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Weather stats

Date:	H	L
Tuesday, Sept. 23	82	62
Wednesday, Sept. 24	74	64
Thursday, Sept. 25	73	57
Friday, Sept. 26	80	54
Saturday, Sept. 27	82	53
Sunday, Sept. 28	82	58
Monday, Sept. 29	85	54

Reservoir report

Elevation Today 838.54 MSL
Discharge to River 50 cu. ft. sec.
Lake Surface Temperature: 77
River Outlet Temperature: 73
Water Condition: Clear

Retired Teachers Meeting

Hickory County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Rustic Spoon Restaurant in Weaubleau.

All retired teachers and school personnel are invited to attend. Mary Newcomb will report on the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and School Personnel, which is their "watchdog" for pensions and other concerns in the state and national legislatures. Those who are not already a member of the local organization may consider joining.

MRTA is 33,000 strong statewide. There is strength in numbers. You will certainly benefit from joining.

Preston Fallfest to be held this weekend

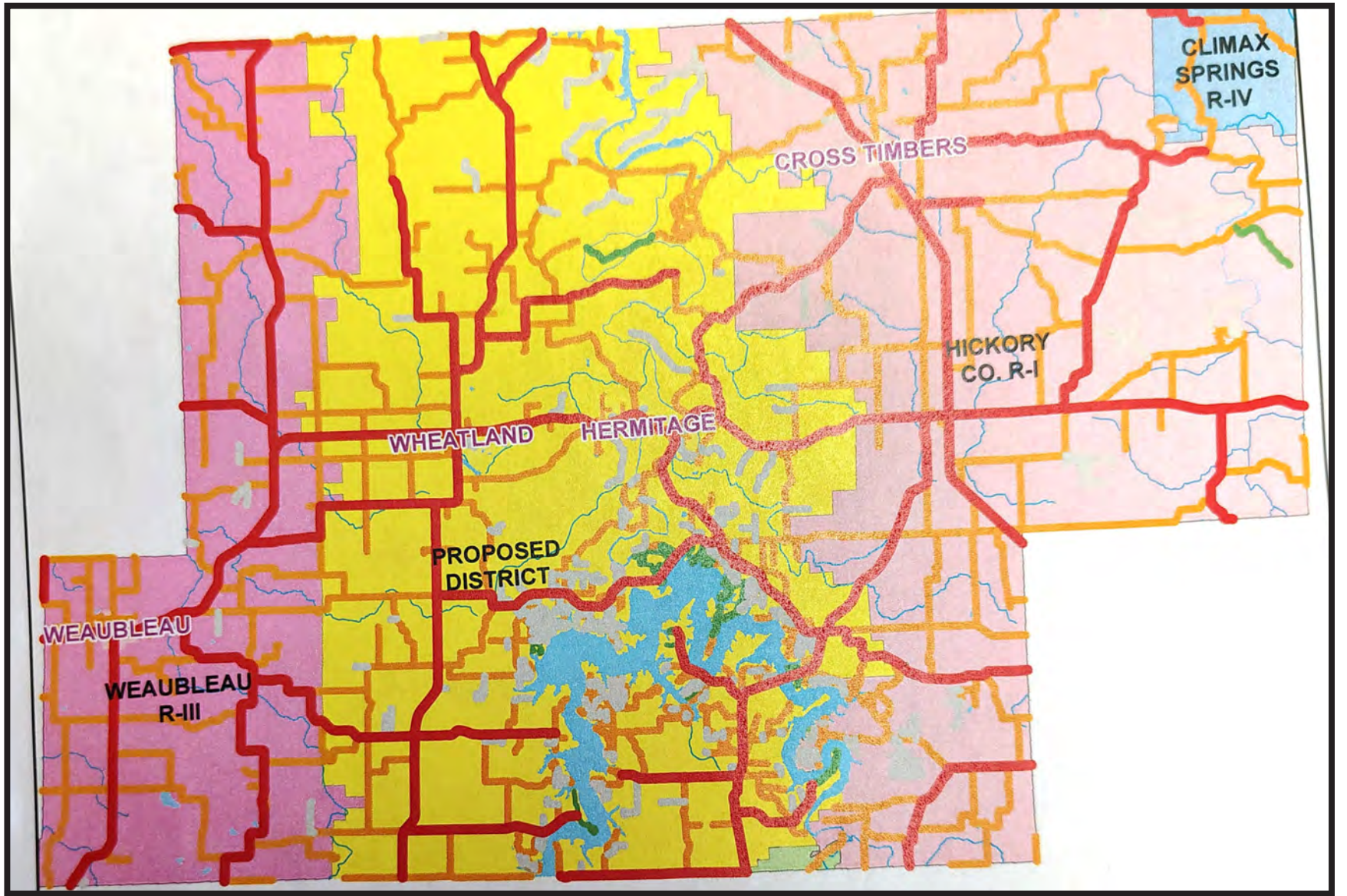
Saturday, Oct. 4, the annual Preston Fallfest will be held at the Preston Square from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Activities include a pie eating contest, silent auction, pumpkin decorating and face painting. There will also be a fire gear demo and race. There will also be vendor booths.

Raffle tickets are being sold before and during the festival to determine who will receive a pie to the face.

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Proposed School District- Above are the proposed boundaries of what would be a new school district within Hickory County if the Wheatland R-II and Hermitage R-IV School Districts were to consolidate. That effort will be decided on Tuesday, Nov. 4, through a special election. This effort began earlier this year when a petition was circulated and turned into the Hickory County Clerk's Office.

Special Election On School Consolidation Voters To Have Their Say On Nov. 4

Local school consolidation efforts have entered their next phase, with the announcement of a special election to be held in early November.

Notice has been provided to The Index, per the Hickory County Clerk's Office, that qualified voters within the Hermitage R-IV and Wheatland R-II School Districts will, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, cast their votes on whether or not these school districts should join as one. It was further stated that absentee ballots are currently available in the County Clerk's Office and may be requested in person until 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. They may also be requested by mail until Wednesday, Oct. 22. The mailing address for the Hickory County Clerk's Office is PO Box 3, Hermitage, MO, 65668. It will be open from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Nov. 1, for absentee voting.

Printed above is a map outlining the possible boundaries of a new Hickory County area school district, if the measure is successful. Currently, there are four school districts in the county: Hickory County R-I, Wheatland R-II, Weaubleau R-III and Hermitage R-IV. Hickory County R-I, or Skyline, was formed in 1958 when small schools within Cross Timbers, Preston, Urbana and Tunas united. Weaubleau R-III was formed through the joining of Weaubleau and Collins.

Consolidation efforts began earlier this year when a group of concerned citizens within the Wheatland R-II School District started expressing a desire to form a committee and put forward this measure. As reported in The Index in February, a meeting was held between a group of "concerned parents and citizens," who felt that consolidation would be best for both schools and the community. The Hermitage and

Wheatland school districts have always maintained close ties, with both being located in adjoining/shared communities with similar populations. Both have also experienced increasing financial difficulties associated with properly maintaining independent school districts. This led some in the area to believe combining them as one would be cost effective and "provide the best possible educational benefits."

A flyer was distributed within the community outlining why those individuals believed consolidation was necessary. It was felt at the time that joining the Hermitage and Wheatland School Districts into one central school district could "improve the performance and efficiency of each school and provide a better education and overall experience for the children. The flyer went on to provide a brief overview of what were believed to be the major advantages of consolidation, stating several reasons why the committee felt combining resources was a good idea. A few of the examples cited included "lowering the operating cost per pupil and improving teacher retention and orientation."

Over the Spring and early Summer, local committee members attempted to gather signatures so they could file a petition within the governments in Hickory and Benton County. This was successful and the measure soon began moving through the proper channels. In the meantime, both Boards of Education within the Hermitage R-IV and Wheatland R-II School Districts publicly denounced the effort, stating that each opposed the idea of school consolidation. During the Thursday, May 22 Wheatland R-II School Board meeting, a resolution was passed stating, "The Wheatland R-II School Board of Education believes that maintaining our indepen-

dent school district ensures accountability to our community, fosters local engagement, and preserves the identity and values of our schools. Therefore, be it resolved that the Wheatland R-II School Board of Education hereby opposes the proposed consolidation with the Hermitage School District." The Hermitage R-IV School Board had voted in a likewise manner just a week prior, opposing the effort "due to concerns regarding the impact on our students and staff, along with the financial ramifications."

However, despite the opposition, enough signatures were gathered and the public has a right to have its voice heard. Missouri law required that both school boards vote to certify the petition and each did so within the last month. "The Wheatland R-II School Board has been presented with a verified petition for the consolidation of Hermitage School District and Wheatland School District," they stated. "The law requires that when the county clerk has verified the validity of such a petition, the Board has no choice but to certify it and cause the issue to be placed on the ballot." The Hermitage R-IV Board of Education also voted to certify the petition, as required by law. With this final step completed, the issue can now move forward to the ballot box for consideration in the November election.

School consolidation has long been proposed in Hickory County, with strong feelings on both sides. The last time it was attempted was several years ago, but it did not make it onto an election ballot. It was up for a vote in 1989, but that effort failed.

A public notice on the Special Election can also be found in this issue of The Index.

Library Board of Directors Holds Meeting

The Hickory County Library Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Hickory County Library. Note that the day of the week was changed from previously held meetings.

The gathering began at 1 p.m. with President Shelly Aubuchon calling it to order. Those present included Aubuchon; Vice President Ernest Jenkins; Secretary Eleanor Smith; Library Administrator Stacy Coulsell; Treasurer Brenda Charles and Trustee Kevin Bolling.

Following passage of the agenda and minutes, Coulsell presented her monthly Administrator's

Report. She said the preschool story was again a success, with approximately 40 preschool children in attendance. It will continue to be presented. Although the Book Bingo program has come to a close, Coulsell said there are still cards outstanding that should be turned in. Prizes are still to be handed out for those turned in their Bingo cards. This program was also a success and plans are being made to offer it again at a future date.

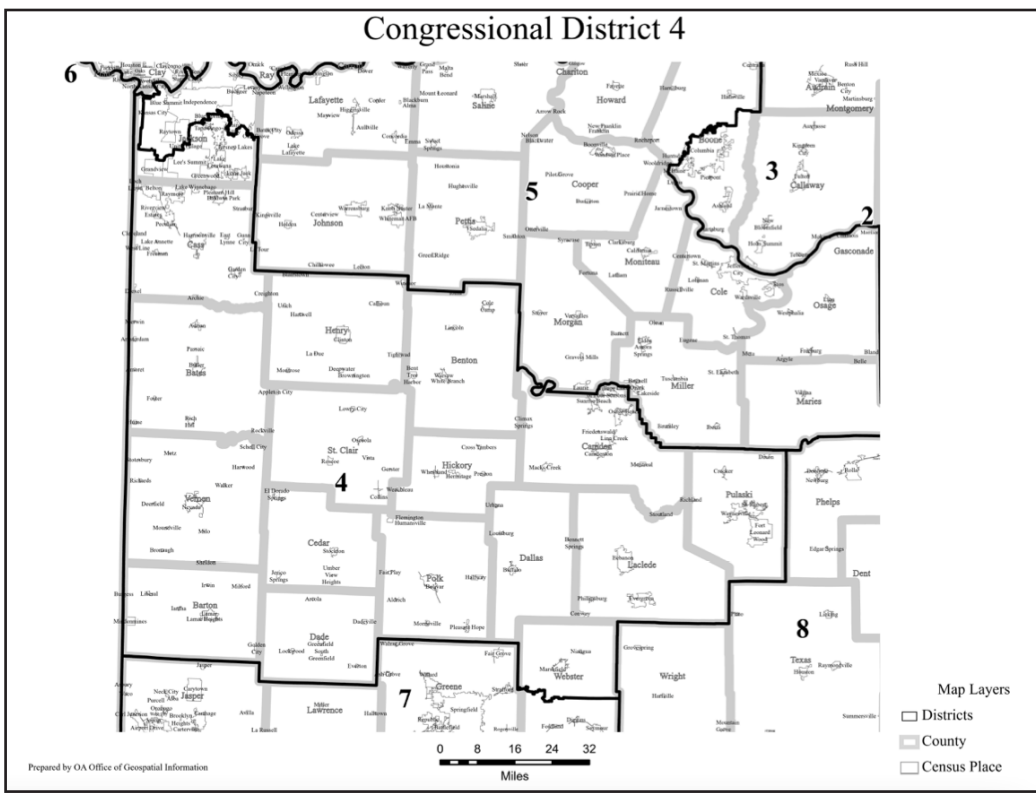
A beginning crochet class by Jody Wheeler was set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The class and project supplies were provided. An art ex-

hibit by local artist, Catherine Hash, is still in the planning stages.

The library is still searching for two new homes for "Lil Libraries" to be placed at locations in Hickory County and an order is to be placed for Scholastic Books to begin filling the local little libraries.

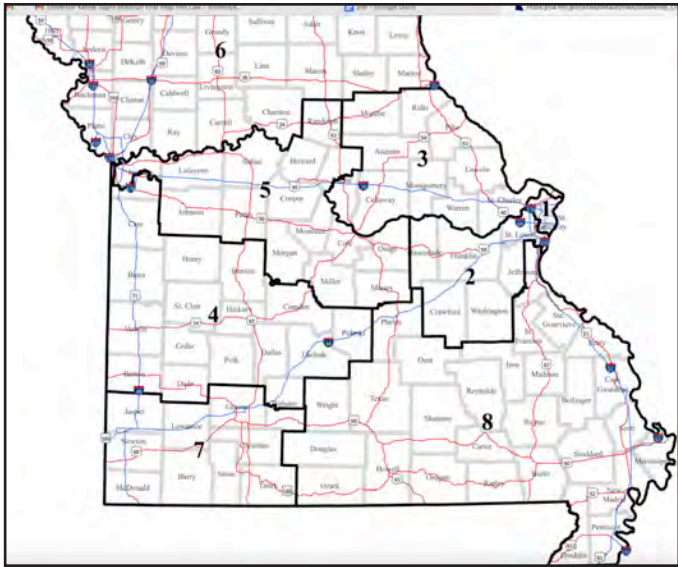
Medicare enrollment is being offered at the Library on Nov. 5, and an exhibit for a WWII model collection is in the planning stages. Coulsell said The 2026 budget is being worked on and another puzzle swap is also being planned. She also

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Governor Kehoe Signs Missouri First Map Into Law

In what has become a hot button issue across the political spectrum, Governor Mike Kehoe has formally signed a law to redistrict the Congressional map for the State of Missouri. This was accomplished through the recent passage of House Bill 1, which joined a similar effort in the Missouri Senate. Opposing parties have cited this as an attempt at “gerrymandering” by Republicans, while those supporting the effort feel it offers the “best representation for Missourians.”



On Friday, Aug. 29, Governor Kehoe announced that he had issued a proclamation that would convene the Missouri General Assembly for a special session to “enact legislation establishing updated congressional districts for the State of Missouri and amending the state’s initiative petition process.” Second Session was then held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

“I am calling on the General Assembly to take action on congressional redistricting and initiative petition reform to ensure our districts and Constitution truly put Missouri values first,” Governor said at the time. “This is about clarity for voters and ownership of our future and I hope the legislature will work together to pass our Missouri First Map and critically needed IP reform.”

He unveiled what was dubbed the Missouri First Map, which was said to be a “more compact, contiguous” proposed map that splits fewer counties and municipalities than the current one, preserves two Congressional districts as currently drawn, and retains every current member of Missouri’s congressional delegation in their current districts. Missouri’s Fourth Congressional District, which covers Hickory County, remains virtually unchanged. Fourth District maps have been included within this article.

“Missourians are more alike than we are

different and our Missouri values, across both sides of the aisle, are closer to each other than those of the extreme Left representation of New York, California, and Illinois,” said Kehoe. “Missouri’s conservative, common-sense values should be truly represented at all levels of government, and the Missouri First Map delivers just that.”

Governor Kehoe has also called for legislation to amend the state’s initiative petition process to “ban foreign nationals from contributing to committees for or against a statewide ballot measure, establish a criminal election offense for fraudulently signing or gathering signatures for a statewide ballot measure, provides that a statewide ballot measure be passed only if a majority of voters statewide and a majority of voters in each congressional district vote to adopt the proposed measure, require that before a statewide ballot measure is certified for signatures to be gathered, there shall be an opportunity for public comment, and require the full text of a statewide ballot measure be printed and available to voters at all election sites and polling places.” This effort requires voter approval.

On Friday, Sept. 12, the Missouri General Assembly agreed to pass the Missouri First Map in House Bill 1 and the “Protect Missouri Voters” amendment in House Joint Resolution 3, which will be placed on the election ballot.

Ozarks Food Harvest Hosts 12th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Ozarks Food Harvest has again partnered with Panera Bread to host the 12th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. This effort will be from Sept. 25 to Oct 2 and will help raise funds for their Weekend Backpack Program.

Local artists have donated handcrafted bowls that will be available for purchase online at bit.ly/emptybowlsonline or in-person at the Panera Bread on Campbell Avenue in Springfield on Oct. 2 from 3-7 p.m. The Woodturners of Southwest Missouri, a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, have been creating and donating bowls for the event since 2014.

“The Woodturners of Southwest Missouri are passionate about their partnership and support for Ozarks Food Harvest and the Empty Bowls fundraising event. Every year, funds are raised in our community to help fight hunger. It is wonderful to be able to put our time, skills and craft toward such a worthwhile cause,” said Marian Chamberlain, president of the Woodturners of Southwest Missouri.

In southwest Missouri, one in five children face hunger, said officials. Funds raised during the Empty Bowls campaign will support Ozarks Food Harvest’s Weekend Backpack Program, which provides



nearly 1,700 children across 15 counties in southwest Missouri with nutritious and accessible weekend meals throughout the school year. The first 250 donors online and at the in-person event will receive free soup and bread while supplies last, courtesy of Panera.

“The empty bowls serve as a reminder of the many children facing hunger in our community and across southwest Missouri,” said Bart Brown, president and CEO of Ozarks Food Harvest. “When you purchase a bowl, you’re helping end hunger as every dollar goes directly to providing a meal to a child in need.”

Since 2014, Empty Bowls has raised nearly \$78,000 to provide more than 292,000 meals through Ozarks Food Harvest’s programs and network of charities.

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Dolmer Blower
Echo Trimmer
Poulan Limb Saw
4-5 Chainsaws, Echo, Poulan
2 Gas Hedge Trimmers
Handyman Jack
3 House Jacks
Black Max Power Washer, Honda Motor
Push Mower
Craftsman 10" Table Saw
Craftsman Miter Saw w/Table
Skil Scroll Saw on Stand

Rockwell Drill Press
Miter Saw
2 HP Compressor
Small Air Compressor
Good Asst. Power Hand Tools
Good Asst. Wrenches, Sockets, Hand Tools
3/4 Socket Set
4-5 Pipe Wrenches
Bar Clamps
2 Bench Grinders
Handsaw, Planer, Draw Knife
3 - 2 Wheel Dollies
4-5 Pipe Wrenches
Red Wagon
Sled
Lot Asst. Nuts, Bolts, Etc.
3 Fiberglass Step Ladders
Wood Step Ladder
Jack Stands
Hand Sprayer
Gas Cans
Sev. Boomers
Log Chains
Lot Long Handle Tools
3 - 2 Wheelbarrows
Alum. Ext. Ladder
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2-3 Electric Heaters/Fans
4 Pc. White Wicker Set
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Opinion/History

Looking Back

October 1, 1925 Stole His Automobile Another Way to Get a Car Without Paying For It

Tuesday night about seven o'clock two men stopped at the home of Henry Mahnken, about seven miles north of Cole Camp, and called C. H. Runsick, a Cole Camp taxi driver, and asked for a taxi, claiming their Studebaker coup had broken down and they wanted to get to Cole Camp. Runsick drove to the farm and the two men got in the back seat. They asked Runsick to drive back north a short distance to where their car had broken down, saying they wanted to get their coats and suitcases. After they had gone about three quarters of a mile north one of the two covered Runsick with a small revolver, and the other with a large gun, and he was ordered to get out. They dimmed the lights, had him get in front of the car, and with a piece of rope tied his feet. His hands they tied with his belt, first in front of him, then behind him, and bound both hands and feet together.

They told him they didn't intend to hurt him but they were professionals and meant business. The car, they said, he would hear of again.

The constable of Cole Camp, who knew of the call for the taxi, and had gone to investigate, heard Runsick calling for help, and immediately notified Sedalia officers of the holdup.

The car, a new sedan with U.S. cord tires, was traced north to the first road to Springfork, where they turned west to the main Cole Camp road, and went on into Sedalia on the water works road.

They also relieved Runsick of the sum of \$22.

Jess Montieth and Robt. E. Loyd, federal prisoners, who escaped from the Pettis county jail Monday by hitting the jailer over the head with a "pop" bottle, are almost certain to be the couple that got away with Runsick's car and money.

Runsick says that outside of this rough treatment they were very nice to him, told him they were crooks, who had just escaped jail and they needed the car and money to make their escape.

Up to this time no trace has been found of the two bandits nor the missing sedan.—Warsaw Enterprise.

October 3, 1935 Notes From the Pathfinder

Cotton is being greatly injured by the ravages of the boll-weevil, the politicians and other insects.

A New York Judge ruled that a hearse is a pleasure vehicle. Those New Yorkers have queer ideas, don't they?

A Texas dairy expert says flavoring water with whiskey will cause a cow to drink more and therefore give more milk.

Instead of bewailing the fact that we can't have all that we want most of us should be thankful we don't get all we deserve.

Scientists have developed ways so that deaf people can use their teeth for ears. But they can't do the other thing and use ears for teeth.

In Ethiopian the word "elf" means a thousand. If the Italian soldiers know what is good for themselves they will be on the watch for the little dark elves in Ethiopia's mountains.

Only eight members of the House of Representatives answered to their names at every one of the 204 roll calls made during the last session of the 74th Congress, and these roll calls took up over five weeks of the House working time.

How hot air does expand things! Congress appropriated \$2,500,000 just to "air condition" the Senate and House office buildings. This is half as much as the entire Capitol—which we consider

the grandest building in the whole world—originally cost.

October 4, 1945 Hickory County Singing Convention

All who are interested in Gospel singing are invited to come to Elkton Christian church on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2:00 P.M. to help organize a County-Wide Singing Convention.

This convention is a group of people made up from surrounding communities that sing Gospel songs in a choir and anyone may sing that will. Also quartets, duets, solos, and various special numbers will be given.

The convention meets one Sunday afternoon in each month at various places over the county. Several leaders and pianists should be used at each meeting.

We will spend more time in singing before organizing next Sunday.

Come and let's make Hickory County Singing Convention a success.

October 6, 1955 "Hell's Island"

Adventure, romance, suspense, and intrigue are present in outside quantities in this holiday produced drama in which John Payne heads the cast. Filmed in the tropics, it is the story of a woman (Mary Murphy) who was beautiful and bad. "Hell's Island" will be showing at the Hickory theater Wednesday and Thursday.

September 30, 1965 Tip To Motorists

It's impossible for the driver in back of you to read your mind—signal your intentions.

Definitions

A Liberal, is a politician, With disposition sunny; While he spends quite liberally,

The other fellows money. A Conservative, is a politician, With a view more grave; He's considered quite a "square",

Because he advocates to save.

—Bess Crank Nunn

October 2, 1975

First The Rebates, Then The Cuts

A Friday evening fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of the C. E. Ginnings family in Nemo.

The fire was discovered about 8 p.m. in a bedroom by Mrs. Ginnings and her daughter who had been working in the laundry room.

The blaze spread so rapidly that none of the family's belongings were saved, although several persons were close by when it was discovered.

Area fire fighters kept the fire from spreading to the family's nearby service station.

Mr. Ginnings is county court judge from the eastern district. The family is currently staying in their son's home in Hermitage.

Another fire later that evening destroyed a barn owned by County Court Presiding Judge Ray Sherman on highway 83 near Quincy. The building contained 1337 bales of hay belonging to Fred Samples, Quincy. Mr. Samples said there was no indication of how the fire was started. The hay was insured Mr. Samples said.

October 3, 1985

Sailboat Survives Hurricane

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodward of Cross Timbers report having a few anxious moments when Hurricane Gloria hit the east coast last week. Their son Jim lives on a 38-foot sail boat in Long Island Harbor. He reported taking his boat up river, and his boat was one of many that didn't get damaged. Some friends of his moved their furniture inland about 6 miles, and water came within 6 inches of their front door where it was stored.

His boat was anchored with 7/8-inch ropes and two of them were broken.

October 5, 1995 Drunk Driver Doesn't Allow Lack of Wheel to Stop Him

Charges are pending against a man who drove his truck into Hermitage Monday night with no front wheel, and then was found to be in possession of a gun, drugs, and drug paraphernalia.

The local sheriff's office received a report that a man was driving east on Highway 54 from Wheatland at speeds of approximately 70 miles per hour without a front wheel. Witnesses said the 1981 Chevrolet pickup had apparently been driven for some distance because most of the front suspensions had been worn away.

Officers located the vehicle at a local convenience store and placed the driver in jail after determining that he was drunk. A search of the driver and his vehicle produced several bullets, a rifle, some drug paraphernalia, and what appeared to be some marijuana.

A report of the incident was turned over to Hickory County Prosecutor Tom Johnson for possible filing of charges.

October 5, 2005 Reward Offered in Arson Fire

New Owners for Preston Barbecue

The arson investigation into the Hickory Smoke Shack fire at Preston August 23 is continuing, according to Bruce Thurlo of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Thurlo said Tuesday that the former owners of the business have now offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the arson fire.

The fire was discovered early Tuesday, August 23, in the barbecue business along Highway 65 just south of the Highway 65-54 intersection. The owners said all propane and propane to the business had been disconnected, and that the insurance on the building had lapsed as they were checking competitive prices for commercial insurance. The building was a total loss in the fire.

Thurlo said anyone with information about the fire should contact the state's arson hotline.

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Mark and Joesetta McGinnis of the Kansas City area have purchased the former barbecue restaurant property and storage and residential property from the James Butners.

They plan to use an existing building on the property as the site of their new business to be called Crossroads Barbecue.

Mark McGinnis said he formerly managed a chain of Pizza Hut restaurants and has extensive experience in barbecuing, along with Butner's recipes. He and his wife and three children have moved to the location and hope to be open by October 7.

September 30, 2015 Wheatland Man Arrested After Crash

A single vehicle accident occurred on Highway 83 a mile south of Elkton Wednesday, Sept. 23, at approximately 5:15 p.m.

According to the Missouri Highway Patrol crash report, a 2009 Chevrolet 1500 ran off the right side of the roadway, hitting a drainage culvert and a tree.

The vehicle was driven by Robert A. Griffith, age 44, of Wheatland. Griffith and his passenger John A. Murphree, age 49, of Flemington were transported by ambulance to Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar with minor injuries.

The accident was investigated by Missouri Highway Patrol Sergeant L.C. Crow. A Hickory County deputy, first responders, and the Wheatland Volunteer fire department arrived on scene. The vehicle was towed by Hickory County Towing.

Griffith was arrested for felony second degree assault and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Congressman Mark Alford Capitol Report (MO-4) Sept. 22-28

Democrats' Scary Shutdown: Horror Just in Time for Halloween

What's Going On in Washington? With Halloween just around the corner, Democrats have chosen a fitting theme for October: Horror.

Instead of working with Republicans to keep the government open, they are haunting our nation, dragging us into a shutdown of their own making and going against their very own words and warnings.

Here's the truth. House Republicans put forward a clean, responsible Continuing Resolution-one that simply keeps government open while we finish the long-term funding process. It protects our troops' paychecks. It secures our border. It gives seniors peace of mind. It supports public safety. Democrats voted NO on all of it, turning into ghouls of government gridlock.

This is nothing new. Since President Trump took office, Democrats have made obstruction their only governing strategy. They fought Republicans on restoring law and order. They fought us on securing the border. They fought us on keeping men out of women's sports. They fought us on delivering the largest tax cut in history, doubling the Child Tax Credit, and investing in rural healthcare. And now, they're fighting us on one of the most basic functions of government: keeping the lights on.

Why? Because the Left is saying "no" for no's sake. They would rather fight to fund NPR then fight to fund our troops. Let's not forget, the same Democrats who once called shutdowns "dangerous," "disastrous," and "self-inflicted harm" are now eagerly embracing one! They voted for multiple short-term funding resolutions under previous administrations. So why oppose one now? Because political theater and grandstanding seem to be more important to them than the American people.

Their so-called "alternative plan", a "web of woke" is nightmare legislation and carries a \$1.5 trillion price tag. This is a shutdown scripted by Democrats. Republicans acted in good faith. We passed a clean resolution to keep the government open. But the Democrat leadership's graveyard of ideas creates chaos rather than work toward real solutions.

As your representative, I will keep fighting for Missouri families, farmers, small businesses, veterans, and seniors, even as Democrats double down on horror this Halloween.

God bless you, God bless Missouri, and God bless America.

In addition to his regular column, Congressman Alford has announced his intention to file for reelection in the new Fourth Congressional District. This was after Governor Mike Kehoe signed the Missouri First maps, House Bill 1, into law, which Alford praised. "We applaud Governor Kehoe for signing the Missouri First map into law and look forward to running and winning in the new Fourth District," said Congressman Alford. "We will continue to be the loudest, strongest, most consistent, unwavering voice for hardworking Missourians. "We will never shy away from our conservative values but will always provide concierge level services to our constituents regardless of their political affiliation, while delivering much-needed federal investments through our work on the Appropriations Committee to help turn the 'Show Me State' into the 'Grow Me State.' We look forward to deepening our many relationships with folks who will be new to the Fourth District and continue earning the votes of those we already represent."



4-H Youth Beyond Ready Hickory County 4-H Joins National Celebration of Leadership, Learning, and Service

From fairgrounds to classrooms, community gardens to robotics labs, 4-H youth in Hickory County are proving they're not just ready for the future—they're Beyond Ready. During National 4-H Week, Oct. 5–11, local clubs will share how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence, and resilience to lead in a world full of opportunity and change.

As America's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers six million young people nationwide with hands-on learning experiences through clubs, camps, school programs, and community events. Through the Beyond Ready initiative, 4-H will help prepare 10 million youth for work and life by 2030. In Hickory County, 4-H provides opportunities for youth to lead community service projects, practice financial literacy, raise livestock, as well as participate in college and career readiness programs.

"4-H gives our youth a space to find what sparks their interest through project exploration, grow into leaders, and give back to their community. We see that every day in the way they show up to learn and lead," said Sarah Boyer, Hickory County Youth Pro-

gram Associate.

Hickory County Extension and its team of educators, volunteers, and mentors deliver 4-H programs that help youth learn by doing. From organizing food drives to support local families to exhibiting at fairs, youth are learning skills such as teamwork, resilience, and communication-skills that will serve them in their career and for life.

"At a time when young people are navigating more uncertainty than ever, 4-H offers them a place to grow, lead, and find their spark," said Jill Bramble, President & CEO of National 4-H Council. "Through 4-H, youth gain real-world skills and experiences to help them become confident leaders who are resilient, confident, and Beyond Ready for the future."

During National 4-H Week, 4-H members, alumni, volunteers, and supporters will wear green, participate in community service projects, and share their stories on social media using #4HBeyondReady and #National4HWeek.

To learn more about local programs or get involved, contact Sarah Boyer, Youth Program Associate at 417-745-6767 or sboyer@missouri.

Library Board of Directors Holds Meeting

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reported that 204 McDonald punch cards were distributed.

Under the Circulation Report, new library cards were reported at 13, with a total of 127 year to date. It was recorded that there were 997 reference visits to the Library with a total August circulation of 3,410.

The Financial Report noted that the balance as of September 2025 was \$74,224.79. Smith moved to accept these reports as presented. Jenkins seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

In the President's Report, Aubuchon commended Coulsell for "reinventing the wheel" to bring the various programs into the Library. She also commended the staff for the welcoming atmosphere and making it a "happy place" to come and enjoy the many things offered to the community.

Under Library Association report, it was

stated that The Annual Corporation Filing had been submitted and accepted. Under Friends of the Library, it was stated that Friends of the Library are still offering for sale "A Blind Date with a Book". Each book will come with treats and a hint of what you might get to read. These are being offered for \$10 each while supplies last.

The Hickory County Library will be closed on Monday, Oct. for Columbus Day, with the Friends of the Library book sale scheduled for Oct. 14-20.

Under Old Business, it was noted that the Book Bingo program will return in the future and under New Business, it was said the Halloween theme and program are in their initial planning stages.

The next meeting will be a 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, at the Hickory County Library in Hermitage.



Death Notices

Carol Lousie Kannady

Carol Lousie Kannady was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on April 18th, 1947, to Clyde and Ruth (Ward) Kannady, and was called to heaven on September 26th, 2025, at the age of 78. Carol and her family lived in Bixby, Oklahoma area until she was 12, when they moved to a farm north of Wheatland. She graduated from Wheatland High School in 1965. Carol attended Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, MO where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in business education and a minor in English in 1969. She lived in and taught at Lowry City, MO for 2 years before moving to Belton, MO in 1971. She taught Business at Grandview High School in Grandview, MO from 1971 until 1983, earning a master's degree from Central Missouri State University during this time.

While teaching at Grandview, she met fellow teacher Jim Frey, and Carol and Jim were married on July 12, 1976. In 1983, Jim and Carol decided they would like to spend the rest of their years in the Wheatland area and began building a house north of Wheatland near her parents. The same year, Carol joined the staff of the Hermitage School District where she continued her career teaching business until she retired in 1996. Carol and Jim raised cattle and helped her parents with their farm. Carol was very comfortable and happy on the farm. She helped Jim with cattle and was able to keep track of and identify them as well and he was.

Carol's faith in the lord was strong. She was a member of the Wheatland Church of the Nazarene, where she served as treasurer for over 25 years. She also wrote the church's news for the local paper, helped clean the church, and served in any way she could to support the church. She often sang in the community Easter Cantata and participated in the Sisters in Christ Community group. She cherished the time spent with her fellow church members and treasured the friendships she made there.

Carol enjoyed working in her flower beds, sewing, cross-stitch, and especially spending time with her family. Her granddaughter, Lauren, spent many summer days and school breaks with her Grandpa Jim and Grandma Carol. They fed the cows, baked, did crafts, went places, and truly enjoyed making memories and being together.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law Albert Frey, Sr., mother-in-law Marie Frey, and Sister-in-law Grace Kannady, Mary Anne Rule, and Romona Meyer. She is survived by her husband Jim of the home, daughter Lesa (Breshears) Kitson and husband Terry Smith, granddaughter Lauren and husband Josh Durham, great grandson Alden and great granddaughter Avanelle, step-grandsons Bryan and Brad Smith and their families, brother Howard Kannady, and wife Pam, brothers-in-law Cecil Rule and Steve Meyer, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Albert Frey, Jr. and Dolores Frey, nieces Annie, Mary, Jennifer, Johnna, and Abby, and nephews Joseph and John.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at Hathaway-Peterman Funeral home in Wheatland MO at 9:00 am. Services to follow at 10:00 am. A short graveside service will be held at the burial site in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Raytown, MO at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Wheatland Church of the Nazarene.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Home, Wheatland, MO.

Land Transfers

in Hickory County from the office of Pamela Hutton, Recorder.

Mary L. Lilly to Randy C. Perry, the North seventy-five (75) feet of Lot three (3) in block L of Lightfoot Lakeview Heights Unit No. 1 Subdivision.

Randall Lake to RTHT LLC, Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Timberline Subdivision.

Larry and Belinda Turner and James and Michelle Shannon to James Dean and Michelle Marie Shannon, Lot One (1) and Lot Two (2) of Candlelite Lane Subdivision.

Leonard M. and Ann J. O'Harrow to Brenda and Jeff Novel, Lots Sixteen (16)(less and except the East 25 feet thereof) in Block Two (2) of the Amended Plat of Martin's Lakeside Subdivision; together with a One-half (1/2) interest in Well located near the property line of lots 15 and 16 in said Block 2.

David Wayne and Jean Marie Eidson to Michael W. Schoenfelder, Lot Three (3) of Kenwood Hills Subdivision.

Donald J. Schleicher to Gina Hohensee, Lot 17 Block 1 in Reser-Teters Subdivision; also an undivided 1/24th interest in Lot 12 in Block 1 in Reser-Teters Subdivision.

Lucas C. and Bridget Luff to Matthew and Erika Vega and Dustin and Angela Reed, All of Lot Eleven (11) in Block Twenty-three (23) in Riviera Pomme de Terre Subdivision.

Harley Page Maxwell to Maurice L. and Janis Pitts, Lots Sixteen (16) in Dogwood Estates Subdivision.

Jesse J. Skidmore to Heritage Parks LLC, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Pomme de Terre Horseshoe Acres Subdivision.

Eric Peterson to Byron and Emily C. Devlin and Shawn and Kristin E. Didde, All of Lot One (1) in Block Five (5) of Lake Forest Subdivision and All of Lot Nineteen (19) in Block Six (6), except beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 19, Block 6 Lake Forest Subdivision.

Viserion LLC to Jason and Stephanie Greer, Lots Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block N of Lakeview Heights Unit No. 1 Subdivision.

Sherry A. and Keith Brainard to Mason A. Collins and Alexia B. Mayer, Lot 6 in Pomme Terrace subdivision.

Hutzell Properties LLC and Adam and Jennifer Hutzell to David W. Sardeson, Lots 4, 5 and 11 in Block 5 of Pomme de Villa Subdivision and Lots 9 and 10 in Block 5 of Pomme de Villa Subdivision.

Gary and Victoria Manford to Stephen Lynn and Sherry Manford, Lot Seven (7) in Block Six(6) of Fox Meadows Subdivision and undivided 1/25th interest in Well Number Four (4) located on a tract six feet square in the Southeast corner of Lot (9) in Block 2 of said Fox Meadows Subdivision.

Michael E. and Janet L. Long to John R and Jeri E. Turpin, Lots or Tracts "1" and "H" in Block 5 together with all the vacated roadway between Lots or Tracts "1" and "H" in said Block 5, all in Owen's Grandview Estates Subdivision, an undivided 1/9th interest in the Well Lot or Tract "A" of the re-survey and re-plat of re-survey of Block 5 of Owen's Grandview Estates Subdivision; A part of Lot or Tract "G" of the re-survey and re-plat of Block 5 of Owen's Grandview Estates Subdivision.

Hickory County Marriage Licenses

Blake Warren Darby to Ryleigh Jaxx Glor, married September 6, 2025, Dallas County, by Kenneth Moulder.

Logan Cole Ludtke to Madison Cheyenne Strawser, married August 22, 2025, Wheatland, Mo., by Tony Long.

Larry Scott Hufferd to Sarah Elizabeth Ropchock, married August 16, 2025, Hermitage, Mo., by Michael J. Baham.

Hunter Riley Jones to Madison Laine Sutt, married August 8, 2025, Polk, Mo., by Mike Bruce.

David Lee Perry to Heather Marie Rhoades, married August 6, 2025, Hermitage, Mo., by Stephen Carmichael.

Larry Alan Crocker to Kathryn Sue Barber, married July 30, 2025, Warsaw, Mo., by Todd Griffin.



Lake Area Community Orchestra Winter Schedule

The Lake Area Community Orchestra has announced its 2025 Winter Concert Schedule. None of the concerts are planned for the Hickory County area, but some are in a nearby vicinity.

Officials have announced a six concert winter schedule and they will be performing in Crocker for the first time. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Free will donations are welcome.

Locations and Times Include

Sunday, Nov. 30: Community Christian Church in Camdenton

Tuesday, Dec. 2: First Baptist Church in Eldon

Sunday, Dec. 7: Amazing Grace Fellowship Church in Crocker

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Hope Lutheran Chapel (Sokoll Building) in Osage Beach

Sunday, Dec. 14: West Lake Christian Church in Laurie

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Lake Ozark Christian Church in Lake Ozark

Included in this year's program will be a variety of Christmas songs and other selections, including Fanfare for Christmas, A Fresh Aire Christmas, A Holiday Galop, I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day, and Christmas Fancies. For more contact the director, Dr. Nate Moe, at (815) 721-4527, or visit www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.

Governor Signs Executive Order Concerning Drought

In response to continuing drought conditions in the State of Missouri, Governor Mike Kehoe has signed Executive Order 25-29, which declares a drought alert in Missouri until Dec. 1, 2025.

With limited rainfall experienced this fall season, the U.S. Drought Monitor has indicated that all or portions of 85 Missouri counties, and the City of St. Louis, have been experiencing moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions. Kehoe's order declares a Drought Alert in these counties and any additional one that begins experiencing moderate drought conditions.

"This executive order allows our state agencies to step in and direct resources to those struggling with the consequences of drought, while allowing for vigilant monitoring of conditions over the next few months," Governor Kehoe said. "While much of our state is anticipating rainfall this week, we expect drought conditions to continue impacting agriculture and waterway navigation. We urge Missourians to report their local conditions in order to help local, state, and federal partners to best understand

impacts."

During drought, local condition reports are crucial to understanding impacts to provide timely and appropriate assistance. Citizens can submit information about local drought conditions at Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR).

The Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan calls for intergovernmental communication, cooperation, and coordination of efforts in drought mitigation activities. A variety of resources are online at www.dnr.mo.gov/drought. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is adding information on drought mitigation and assistance opportunities as it becomes available. The one-stop drought website features a link to CMOR, current drought-related news, the current United States and Missouri drought maps, the Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan, and other resources, including information on previous droughts.

The Executive Order will expire on Dec. 1, unless otherwise terminated or extended.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11

Oct. 5-11, is known as National Fire Prevention Week. This year, efforts will be made to address lithium-ion battery risks and ways to minimize them.

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 100 years, the National Fire Prevention Association has announced "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home" as this year's theme. They said that most of the electronics in homes-smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys-are powered by lithium-ion batteries. But if not used correctly or damaged, these can overheat and start a fire or explode.

"Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Making sure the public knows how to use them safely is critical to minimizing the potential risks they pose."

According to NFPA, devices powered by lithium-ion batteries are largely used without incident. However, reports of fires and explosions involving lithium-ion batteries have been on the rise in recent years, reinforcing the importance of better educating the public about how to use, handle, and recycle them safely.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety" provides the information, guidance, and resources needed to buy, charge, and dispose of/recycle lithium-ion batteries safely, with a focus on the following:

They reminded the public to buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets established safety standards. Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

They also said to charge devices safely. Always use the cables that come with the product to charge it. Also, charge the device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



Preventable Fires- Image of Lithium battery fire courtesy of FireChief Global.

Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Lastly, remember to dispose of/recycle batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire. Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a nearby recycling location.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated throughout North America every October and is the oldest U.S. public health observance on record. For more than 100 years, it has worked to educate people about the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

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Opinion/History

Looking Back

September 24, 1925
Do You Know?

That Missouri has one of the most valuable and interesting state museums in the United States, located in the new capitol building?

That all graded earth roads on the state highway system will be eventually hard surfaced?

That President Calvin Coolidge works harder than the average man of affairs, spending twelve hours daily at his desk?

That in one year under Republican regime in Missouri the schools increased from 329 to 446—a gain of 117, or 35 per cent? This record was made while Governor Sam A. Baker was state superintendent of schools.

September 26, 1935
Notes From the Pathfinder

The sure way to make the winter pass quickly is to sign a note in the fall.

It's a good thing that the way of the transgressor is hard or it would never stand the heavy traffic.

We trust Mussolini has warned his over-enthusiastic soldier boys not to accept any 'wooden alati' (Ethiopian nickels).

All the world's a stage, just as Shakespeare said—but most of us have to be content to work behind the scenes.

President Roosevelt struck a great idea when he decided to improve American literature by giving book writers and poets other employment.

Scientists claim to have discovered to have discovered a long-legged sheep in the Himalayas that can run 40 miles an hour. It would take a lamb even faster than that to follow Mary now.

The fact that there are twice as many crimes committed by single men as by married men is proof enough that the terror inspired by the domestic authority is more potent than that exacted by the legal authority.

Uncle Eli says it's true that in the horse and buggy days we didn't have to pour hot water on the old gray mare to get her under way on a cold morning, but don't forget that about the most reliable method of getting a balky mule started on any kind of a day was to build a fire under her.

September 27, 1945
Religion in Everyday Life

It was in the spirit of Christ that men gained their freedom. It is in the spirit of Christ that we shall preserve it.

At bottom, the question of democracy or tyranny is a question of religious faith. Totalitarianism will have nothing to do with the idea of internationalism and world brotherhood. It cramps their style. The glorify war and nurture the spirit of radial arrogance and hate. They deny liberty to all but themselves. The democracies can only flourish in an atmosphere of human brotherhood. If every American or Canadian is equally valuable in the sight of God, so is every Frenchman and German, every Russian and Japanese.

September 22, 1955
Preventing Tuberculosis

TB is your problem. But, you say, you don't know a single person who has tuberculosis. Are you sure? How do you know? That's just the trouble with this insidious disease. It can hide for long periods behind a mask that imitates health.

If TB were like measles, it would probably be under complete control today. Medical science can plot the course of measles from the time of infection through the incubation to the outbreak of the familiar symptoms. Within a specified time the disease

is cured, and the patient is immune to another infection. Not so with tuberculosis.

In the first place, infection with tuberculosis germs does not necessarily mean that disease will break out at all. You can be exposed to TB, take in a good dose of germs from someone who has the disease, and yet be able to fight the germs to a standstill. Months, even years after the disease might start up either because of a new invasion of germs or because the body's defenses against the old infection have weakened. Even then tuberculosis may not declare itself openly. It can be active for some time without obvious symptoms.

Since a person who has TB may not feel ill, he may go about his business and pleasure as usual. Of course, he will be getting steadily worse and spreading his germs to those about him, although he looks as healthy as ever.

Another way tuberculosis differs from many other infectious diseases is that one outbreak doesn't always end the story. The cured ex-patient has to make an effort to stay well, for his disease can start up again if he is careless with his health.

There are no red spots to identify those who may have tuberculosis. You may or may not be one of them. But it is your responsibility to know. You can know for sure by having a regular physical check-up by your physician and a chest X-ray as often as he advises.

This column is sponsored, in the interest of better health, by the Missouri Tuberculosis Association.

Success lies in finding what you can do best, and then sticking to it.

September 23, 1965
Health and Safety Tips
Polio Vaccine

Have you kept up your immunity against polio?

Today's Health, the magazine of the American Medical Association, cautions: Do not be lulled into a false sense of security in controlling this paralyzing disease because of the overwhelming success of Salk and Sabin vaccine. These vaccines have not eradicated the viruses which cause polio. Rather, like all vaccines, they trigger the body's defenses to build up antibodies which can combat the viruses if they should gain entry into the body.

All persons who have not been properly immunized against polio are still vulnerable to attack. This includes two-thirds of pre-school age youngsters who have not received full protection.

Three viruses which cause polio have been identified. Both Salk and Sabin vaccines protect against all three.

The Salk vaccine is administered in a series of injections, three about six weeks apart and a fourth six months or more after the third. The Sabin vaccine, taken by mouth, is given in three doses, six weeks apart. Either vaccine may be given to infants at a very early age. All expectant mothers should be vaccinated, as they are particularly susceptible to polio.

Although polio is primarily a childhood disease, it also can strike adults.

Even persons who have had polio from one type of virus remain susceptible to additional attacks from the other two viruses.

Check with your doctor regarding immunization against polio for you and your family.

September 25, 1975
NEWS BRIEFS
Lake Visitors Increase

Over 12 million persons visited the 11 Corps of Engineers lakes in the Kansas City District from January 1 through September 1 this year. According to the Corps, this represents a 13 percent gain over last year for their lakes in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Of the two Kansas City District lakes in Missouri, Pomme de Terre recorded the

biggest increase—a 40 percent gain in visitors over last year. Stockton, with 1,400,273 visitors was up 6 percent over last year. Over the Labor Day Weekend, Stockton had one of the most impressive records in the district—90,749 visitors, up 147 percent over the same weekend last year.

September 26, 1985
It Must Be Fall...

Signs of early fall are everywhere in the Ozarks. The hickory, walnut, elm, and sumac leaves have changed to their brilliant yellows and reds. Wildflowers such as daisies can be seen by the millions. The colorful monarch butterflies are passing through the country on their annual southward migration, and ripe walnuts are ready for harvesting.

September 21, 1995
Eugene Burnett, 65

Eugene Burnett, 65, Wheatland, Mo., died Tuesday, September 12, 1995, at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield.

He was a retired electrician and plumber and was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force. He and his wife had lived in the Wheatland area the past 20 years.

Survivors include his wife Barbara; four sons, William Burnett, Middleton, Ca., Calvin Burnett, Bolivar, Donald Burnett, LaMonte, and Ronald Burnett, Wheatland; two daughters, Rita Burnett of Springfield and Tina Simmons, Wheatland; a brother, David Burnett, Jackson, Mi.; four sisters, Tommie Miller, Oakdale, Ca., Emma Nance, Groesbeck, Tx., Ollie Mae Walker, Empire, Ca., and Billie Joe Paulsen, Willows, Ca.; his mother-in-law, Marie Clarkson, Hermitage; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were September 16 at Hathaway-Peterson Funeral Home Chapel at Wheatland with Rev. Gary Pearsons officiating. Burial was in Dooly Bend Cemetery with military rites by the Galmey V.F.W. Post.

September 21, 2005
Acknowledges Act of Kindness During Emergency

I would like to publicly acknowledge a true act of kindness. On August 24 my three greyhounds and I were headed to our lake home near Galmey in a minivan. Halfway between Collins and Weaubleau the air conditioning locked up, the fan belt broke and the engine overheated. The owners of the Weaubleau motel, Ron and Sandy Kruse, and their children, Jennifer and Maggie, were headed west on Highway 54. They did a U-turn and asked if I needed help. We got the dogs out of the car, and Sandy went back to Weaubleau to get water. The Kruses waited one and a half hours with me until the tow truck arrived and then loaded us all in their SUV and drove us to my home in Galmey. They refused to take any money, even for their gas. It is wonderful to have such caring and generous people coming to our area. My wife and I and of course "the boys" want to say thank you to them. They are proof that there are angels amongst us.

Dick Rose,
Kansas City, Mo.

September 23, 2015
Shiloh Church Honors Local Veterans With Quilts

At its recent "Wing and A Prayer" event to honor 9/11 victims and their families, Shiloh Church's "Christ Has You Covered Ministry" group gave small quilts that they had made to local veterans in appreciation for their courage and sacrifice in laying down their lives for others. This is an ongoing ministry with the goal of making sure that every veteran within the church's realm of influence receives a quilt and the love of Christ that goes with it.

Congressman Mark Alford

Capitol Report (MO-4) Sept. 15-21

Putting the American Dream Back in Reach

What's Going On in Washington? Home ownership has long been a cornerstone of the American Dream. It's a place to raise a family, build equity, and put down roots. Yet for too many hardworking Missourians, that dream is slipping further away. Rising costs, confusing regulations, and fragmented programs are making homeownership harder than it should be.

That's why I introduced the Saving the American Dream Act. This is a bipartisan effort with my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Real Estate Caucus: Reps. Lou Correa, Tracey Mann, and Brittany Pettersen. The legislation is about delivering real solutions by making government work smarter, not bigger.

The act would create an interagency task force between HUD, Treasury, and other key agencies to break down silos so housing programs and data align with common goals. It will cut red tape, reduce regulatory barriers, and lower costs for construction and development. It will also address insurance availability and affordability, especially in areas facing higher risk premiums.

The program will also help home owners make down payments and mortgages, and make transaction costs more manageable for families. It will improve transparency and accountability by measuring what actually works.

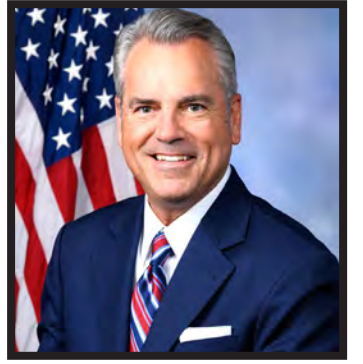
This bill is about evidence-based policy. Instead of layering on more programs, it focuses on coordination, efficiency, and real results. It's also bipartisan, proving that when Republicans and Democrats work together, we can tackle issues that affect every American family.


The outcome? More affordable mortgages, fewer hidden costs, and a housing market that opens doors for first-time buyers, growing families, and retirees who want to stay in their communities.

The Saving the American Dream Act has already earned strong support from housing industry leaders and community advocates. However, for it to become law, Congress must take action and I'll keep fighting until it does.

Together, we can make sure the American Dream isn't out of reach but alive and well for generations to come!

God bless you, God bless Missouri, and God bless America.





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TWO STEPS TO VICTORY!

Hello, Dear Readers!

Thank you for allowing me into your space today. I wish we could sit down over a cup of tea and encourage one another with the promises of God's Word. Since that is not possible to do in person, I pray that you will sense my heart being with you and standing in faith for God's best in your life. Thank you to those that take the time to reach out through cards or letters. They mean so much to me, and I keep each one. If there is something you would like to share with me, or if you need me to come into prayerful agreement with you for a breakthrough, you may write to me using the contact information above. I look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, let's look at the profound warning, as well as the incredible promise of Jesus Christ found in *John 10:10 (AMPC)*: *"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."*

The word [overflow] can be defined as [in excess... with no available space]. So, to be clear, Jesus wants us to 'have and enjoy life' in excess. He wants us to be so filled with His presence that there is no space for the enemy to occupy. In His presence is 'fullness' of joy, and the joy of the Lord is your 'strength'. The enemy of your soul, Satan, wants to strip your life of joy and strength. He wants to take up space in your mind and heart with thoughts that are anxious, depressed, uncertain, and destructive. He wants to outright rob you of your positive expectations for the future, and your enduring hope and gladness which pour out of your personal relationship with the King of kings. But the truth is, if you are saved, the enemy has absolutely no authority to

do so. The only way he can take 'abundant life' from you is if you lend your God given authority to him, yielding your mind to his suggestions, and yielding your emotions to his manipulation. Jesus has promised you abundant light and life. Darkness has no place in the heart and mind of a born-again believer. And although there are dark times that come over us, the darkness has no authority to remain. And if anything from the spiritual realm of darkness has occupied or taken up territory in your life, it has done so illegally; it has trespassed on your promised land, and an eviction notice must be issued.

You do this in two steps. Let me show you that very powerful method found in the book of James. *James 4:7 (NKJV)*: *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."*

I want to break down these two steps with you. Step #1 (SUBMIT TO GOD) The working definition of SUBMIT is [accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person] It means, you are saying: "God, you are the Boss... You are in charge... I accept Your instruction and guidance; I yield to Your will." Step #2 (RESIST THE DEVIL) The working definition of RESIST is [exert force in opposition]. In other words, this is not a passive thing. This is an intentional act where the child of God exerts force and says, "NOT TODAY SATAN". *James 4:7* is our battle strategy, and we end up on the winning end every time we expedite these steps. Just two steps to victory! SUBMIT & RESIST, and the devil has no alternative but to FLEE FROM YOU. Get back what He is trying to convince you is his. He has no right to the blessings of God for your life.

Until Next Time, Dear Readers
Here's To Hope

Don't Put Away Lawn Equipment

Don't put away your lawn equipment just yet. Fall isn't just about admiring the colors and taking care of the leaves, it's also a critical time for yard care. The TurfMutt Foundation, which advocates for the care and use of yards, parks, schoolyards and other green spaces, urges homeowners to get outside and start preparing yards for the seasons ahead.

"Fall is the secret to a successful lawn," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation. "What you do in your yard this season will pay off with a greener, healthier yard next spring. By taking a few simple steps, you can set up your yard for a stunning comeback just in time for next year's back yarding season."

Here is a fall checklist to ensure yards stay healthy:

Aerate Soil: Aerating creates small holes that let air, water and nutrients reach the roots, making them stronger to withstand the winter. This is especially important in compacted, high-traffic areas.

Mow At Right Height: Keep mowing until the first hard frost. For the final cut, lower your mower blade to about two inches. A shorter cut helps prevent mold and allows

the grass to dry out quickly in the spring.

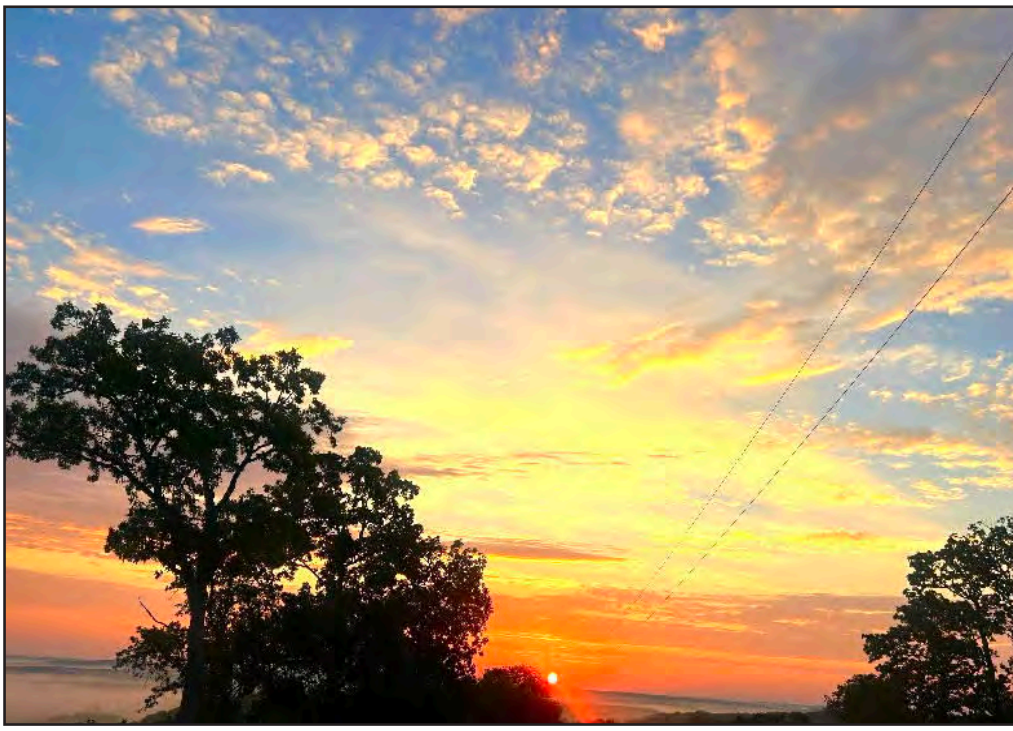
Overseed: Fall is a favorable time to overseed to fill bare spots and make your lawn more resilient. The combination of the warm soil, cool air, and moisture in autumn helps seeds germinate.

Mulch Leaves: Instead of bagging your leaves, consider mulching them with your mower. Mulched leaves return valuable nutrients back into your lawn, acting as Mother Nature's fertilizer.

Think About Wildlife: Nature starts at your back door. Limit deadheading and trimming to provide food and shelter for local birds, insects, and other wildlife that rely on our yards during the colder months.

Plant Bulbs for Spring: Before the ground freezes, plant spring-blooming bulbs such as daffodils and tulips that will add a burst of color to your yard in the spring. Use the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map to find the best native bulbs for your area: <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>.

For more "backyarding" ideas and activities to engage kids in the green space around them this fall and beyond visit www.turfmutt.com.



Beautiful Country- John Berry submitted more photographs of beautiful skies and landscapes taken from around Hickory County and the Pomme de Terre Lake area.



Fall Feeding Management

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Once again, cattle producers are faced with dry soil conditions which have prevented expected fall growth of cool-season grass pastures. Many are now feeding hay, but are hoping for moisture to stimulate some regrowth for grazing. At the risk of sounding like a broken record due to dry fall conditions in the past few years, below are some management reminders to consider when dealing with limited to no fall pasture growth.

One idea is to reduce forage demand. For spring-calving cows, this means weaning calves. Weaning can reduce cow forage dry matter demand by 6 to 7 pounds per day. Supplement inputs can then be put into a saleable product (the calf), rather than used to maintain cow body condition.

There are a variety of approaches to stretching hay supplies. One is to limit the time cows have access to hay feeders. This reduces hay feeding waste, but must be done in such a way that cow body condition does not suffer. Poor quality hay should not be used in this setting.

A second option is to unroll enough hay in the morning to meet one-half of the cow's dry matter requirement and provide the other one-half of the cow's dry matter requirement in the evening in the form of a grain mix.

Corn harvest is beginning in some areas, so look for opportunities to graze corn stalks or other crop residues as harvest progresses. Again, dry beef cows are an excellent choice to graze crop residues. Other classes of beef cattle can be grazed as well, but some type of additional supplementation is needed to meet nutritional requirements of these animals.

Summer annuals or weeds such as johnson grass can provide grazing, but be aware of nitrate and prussic acid concerns in some of these forages. Regrowth after rain can be particularly dangerous to graze. In some instances, it may be best to not graze these forages until one- to two-weeks after a killing frost this fall. This will not eliminate a nitrate problem, however.



The Sumner Cemetery would greatly appreciate your help or donations. We operate on only donations. Some of our needs are: Gravel, DIRT, EQUIPMENT for the restoration. We have several family and friends and loved ones that are buried in the Sumner Cemetery. If you can help with clean-up it would be greatly appreciated. We will be there on Saturday, Oct. 11 and Rain delayed Saturday, Oct. 18. Make donations, check payable to Sumner Cemetery PO BOX 242 Wheatland MO, 65779. If you need more information call Sherry (Chaney) Basinger 417-770-5940. APPRECIATE ALL THE DONORS, from family and friends especially Wallmack Monument, Kerr Rock & Dirt, Nemo Quarry, Taylor Made Roofing.

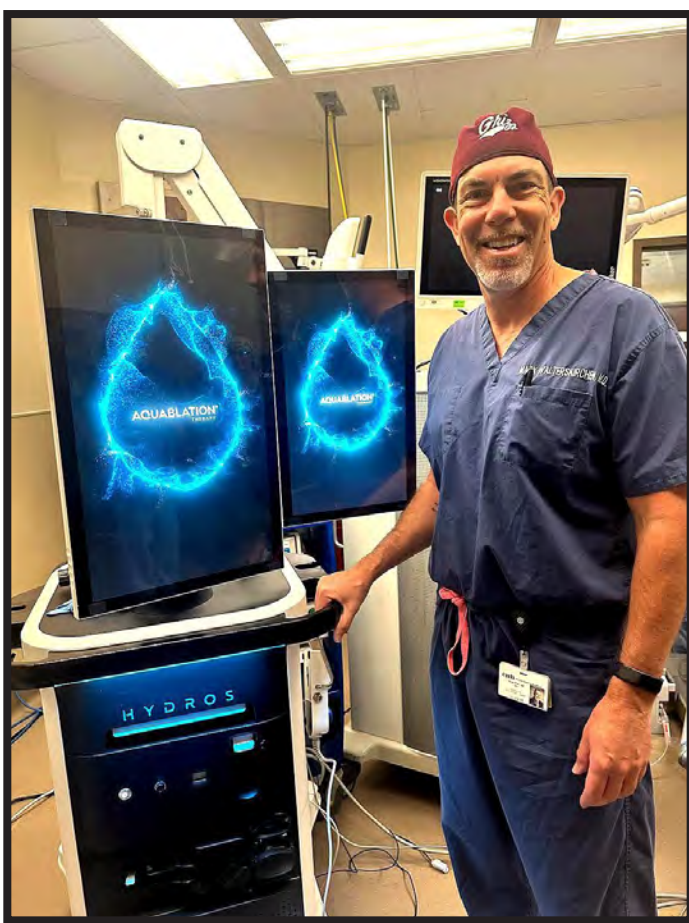
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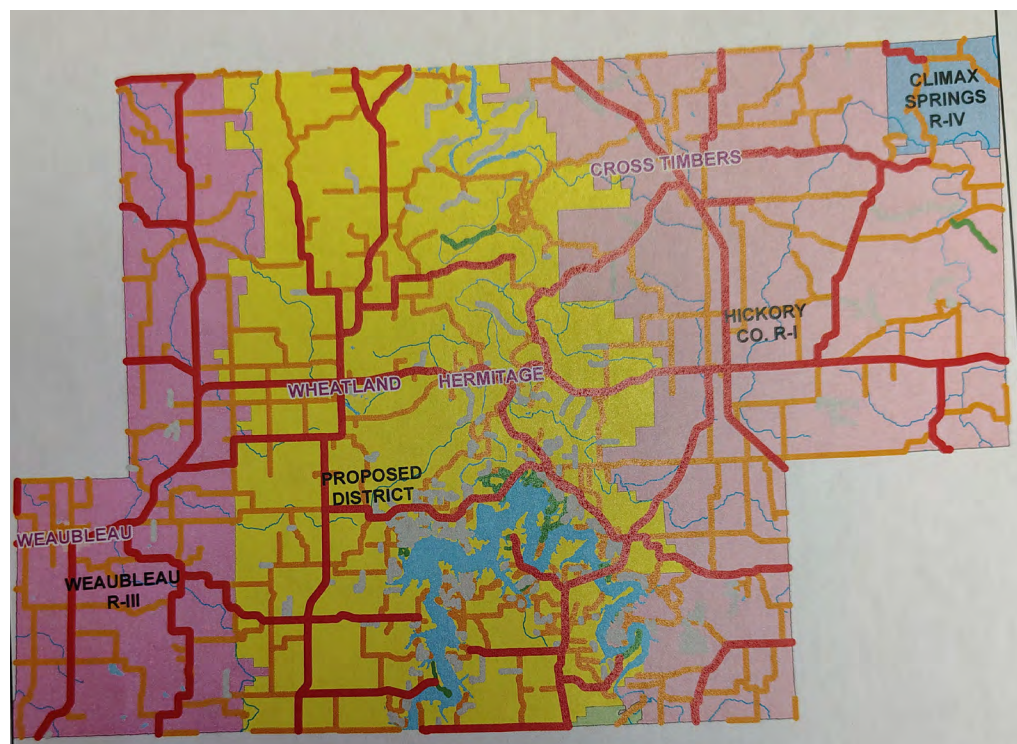
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Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hermitage R-IV School district and Wheatland R-11 School District that the Board of Education in said School Districts has called a special election to be held in said School District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
Absentee ballots are now available for voting in the County Clerk's office.
Absentee ballots for this Election may be requested in person until 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the election or you may request an absentee ballot by mail until October 22, 2025, from the Hickory County Clerk, PO Box 3, Hermitage, MO 65668.
The Clerk's office will be open 8 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, November 1, 2025, for absentee voting.

Tamara Weidman, Election Authority



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The Skyline Performing Arts Center consists of approximately 11,200 SF performing arts center. The project includes a 430-seat auditorium, lobby, and support spaces. The project is pre-engineered metal building construction with concrete foundations and slab on grade.

Bidders may obtain Contract Documents beginning on Thursday, September 25,

2025, from: Engineers Re-prographics, 1600 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, Missouri 65802, Phone: 417-869-2222. Sets are available for a refundable deposit and are available digitally at www.erplanroom.com. For more information, please contact: Project Manager Emily Biagioni-Paulette at Paragon Architecture, 417-885-0002, extension 1022, or by email at: biagioni-paulette@paragon-architecture.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 twenty (20) 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 Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Skyline Schools High School Library. This meeting is strongly recommended for all prime bidders and strongly recommended for all subcontractors.

Hickory County R-I Skyline Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages the submission of bids from Minority, Women-owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran Firms.

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SEPT. 18

CARELESS AND IMPRUDENT DRIVER: County Road 140/Highway 65 in Preston. The calling party reported that a vehicle was "all over the roadway." Chief Deputy Mackie responded and located the vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver was not impaired and did not require medical attention. They were given a verbal warning for speeding. No further action was required.

SEPT. 19

COMMERCIAL ALARM: County Road 50 in Cross Timbers at the Lucas Ranch Main Lodge. Per the alarm company, an interior motion alarm was activated. A deputy was dispatched. The deputy was canceled enroute as this was deemed to be an accidental activation by an employee. No further action was required.

COMMERCIAL ALARM: Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland. Per the alarm company, an alarm was activated on the east entry door to the cash office. A deputy was dispatched and was canceled enroute as this was deemed to be an accidental alarm activation by an employee. No further action was required.

VERBAL DISTURBANCE: County Road 316 in Urbana. Per the reporting party, there was a verbal conflict with a neighbor over a property line. Deputies responded with all reporting that the parties had been contacted. The neighbor who had been creating the conflict had left the area. A report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

TRESPASS IN PROGRESS: Highway 65 in Preston. Per the calling party, a male known to him was on his property and refusing to leave. There was possible damage to the property. Deputies responded and contact was made with all parties. The calling party did not wish to pursue charges or complete a report. The male suspect left the area. No further action was required.

SEPT. 20

TRESPASS IN PROGRESS: County Road 316 in Urbana. Per the reporting party, a neighbor was trespassing on the property and cut a rope that had been put up for installing a fence. A deputy responded and contact was made with all parties. Both neighbors had previously been officially trespassed from each other's properties. A female neighbor was taken into custody and transported to the Hickory County Sheriff's Office for booking and processing. A report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

VERBAL DISTURBANCE: County Road 316 in Urbana. Per the reporting party, a male related to a female that had been previously arrested for trespassing was now on the scene in a verbal dispute with their spouse. The male was known to have warrants for other Missouri counties. A deputy responded and contact was made with all parties. They were all checked for warrants. The male was confirmed to have warrants out of two other counties. He was transported to the Hickory County Sheriff's Office for booking and processing. A report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

VERBAL DISTURBANCE: County Road 316 in Urbana. This was the third call to the same location. Per the reporting party, a second male had arrived on the scene and was creating a disturbance concerning property lines. A deputy responded back to the scene and the second male was also trespassed from the neighbor's property. A report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

VERBAL DISTURBANCE: County Road 316 in Urbana. This was the fourth call to the same location. Per the reporting party, reportedly, neighbors building a fence had "touched their property line with their feet." Deputies responded and clarified this is a civil matter and no offense occurred. No further action was required.

TRESPASS IN PROGRESS: County Road 316 in Urbana. This was the fifth call to the same location. Per a female reporting party, neighbors were on her property and she was "seeing red lights." Deputies responded and found that no one was outside on the property. The red lights being seen were from a trail camera that she had put up on the property, along with the neighbor's camera. No further action was required.

MISSING PERSON: County Road 421 in Preston. An elderly adult was reported as missing. Per the reporting party, his father was traveling through Kansas and called him, seeming confused. The Kansas State Highway Patrol and Missouri State Highway Patrol had already been notified of the missing person, per the reporting party. The Hickory County Sheriff's Office dispatched obtained phone and vehicle information for the missing male and began a "phone ping" of his cellphone to help obtain his location, which was provided by the phone provider. Oklahoma law enforcement was also contacted regarding his possible location. The elderly male was located along with his vehicle. He was not injured, but was transported for a medical evaluation. The family was notified. The male was found safe. No further action was required.

SEPT. 21

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Highway 65 in Preston. Per the reporting party, he found a deceased cow in his pasture. He believed there were suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of the animal. A deputy and Conservation Agent responded and photos were taken. The Conservation Agent agreed to an investigation. No further action was required.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: Highway H near Flemington. This was a water rescue. Per a 911 caller, a female driving a Ranger side by side had driven into a pond. Deputies, fire and medical personnel responded. The female was rescued from the water. The Ranger was recovered. There were no injuries to the female or damage other than water to the side by side. Medical response was canceled. No further action was required.

ABANDONED VEHICLE: Third Avenue in Wheatland. Per the reporting party/owner of the property, a vehicle had been left in her driveway, per the neighbors, approximately two days ago. It had an out of state tag. The vehicle was ran through the computer system, which did not indicate that it was stolen property. A deputy responded and made contact with the owner of the property. They were advised that since it was on private property, they would have to have the vehicle towed. No further action was required.

SEPT. 22

BURGLARY NOT IN PROGRESS: County Road 91 in Weaubleau. Per the reporting party, he arrived at his residence and found property damage inside. The suspect was known to the reporting party. A deputy responded and a report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE NOT IN PROGRESS: Highway U in Cross Timbers. Per the reporting party, she advised that she had been assaulted earlier by her significant other. She did not require medical attention, but the suspect was still on the scene. A deputy responded and made contact with both parties. The female did not want a written report or to prosecute. The parties agreed to separate. No further action was required.

SEPT. 23

HARASSMENT: County Road 91 in Weaubleau. Per the reporting party, he was being harassed by a female known to him. Sworn statements were completed and a report was taken. This is an ongoing investigation.

SEPT. 24

ASSIST OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT: Auburn Road in Hermitage. Per the request of the Greene County Sheriff's Office, a deputy was being dispatched to attempt to locate an adult and juvenile female concerning their well being. A deputy responded and contact was made. No further action was required.

ASSIST OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT: County Road 270 in Wheatland. Per the request of the Greene County Sheriff's Office, a deputy was being dispatched to attempt to locate an adult and juvenile female concerning their well being. A deputy responded and contact was made. No further action was required.

LOCKOUT WITH NO DANGER: Highway 54 in Hermitage at the Casey's. Per the calling party, she had accidentally locked her young juvenile in a vehicle. A first responder made it to the scene and unlocked the vehicle. There were no injuries to any of the parties. No further action was required.

BURGLARY IN PROGRESS: Highway 83 in Flemington. Per the reporting party, Sheriff Greg Burke was advised that there were two parties on the property who were removing items "from a pile of property." Deputies responded and both parties were detained for investigation. They were released on the scene and trespassed from the reporting party's property. No further action was required.

BUSINESS CHECKS: 133
STORAGE CHECKS: 66
MEDICAL CALLS: 22
FIRE CALLS: 5
DECEASED PERSONS: 0
TOTAL CALLS: 343

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Notice of Successor Trustee's Sale

For default in the payment of principal and interest now past due on a certain promissory note dated March 31, 2020 and secured by a deed of trust dated March 31, 2020 signed by Wilbur D. Johnston, a single person, and recorded on April 6, 2020, as Instrument #2020R-0468, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Hickory County, Missouri, Lee J. Viorel, III will, at the request of the legal holder thereof, on the 23rd day of October, 2025, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., specifically at one o'clock p.m. at the South Door of the Hickory County Courthouse, Courthouse Square, 23645 Polk Street, in the City of Hermitage, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the property in the deed of trust described as:

A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 37, Range 22, described as follows: Lots 1, 2 and 3 as shown by the recorded survey thereof in New Survey record Book 1, page 41 of the Deed Records of Hickory County, Missouri, more fully described as: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 22; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West along the North line of said Section 22, a distance of 655.8 feet; thence South 1 degree 10 minutes West, a distance of 92.2 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48 minutes West, a

distance of 100.5 feet; thence South 2 degrees 11 minutes East, a distance of 100.1 feet; thence South 4 degrees 29 minutes East, a distance of 100.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 84 degrees 56 minutes West, a distance of 200.0 feet to the East right of way line of the existing county road; thence South 4 degrees 38 minutes East along the said East right of way line, a distance of 144.9 feet; thence along the said East right of way line on a curve to the left with a delta of 33 degrees 57 minutes and a radius of 674.5 feet, an arc distance of 156.7 feet; thence North 84 degrees 56 minutes East, a distance of 200.0 feet; thence North 14 degrees 01 minute West, a distance of 101.3 feet; thence North 5 degrees 56 minutes West, a distance of 100.0 feet; thence North 4 degrees 38 minutes West, a distance of 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT the tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 37, Range 22, described as follows: Lot 1 as shown by recorded Survey thereof in New Survey Record Book 1, page 41 of the Records of Hickory County, Missouri, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 22; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West along the North line of said Section 22, a distance of 655.8 feet; thence South 1 degree 10 minutes West, a distance of 92.2 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48 minutes West, a

distance of 100.5 feet; thence South 2 degrees 11 minutes East, a distance of 100.1 feet; thence South 4 degrees 29 minutes East, a distance of 100.0 feet; thence South 4 degrees 38 minutes West 100 feet; thence South 5 degrees 56 East, a distance of 100 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1, being the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence South 14 degrees 01 minutes East 101.2 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 1; thence South 84 degrees 56 minutes West 200 feet to the Southwest Corner of Lot 1, at the right of way line of existing road; thence Northerly along said road right of way line 101.4 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot 1 being South 84 degrees 56 minutes West from the point of beginning; thence North 84 degrees 56 minutes East 200 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to roads and easements. which has an address of 18095 County Road 134, Hermitage, MO 65668. for the purposes of satisfying the note and costs.

By: Lee J. Viorel, III, Successor Trustee

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TV Guide

10/1/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	Shifting Gears	Abbott Elementary	The Golden Bachelor		Shark Tank		Local Programming
CBS	Survivor		The Amazing Race				Local Programming
FOX	The Floor		99 to Beat		Local Programming		
NBC	Chicago Med		Chicago Fire		Chicago P.D.		Local Programming
PBS	Big Cats 24/7		NOVA		Sacred Planet with Gulnaz Khan		Amanpour & Co
CW	Law & Order Toronto: Criminal Intent		Wild Cards				Local Programming

10/2/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	911		911		911		Local Programming
CBS	Elsbeth		Elsbeth		Elsbeth		Local Programming
FOX	Hell's Kitchen		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test		Local Programming		
NBC	Law & Order		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Organized Crime		Local Programming
PBS	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Velvet		This Old House		Amanpour & Co
CW	Police 24/7		Police 24/7				Local Programming

10/3/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune		Twenty-Twenty				Local Programming
CBS	Fire Country		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		Local Programming
FOX	Women's College Volleyball				Local Programming		
NBC	On Brand with Jimmy Fallon		Dateline NBC				Local Programming
PBS	Washington Week	Firing Line With Marjorie	Great Performances		American Masters		
CW	Law & Order Toronto: Criminal Intent		Law & Order Toronto: Criminal Intent				Local Programming

10/4/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	College Football						Local Programming
CBS	Matlock		NCIS: Origins		48 Hours		Local Programming
FOX	College Football				The Quiz with Balls		
NBC	College Football						Local Programming
PBS	POV		Finding Your Roots		Firing Line with Marjorie		Austin City Limits
CW	PBR Bull Riding						Local Programming

10/5/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	Black Panther: Wakanda Forever						Local Programming
CBS	A Grammy Salute to Cyndi Lauper: Live From the Hollywood Bowl				Tracker		Local Programming
FOX	The Simpsons	Universal Basic Guy	Krapopolis	Bob's Burgers	Local Programming		
NBC	Sunday Night Football						
PBS	Brian and Maggie		Maigret		The Gold		Austin City Limits
CW	Days of Thunder						Local Programming

10/6/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	Monday Night Football						
CBS	The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood	FBI		Watson		Local Programming
FOX	Name That Tune		Celebrity Weakest Link		Local Programming		
NBC	The Voice				Brilliant Minds		Local Programming
PBS	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens		
CW	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Masters of Illusion		Local Programming		

10/7/25	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
ABC	Dancing with the Stars				High Potential		Local Programming
CBS	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS: Origins		Local Programming
FOX	Murder in a Small Town		Doc		Local Programming		
NBC	The Voice				On Brand with Jimmy Fallon		Local Programming
PBS	Finding Your Roots		Finding Your Roots		Frontline		
CW	WWE NXT				Local Programming		

Church News

Elkton Baptist Church

SSS. Tim Brenner announced upcoming events: 9/28 Pastor/Deacons Meeting 8:30am; 10/2 Sister's Act Meeting 1pm; 10/5 Missions Committee Meeting 8:30am; 10/5 Lord's Supper; 10/9 Lighthouse Singers Practice; 10/9 Choir Practice 5pm; 10/12 Pastor/Deacon Meeting 8:30am; 10/12 --10/17 Revival 7pm; 10/12 Church Lunch & Fellowship after Morning Service (No Sunday School); 10/26 Pastor/Deacons Meeting 8:30am Carolyn Johnson Celebrated her birthday; Prayers Request: The Christmas Shoebox Outreach, Tommy Ahart, Wade Lyon, Gary Sherman, Debra Fite, Barbara Dobson, Jerry Helmig, Steve & Velma Peoples & family, Chuck Blair, Stan Mayfield & Family, Tm Brenner, Loren Butler, Maxine Brown, Carolyn Johnson, Al Green, Shawn Knepp, Marilyn Case & Family, Carl & Patsy Hammon, Carl Hammond's Mother & Patsy's Sister, Dan & Pam Leach, Edwards family, Dee Perry, Don & LouDena Hunt & Family, Clinton Long, Students, Teachers & Staff, Revival, Unspoken Request, EBC Family Outreach, Our Nation, Military, Melna Mendenhall and all her Family. Offering Bearers: Carl Hammond & Jerry Smith Specials: The Davis Girls and song "Praise and Lighthouse Singers sang "All Because of God's Amazing Grace" and "A New Name in Glory" Pastor Paul Cofer sermon message titled "Harden Nat Your Heart and the Consequences and Dangers of Neglecting Your Heart." Scripture from Hebrew 3:1-13 and IJohn 4:4; Pianist: Karen Nickel ; Song Leader: Shirley Reno; Sound/ Video/ Computer Tech: Dennis Long; Melba Mendenhall taught Sunday School; Ron Kallweit taught Sunday School

Hermitage Christian Church

Paula Gronniger began the Sunday morning service with the announcements and a welcome to all. Mark Houser played the organ and Carla Moore played the piano. The lighting of the candles, signifying bringing the Light of Christ into the service was done by Clayton and Nathan Mick. The young disciple's message was delivered, which focused on the design of the egg, which is both delicate and can also withstand tremendous compressive force. Just like the great birds of prey who gently sit on their eggs and cover their young with protective wings, God also nurtures us and protects us. The Call to Worship was taken from Psalm 96:1-9, after which the pastor received prayers and praises from the congregation. The morning offering was collected by Deacons Joe Appleby and Joyce Schmitt. The hymn "Under His Wings I Am Safely Abiding" was sung, and Holy Communion was served, assisted by Paula Gronniger and Dianna Robinson. Carla Moore sang a music special: "You Can't Do Bad and Get By." Nathan Mick read from Acts 7:54-60, and Pastor Katherine Davis gave the message, "Under Eagle's Wings," with scripture taken from Psalm 91:1-16. Even though we read that God will be our refuge and protect us from all harm, our daily lives often present us with immense challenges. Sometimes there are things that we cannot predict in our lives that are true tragedies. We can have trouble getting through those times, and have difficulty forgiving those who offend us. The Apostle Paul gave us many examples of putting his duty and faith before his personal welfare - and even his life. After being arrested and beaten, Paul sang hymns of joy and thanksgiving from his prison cell. Sometimes it is hard to sing praises of joy when we are angry, sad and hurt, but we can give over to God all that troubles us. We can even give over to God, the ones who offend us most, and in faith, know that He has got this, and that His justice is perfect and enough. After the benediction, the congregation sang "God Will Take Care of You." Upcoming events: Men and Women's Disciple meetings on the 8th at 3:30 p.m. with the Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. Come have fun at the Sing Along on Thursday, October 16th at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner for all that evening at 6 p.m. Are you looking for a church home? We would love to meet you. Come join us next Sunday! Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Galmey Community Bible Church

Our Sunday School met at 10:00 AM with Sebrina Sirna leading the adult class. Teresa Cone teaches the Youth Class with the help of her husband, Bill. The kids celebrated Ruby Crottes' birthday. Galmey Community Bible Church opened our 11:00 AM Service with Deacon Larry Wilson welcoming everyone and opening in prayer. He then gave the announcements; Ushers were Ernie Fanning and Ron Phelps. Glenna Thacker was our greeter; Keavin Crites ran the sound board; Danny Phelps ran the computer; Sarah Cox played the piano; Marilyn Smith led the Music. Nancy Phelps sang a special song; Lisa Crites taught our Children's Church with help from Shirley Phillips. Visiting Pastor, Gary Walton, preached a message walking the congregation through the Bible, teaching about the truth regarding Communion and the church body. He closed in prayer with an invitation to come forward to the altar for prayer or salvation. The church participated in the Lord's Supper led by Pastor Walton and served by Deacons, Bill Burnett, Bill Cone, Keavin Crites, Wayne Gearhart and Larry Wilson and retired Deacon, Frank Groshong. We had no Evening Service. On Sundays we offer Sunday School at 10:00 AM followed by our 11:00 AM Service. We are not having our regular Sunday evening service until further notice. On Wednesday, we have our 6:30 PM Prayer and Praise service and the Seekers youth group at 6:30 - 7:30 PM taught by Gay Gearhart. The community is invited to join us. Each month on the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, we put together John and Romans Scripture booklets to send with Missionaries to people groups around the world free of charge. This is our Bearing Precious Seed Ministry. Our next workday is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025. We will break for lunch at noon. You are welcome to join us for an hour or two or the full day. Our Ladies Fall Luncheon on Friday, October 11, at 11:00 AM. We will be putting together a craft and having lunch and good fellowship. On Sunday, October 12, we will be thanking all the Pastors who have been filling the pulpit on Sunday mornings. This will be our annual Galmey "Tux" Sunday. Members dress in their best overalls and attend the morning service. At 5:00 in the evening,

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we will return for our annual Hot Dog Roast and Pastor Appreciation celebration. We have invited the Pastors to attend with their families so we can express our gratitude. On Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 PM "Voice of Truth" will be singing. The community is invited to join us for some good gospel music followed by fellowship and finger foods.

Pomme De Terre United Methodist Church

Sunday September 28, 2025 Pomme De Terre United Methodist Church had a wonderful service led by Bill Hargiss, Mike Alexander, and Bobbie Holstine shared the history in the book of Acts that we are studying in Sunday School. Please join us each Sunday for Adult Sunday School at 9 am, coffee and fellowship 9:45am - 10:15am and services at 10:30am We have a al anon support group on Mondays at 6:00pm, AA meets on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00pm and we have a grief support group on Thursday at 2:00pm in the library.

Prairie Chapel Church

Sunday School for all ages met at 9:30am. The hospitality servers were Adrian Hartley, Pam McReynolds, Dicie Burgess and Bud Iseman. The greeters were Josh Hartley and Mack Snyder. Cris Watkins, Dan Hart and Lane Ball operated the video, lights and sound booth. Praise and Worship songs were led by the Prairie Chapel Praise Team which included Jeff Cole (acoustic guitar), Corbin Cole (electric guitar), Sara Pratt, Brody Pratt, Georgie Cook, Walt Patterson, Chloe Ball, Mel Cole (bass guitar), Monica Owen and Glenn Childress (drums). The Praise songs were "Come, Now is the Time to Worship", "Dry Bones" and "Trading My Sorrows". Youth Pastor Zac Vader offered up the opening prayer. The children collected pocket change from the congregation for Prairie Chapel's Food Pantry and then went to Children's Church led by Dani Cole. The crew assistants were Ella Gordon, Hudson Pratt, Adrian Hartley and Megan Colton. The nursery leaders were Morgan Vader and Michaela Evans. Senior Pastor Jeff Cole welcomed everyone to the service, prayed and then led the congregation in the People's Prayer. He then made several announcements, asked the ushers to come forward and led the congregation in the Prayer of Abundance. The offering ushers were Mack Snyder, Josh Hartley, John Moore, John Christian and April Marker. A prayer was offered up asking for God's blessings on the offering by John Moore. The Song of Preparation was "Counting Your Blessings". Senior Pastor Jeff Cole delivered a message entitled "Joy of the Journey". The scriptures read were Ecclesiastes 1:1-4, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, John 10:10 and 1 Corinthians 15:38. The closing song was "Come, Christians, Join and Sing". The congregation moved to the new gymnasium, held hands in a circle and prayed blessings on the new Family Life Center. This Week's Activities: Wednesday, October 1; Wednesday Evening Activities, 6:00pm (meal), 6:30-8:00pm (Bible Studies); Thursday, October 2; SilverSneakers Chair Yoga, 9:30-10:15 am Next Week's Activities: Sunday, October 5; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 am; Hospitality, 10:00 am; Communion Worship, 10:30 am; Children's Church, 10:45 am; Upcoming Activities; Tuesday and Thursdays; SilverSneakers Yoga, 9:30-10:00 am; Monday, October 6; PrairieSprouts Daycare opens; Wednesday, October 8; Young Adult Bible Study begins meal (6:00 pm) and study (6:30-8:00 pm); Tuesday, October 21 Food Pantry Distribution, 1-6 pm; Sunday, October 26; County Men of Note Concert, 6:00 pm (Food Pantry Fundraiser)

Nursery and Sunday School for Children and Adults of all ages. 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Hospitality, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Night; Meal served at 6:00 p.m.; Nursery 0-3; Children's Group ages 4-2nd Grade; Junior Youth 3rd-6th grade; Youth Group 7th-12th grade; Young Adult Bible Study; Men's Bible Study; Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Website: www.prairiechapelmo.org; Phone: (417) 993-4403

First Baptist of Urbana

Wednesday evening, the children were taught by Lindsey Smelts and Beverly Dampier assisted by Pastor Dale and Teresa Brown. Joe Roofener and Mark Cantrell drove the church van. Associate and Youth Pastor Brad Benedict taught the youth group. Dinner was prepared and served by Linda Roofener and Dawn Sheckler. Patty Kenall provided desserts. Devotion and prayer was led by Senior Pastor Dale Brown. On Sunday, Dawn Sheckler taught Children's Sunday School, Pastor Robert Nuckolls taught adult Sunday School, and Beverly Dampier was the nursery worker. During worship, Senior Pastor Dale Brown gave the welcome, announcements, and prayer. Music was led by Justin Smelts, Deacon Douglas Stidham, Audrey Ramos and Fabian Ramos. Fabian Ramos played the piano during offertory. Quinton Butts ran the sound booth. Offering ushers were Fabian Ramos, Audrey Ramos, Roman Ramos, and Deacon Douglas Stidham. Teresa Brown was the worship nursery worker and Deacon Joe Roofener was in charge of church security. Associate and Youth Pastor Brad Benedict gave the morning message. "Who I Am In Christ" from 2nd Corinthians 5; Events: Children's program begins at 4 p.m. each Wednesday with Bible Study and crafts with dinner served at 5:30. Youth will have dinner at 5:30 then have Bible Study and Recreation; September 30th through October 28th: Luke in the Land DCASB Ladies Bible Study every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30

Saint Bernadette

Father Ben celebrated Mass for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time on Saturday September 27th with 54 in attendance. It was announced that Carol Frey, wife of parishioner Jim Frey, passed away this last week. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Coming up in October we will kicking off the 2026 CSR program. We will have testimonies from some of our members, Father will have a special homily, and the time and talent sheets will be mailed out. Please help the Stewardship Committee make this program a success. Jesus and Coffee

gathers on Mondays at 10 am to discuss the upcoming gospel reading and reflect on its meaning. The meeting is held at the McCarty Senior Center in Wheatland and all are invited. On Saturday October 11th the Parish Council will be serving "Fall Harvest" sweet treats immediately after Mass in Miller Hall. Fall Harvest sounds like apple cider and something pumpkin, so bring your sweet tooth and join them. The Parish Council would like your help in our church Stewardship to our community. We are collecting one or more items a month from each church family. The item will be announced and a tub will be placed in Miller Hall for collection. The items will go to Hickory County CARES Food Pantry. We thank you for your support in the act of giving. Disposable salt and pepper shakers are the items for September. Please join us for Mass this Saturday at 4:00 pm as Father Celebrates the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Wheatland Church of God Holiness

Sunday School opened with Wilda Pitts giving the morning prayer and devotional reading from Psalms 34:1-10. Mike Brixey taught the adult class in a study of "A Prayer for Deliverance", and Kyla Hunziger taught the young adult class in a study of Job 8 and "Agents of the Apocalypse". Some of this mornings prayer requests were for Todd & Terri Stanley, Mark Burch and his family, Sher'ri Brixey's dad, the Schofner's, Ray & Micah, and the Daycare. Several others who are experiencing illness, family losses, and other difficult situations will also be included in our prayers, along with Israel and our nation and leaders. Malachi Brixey received the morning tithes and offerings. Mike Brixey led the singing and Malachi Brixey played a special on his guitar, "Great is Our God", and sang, Mike Brixey led the service with a message from Proverbs 31 titled, "A Virtuous Wife". Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and Church Services start at 11:00 a.m. Come and join us!

Spring Branch Church

Spring Branch Church of the Brethren opened our 11:00 am service with music provided by Pastor Rodney Kennedy, welcoming everyone to today's service. There were 33 in attendance. Pastor Kennedy presented the opening prayer. The congregation sang "I'll Fly away" accompanied by pianist Marie Shelten. James and Debbie Stoll and Sawyer Wortherley collected the tithes and offerings, and Joyce Meyer gave the prayer of Thanksgiving. The congregation shared expressions of joy and prayer concerns. Leesa Kennedy gave the prayer of faith and healing. James Stoll read the Call to Worship from Matthew 6:7-14 and Pastor Kennedy delivered a message titled "Fools Gold" - "Eureka" with text from John 20:24-29 ad Matthew 7:24-27. Shannon Kennedy gave the dismissal prayer. Those on our prayer list are Betty Lamb, Barb Christian, Cheri Boehler, Gary O'Bannon, Norma Hargrove, Jordon and Aleyah Beam, Brenda Lane, Logan & Skylar Stewart, Tommie Leet, Rachel Blackmore, Annie Aires, Jonathan Ratliff, Rob Breshears, Matt Sullivan, and Logan Lane. Other prayers are for our country, those in harm's way from natural disasters, war, and terrorists; and we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters, Israel, our President, our government, and our troops.

Elkton Christian

Sunday September 28th began with Bible Study at 9:00 AM. Fellowship at 10:00 AM with bagels, pop tarts, donuts, pumpkin moon pies, juice and coffee. Light was brought to the sanctuary with the lighting of the candles by Parker Pitts. Call to Worship began at 10:30 with Ron Gist giving announcements, prayers, concerns. Jerry Blackwell, Ron Gist, Melody Loehr, and Shirley Moosmiller sang "Paid in Full to Jesus, Amen!". Communion servers were Jerry Moosmiller, David Roberts, Terry Ambrose and Roy McNew. Pastor John O'Quinn's lesson was titled "Dr Seuss: Was, Not, Is" with scripture from Revelation 17. Craft Nights are being put on hold due to construction. We met at the Wheatland Harvest Festival on September 21st for the Community church service. Pastor John gave the closing prayer and our choir sang. We will have our October 19th fellowship dinner at the Loft.

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study, Board Meetings and Craft Night when we have them. You can follow us on Facebook to find important messages and posts "Elkton Mo Christian Church" or our new Website "Elktonmocc.net". September Birthdays: 9-Cindy Ambrose, 12-Connie Jenkins, 17-John Welsh, 21-Randy Carlson, 25-Kaleigh Roe, 26-Allan Pitts, 28-Kate Doss. Anniversaries: 2-Mike and Sharon Pickens, 16-John and Ann Shideler. We ask continued prayers for: Lorna Kester, Charles Brown, Paul McNew, Courtney Franklin, Jerry Moosmiller, John Powell, Dave Mertell, Tammie Goff, Olivia, Janine Leckband, Patty Clark, Jennifer Moosmiller, the Woodall family, Joe O'Quinn, Shayleigh, Brock Goff, Kassidy McCaffie, Kimberly Pitts, Andrae, Bill Chambers, Betty Jackson, Roy and Carol Richardson, Gloria Gist, Angela Ewing, Pat and Allen Glaze, David Roberts, Mike and Sam Bear, Jamie Bolt, Dave Pickett, Gail Garton, Emily Wallace, Bud Corley, Mike Owens, Jerry and Bobbi Blackwell, Sherry Swafford, Loretta Muse, Jay Jones, Perry Cramer, Sophia Burnhart, Colter's Mom, Katie Fencher, Landry Barnes, Megan Borgeldt, Geraldine Tisdale, Jay Fields, Izzy and Everet, Pansy Smith, Jordan, Matt and Danielle's family, the Anette Fallon family, Amy Gilliland, John Elliott, the Call family, Jane and Shelly, Tasha Wood, Marion Smith, All Unspoken, All Law Enforcement, Military and their families, Ukraine, Israel, and all Missionaries.

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Bring Back Our Sign- John Berry sent in the following photographs with a simple request. He noted that the above sign was stolen off Rough Hollow Bridge sometime in July and hoped that someone may someday return it. He said this is what it looked like before it was installed on the bridge. (Editor's Note: I join John in hoping the sign will find its way back home before construction efforts begin to remove and replace the failing more than 100-year old metal truss bridge.)



Lucas Oil Speedway Begins Wrapping Up Racing Season

By Lucas Oil Speedway Media Staff
 Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland took a scheduled weekend off before they began firing up a busy final month of the season. This will include the Summit USRA Nationals next week. Action is set to open with an open practice session on Sept. 30 from 6-9 p.m. Spectator admission will be free in the grandstands with pit passes.
 The remaining USRA Nationals schedule will find Modifieds, B-Mods, Stock Cars qualifying and hobby stock practice on Oct. 1; Modifieds, B-Mods, Stock Cars, Hobby Stock qualifying and Tuner practice Oct. 2; Modifieds, B-Mods, Stock Cars, Tuners and Hobby Stock qualifying Oct. 3; Modifieds, B-Mods, Stock Cars, Tuners, Hobby Stocks with last-chance races and finale-night features on Oct. 4.
 Registration is also open for Big Buck 50, Fall Late Model Nationals. The 9th annual Hickamo Super Stocks Big Buck 50, Presented by Whitetail Trophy Hunt, is set for Oct. 9-11. Drivers can register at <https://www.myracepass.com/tracks/1865/registrations/12419>. An open practice from 6-9 p.m. will be followed by time trial qualifying on Oct. 9 with heat races and dashes on Oct. 10 with alphabet mains and the 50-lap. This is a \$10,000-to-win feature on the final night. The Late Model Fall Nationals Late Models will also be in action with full programs Oct. 10-11. Feature winners will collect \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively.
 UTV Short-Course finale: Round 6 of the UTV Side-by-Side Short Course racing on the Off Road track is set for Oct. 10-11. Tech and practice will be held on the first day with racing during the day on Oct. 11. Race classes include 200 stock: ages 5-12, 200 limited: ages 5-12, 250 modified: ages 7-12, 700cc and under: ages 10-15, youth 1k: ages 13-17, sportsman na: ages 14 and up, sportsman turbo: ages 14 and up, women's na: ages 13 and up, women's fi: ages 13 and up, vet na: ages 40 and over, vet fi: ages 40 and over, pro-am na: ages 18 and up, pro-am turbo: ages 18 and up, pro na: ages 18 and up, pro turbo: ages 18 and up.
 High Limit Sprints Mid-Week: The Kubota High Limit Racing Series makes its second appearance at Lucas Oil Speedway with a Mid-Week show on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Kubota High Limit Sprint Car Series features top 410 Sprint Car drivers from around the country. Aaron Reutzel and Tyler Courtney won High Limit features at Lucas Oil Speedway in June.

Monster Trucks to finish: The traditional season-ending program at Lucas Oil Speedway is set for Oct. 25 as the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw Monster Trucks-Eve of Destruction returns. Tickets for the always-popular event can be purchased in advance online.
 For information on admission or camping for any Lucas Oil Speedway event in 2025, contact Admissions Director Nichole McMillan at (417) 282-6119 or (417) 295-6043. You may also email nmcmillan@lucasoilspeedway.com.

Donation to State Fair Supports New Agriculture/Mechanics Facility

GFL Environmental, a provider of waste collection, recycling and disposal services, has donated \$15,000 to the State Fair Community College Foundation in support of the new Steve and Karen Ellebracht Agriculture and Mechanics facility. Students began attending classes there this fall.
 Officials said the facility serves as a hub for workforce development programs, including agricultural studies, commercial driving and commercial motor vehicle mechanics. The gift will help enhance training opportunities for students pursuing careers that align with the company's values and industry.
 "At GFL, we believe in supporting the communities where we live and work," said Joshua Tanner, General Manager at GFL's Central Missouri Landfill in Sedalia. "This donation is an investment in the next generation of skilled workers—people who will help drive agriculture, transportation, and infrastructure forward in Missouri."
 State Fair Community College Foundation Executive Director Mary Treuner said the donation demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships to improve access to high-quality technical education.
 "We're incredibly grateful to GFL for their support of our agriculture and mechanics programs," Treuner said. "Because classes are already underway, these funds

are directly helping us provide students with the hands-on training and real-world experience they need to thrive in high-demand fields."
 GFL Environmental, headquartered in Vaughan, Ontario, is the fourth largest diversified environmental services company in North America, providing a comprehensive line of solid waste management services through its platform of facilities throughout Canada and in 18 U.S. states. Across its organization, they have a workforce of more than 15,000 employees. GFL operates the Central Missouri Landfill (CML) in Sedalia, which employs 60 individuals. Besides the landfill staff, the location also houses a hauling operation with a fleet of 18 trucks and the drivers, mechanics, engineers, and other support staff needed to service residential and commercial customers. They have also began production at the company's first Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility at CML in Sedalia. This is a \$45 million facility, the first built by the GFL Renewables division, to capture and process harmful landfill gas emissions and convert them for beneficial reuse. The CML plant creates pipeline-quality natural gas that provides renewable energy to power 10,000 households per day.

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