

Vandevender Wins Grundy County Circuit Clerk Election

Gabe Stark
Reporter

Michelle Vandevender was elected as Grundy County circuit clerk and ex officio recorder of deeds Tuesday, Aug. 4, defeating Amanda Spencer in the county's only contested local race.

Uncertified results from the Aug. 4 election showed Vandevender receiving 1,072 votes, or 52.6%, while Spencer received 964 votes, or 47.4%. The candidates were separated by 108 votes.

"My first reaction was overwhelming gratitude, and I hugged my family super tight,"

Vandevender said. "I thought about everyone who believed in me, stood beside me and placed their trust in me. It was a humbling moment that I'll never forget, and it immediately reminded me of the responsibility that comes with serving this community."

Vandevender said the victory represented more than securing the vote.

"Winning isn't about the title — it's about earning the trust of the people of Grundy County," Vandevender said. "To me, it's an opportunity to serve with integrity, lead with compassion and work every day to strengthen our office and move our county forward."

Vandevender received the most votes at the Grundy County Courthouse, First Christian Church, Grundy County Health Department,

Laredo, Galt and Spickard polling locations. Spencer carried the First Baptist Church and Edinburg precincts as well as absentee voting, according to uncertified returns.

The circuit clerk's office maintains court records, processes filings and provides administrative support for the circuit court. As ex officio recorder of deeds, the office also maintains property deeds, marriage licenses and other permanent county records.

Grundy County reported voter turnout of approximately 39.3%.

Several other candidates for Grundy County offices ran unopposed in the primary. Phillip Ray sought another term as presiding commissioner, Courtney Campbell ran for county clerk and Kelly Puckett ran for prosecuting attorney.

Voters Say 'No' To Amendments 4, 5

By Amanda Lubinski
General Manager

Voters in Grundy County and around the state decided the fate of several constitutional amendments on election night, Tuesday, Aug. 4, and helped decide who would go onto to the general election in November to ultimately represent them in state and federal offices.

Key issues included

Amendment 4, which would have made it harder to change the Missouri Constitution through the initiative petition process, and Amendment 5, which would potentially have expanded sales and use taxes to get rid of the state's income tax.

Voters across the state, including the majority of votes cast in Grundy County, said "no" to Amendment 4. According to uncertified state election results, of the nearly 1.4

million votes cast, more than 80% shot down the measure. Of those total votes, 2,354 were cast in Grundy County, with nearly 86% of those against the measure.

Voters also said "no" to Amendment 5 with 83% of the nearly 1.4 million votes against. In Grundy County, the amendment failed at 89% with 2,100 of the 2,350 cast against.

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TRENTON TALES



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Sarah Shoberg stands among the shelves of the Grundy County Jewett Norris Library, where she helps people explore books, genealogy, local history and technology.

Sarah Shoberg Brings Knowledge to Trenton

By Julie Hill Lehr
Contributor

As summer nudges toward fall, back to school time comes into focus. Students prepare to begin another year of learning. Grundy County Jewett Norris Library Director Sarah Shoberg and her team stand ready to assist with the endeavor of discovering.

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Sarah has been at the helm of the library for just over two years, and in that time, she has come to love the 135-year-old library located at 1331 Main St. The library began with a \$35,000 donation from early settler Jewett Norris. The two-and-a-half-story building has stood the test of time. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Early career & education

Sarah's journey to this position began after her graduation from Chillicothe High School in 2005. She attended the University of Central Missouri and graduated with a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology. After graduation, she wasn't sure her chosen area of study would fulfill her and started thinking about what career she really wanted to pursue.

"I thought back on what I loved to do — researching, genealogy and local history — and it drew me to library school," Sarah said.



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Sarah Shoberg leads the Grundy County Jewett Norris Library and works to connect patrons with its many resources.

She decided to attend the University of Oklahoma, where she earned her master's degree in library and information studies with an emphasis in archives. While she was in graduate school, Sarah worked at the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives in Norman, Oklahoma.

"I tried to get as much experience as possible in a variety of library and archive settings," she said.

She also worked at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. During the summer, she had an internship in the library at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Michigan. Even before graduation, she had a wealth of experience.

Her first job after earning her master's degree was at the Fort Worth Library, working in its genealogy department as well as the Tarrant County Archives in Texas. She enjoyed the work but really wanted to move back closer to home.

She found a position at Missouri Western State University as an archivist. She worked there for four years before she really started

missing working in genealogy. Her next stop was Independence and the Midwest Genealogy Center. Later, she spent some time as an archivist at the Kansas City Public Library.

During that time, she married Colin Shoberg. The couple have been married for four years and have a daughter together.

Landing the job at the Grundy County Jewett Norris Library was exciting for Sarah.

"A lot of my previous public library experience has been in urban areas, and I think that has given me a lot more understanding of the different ways people use the public library," she said.

"It's one of the few places left that people can go without the expectation to spend money," Sarah said. "I love that we are a public space for people to meet and learn."

She said the library offers a lot for people of every age. The library offers orientations to local schools and home-schooled students. Students get a tour of the library and learn about the physical library and its online resources. They can explore books on the lower floor of the library, which is arranged by age so it is easy for children to find books.

Library resources

The library offers a myriad of resources, including some items patrons might not realize are available. Those include book club kits, games, puzzles and Tonieboxes, which are all available for checkout.

The library also has a Cricut and Glowforge laser cutter available for use, and classes are offered on how to use them. Other classes include painting for adults and, of

course, the long-loved Story Hour for children ages 0 to 4.

There are even resources for people who are home-bound. Those who cannot physically go to the library can give the staff a call to get started. For people who are visually impaired, the library recommends Wolfner Library. The library also offers apps such as Libby and CloudLibrary that allow people to check out e-books and audiobooks.

Sarah said the library is always evolving, so patrons should keep an eye on its website, grundycountylibrary.org, to find the latest information. She said she really enjoys working at the library.

"I love helping people," Sarah said. "Sometimes it's helping someone print a page or figure out a new phone."

"It can be so fun and rewarding to help someone find a new book to read and then hear their review when they bring it back in," she said. "I also love getting to help people with their genealogy brick walls or local history questions."

Sarah also loves the physical building.

"It is gorgeous and such a special part of the history of Trenton and Grundy County," she said.

While Sarah is at work, her daughter gets to have special time with Sarah's parents.

"I was very close to my grandparents growing up, and it means a lot to me that my daughter has the same experience," Sarah said.

Sarah said Trenton has been welcoming and friendly to her as her role as library director continues to evolve. She is happy to be part of the community and is excited about how the library can continue to serve all of its patrons.

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Amendments

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Voters in Grundy County also voted in lockstep with the rest of the state with passage of Amendments 1 and 2. Amendment 1 renewed the existing sales and use tax of 0.1% for 10 years for state parks and conservation efforts funding. Amendment 2 requires all charter counties to elect county assessors. In Grundy County, Amendment 1 passed with 67% of votes saying "yes" while

Amendment 2 "yes" votes accounted for 67% of those cast.

Federal & state offices

According to uncertified returns from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, Republican voters in U.S. House District 6 of Missouri, which includes Grundy County, choose Rick Brattin as their nominee for the November general election. He will face Democrat Josh Smead.

In state Senate District 12, both Rusty Black, (R), and Judy McNeece, (D), ran unopposed on their party's tickets and will

move on to face each other in the general election.

In state House District 2, voters selected Phil Fox as their nominee while Democrat Casey Scott and Libertarian Shelby Dreier both ran unopposed on their parties' tickets. The three will face off for election to the seat in November.

For state auditor, Republicans chose Scott Fitzpatrick, who will face the Democrat's choice in Quentin Wilson and Libertarian Dustin Coffell in November. Coffell ran unopposed on his party's ticket.

Art's Alive Announces Art Show Winners

Art's Alive announced the winners of the Fine Arts Show, which was held in conjunction with the North Central Missouri Fair.

Exhibits were entered in adult and junior divisions across several artistic classes, with first-, second- and third-place awards presented. The show also included Best of Show and People's Choice honors.

Daniel Shew received the Best of Show award for "Ready for War." Mark Davis earned the People's Choice award for his painting, "Winter in the Mountains," which also placed first in the adult landscape painting class.

In the adult abstract painting class, John Hill earned first place for "Let Me Go." Sheila Hammett placed second with "Colors & Vibrations Universal," and Shanelle Spencer received third place for "Tear Drop from Heaven."

Laney McCauslin won the junior abstract painting class with "Apollo II Trip to the Moon," while Landon Gott placed second with "Illusion."

Davis earned first place in adult landscape painting for "Winter in the Mountains." Daniel Shew placed second with "50 Shades of Gray," and Wanda Woodward received third place for "Peaceful Creek."

In adult still-life painting, Shew won first place with "Keep Your Powder Dry." Hill placed second with "Indominitus Mato," and Emma Beach earned third place with "Comfort."

Megan Miller swept the adult natural



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"Winter in the Mountains" by Mark Davis was selected as the People's Choice winner and also earned first place in the adult landscape painting class.

photography class, which did not allow Photoshop editing. She received first place for "Sunrise Over Lemon Bay," second place for "Indian Rocks Beach Boardwalk" and third place for "I Love the Beach."

Shew earned first place in the adult multimedia class with "Indian Horse Theme." Alyssa Bunnell placed second with



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"Ready for War" by Daniel Shew received Best of Show honors in the Art's Alive Fine Arts Show, held in conjunction with the North Central Missouri Fair.

"Dynamic Sound" and Barbara Tunnell received third place for "250 Years — Flag."

In junior pencil or charcoal drawing, Gott won first place with "Tornado," while Regan McCauslin placed second with "Self Portrait."

Elizabeth Eller received both awards in the adult colored-pencil drawing class. She earned first place for "Coffee Time" and second place for "Never Stop Dreaming."

The Fine Arts Show building was open to the public during the final two days of the fair before exhibits were released to participants.

Grand River Garden Club Announces August Beautification Honors

The Grand River Garden Club has announced its Yard of the Month and Business Beautification of the Month selections for August.

Monty and Sarah Bonnett received the Yard of the Month honor for their property in the 600 block of Town and Country in Trenton.

The Grundy County Health Department, located at 1716

Lincoln St. in Trenton, was selected as the Business Beautification of the Month.

The Grand River Garden Club presents the monthly awards during the growing season to recognize residents, businesses and organizations whose lawn care, landscaping and property maintenance help beautify the Trenton community.



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Monty and Sarah Bonnett's property on Town and Country in Trenton was selected as the Grand River Garden Club's Yard of the Month for August.



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The Grundy County Health Department, 1716 Lincoln St. in Trenton, was selected as the Grand River Garden Club's Business Beautification of the Month for August.

Green Hills MomCo Baby Show Draws 31 Participants

Green Hills MomCo welcomed 31 children to its annual Baby Show fundraiser, with participants competing in age divisions ranging from newborns to 5 years old.

Heidi Rice, Green Hills MomCo coordinator thanked all who participated in the competition.

"We are so grateful to the families and community members who came out despite a brief rain delay and breezy conditions." Rice said, "The proceeds from this fundraiser help us continue our ministry of encouraging and serving local mothers and families throughout the year."

Results are as follows.

0-3-Month Girls

Donna Lowe, 7 weeks old, daughter of Doug and NeNa Lowe of Wheeling, placed first.

Ainsley Lyon, 2 months old, daughter of Jordan Wendt and Jamie Lyon of Trenton, placed second.

0-3-Month Boys

Langston Riley, 7 weeks old, son of Charlie and Maurissa Riley of Trenton, placed first.

Nolan Truitt, 3 months old, son of Josh and Brett Truitt of Trenton, placed second.

3-6-Month Girls

Keery Flowers, 5 months old, daughter of Chris and Ralee Flowers of Chillicothe, placed first.

Bailor Bunch, 4 months old, daughter of Austin and Kammi



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2-3-Year-Old Girls: Vaeda Gott and Madalyn Smith



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4-5-Year-Old Girls: Amelia DeWitt and Eliana Titus



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12-24-Month Boys: Randle Duvall-Johnson, Cooper Gray and Von Hendricks

Bunch of Trenton, placed second.

Olivia Gibson, 4 months old, daughter of Alyssa Gibson of Trenton, placed third.

Raylynn Guerrero, 3 months old, daughter of Nacho and Ryleah Guerrero of Trenton, received the Teeniest Fashionista award.

3-6-Month Boys

Stetson Kille, 6 months old, son of Isaiah and Kylie Kille of Chillicothe, placed first.

Hunter Owens, 5 months old, son of William and Destany Owens of Trenton, placed second.

Revin Smith, 4 months old, son

of Seth and Bridgette Smith of Lexington, placed third.

6-12-Month Girls

Silvana Gray, 10 months old, daughter of Jagger Gray and Kaylynn Stanton of Gallatin, placed first.

Kailyn Brown, 9 months old, daughter of Owen Brown and Kyley Culbertson of Trenton, placed second.

Rynlea May, 12 months old, daughter of Brayden Cooper and Makina Limkemann of Laredo, placed third.

Wrenlee Wilson, 9 months old, daughter of Levi and Sonja Wilson of Spickard, received the Biggest Bow award.

Ryverlynn McGinley, 12 months old, daughter of Jonathan McGinley and McKenna King of Jamesport, received the Teeniest Fashionista award.

6-12-Month Boys

Kacey Simpson, 8 months old, son of Kaeden and Kamille Simpson of Chillicothe, placed first.

Asher Hendricks, 7 months old, son of Justin and Danielle Hendricks of Kirksville, placed second.

12-24-Month Girls

Twins Jazlynn and Izabella Newlon, 16 months old, daughters of Matthew and Chelsea Newlon of Trenton, placed first.

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Rock Barn Awards Announced at North Central Missouri Fair

Compiled by Gabe Stark
Reporter

Awards from the Rock Barn area of this year's North Central Missouri Fair have been announced, recognizing youth and adult exhibitors in categories ranging from gardening and food preservation to woodworking, quilting, arts and crafts.

Although the overall number of exhibits was lower than last year, Rock Barn Superintendent Carol Ausberger said the quality of the entries remained consistently above average. Weather conditions earlier in the year affected garden productivity.

Thirty youth displayed their skills through entries submitted by members of the general public, local FFA chapters and area 4-H clubs.

Two youth competed in the Special Woodworking category. Awards were determined based on overall quality, creativity and complexity, with each participant receiving a cash prize.

Bailey Williams entered a noodle

board, while Carson Kaysinger displayed a planter box.

Youth ribbon recipients were: Claire Woodard, four blue ribbons; Bailey Williams, eight blue ribbons and a Special Woodworking Award; Geneva Harvey, two blue ribbons; Ezra Harvey, two blue ribbons; Layla Woodard, two blue ribbons; Kennedy Swan, six blue ribbons and the Loretta Ray Canning Award; Everly Bethards, one blue ribbon; Macy Lowrey, six blue ribbons; Tyson Lowrey, six blue ribbons and one red ribbon; Christopher Couture, one blue ribbon; Madelyn Glidewell, two red ribbons; Bryan Glidewell, one blue ribbon; Carson Beverlin, 11 blue ribbons; Cole Beverlin, three blue ribbons; Zella Lamma, one blue ribbon; Morgan McClain, one blue ribbon; Izzy Burton, one blue ribbon; Todd Burton, one blue ribbon; Kathryn Martin, one blue ribbon; Colt Swindler, four blue ribbons and one red ribbon; Duke Swindler, three blue ribbons and two red ribbons; and Riley Michael, one blue ribbon.

FFA exhibitors represented an

assortment of area chapters.

Kaysinger received one blue ribbon and a Special Woodworking Award for his planter box. Leah Carver received one blue ribbon; Landon Olmstead, one red ribbon; Kallie Clark, one blue ribbon and one white ribbon; Andrew Schreiner, one blue ribbon; Carven Crawford, one blue ribbon and Grand Champion honors in the soybean plant category; Kimber Woodworth, one blue ribbon and Reserve Champion honors in the soybean plant category; and Carman Woodworth, one red ribbon.

The Loretta Ray Award, presented to the youth entering the most canned items, will be awarded to Kennedy Swan. She will also receive a \$20 cash prize.

Eleven exhibitors participated in the adult division, submitting canned goods, quilts, woodworking projects, arts and crafts and other homemaking entries.

Adult ribbon recipients were Loretta Ray, 10 blue ribbons and two red ribbons; Janice Belvel, one red ribbon; Megan Miller, two blue ribbons and Special Woodworking

recognition; Lana Snider, three blue ribbons; Karen Rorebeck, three blue ribbons; Michelle Smith, two blue ribbons and five red ribbons; Alvin Smith, two blue ribbons; Twyla Johnson, 12 blue ribbons and one Outstanding or Judge's Choice Award; Barbara Tunnell, one blue ribbon and two red ribbons; Hilsabeck Honey Farm, two blue ribbons; and James Ross, four red ribbons.

Senior Horticulture Division

Senior Horticulture Division judging was held Tuesday, July 28, during the North Central Missouri Fair.

Twyla Johnson of Spickard entered 10 exhibits and received one blue ribbon, six red ribbons and one white ribbon.

Marie Johnson of Spickard entered nine exhibits and received six blue ribbons, one red ribbon and two white ribbons.

Caleb Ray of Trenton entered four exhibits and received three blue ribbons and one red ribbon.

Lortie "Lottie" Ray received one red ribbon.

Baby

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Renley Stoddard, 15 months old, daughter of Kameron and Mallory Stoddard of Chillicothe, placed second.

Royce Whitney, 21 months old, daughter of Jordan and Abbey Whitney of Laredo, placed third.

12-24-Month Boys

Randle Duvall-Johnson, 15

months old, son of Chris Johnson and Kelsey Duvall of Trenton, placed first.

Cooper Gray, 13 months old, son of Derek and Brianna Gray of Chula, placed second.

Von Hendricks, 19 months old, son of Austin White and Miranda Hendricks of Trenton, placed third.

2-3-Year-Old Girls

Vaeda Gott, 3, daughter of William and Maranda Gott of

Trenton, placed first.

Madalyn Smith, 2, daughter of Jonathan and Ashley Smith of Gallatin, placed second.

2-3-Year-Old Boys

Westley Kidd, 2, son of Tyler and Delanie Kidd of Trenton, placed first.

Conner Conwell, 3, son of Travis Vasey and Alyssa Conwell of Trenton, placed second.

4-5-Year-Old Girls

Amelia DeWitt, 4, daughter of Austin and Elizabeth DeWitt of Trenton, placed first.

Eliana Titus, 4, daughter of Sara Sharp of Trenton, placed second.

4-5-Year-Old Boys

Carter Conwell, 4, son of Travis Vasey and Alyssa Conwell of Trenton, placed first.

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The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	Estimated Current Tax Year 2026	Prior Tax Year 2025
Real Estate	63,151,911	61,441,510
Personal Property	30,405,393	29,019,370
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	93,557,304	90,460,880
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	93,557,304	90,460,880
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)	1,465,703	

The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	3,395,195	3.629	3,261,024	3.605
Teacher	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	842,016	0.900	814,148	0.900
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-
Total	4,237,210	4.5290	4,075,172	4.5049

Total New Revenue: 134,170

New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements: 53,190

New Revenue from Reassessment: 80,980

Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment: 2.48%

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**These figures are based on information available as of Friday, August 1, 2026. It is possible the estimate may change by the Tax Rate that the Board of Education may make changes until September 1, 2026.”*

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18 Actively fought

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21 BBQ entree

23 Pavarotti, e.g.

24 Quick haircut

25 Game-catching devices

27 Compete in a 5K

28 Poles on ships

29 Self-absorbed person

31 Day on Mars

32 Oscar winner Emma

33 Big string instrument

35 Heavy weight

36 Acknowledging gestures: 2 wds.

38 Fawned (on)

41 Singer Benatar

42 In the lead: 2 wds.

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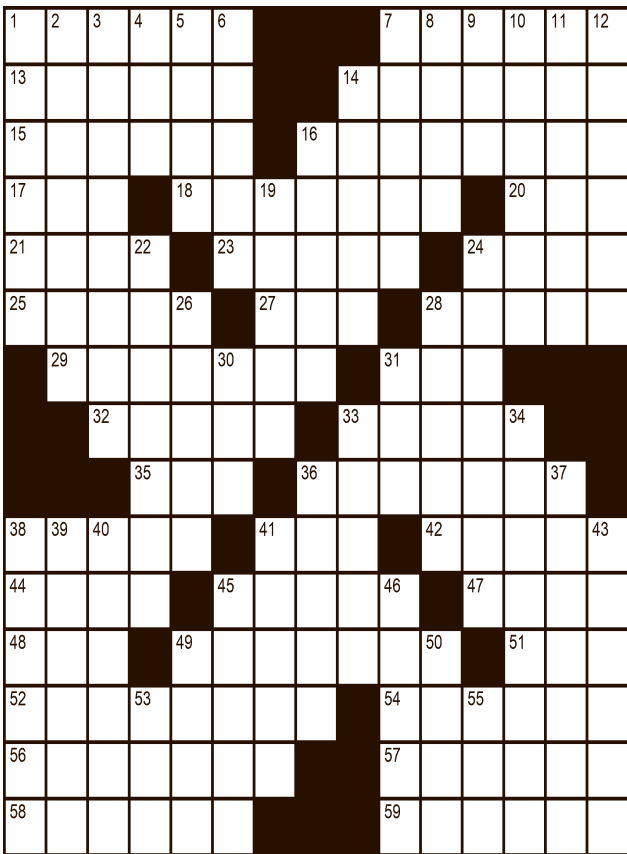
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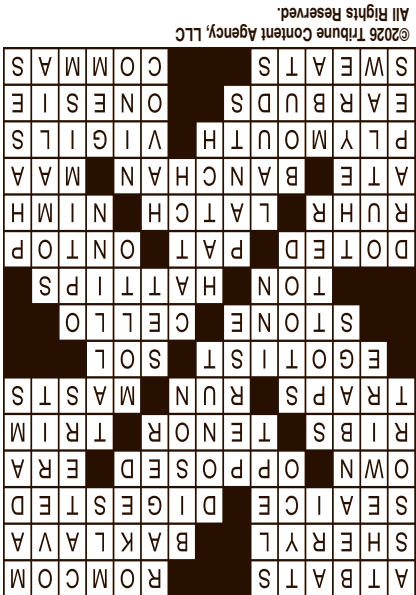
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- 12 Women's titles
- 14 Shaggy bovine
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- 19 In itself: 2 wds.
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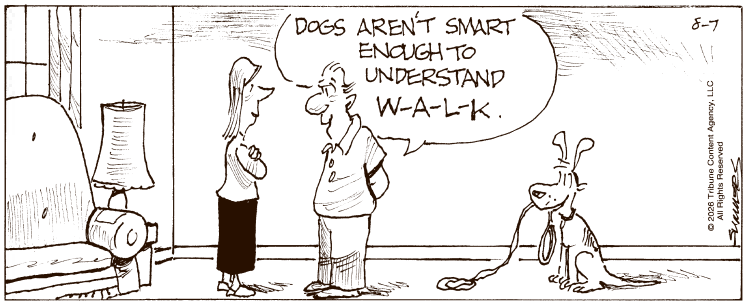
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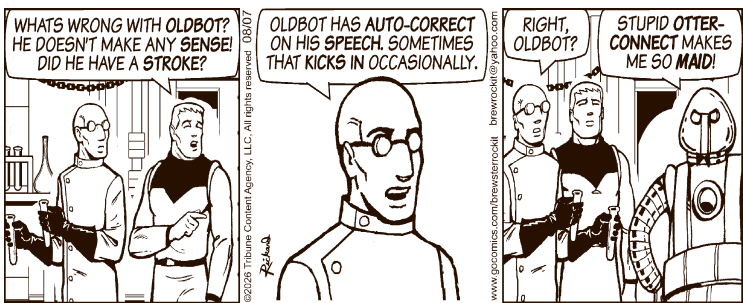
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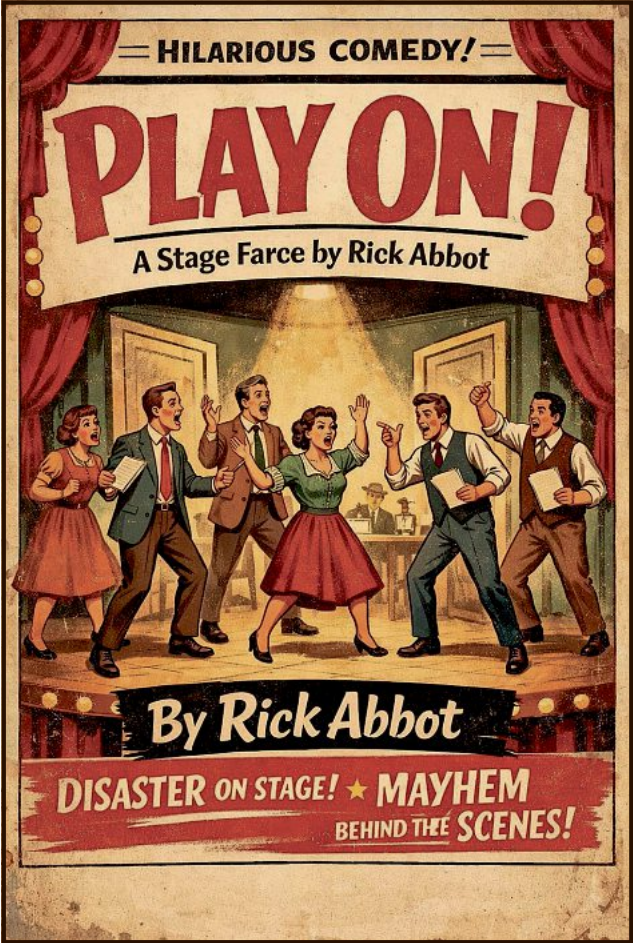
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Season Of Shows Coming To Trenton With Art's Alive

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Art's Alive, Trenton's community arts organization, has announced its 2026-27 season, featuring four concerts, a community theater production and the return of its annual gingerbread contest.

Presented in partnership with the Trenton High School Fine Arts Department, the season will offer music, comedy, ventriloquism and local theater at the Trenton Performing Arts Center.

The season begins with "It Takes Two — A Legendary Duo Revue" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. Entertainers Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann of "Letters From Home" will celebrate famous duos, including Johnny Cash and June Carter, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and Batman and Robin. The show will combine music, comedy and Broadway selections.

Southern Missouri bluegrass band Lindley Creek will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The family group blends

traditional bluegrass with modern influences and performs historic songs and original music. Members include Kathie Greer, John Greer, Katie Greer and Jase Greer.

The community theater production of "Play On" will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Directed by Elizabeth Hackathorn, the comedy follows a theater group attempting to stage a play while dealing with constant script changes and a series of rehearsal and performance disasters.

Art's Alive will host its fourth annual Holiday Gingerbread Contest on Friday, Dec. 4, during Trenton's Downtown Christmas festivities sponsored by Trenton Five Points Alive. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, and visitors may vote for the People's Choice Award.

Ventriloquist and comedian Todd Oliver will perform with Irving the Talking Dog at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2027. The family-friendly show will include comedy, magic, music, audience participation and a rotating cast of characters. Oliver has appeared on "America's Got Talent" and "The Tonight Show."

The season will conclude with local band Slow Leak at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2027. The group combines bluegrass, folk and acoustic influences with songs inspired by life, hardship and happiness.

Season membership tickets include admission to all season events. Memberships will be sold at the Trenton Hy-Vee customer service desk and Dynamic Tax & Accounting.

Individual tickets will become available approximately two weeks before each event. Trenton High School fine arts students and North Central Missouri College students may attend events free of charge.

Art's Alive is also seeking sponsors to help support the upcoming season. Sponsorship letters will be mailed to potential contributors.

North Central Electric Cooperative is an electric distribution cooperative serving members in parts of North Central Missouri. We pride ourselves on a strong safety culture and developing a family environment while providing training opportunities for self-development. We offer an excellent benefit package.

North Central Electric Cooperative is seeking candidates for a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position. Reporting directly to the General Manager/CEO, this key leadership position influences decisions across the organization. The successful candidate will oversee financial functions, providing direction that supports the Cooperative's mission To safely provide our members with electric service at the lowest possible cost, consistent with sound business practices.

Qualifications preferred:

- Degree in Accounting, Finance or Business Management with Accounting & Finance emphasis, or equivalent required. Prefer related additional electric utility industry educational credits.
- Five years' experience in finance, accounting in the electric utility or related field. Supervisory

experience in financial management areas.

- Strong analytical, communication, and leadership skills with the ability to influence across all levels of the organization.
- Be familiar with or willing to learn accounting software platforms used by the cooperative.

Job Responsibilities:

- Analyze general financial condition of the Cooperative.
- Oversee/provide preparation, consultation and submission of financial data for management, the Board of Directors and Membership.
- Develop and implement financial practices which satisfy financial requirements and standards set forth by principal creditors and professional auditors.
- Supervise preparation of financial reports and documentation required for the creditors and auditor.
- Establish and maintain audit controls for financial activities to ensure compliance with organizational plans, policies, and practices.

- Provide financial management recommendations to the General Manager/CEO.
- Coordinate and prepare the annual budget to present to the Board of Directors; assist other Departments in the preparation of their respective budgets.
- Complete and file Federal, State, and local payroll tax and financial reports.
- Supervise accounting and disbursement procedures.
- Develop and implement short-term and long-term financial plans including cash management.
- Recommend strategies to obtain stated financial goals and ensure adequate cash flow and working capital.

Pre-employment drug screening and background checks are required. If you are interested in joining the North Central Electric Cooperative team and have the qualifications listed above, please send your resume to North Central Electric Cooperative; P.O. Box 220; Milan, MO 63556; Attention: Melissa Howard or email MHoward@ncmec.coop. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. North Central Electric Cooperative is an EOE.

WORSHIP, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP.

Join us as we pray over the upcoming school year for Grundy County area schools, homeschool families, and NCMC. All are invited to attend. Following the prayer walk will be a free youth event at the stadium with food, yard games, and music until 8pm.

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