After a record-breaking season, seven Bearcats will continue their 2025 campaign at the NCAA DII Track and Field Championships. This will take place May 22 through 24, in Pueblo, Colorado. Those to qualify include: Collinique Farrington, Stephanique Dean, Savannah Manthey, Alexis O’Farrell, Parker Love, Brianna Lord, and Laura Dixon.

Farrington, a junior, is entering her second straight outdoor National Championships and will be competing in the most events of all the Bearcats. She qualified individually in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, as well as in the team setting of the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relays. The three-time All-American and four-time GLVC Track Athlete of the Year enters Nationals with the second fastest time in the 200-meter dash. She is only behind the junior Alexis Brown, who also beat out Farrington for the National Title in the indoor season. Farrington ranks seventh in the 400-meter dash, where she took third in the Indoor Championships this year.

The only other solo track runner to qualify for the Championships is graduate Parker Love, going for one final trip. This is his second straight outdoor National Championship qualifier in the 200-meter dash. Last year, Love just missed the podium, taking ninth place, .02 seconds away from the finals. This year, he will compete in the 200-meter dash as he comes in ranked 21st.

Heading over the field, the Bearcats made history with not one, but two qualifying in the javelin event for the first time in school history. Sophomore Savannah Manthey qualifies for her first National championship, ranking 7th best in the Nation. She also holds the SBU record. Her teammate Alexis O’Farrell battled her for that same record this season, but is just a meter behind her, sitting ninth in the Nation. These two finished first and second at the GLVC Championships two weeks ago.

The next to qualify for Nationals are the Bearcat sprinting relays of the 4x400 and 4x100 meter. The 4x100-meter relay is comprised of Dean, Farrington, Lord, and Dixon. This group ran a time of 3:39.04 at the annual Bearcat invite, breaking an eight-year-old school record and is ranked 9th in the Nation. The same group also qualified for Nationals in the 4x100-meter relay at the Bearcat Invite, breaking another school record on the same day. Their time of 45 seconds flat currently has them at 10th in the Nation.

Full National Championship schedule can be found on sbubearcats.com.

Bolivar student graduates from Northwestern College

Hunter Berry of Bolivar was among 270 graduates to receive bachelor’s degrees at Northwestern College during commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 10. Twenty-six students received Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, while the rest of the graduating seniors were granted Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Berry graduated with a major in sport management/leadership.

Northwestern College is a Christian college with more than 1,700 students in Orange City, Iowa. Money magazine rated it one of the nation’s best colleges. Northwestern provides an education committed to outstanding academics and a Christ-centered worldview.

Bolivar student awarded MFA Scholarship

Zoe Warden, a Bolivar High School graduating senior, was awarded a \$2,500 MFA Foundation Scholarship, sponsored by the Bolivar Farmers Exchange.

Warden is one of 290 recipients this year for the award, which is designed to help students pursue careers that enhance the future of rural America. The annual scholarship is offered where there are MFA Agri Services Centers, MFA Oil Company propane or bulk plants, or other MFA agency locations. The winners are selected by local committees.

Warden plans to attend Missouri University of S&T.

Bearcats Garner Fourth GLVC Sportsmanship Award

The SBU athletic department earned its second straight GLVC James R. Spalding Overall Sportsmanship Award, as announced by the conference office on Friday, May 16.

In just six years since joining the conference, this is the Bearcats’ fourth time winning this award. In the 2019-20 inaugural season, there was no Sportsmanship award due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning SBU has won four out of the five possible chances to win.

At the conclusion of every conference sports season, each institution’s coach ranks the top three teams within the sport that displayed good sportsmanship throughout the season. The team with the highest point total is then named the Sportsmanship Team Award winner. At the end of the



year, the institution that accumulated the highest point total across all sports is named the overall winner.

The Bearcats dominated the team sportsmanship standings, collecting six in total, doubling all the other schools. These overall team wins came from both men’s and women’s cross country and men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field.

Bearcat Athletes Pursue Passions in Music

SBU Bearcats are not just superstars on the field, they shine in other areas of campus life as well. One of the ways our athletes get involved at SBU is through music. Here, they are encouraged to harness their creativity and talent through the arts.

One student who excels both on the field and on stage is freshman football player An’Davantae Bussey, who is involved in Chorale, Wind Symphony, Theatre, and Locamente. As an avid musician, Bussey finds music serves as his creative outlet amidst the busyness of life. “Music is therapy for me in my life. Whether I’m creating music through singing, instruments, or just listening, it helps me be at peace with a lot of things,” Bussey says.

When asked how each activity affects his performance in both fields, Bussey notes how his roles enhance his performance in athletics and music. He shares, “Music helps me in athletics because I am able to pay closer attention to the details and pick up on things faster than others on the field. On the other hand, in music, I am able to breathe better

because of being in shape. I am also able to move my hands faster with my instrument because of my football position.”

Many of our athletes also see music as an opportunity to glorify the Lord. One student who uses her gifts this way is women’s soccer player Emma Burton, who serves in Chapel Band and Locamente. Burton’s love of music grounds her before stepping onto the field. “Music helps me focus before the game,” she said.” “I connect a lot with music, and my favorite is listening to worship music before a game. It’s a good reminder of why I’m here as an artist but also as a believer. She highlights the impact that her fellow chapel teammates have on her growth. “Working with our chapel band is one of my favorite things,” she states. “Everyone on the team is so awesome, and they make the environment easy to worship in. It’s a blessing to be able to work with other students and leaders who have the same mission

that I do, and that mission is to glorify the Lord.”

Between practices and rehearsals, our athlete musicians have the challenge of balancing busy schedules. When asked how they manage their many responsibilities, both athletes note how directors and coaches walk alongside them, ensuring they pursue their passions and perform with excellence. SBU Athletics works hard to prepare its athletes to shine on and off the field by helping them explore their passions and use their gifts to glorify the Lord.



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1770 E. 1370 Rd, El Dorado Springs MO

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Bidding Ends: Bidding converts to simulcast live auction at 5:00 CST on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

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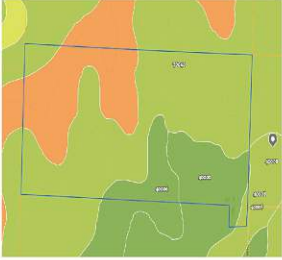

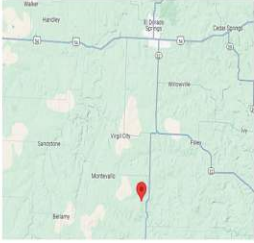
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