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Moose Award

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Congratulations to Annie Winter of Ruler Foods who was March's recipient of the Highland Moose Lodge Employee Appreciation Award. Each month the Highland Moose Lodge honors employees from local businesses.



Father's Day Car Show

The Pioneer Newspaper/ Bill Napper

This 1957 DeSoto Adventurer was one of the outstanding cars on display at the Father's Day Car Show, sponsored by the Southern Illinois Street Rod Association and was held at Lindendale Park in Highland. Larry Wobbe of Trenton has owned this car for three years after purchasing it a Mecum Auction. In 1957, a total of 1,950 DeSoto Adventurer's were produced, with 300 of those being convertibles. The odometer only shows 36,000 miles. This is an extremely rare and highly collectable car. See more photos on page 11.

Highland City Council Considers Reappointments

HIGHLAND - During a short meeting, Monday evening Highland Mayor Kevin Hemann asked the city council here to consider reappointing William Wagner, Justin McLaughlin and Susan Martz to the Latzer Memorial Library Board of Trustees, according to the posted agenda.

The mayor also asked the council to approve the reappointments

of Kathryn Comish, Thomas Friedrich and Mindy Stoff to the tree commission. All three individuals have expressed an interest in serving an additional 3 year term on the commission.

The council also authorized the disposal of two lime feeder systems from the water treatment plant and accepted the expenditures report for May 31 through June 13.

Highland Muny Band Kicks Off 185th Season at the Square



Highland Muny Band

The Pioneer Newspaper/ Bill Napper

The Highland Muny Band launched its 185th season with its first concert of the summer, June 13. The summer concert series will continue on Friday evenings through August 8.

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HIGHLAND - Despite a threatening sky with a light drizzle, the Highland Square was aglow with music, smiles, and community spirit as the Highland Muny Band launched its 185th season with its first concert of the summer, June 13.

For nearly two centuries, the Muny Band has been a cornerstone of Highland's cultural life, and Friday night reaffirmed that tradition.

Families gathered with lawn chairs and umbrellas in hand just in case, as the band delivered

a spirited program of classic favorites and more under the open sky.

From the opening of *Strike Up the Band* to the powerful *Sound Off* by John Philip Sousa the music was a delight.

Sousa, known as the March King, enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 13 years old as an apprentice musician.

The summer concert series will continue Friday evenings through August 8, promising more opportunities to enjoy music under the stars on the Square in

the heart of Highland.

Concertgoers can also look forward to tasty treats with concessions throughout the season—including the much-loved Lory Theater popcorn.

Whether you're a long-time supporter or a first-time visitor, there's no better way to spend a summer evening in Highland than with beautiful music, community camaraderie, and the timeless sounds of the Muny Band.

There is no admission, for an evening to enjoy great music under the stars.

PBJ Lineup to Deliver Fun

HIGHLAND- The upcoming Peanut Butter & Jam Festival promises to deliver fun for everyone.

There will be free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and popcorn. Several vendors will be on hand.

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy the fun at the downtown Square on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call 618-651-1386.

June 20	Babaloo
June 27	Cherry & Jerry
July 11	Southland Acoustic Band
July 18	Kevin Heim - Paint the Town Purple
August 1	Mad Science
August 8	Circus Kaput & Special Guests

In the case of inclement weather, the Parks & Rec Department will make a decision to cancel by 10 a.m. that Friday.

Should Military Service Be Mandatory For Everyone?

My View

By Bill Napper

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Many nations around the globe require mandatory military service - or conscription as it once was called.

Back when I graduated from high school during the Vietnam War it was called the draft and many dreaded it, fearing their "number" would be called.

Many of my friends volunteered including myself, and in 1969 I swore an oath to the Constitution of the United States.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

When you meet a veteran, you can be assured that he or she has raised their right hand and repeated this oath.

Yes, it's a promise. But it is more than just a promise. It's the foundation of military service—it is not a pledge to an individual or a political party, but to the principles of the Constitution. It reinforces discipline, duty, and accountability, ensuring that service members uphold the values of the nation.

I don't know if other nations ask their military members to take an oath, but we do in this nation. If you don't or cannot take that oath, you are not qualified to become a member of the military.

It's simple - if you can't commit, you aren't wanted to be counted among the ranks!

Many nations mandate that their citizens serve.

For instance, South Korea mandates that virtually all able-bodied men serve in their military

for 21 to 24 months because South Korea and North Korea are still technically at war.

I have been there and it's just a few steps and you are in enemy territory.

Similarly, Israel has mandatory military service for both men and women, with service requirements from two to three years.

Other countries who require mandatory service are Turkey, Egypt, Brazil, Russia, and Vietnam, among others.

But the United States does not require service, at least not at this time. Almost all male US citizens and male immigrants, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service, according to the Selective Service System.

I think we should have a requirement that every one should serve at least two years either in the military or in a peace corps situation between the ages of 18 and 21.

After completing the initial period, they could make a choice to stay in or take the skills they have learned, and hopefully return to make their communities a better place to live.

You may ask, why should anyone join the military?

It's simple. We are so blessed to live in a nation where we have freedom. That freedom is here because of the sacrifices that have been paid since the founding of our nation.

Men and women have given their lives in defense of the nation.

Believe me there are those in the world who seek to take our freedoms away! Unfortunately, some of them live among us. That's why we uphold the oath to "defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Some of our citizens have no idea how precious this freedom is and how important it is to defend it - even to the point of giving your life, not only for our citizens now, but for our children and our grandchildren.

A veteran is a special person because that person has taken the Oath and promised not only to uphold the foundation, but to be accountable to the oath.

There are those among us who are not suited to be a veteran.

But they can still serve our nation in a very special and positive way. They build and make a better life for everyone who lives in the small villages to the major cities.

I believe it's a privilege and an honor to wear the uniform of the United States military.

When we are in uniform, we hold our heads a little higher and stand a little taller because we are representing the best nation around the globe.

Military service isn't just about donning a uniform—it's about embracing a legacy of honor, and duty that inspires communities, binds generations, and reminds us all what it means to serve something greater than ourselves. Not everyone is cut out to serve, but those who do can be proud for there is no greater honor.



Larry's Tire

Congratulations to Connor Miller of Larry's Tire who was February's recipient of the Highland Moose Lodge Employee Appreciation Award. Each month the Highland Moose Lodge honors employees from local businesses.

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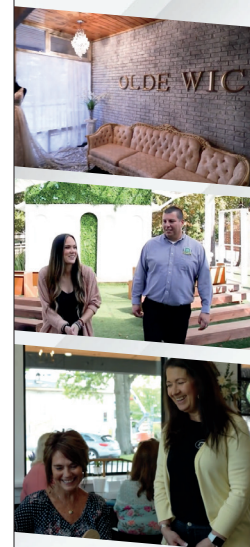
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Rep. Charlie Meier Donates Multimeters in Honor of Caleb Elliott

HIGHLAND – State Representative Charlie Meier (R-Okawville) teamed up with the family of Caleb Thomas Elliot to donate multimeter digital testers to FFA chapters across Illinois.

The FFA chapters will use these multimeters to teach their students how to safely test electric currents and promote safety when dealing with electricity. Caleb was accidentally electrocuted while working on a house in Troy. At the time, Caleb was working toward a career in welding and heating, and cooling.

“When I heard of the terrible tragedy that happened to Caleb, I knew we had to do something,” said Meier. “Earlier this year, we passed House Resolution 283 to name August 11, 2025 as Caleb’s Legacy: Electrical Awareness for a Safer Tomorrow Day. When Caleb’s family came to me and asked if we can do anything else, we thought it would be very influential to donate multimeter digital testers to FFA chapters at the State Convention, and we made it happen.”

Rep. Charlie Meier and the family of Caleb Thomas Elliott personally split the cost of the multimeters and hope that their availability will encourage caution when working with electricity. Each of the over 300 Illinois FFA Chapters in attendance at the 2025 FFA State Convention in Springfield received a multimeter.

“I brought this forward to bring awareness to the need to be extremely cautious when working with electricity, and to hopefully ensure that a tragedy like the one endured by Caleb’s family never happens again,” Meier said. “I want to extend my condolences and my gratitude to Caleb’s two sisters, three brothers, and his parents, Doug and Dawn, for their loss, and Buchheit Stores for their help in obtaining these devices. I will work to continue to educate everyone on this issue so we can save lives in the future.”

Katie Brown Has Been Named To President’s List at Miami University

OXFORD, OH - Katie Brown from Highland was named to the Miami University spring 2025 President’s list.

Miami University students ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for the spring 2025 semester have been named to the President’s list recognizing academic excellence.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of over 22,600 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

Established in 1809, Miami University is consistently ranked among the top 50 national public universities by the U.S. News & World Report for providing students with an Ivy League-quality education at a public school price. Located in quintessential college town Oxford, Ohio-with regional campuses in Hamilton and Middletown, a learning center in West Chester, and a European study center in Luxembourg-Miami serves more than 22,600 undergraduates across more than 100 areas of study, and more than 2,200 graduate students through 78 master’s and doctoral degree programs.

At this comprehensive research university, students engage and conduct research with premiere teacher-scholars. Miami adds \$2.3 billion each year to Ohio’s economy through innovative partnerships and job creation. Miami is an NCAA Division I school, serving more than 500 student-athletes across 19 varsity sports.

For more information, visit MiamiOH.edu.

Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival Set

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS—The Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival will be held on August 1, 2, and 3 at the Four Points Convention Center at 319 Fountains Parkway here. The festival with workshops both days, including lunch and concerts, is \$160; Friday or Saturday, one day only, includes lunch and concerts, \$80; and concerts (only) are \$10 each night. Each day starts at 8 a.m. and ends after the evening concerts, 9 p.m.

Other information is found on the Gateway Dulcimer Society website, along with registration information - <http://www.gatewaydulcimer.org/>



IDTA State Champions

The Pioneer Newspaper/ Bill Napper

Highland Mayor Kevin Hemann and city council take a moment to recognize the Highland High School Varsity Dance Team, which competed at the IDTA State Championships on Saturday, February 15. The Dance Team came away with a State Championship in Jazz and Open Pom. Prior to becoming IDTA State Champions, the dance team was also IHSA Sectional Champions. The girls are coached by Erin Cotto and Carrie Eilerman.

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Author Visiting the Latzer Library
HIGHLAND - Dr. James Michael Williams, Author of The Beaks Family: Baby Beaks is Worried, will be sharing his passion for reading on Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at the Latzer Library.
The Beaks Family book series is designed to help children understand that feelings are normal and give them coping skills to help them succeed in school and life.
Dr. Williams was a former teacher and an administrator in the public school system.

Monmouth College Graduates
MONMOUTH - Sebastian Wolf of Highland and Layla Reynolds of Granite City recently met the graduation requirements at Monmouth College.
The school held its 168th Annual Commencement Exercises on May 18, with an address to the graduates by 1972 Monmouth alumnus Lon Helton, the longtime host of Country Countdown USA.

Heartland Community Chorus is July 18
HIGHLAND - Heartland Community Chorus’ 4th annual Kids Chorus Camp will take place Monday-Friday, August 4-8, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the First Baptist Church on Poplar Street here.
According to Director Luanne Murphy, of the Heartland Community chorus deadline for registration is July 18.

Students entering grade 3-9 may sign up. They may be from any school, or home-schooled. If they have enjoyed the camp before, there will be new songs, lessons and new friends this year! The program will culminate in a free concert for family and friends oh Friday, August 8 at 11:30 a.m.!

If you have a child who likes music, please consider signing them up. Our leaders will be Andrea Henze and Joy Winkeler, both highly qualified teachers with degrees in music and years of experience with kids.

LC’s College for Life Earns \$10,000 Cargill Grant
GODFREY – The College for Life program at Lewis and Clark Community College has won a \$10,000 Cargill grant through the company’s Community Engagement and Giving program.

The check was presented June 10 at a brief ceremony on the college’s Godfrey Campus by Joe Fletcher, a Cargill strategic account representative and parent of a College for Life student. It was Fletcher who informed program leaders of the grant opportunity.
“I’m humbled and proud to announced that Cargill’s Community Cares program has donated \$10,000 to College for Life,” he said. “We hope this gift helps create transformative opportunities for College for Life students, helping them compete, grow and connect. This is not just a donation, this is a commitment to the brighter – more inclusive – future we all envision.”
According to Access and Accommodations Interim Director Emily DeGrand, College for Life intends to use the funds in a couple of different ways.

“We are planning to host a summer event for both our College for Life N.O. Nelson Campus (Edwardsville) and Godfrey Campus,” she said. “We’ll also be starting our journey as a Unified Campus partner with the Special Olympics, so we are going to be buying adaptive equipment to help us with that journey.”
Becoming a Unified partner with Special Olympics requires a commitment to promote social inclusion through unified activities that bring together students with and without intellectual disabilities. The partnership is typically established through a formal relationship with Special Olympics, particularly under the Unified Champion Schools initiative.
To be recognized as a Unified Campus partner with Special Olympics, the institution must implement three core components:
Unified Sports: Teams composed of students with and without intellectual disabilities.
Inclusive Leadership: Students with and without disabilities jointly plan and lead activities.
Whole Campus Engagement: Promotion of respect and inclusion through events, campaigns and social media.
DeGrand said they will be working with Special Olympics to determine the best equipment to purchase and, with the help of LC Athletics, will work to create an inclusive environment in sports.
Video of the check presentation can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DincL6YpZ3c>.
For more information on LC’s College for Life program, contact Program Coordinator Roselyn Ellington at (618) 468-4127 or rellington@lc.edu.



Meet Romeo
The Pioneer Newspaper/ Contributed photo
He is a one-year-old bundle of happiness! Playing is on his agenda and he gets along well with other dogs! At 41 pounds, he is perfect for cuddling! Come see him at 510 W Monroe in Highland and check him out more at mehs.org

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'I Won't Back Down'

State Representative Charlie Meier Announces Re-Election Bid

OKAWVILLE - Conservative Republican State Representative Charlie Meier announced today that he will seek re-election to continue standing up for the hardworking families, farmers, and small business owners of southern Illinois.

"I'm running for re-election because our way of life is under attack, and I won't back down," said Meier. "From higher taxes to threats to our freedoms, the radical policies coming out of Chicago are making life harder and more expensive for the rest of us."

Charlie Meier has long been a vocal advocate for southern Illinois and a tireless fighter standing up to the Chicago politicians and the swamp in Springfield. A lifelong farmer, Meier says he brings the same long-term commitment to public service that he does to the land his family has farmed for generations.

"I've spent my life working the land and fighting for our values. When the state tried to shut down the Murray Center and displace individuals with severe developmental disabilities, I fought back, and we saved their home. When overregulation threatened small businesses and home bakers, I passed the 'Cupcake Bill' to protect the right to earn a living," Meier said.

Charlie Meier has become a lifeline for families across Illinois caring for loved ones with

developmental disabilities. From Peoria to Effingham to Centralia and beyond, when parents feel overwhelmed, when services fall short, and when hope runs thin, they call Charlie. Why? Because he delivers. He's more than a voice in Springfield, he'll do anything to help those who are too often ignored.

During his time in office, Charlie has been a fierce defender of the 2nd Amendment supporting concealed carry legislation. Meier fought against tax hikes, and stood strong for parental rights. He voted for the first ever school choice program in the state of Illinois. His legislative record reflects a deep commitment to conservative, pro-family values.

Charlie is a strong supporter of President Trump, circulating the most petitions for Trump statewide to get him on the ballot.

"We need America First policies in Illinois. I'm tired of JB Pritzker and his nuts supporters who are trying to make Illinois like California. I'm running because we must defend downstate Illinois. They know they can't control me, so they're trying to get rid of me," said Meier. "But I won't back down, and I won't stop fighting for the people. Farmers don't just think about the next season, we think about the next generation. If we don't fight now, our kids will inherit a state with fewer freedoms, higher costs, and no future. I refuse to let that happen."



Announces Re-Election Bid

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Charlie Meier represents the 109th District in the Illinois House of Representatives. A lifelong farmer and committed conservative, he has been a strong voice for rural values, fiscal responsibility, and America First policies in Springfield. He lives in Okawville and continues to work the family farm that's been in operation for generations.



TRACK - Highland High School proudly acknowledges Christian Knobloch, Caleb Knobloch, Adin Roach, and Donnie Miller to finish the season as the 12th 4x800 best team in 2A!

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Knight of the Month

HIGHLAND - The Brother Knight has been a Knight for more than five years and is currently serving a pastoral internship at Christ the King in Springfield.

Knights of Columbus Council #1580 has selected Dennis Trickey as the Knight of the Month for June, 2025.

He and his family are very active members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron. Even while studying his vocation, this brother knight still takes the time to assist the Council when at home.

Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580!

Senior Knight of the Month

This brother knight has faithfully served his council, community, and parish. Utilizing his skills as a bartender, this brother knight keeps the community happy during the fundraisers, and public events.

It is with great appreciation the Knights honor Michael Hoffler

as June's Senior Knight of the Month. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus – Council 1580

Family of the Month

June's Family-of-the-Month is selected for their commitment for continual service and support to the Church, the Council and to the Community.

Terry and Joan Riffel have been selected as the Family of the Month for June, 2025.

This Brother Knight and his Lady are still involved in many activities such as Perpetual Adoration, Cursillo, Funeral Home Visitation, Kirchenfest

when physically able to do so.

She is a past recipient "State Lady of the Year," and they both have been avid proponents in the Pro-Life programs.

He is involved in a host of community organizations including the Knights of Columbus; the Lions, Highland Area Community Foundation.

Having taken care of the Grand Knight and his brothers since they were little, there is no excuse to not call this Knight and his lady saints.

Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



Chancellor Tim Lucia, left, presents the June Knight of the Month Award to Brother Knight, Seminarian Dennis Trickey.

Seniors: Summer months provide ample opportunities to get active

Seniors may have more time for leisure and recreation than working adults, and the summer months provide ample opportunities to get active. After months of chilly temperatures, seniors in various parts of the country may be eager to get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults age 65 and older get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. There are plenty of ways for active seniors to meet this exercise goal and have some fun along the way. The following are some good starting points.

- Join or start a walking club. Walking is a great way to stay in shape and work the mind as well. View new sights along the way by changing the route each time you go. Walking with friends can pass the time and provide the motivation to keep going.
- Catch a sporting event. Attending a sporting event can be an entertaining way to spend several hours, and that includes amateur and recreational sports. Catch a grandchild's swim meet or a baseball game for an action-packed way to connect with loved ones and get out.
- Take a fishing charter. Casting a rod from a dock or pier is perfectly acceptable, but securing a spot on a fishing charter is a great way to spend hours out on the water enjoying the scenery and the sport of fishing. Plus, there's the added benefit of enjoying the fruits of your labors by cooking the day's catch for dinner once you arrive home.
- Be a tourist. Many cities and towns have their own tourism boards and showcase interesting spots that have historical significance or appeal to other interests. Be a tourist for the day even in an area with which you are familiar. Hop on a trolley or sightseeing bus to view the town as an outsider.
- Spend time swimming. Swimming is a low-impact activity that can work the body in many different ways. Devote time to doing a few laps in the pool. Or make a day of going to a lake or another body of water to wade out and enjoy some strokes in nature. Stick to swimming areas that are monitored by lifeguards for optimal safety.
- Tend to a garden. Gardening is a great form of light exercise that can produce rewarding results. If you don't have a garden or

enough space for one at home, many neighborhoods have community gardens in which you can secure a plot.

• Visit a fair or farmer's market. The warm weather months are a peak time for outdoor activities, including various community fairs and farmer's markets. Chances are you can find a farmer's market nearby most days of the week, but especially on the weekend.

A town market or state fair is a great way to get out and walk, play games of chance or enjoy some live entertainment. Check your community calendar for local events.



Active seniors can embrace long, warm summer days to enjoy plenty of time away from home.

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Edwardsville Community News

62025 Day Set for Friday, June 20

EDWARDSVILLE - Join everyone in City Park in downtown Edwardsville for an old-fashioned celebration in honor of the one day this century that the calendar and the City’s ZIP code align -- June 20, 2025, otherwise known as 62025 day! Lots of fun activities are planned on this Friday night, which runs from 5:30 to about 10 p.m. on Friday, June 20.

At 5:30 p.m.: Enjoy a picnic in the park by grabbing carryout from one of our terrific 62025 restaurants or check out the food truck offerings that will be located in City Park along Park Street. They’ll also have yard games (two oversize Connect 4 sets, a giant Jenga, cornhole and more!) available.

At 6:20 p.m. (and 25 seconds): They’ll gather at a location inside City Park (to be determined) for an overhead photo of everyone in the park. They’ll have some fun 62025 props available to set the scene!

At 6:45 p.m.: They will feature wannabe champs representing area organizations in a pie-eating contest; They’ll have a set amount of time to try to eat as much of their chocolate cream pie (made by 222 Artisan Bakery!) as possible. Contestants represent area organizations, including the Edwardsville Police Department and Fire Department, Lewis & Clark Community College, Edwardsville Township, Edwardsville American Legion Post 199 and the Edwardsville City Council!

SUPPORT A PIE-EATING CONTESTANT: A second prize will be handed out to the contestant who earns the most cash donations on site. They will have cash collection bins for the public to “vote” for the organization/contestant they think will win. All proceeds will be donated to the Glen-Ed Pantry to support its efforts to help families in need within the area.

CHARITY BASKET RAFFLE: They will also raise funds for the Glen-Ed Pantry by raffling off a basket of gift certificates to some fantastic 62025 businesses. Raffle entry tickets will be available for \$5 each at City Park that night. Businesses donating items or gift certificates to the basket raffle include: Barrel & Bru, Chava’s, Clean Eat, Edwardsville Children’s Museum, Edwardsville Flea Market, Glik’s, Petaled Pail

& Co., RunWell, Seams for the Soul Boutique, Spoonful Desserts and ZIENA Boutique! Many businesses also will feature 62025 specials in store that day! At 8 p.m.: Gather around the bandstand to enjoy Mike Sonderegger and his Dueling Pianos for a special 62025 version of the Friday night concerts!

OTHER EVENTS IN EDWARDSVILLE
ARTS IN THE PARK ACTIVITIES: Fun activities for all ages are once again planned for City Park in downtown Edwardsville over the next several months, courtesy of the Edwardsville Parks & Recreation Department’s Arts in the Park program. This free, annual series features concerts, movie nights, children’s art, theater, opera and other family-friendly occasions. Details about the various events and happenings, including back-to-back activities on Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14, are available on the City website.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS & FUN:
Enjoy a family-friendly Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 5, at the Edwardsville American Legion Post 199, 58 S. State Route 157. The City is proud to once again co-sponsor this free event with the American Legion. The festivities kick off at 4 p.m. with family games and food and beverage options. The Air Force Band will perform at 4:30 p.m. and the Edwardsville Municipal Band will perform at 7 p.m. The fireworks display wraps up the evening beginning at 9 p.m. Shuttles and remote parking locations will be provided.

LAND OF GOSHEN COMMUNITY MARKET: This community favorite is back for its 29th season of Saturday farmers markets in downtown Edwardsville. It features an array of homegrown, homemade and artisan foods and items in the 100 block of St. Louis Street near the intersection with North Main Street. The event is organized and operated under the care of the Goshen Market Foundation. The event runs from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through October 18.

Explore Places to Go, Where to Eat, What to Do
If you are looking for things to do and places to go for food, fun and more in Edwardsville, they know where to turn: Destination Edwardsville! The City has partnered with Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau to provide a comprehensive guide of

activities, attractions, events and opportunities in Edwardsville.

Public meetings
The City’s public meetings and events also are listed on the City’s calendar.

Juneteenth is Thursday, June 19, and Edwardsville City Hall, at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, and Public Works, at 200 E. Parks Street, will be closed to the public on that day. Regular business hours for City Hall and Public Works will resume at 8 a.m. Friday. Waste collection and recycling schedules are not affected by the closure.

Independence Day
Independence Day is Friday, July 4, and Edwardsville City Hall, at 118 Hillsboro

McKendree University Spring 2025 Dean’s List

LEBANON - Congratulations to students on the McKendree University Dean’s List for earning a grade point average of 3.60 or higher for the spring 2025 semester.

Emily Beard of Troy, Ill.
Kiley Belobraydic of Collinsville, Ill.
Jordyn Bender of Bethalto, Ill.
Nicole Blue of Alhambra, Ill.
Kaitlin Boner of Bethalto, Ill.
Isabella Brand of Collinsville, Ill.
Audrey Bremerkamp of Collinsville, Ill.
Emily Bullard of Worden, Ill.
Ethan Culley of Collinsville, Ill.
Mason Darling of Highland, Ill.
Shane Field of Highland, Ill.
Shelby Franklin of Collinsville, Ill.
Lauren Gansmann of Saint Jacob, Ill.
Christine Grant of Bethalto, Ill.
Grace Gross of Cottage Hills, Ill.
Melissa Havens of Collinsville, Ill.
Austin Hemphill of Highland, Ill.
Morgan Hoffman of Collinsville, Ill.
Marin Jalinsky of Collinsville, Ill.
Nicole Johnson of Godfrey, Ill.
Jarrod Karnes of Edwardsville, Ill.
Makenna Keith of Saint Jacob, Ill.
Sarah Lindow of Marine, Ill.
Tori Lonsdale of East Alton, Ill.
McGrady Noyes of Troy, Ill.
Emily Pinkel of Edwardsville, Ill.
Alyssa Powell of Granite City, Ill.
Johnnie Robinson of Edwardsville, Ill.
Ellie Ronzo of Collinsville, Ill.
Brice Sarginson of Glen Carbon, Ill.
Ellie Scheller of Maryville, Ill.
Nicole Schuck of Highland, Ill.
Hannah Sparks of Edwardsville, Ill.
Lorie Stairs of Bethalto, Ill.
Stacie Stanford of Bethalto, Ill.
Norah Swaim of Glen Carbon, Ill.
Gabriel Vojak of Glen Carbon, Ill.
Carly Wahle of Worden, Ill.
Bryanna Wells of Granite City, Ill.
Jacob White of Edwardsville, Ill.
Jonathan Zarr of Glen Carbon, Ill.

Founded in 1828, McKendree University’s historic Lebanon, Ill., campus is 25 miles from St. Louis, Mo. McKendree also offers degree programs online and is one of U.S. News’ “Best Regional Universities,” “Best Value Schools” and “Best Colleges for Veterans” in the Midwest.

Avenue, and Public Works, at 200 E. Parks Street, will be closed that day. Republic Services will NOT provide waste/recycling collection on Friday, July 4. Collections scheduled for Friday, July 4, will be picked up on Saturday, July 5, instead.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Set for June
There’s always a need for blood donations, and it’s an easy way to do some good in the community. The Edwardsville Police and Fire Departments have found

a way to inject a little fun into the process. They host periodic blood drives as a “Battle of the Badges.” Donors can give blood and cast their vote for either department. It’s a friendly competition with the community as the ultimate winner.

The next Battle of the Badges blood drive is Monday, June 23, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, 333 S. Main Street. Appointments are recommended, but not required.



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PBJ - Where Summer Starts, The Fun Never Stops

The Pioneer Newspaper

HIGHLAND - A little rain couldn't dampen the spirit and fun as the first PB&J Festival of the season at the downtown square.

The event kicked off with high spirits here Friday, and summer is officially underway!

Despite the drizzling weather, festival-goers embraced the fun with enthusiasm, proving their amphibious spirit.

Folks enjoyed entertainment by the Hard Road Theater and the Highland Music School, along with delicious food, local vendors, and endless family fun.

The PBJ is held on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Everyone can enjoy a free Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, popcorn. A variety of food from vendors such as the Highland Lions are served as well.

Bring a lawn chair, gather your friends, and make this a summer to remember at the square in beautiful downtown Highland.



The Pioneer Newspaper
By Bill Napper

Acknowledging, Celebrating the Gene A. Daiber Pass Through, Designated Funds with Highland Area Community Foundation

The Pioneer Newspaper

HIGHLAND - At the EvUCC Church—where the L.U.N.C.H. Bunch 2025 prepares daily lunches for local children—the Highland Area Community Foundation (HACF) proudly hosted a special presentation to honor and celebrate the establishment of two generous charitable funds on June 11.

The funds are the Gene A. Daiber Pass Through Fund and the Gene A. Daiber Designated Fund.

These funds, were created at the foundation on February 11, earlier this year, and reflect the Daiber family’s deep commitment to supporting and nourishing the community for generations to come.

Fund #1 is the Gene A. Daiber Pass Through Fund with a total gift of \$50,000.

This fund has been established to provide immediate, direct support to local food assistance programs. In accordance with the fund agreement, it will distribute \$3,333.33 annually over five years to each of the following vital community programs:

- Meals on Wheels,
- Highland Area Christian Services Ministry (HACSM.)
- The L.U.N.C.H. Bunch Summer Program.

These funds ensure critical food support reaches those

neighbors who need it most.

May these gifts stand as a lasting tribute to the power of giving back—and to the enduring legacy of Gene A. Daiber.

Fund #2: Gene A. Daiber Designated Fund with a total gift of \$50,000.

This second gift creates a permanent endowment that will support HACF’s general grants program. Through this lasting legacy, the Daiber family’s generosity will continue to benefit the community far into the future by funding a wide range of local initiatives and needs.

As Lillian Daiber shared, it was—and remains—her heartfelt hope that these gifts will nourish and uplift the very communities that gave so much to her family.

Lillian and Gene Daiber were lifelong residents of the Highland and Marine areas. They grew up here, went to school here, farmed the land, raised a family, and built a life rooted in care for others. Like generations of farmers before them, they helped feed the community—and now, through these gifts, that legacy continues.

May they continue to inspire, nourish, and unite everyone in the spirit of community and care.



LUNCH Bunch Check - (from left) Ellen Mitchell (daughter), Sandra Leitschuh (daughter), Lillian Daiber (donor), Missy and Matt Loyet (LUNCH Bunch) and Carla Muniz (daughter)



Meals on Wheels Check - (from left) Ellen Mitchell (daughter), Sandra Leitschuh (daughter), Lillian Daiber (donor), Tom Campbell (President of Meals on Wheels) and Carla Muniz (daughter).



Kevin Hemann, the Executive Director of the Highland Community Foundation thanks the entire group at the presentation held on Wednesday, June 11 at the EvUCC Church.



HACSM Check - Ellen Mitchell (daughter), (from left) Sandra Leitschuh (daughter), Lillian Daiber (donor), Diane Williams (HACSM Executive Director) and Carla Muniz (daughter).

Father’s Day Car Show held at Lindendale Park



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HIGHLAND - Fathers along with family members enjoyed a relaxing day in Highland.

The Southern Illinois Street Rod Association (SISRA) Father’s Day car show was a tremendous hit at Lindendale Park in Highland, on Sunday, June 15.

Music filled the air as dads and their families checked out all of the wonderfully restored vehicles.

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HIGHLAND**Lou Ann "Sue" Hubbard**

Lou Ann "Sue" Hubbard, 85, of Highland, IL, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at HSHS St. Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.



She was born on July 10, 1939, in Granite City, IL, to Lando "Pete" and Captola "Tolley" (nee Blankenship) Limberg. On May 16, 1955, she married Daniel Hubbard, Sr., in St. Charles, MO.

Sue was a member of the First Baptist Church in Highland, IL.

She was one of the best mothers anyone could have asked for. A very caring, kind, and sharing woman, Sue loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lando "Pete" and Captola "Tolley" Limberg; husband, Daniel Hubbard, Sr.; brother, Ralph Limberg; and brother-in-law, Gus Koester.

Sue is survived by her son, Dan (Peggy) Hubbard, Jr., of Highland, IL; grandchildren, Daniel G. (Dawn) Hubbard, III, Douglas Wayne (Stephanie) Hubbard, Derrek (fiancé, Angibell Rondon) Hubbard, Renee (James) Hooton, and Connie (Lance) Litteken; great grandchildren, Caleb, Karlie, Kallie, Lucas, Alyson, Payton, and Dawson; sister, Dee Koester; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Highland, IL.

Visitation: Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 am, at Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Funeral Service: Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 11:00 am, at Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Clergy: Rev. Cody Knapik, Pastor

Interment: Highland City Cemetery

Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

HIGHLAND**Sandra A. Stroff**

Sandra A. Stroff, age 85, of Highland, Illinois, died June 9, 2025, at her residence at Cedarhurst in Highland, Illinois.



She was born on December 19, 1939, in Peoria, Illinois, daughter of Harold H. and Mildred M. (nee Cooper) Cook. She married her late husband, Charles "Nick" Stroff in Peoria, IL, on June 3, 1959.

Sandra was raised in Dexter, Iowa, by her late grandparents, Harold and Kate Cooper, on their farm. She learned to play guitar and sing. She played basketball in high school as well. Sandra graduated from Stuart High School in Iowa in June of 1959. She was an only child who spent her school years with her grandparents and her summers with her mother in Peoria, Illinois. She met her husband, Nick, at the local swimming pool and they were married after her graduation and moved to settle in Highland, Illinois.

As a young wife and mother of 3 children, she was active in the Highland Junior Woman's Club, Jaycees Wives Auxiliary and a Den mother for the Boy Scout Pack 43 of the EvUCC in Highland. She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of Marine Evangelical Church, Women's Guild, American Legion, Aux. of Becker - Reding Post 702 at Marine, VFW Post #5694 at Highland, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 82 at Edwardsville, and a former member of Secretarial Union at Triad.

She became Secretary of Marine Grade School in the Triad School District and was dedicated to thousands of children in the school for 25 years.

After she retired, she became

a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, Illinois. She helped the Ladies Auxiliary with the luncheons at the church. As a member of VFW Post 5694 in Highland, she helped during the fish fry.

She and Nick loved to go camping and boating. They were members of Starlite Campers in Jacksonville, Illinois, on Lake Jacksonville for close to 50 years. Many summers were spent there with family and friends. They took many family vacation trips and did yearly family canoe trips on the Current River. After retiring she traveled to Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee, Alaska, the Arctic Circle, Arizona and made many trips to her hometown, Dexter, Iowa. She was involved in Scouting with her husband for many years. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, embroidering, crafts, playing cards, volunteering and adventures with her girlfriends, as well as gambling!

She loved her family, and her smile could light up a room, we will miss her laughter and love of life!

Sandra is survived by her children: Dana S. (Ronald J.) Rakers, Charles N. "Bud" (Shelly King-Stroff) Stroff, III, and Clayton A. (Emily Korte-Stroff) Stroff; grandchildren: Jacob I. (Krysten) Rakers, Zachary A. (Kristine) Rakers, Rachel N. Simmons, Shain R. Stroff, Tara C. (Todd) Spitze, Cody L. Stroff and Zenga M. Stroff; great grandchild: Zane Rakers, Trent Spitze, Renn Rakers, Trace Spitze, Cale Rakers, Tayla Spitze, Rochelle Rakers and Callista Simmons.

She was preceded in death by: Father - Harold H. Cook, died 2/23/53

Mother - Mildred M. (Cooper) Cook, died 2/19/03

Husband - Charles N. "Nick" Stroff, died 9/26/99

Grandparents - Harold & Kate Cooper

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Nancy Brooks, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marine Library or Meals on Wheels - Highland.

Janice (Bleisch) Temple

Janice L. Temple passed away on May 31, 2025 at 71 years old.

In her younger years, Janice focused on raising her children, passing down her love of cooking and instilling the tradition of sitting down for family meals every evening.



As her children grew, she filled her time with gardening and murder mystery books and shows. She was sure to keep the dogs content with many treats.

Beloved wife of Joe for 45 years; Adored mother of Ryan (Richelle), Dana, and Eden; Loving daughter of the late Marvin and Alice Bleisch; Cherished sister of Ronald (Janet) Bleisch.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Rolling Meadows Library in memory of Janice.

Arrangements entrusted to Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home.

For info, 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

HIGHLAND**Shirley Mae Anderson**

Shirley Mae Anderson, age 98 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Breese Nursing Home in Breese, IL.



She was born on Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Elmer and Florence (nee Geller) Mueller.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1950, she married Earl "Moon" Robert Anderson in Arkansas, who passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of Women's Guild of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Auxiliary to V.F.W. Post #5694, Highland, IL, Belleville Area College's Seniors Volunteer

Program, Belleville, IL, Senior Citizen Club, Highland, IL, and the St. Louis Polka Club, St. Louis, MO.

Mrs. Anderson was born on the family farm north-west of Highland, IL in Marine Township. She grew up there and attending the old Oak Grove Grade School in St. Jacob Township. She was a 1945 graduate of Highland High School. Shirley worked at Alton Box Company until 1951; then raised her family. She reentered the job market in 1967 to work at Highland Auto White Sales; she left there in 1969 and went to work at Tri-Ford in Highland. She retired in 1981. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, dancing and playing cards. In her retirement, she volunteered for over 30 years at the Highland Home, teaching exercise classes three times a week. She also worked as a house sitter at the Highland Home on a part-time basis.

Survivors include:

Son - Wayne E. (Joan) Anderson, Highland, IL

Daughter - Di Ann (Gary) Rufer, Highland, IL

Grandson - Michael (Christine) Anderson, Highland, IL

Grandson - Christopher (Paige) Anderson, Highland, IL

Granddaughter - Andrea (Keith) Woll, Highland, IL

Granddaughter - Shelly (Jack) Bittle, Saint Jacob, IL

Great Grandchild - Robert Bittle, Saint Jacob, IL

Great Grandchild - Wyatt Anderson, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Nolan Anderson, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Hattie Anderson, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Easton Anderson, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Kolton Anderson, Highland, IL

She was preceded in death by: Husband - Earl "Moon" Robert Anderson died 3/24/2012

Father - Elmer Ferdinand Mueller, died 6/20/1979

Mother - Florence Louise Mueller, nee Geller, died 8/03/1987

Brother - Duane "Butch"

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Mueller, died 11/25/1977

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Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, pastor, Evangelical United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Home; Highland Senior Center; Evangelical United Church of Christ; or Charity of Donor's Choice.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, pastor, Evangelical United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Home; Highland Senior Center; Evangelical United Church of Christ; or Charity of Donor's Choice.

HIGHLAND
V. Jean Porter

V. Jean Porter, age 88 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Alhambra Rehab & Health Care in Alhambra, IL.

She was born on Sunday, October 18, 1936, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Rev. Alvin and Mabel (nee Reed) Coonley.

On Saturday, September 15, 1956, she married Allen L. Porter in Pinckneyville, Illinois, who passed away on Friday, October 13, 2023.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of the Raccoon Ramblers Camping Club.

Jean was born in the City of St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in East St. Louis, the daughter of a Pentecostal minister. They later moved to Pinckneyville where she met Allen, and they began a family in Nashville, IL. Jean worked at the Egg Factory in Nashville until 1965 when she began working at the Washington

County Hospital in Nashville. Jean and Allen moved their family to Highland in 1969, and she went to work as a Nurse's Assistant at St. Joseph's Hospital. Jean retired in 1985, and she and Allen began traveling to Arizona in the winter months and returned to Nashville until 2016 when they moved back to Highland.

Jean was a force to be reckoned with. Fiercely protective of her family and never afraid to speak her mind. She knew everyone, remembered everything, and was sharp as a tack to the very end. She adored traveling with her husband, cherished baking, spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids. She enjoyed crocheting and embroidering, and made sure each of the grandkids received a quilt from her. Jean was also a big Cardinal baseball fan. While she will be missed deeply, her family will carry her stories, her strength and her love with them always.

Survivors include:
Son - Richard A. (Kathy) Porter, Sr., Highland, IL
Daughter-In-Law – Robin Porter, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Richard A. (Danielle) Porter, Jr., Highland, IL
Grandchild - Megan Marie (Significant Other-Justin Giger) Porter, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Amanda Leigh (Significant Other-Matt Dixon) Porter, Highland, IL

Step Grandchild - Abigail L. Hamilton

Great Grandchild - Travis C. Porter, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Kylee E. Hediger, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Carson A. Porter, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Alexis M. Porter, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Savannah J. Porter, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Zane M. Dixon, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many
She was preceded in death by:
Husband - Allen L. Porter, died 10/13/2023

Father - Rev. Alvin C. Coonley, died 12/10/2000

Mother - Mabel B. Coonley (nee Reed), died 6/4/1990

Son - Todd M. Porter - Died 10/26/1984

Son - Mark K. Porter - Died 1/20/2007

Brother - Alvin "Clifford" Coonley, Jr., died 11/10/1986

Sister - Ruth Frederick, died 5/17/2002

Sister - Hazel Kell, died 11/30/2013

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, Evangelical United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to EvUCC.

Births at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese

Boy to Madelyn and Andrew Brenner of Mascoutah on May 2;
Girl to Tiffani Lackey of Germantown on May 2;
Boy to Emily and Michael Beavin of Salem on May 7;
Girl to Lindsey and Drake Utech of Breese on May 8;
Girl to Mistie and Joshua Barker of Vandalia on May 9;
Girl to Whitney Scott of Carlyle on May 10;
Girl to Megan and Nathan Koehler of Breese on May 12;
Girl to Maryuri Rios of Breese on May 15;
Boy to Jada Pratt of Breese on May 17;
Boy to Anna and Mason Schweppe of Edwardsville on May 19;
Boy to Annie and Nick Wolf of Hoyleton on May 22;
Girl to Haley and Joshua Huhn of Greenville on May 25;
Girl to Amber and Mendi Ben-Ayed of Belleville on May 28;
Girl to Taylor and Caleb Darr of Breese on May 29;
Girl to Margarita Diaz of New Baden on May 29; (and)
Girl to Toni (Perkins) and Richard Razler of Greenville on May 31, 2025.

SHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese
Serra Morton, RN, MSN
Director, Women and Infants Center



McKendree University
Announces Spring President's List

LEBANON, IL - McKendree University congratulates students who made the President's List for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the spring 2025 semester.

Avery Brooks of Troy, Ill. (6229
Arianell Carney of Granite City, Ill. (62040
Jayna Connoyer of Edwardsville, Ill. (62025
Georgia Cox of Maryville, Ill. (62062
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Megan Jeremias

Named to Honor Roll

EMPORIA, KS - Megan Jeremias of Collinsville, Illinois, was one of more than 650 Emporia State undergraduate students named to the university honor roll after the spring 2025 semester.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Latzer Library

Wednesday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m.: Note.able Beginnings Music with Mrs. Colleen Baker

Mrs. Baker is a beloved music teacher at Highland Primary School. Mrs. Baker performed at Latzer during the holiday season, and by parent request, she has agreed to perform once again, this summer. Please join us as we welcome her back.

Wednesday, June 18, Kids' Book Club is at 5:00 p.m.


This club is reading and sharing the book, Fish in a Tree

Ages 7-10 ish are invited to participate!

Thursday, June 19

: Latzer Library is closed to the public for Juneteenth. There is no Yoga or Cooking Club on this date.

Friday, June 20: Pop Up Storytime IS AT Highland's City Hall at 10 a.m. Mr. Chris Flake will be our host at City Hall, located at 1115 Broadway,



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Kaci Wojcikiewicz Named To Dean's List at Miami University

OXFORD, OH - Kaci Wojcikiewicz was named to the Dean's list at Miami University for the 2025 spring semester.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within their division for the 2025 spring semester have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of over 22,600 undergraduates and 2,200 graduate students, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

Established in 1809, Miami University is consistently ranked among the top 50 national public universities by the U.S. News & World Report for providing students with an Ivy League-quality education at a public school price.

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Matthew 28:19

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King Tallow LLC Recalls Beef Tallow

WASHINGTON – King Tallow LLC, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, is recalling approximately 353 pounds of beef tallow that was processed, packaged, and labeled without the benefit of federal inspection, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced.

The beef tallow item was produced from 2023 through May 2025. The following product is subject to recall:

10.5-oz. jars containing “GRASS FED Beef Tallow ARTISAN COOKING OIL by KING TALLOW.”

This item was shipped to retail locations in Puerto Rico and do not bear the USDA mark of inspection.

FSIS discovered the problem after FSIS received an anonymous consumer complaint about beef tallow products void of the federal mark of inspection being sold in a retail location in Carolina, Puerto Rico. FSIS determined that King Tallow LLC purchased beef fat from an FSIS-regulated facility and further processed into tallow, portioned into jars, and relabeled the product without the benefit of FSIS inspection. The beef tallow products contain a nutrition facts label, leading people to believe that the product is safe for human consumption. King Tallow LLC does not possess a federal grant of inspection and is not authorized to produce products intended for human consumption.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due

to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers’ pantries. Retailers should not sell these products. Consumers should throw away these products or return them to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers and members of the media with questions about the recall can contact Joel Ramos, Owner, King Tallow LLC at kingtallow2023@gmail.com.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or send a question via email to MPHotline@usda.gov. For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.

Local students named to Missouri State University’s spring dean’s list

SPRINGFIELD, MO - Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean’s list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale).

More than 4,900 students were named to the spring 2025 dean’s list. These local students made the list:

- Toby Allen of Highland (62249)
- Laila Bailey of Highland (62249)
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- Megan Helm of Highland (62249)
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- Sophie Jobe of Glen Carbon (62034)
- Collin Jose of Wood River (62095)
- Leah Kaburick of Glen Carbon (62034)
- Morgan Klucker of Troy (62294)
- Lexie Korte of Highland (62249)
- Sarah Lipski of Highland (62249)
- Maya Lueking of Edwardsville (62025)
- Jessica Manley of Glen Carbon (62034)
- Allie Mattea of Saint Jacob (62281)
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- Julia Melosci of Glen Carbon (62034)
- Ethan Miller of Bethalto (62010)
- Ellie Neath of Edwardsville (62025)
- Nylynn Newcombe of Troy (62294)
- Emily Nuttall of Worden (62097)
- Sami Oller of Edwardsville (62025)
- Josie Paniagua of Godfrey (62035)
- Claire Paul of Glen Carbon (62034)
- Caleigh Plough of Godfrey (62035)
- Brady Roberts of Edwardsville (62025)
- Sarah Schaibly of Maryville (62062)
- Jack Spain of Godfrey (62035)
- Mason Steinbeck of Highland (62249)
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- Olivia Wilke of Highland (62249)
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HIGHLAND - The Peanut Butter & Jam Festival is back for another summer filled with lots of fun and families activities. The PBJ has kicked off and will be on stage June 20 and on

The PB&J's are held at the downtown square on Fridays. In case of inclement weather, a call will be made by 10 a.m. on Friday as to whether it will be canceled.

This program was gifted to Latzer Library in memory of Diane Hickey.



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Even a bit of rain couldn't wash away the smiles at Highland's beloved PB&J Festival! Hillary Held, of the Korte Recreation Center, holds an umbrella as Matthew makes a Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich. Despite the rain, smiles and fun were abundant at the Downtown Square. The PB&J is held on Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

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