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Early Lapse Keys Henderson's Finest Moment

in a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

A rare blunder may have put John Brooks Henderson on the path to redefining American freedom.

The Louisiana man was a Union general at the start of the Civil War. In October 1861, he negotiated an armistice with Southern sympathizer Jefferson Franklin

It was a sincere, but imprudent, effort to avoid bloodshed. And while the truce was not binding, it created an engaging and enduring saga.

The claim goes that Henderson was representing the federal government and that Jones was in charge of a separatist effort to avoid the war from impacting Callaway County.

Henderson promised he would not invade if Jones disbanded his ragtag fighters. By signing the treaty, the story goes, the feds recognized an independent entity that locals began calling "The Kingdom of Callaway."

The government chastised Henderson and imme-_diately reminded anyone who would listen that such treaties can only be made by the President with the consent of the Senate.

But in The Kingdom, the matter was settled. It is "a name which probably will last through the ages," Callaway County historian Ovid Bell noted. The armistice "had no parallel during the war," added author Andrew Saeger.

Henderson and Jones were very similar. Both were born in the South and

Following is the first part came to Missouri with their families as children. Each thoroughly disloyal," disbecame a prominent lawyer and served in the state legislature. At one point, both owned slaves.

They were smart. eloquent and determined. Their differences were a matter of constitutional outlook. Henderson categorized as traitors those who disavowed the Union. Jones became a secessionist because he feared relinquishing individual rights.

Henderson seemed the more guarded, barely raising an eyebrow after rioters in Palmyra hanged and burned him in effigy. When one observer called the incident "a lively time," the Hannibal Daily Messenger countered that Henderson was "a man possessing more patriotism than all the Secessionists in Missouri." A courageous rebel bent

seemed to come naturally for Jones. He said he and his followers "were determined to yield our lives" to protect their properties. The St. Louis Republic explained the men "had assembled for self-protection." Jones and his wife, Sally, had a humorous side. Of their 12 chldren, two sons were named South West and North East. A daughter was called Monimia, which is a type of shrub. Neither Missouri nor

Callaway County would leave the Union, but at least one measuring stick highlighted the overwhelming Southern sentiment. In the 1860 presidential election, Abraham Lincoln managed only 15 votes in Callaway County of more than 2,600

"That whole region is gusted Union Gen. Chester Hardin Jr. wrote.

Henderson left Louisiana for Wellsville in September 1861 with 600 militiamen. His orders were to quell what Union commanders called an uprising by Confederate supporters in Montgomery and Callaway counties.

Hearing that Henderson was coming, Jones prepared for an assault. The Missouri Telegraph, a Callaway County newspaper, stirred what was already a simmering pot by erroneously charging that Henderson's appointment as a brigadier general was "bogus" because Gov. Hamilton Gamble had not followed legal guidelines.

Records vary on how many men Jones had - anywhere from 300 to 600 – but his tactics were vintage trickery. The efforts included cutting tree trunks and painting them black to resemble cannons and lighting unmanned campfires to give the impression that he had more soldiers.

ones had no armaments, and Henderson's friend David Patterson Dyer said the only one the Union contingent had was so ancient that it would be "more effective for noise than anything else."

Still, Henderson was resolute to do his duty and Jones was steadfast. Their determination would lead to an unprecedented declaration no one could have predicted.

Next time: Priceless



Ruby Leigh was the headline entertainment at the 2025 Vandalia Prairie Days held Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27. The two-day event, held in downtown Vandalia, was deemed a huge success with many other bands, kid's entertainment, craft booths, various food stands, and a parade

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Great Recipe

Band Satisfies With Final Apple Shed Show work on "Lullaby of the



Clarksville on Sunday, Sept. 21. From left are Rick Zelle, Tom Maloney, Dick Maley, Jerry Epperson, Brett Stamps and Brian Casserly.

By Brent Engel

CONTRIBUTING WRITER Amid the melancholy, there was a kind of soothing satisfaction that comes with the end of such a joyous tradition.

The world-renown jazz band Cornet Chop Suey played what was billed as its final performance at The Apple Shed in Clarksville on Sept. 21. The concert was sponsored by Raintree Arts Council, and brought to an end the band's three decades of musical enchantment at the historic venue.

"It's just been an incredle journey all these years said leader Brian Casserly. "It's been the adventure of my life."

Joining Big B onstage were trombonist Brett Stamps, keyboardist Rick Zelle, drummer Dick Maley, Tom Maloney on bass and Clarksville's Jerry Epperson with saxophone and clari-

The band has played in 27 countries – at everything from outdoor festivals and elegant concert halls to cruise ships and jubilees. But no matter where the road led, the group each year found its way back to The Shed, a 1930s-era building along Highway 79

that once processed and shipped apples from local orchards.

"This is the greatest place to play," Casserly told the audience of more than 100 people from Missouri, Illinois and elsewhere. "It just sounds so good."

Tributes were made throughout the afternoon to Tom Tucker, the musician who formed Cornet with Casserly in 1996. The Navy veteran and retired car dealership owner passed in 2022

"We realized we had ability and the vision of what "Tom was a very important part of this band. I miss

Relatives were in the audience, and Casserly re-peated the light-hearted admonishment Tucker often had for bandmates: "Don't nobody screw up."

A surprise came when Maley turned his kit over to former Cornet percussionist John "Go Go" Gillick, whose jaw-dropping drum solo sparked raucous applause. Examples of his talent can be found on YouTube.

As with Tucker, Epperson had family in attendance and got loud cheers for his

Leaves," among other selec-The set list was vintage

Chop Suey, starting with

"Down on Bourbon Street."

Other tunes included "Dark

Eyes," "Sleepy Time Down South," "Come a Long Way From St. Louis," "Pink Champagne" and "Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens." After a little cajoling, Casserly got the seasoned audience to get up and participate on his original

Cajun frolic "Stir the Pot." He also paid tribute to his late father with the mellow standard "Midnight in Moscow." Stamps and Maloney did

well-received solos. The show closed, as Cornet concerts over the years often did, with the Louis Armstrong classic "What a Wonderful World."

Each member has an individual musical resume that's longer than the slide on a trombone, and likely will continue to play the occasional solo show or fill in if another band asks.

Of course, there's always the remote chance that Cornet Chop Suey could pop up on a marquee again. After all, it's hard to resist the indescribable magic that happens when they're to-

"This band has changed my life," Casserly admitted. "It's been great."

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used for Raintree programs and ongoing upkeep at The Shed, which was donated to the not-forprofit group in 1979 by the Mallin family and continues to host concerts, stage productions, weddings, recepfestivals tions, community events.

Proverty Simulation Participants Sought standing of the realities that



about the struggles many people go through each day.

Participants are being sought for a Pike County poverty simulation on Oct. 16. The free event, sponsored

by NECAC and Peoples Bank & Trust, is from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 319 W. Church Street in Bowling Green. Lunch will be provided and the Missouri Community Action Network of Jefferson City is facilitating.

The role-playing simulation offers participants a chance to see how disadvantaged people live and suggest ways communities can address concerns.

"This is a unique, interactive way to deepen under-

many families face each day,' said NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon. "It's an opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors."

Participants are assigned a family scenario and then must navigate a simulated month of living on a limited income. They will interact with banks, schools, employers, social service agencies and other community entities. There will also be a few surprises mixed in, such as an unexpected medical bill or a car break-

People may RSVP by calling Dixon at 573-324-2207 Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., or at pikcsc@necac.org.

NECAC is contractually required to publish the following: "This program is funded 100 percentr at \$100 with federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division."

uisiana Residents Arrested **On Numerous Drug Charges**



EDITOR

During the evening hours of Thursday, Sept. 25, members of the Louisiana Police Department, with assistance from the Pike County Sheriff's Office, executed a narcotics search warrant at 311 North 6th Street in Louisiana. During the execution of

the search warrant, officers seized over 50 grams of methamphetamine. Two individuals were taken into custody at the residence. Stephanie A. Bryant, 56,

of Louisiana, has been charged by Pike County Prosecuting Attorney Alex Ellison with the Class C felony of trafficking drugs (methamphetamine), the Class D felony of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and the Class E felony of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charles R. Marshall, 47,



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E felony of possession of **Continued To Page 7**

Clarksville *A* rt Show Dea dline Nears

There's still time to enter works in the 51st Annual Raintree Arts Council Art Exhibit and Judged Competition.

The event is being held in conjunction with Clarksville Applefest Oct. 11 and 12 at The Apple Shed along High-

Adults ages 18 and older may submit items in the professional or amateur categories at The Apple Shed from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, or 4-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

All works must be original and other rules apply. Professional is described as people who make at least 50 percent of their income from art, have a degree in art or have exhibited in a professional art show. Prizes will be awarded in the adult and youth divisions.

Pick up is Sunday, Oct. 12, by 4 p.m. Raintree is not responsible for items taken without being checked out or those left after 4 p.m., and is not responsible for loss or damage. The show will be en-

closed and locked each night.

This year's event is dedicated to the late Louisiana artist Jon Moran, who spent more than two decades assisting with the show.

More information is available by e-mailing Cindy Logan at artlady.cl@gmail. com.



The Commissioner's Cup will return to Bowling Green's trophy case for another year after the Bobcats defeated the Louisiana Bulldogs 45-23. Pictured are members of the Bobcats along with the Commissioner's Cup and the Mayor's

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Community News

Department Of Natural Resources Encourages September Library Book Review **Missourians To Report Drought Conditions**

In light of continuing drought conditions across the state, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is encouraging people to report local drought conditions in their area to help local, state and national decision-makers better understand and assess drought conditions and impacts in Missouri.

Missouri drought conditions continue to worsen. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Climate and Weather Committee, in consultation with the State Climatologist and partners from the National Weather

Service, is actively monitoring drought conditions and any impacts occurring in Missouri's communities.

To report drought conditions, anyone can submit a survey form via the Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) service at droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Too ls/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx.

CMOR is an online collaborative effort to crowdsource data on ground-level drought conditions as they develop. Reports and photographs submitted through

2026 Missouri

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CMOR are used by state to what's typical, in the eyes and federal officials to ensure the national drought map accurately portrays conditions in Missouri and other states. By ensuring the map's accuracy, federal resources can be made available as soon as possible for drought-affected areas.

The CMOR system, managed by the National Drought Mitigation Center, collects reports of local

conditions and impacts around the country. Your report will become part of the permanent record, appearing immediately on an interactive map visible to the public, including authors of the U.S. Drought Monitor and the media.

The Drought Monitor is used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to trigger disaster declarations and eligibility for low-interest loans and assistance programs. State and local decision makers also use the map to implement drought response activities.

Information incorporated in a CMOR report includes how dry or wet it is and how current conditions compare

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of the observer. The system allows users to also note impacts on different sectors, such as crop and livestock production, municipal water supply, recreation and public health. We encourage Missourians to submit photos along with their reports to illustrate what conditions look like in your com-

People can submit reports as frequently as they would like. Frequent reporting is particularly useful during times of rapid change and extreme weather, but we encourage users to participate yearround to provide an ongoing comparison of wet, dry and normal conditions.

A variety of helpful online resources are available at dnr.mo.gov/drought. The one-stop drought infor-mation website features current drought-related news, a series of Missouri drought maps and current condition reports, U.S. Drought Monitor, Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan and other resources, including information on past droughts.

centered around the America 250 celebration. Theycan't wait to see you there with your flags waving high, ready to celebrate America and our great state!

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REVIEWED BY KASI WELBORN, CIRCULATION

Assistant, Mexico

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heroine, Edie, trying desper-

ately to save her neighbor,

Chad (annoying Chad!),

from the zombie coming for

him, while he is obliviously

watering his plants, in what

appears to be Sherpa under-

wear, a black zipper hoodie,

Armed with nothing but

Thus begins one of the

what was supposed to be a

wonderful burrito, she does

funniest supernatural rom-

coms I have EVER had the

pleasure of reading. Be-

tween different creatures

coming out to the public and

zombies being created by

the government to combat

said creatures, and a French

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ite children's show, Dora the

Explorer, this one is defi-

nitely going in my favorites

and headphones.

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category.

The story opens with our



October 2025 Library STAFF BOOK REVIEWTHE BLETCHLEY RIDDLE BY RUTA SEPETYS &

REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER BRANCH LIBRARY MANAGER

someone who likes to read juvenile historical fiction, this is a good story. It takes place during World War II in England. The main characters are a sister and a brother who find themselves in Bletchley Park, where Great Britain has secretly collected the best known mathematicians and code breakers. Everything is secret. The siblings have a secret of their own to solve: the disappearance of their mom. As the war rages, and Hitler's army gets closer, will the Enigma cipher be broken and will they find out if their mom is alive? Codes and messages arrive on their doorstep while a menacing inspector lurks outside. The story flows well. Bletchley Park and breaking the Nazi's Enigma cipher were important contributions to the outcome of World War II. There are historical notes in the back about actual events and people mentioned in the



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STEVE SHEINKIN

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I enjoyed this book and give it a 5/5. You can check it out at the Mexico-Audrain

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It's Fall, And Here Come Chirping Crickets

of September and October in Missouri homes.

These noisy insects make their way indoors for warmth and shelter once temperatures start to drop, says University of Missouri Extension and Lincoln University urban entomologist Emily Althoff.

Crickets are drawn to light and find their way inside through small openings in foundations or under doors as they search for food and safety. They prefer cool, dark and damp places and like to move at night, Althoff says.

Once inside, they eat and damage items such as cotton, linen, wool, silk and fur, she says. Materials soiled by perspiration or food are more likely to be damaged. These crickets also eat dead or dying insects, including their own species. Field crickets may also damage crops. Althoff says there are

several ways to prevent crickets from entering:

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erstripping, caulk and door sweeps as barriers.

Avoid clutter. Remove clutter from around the foundation of buildings. Clutter can serve as hiding places for crickets and other pests.

Remove vegetation. Fall is a good time to tidy up vegetation from flower beds, gardens and bushes to

invading crickets in Missouri are field crickets, house crickets, ground crickets and mole crickets.

Learn more about different types of crickets and ways to treat them in MU Extension's newly revised publication, "House-Invading Crickets," at https://extension.missouri.edu/public

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

Bids must be received by Oct. 7, 2025, at 2 P.M.

Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

As of Monday, Sept. 22, there were 100

days left in 2025. City hall has been very busy with setting up next year's budget for Bowling Green. Thanks go out to our wise Board of Alderpersons: Mark Bair, Kim Luebrecht, Diane Kirkpatrick, Myron Arttus,

McCoy Thompson, and Cheryl Jennings.

Also, a great deal of thanks to our City Ad-

ministrator/ Clerk, Linda Luebrecht and

our City Treasurer, Kim Moore - both of which put in hours beyond the extra work sessions.

We don't always like the tough decisions that have to be made but that is a part of "responsible leadership!" City Hall is responsible to you, taxpayers, to run our fantastic

town with wisdom and a heart for our present and future Are we fully funded for all the work we would like to do to improve our community? No.Yet,

great town of Bowling Green.

that is where tough and wise CITY OF BOWLING GREEN decision-making comes into play. Our city leaders have the wisdom, experience, and input from you residents to prioritize the necessary projects to maintain a balanced budget and yet try to meet the major concerns of running our

At the Missouri Municipal League Mayor's Conference I attended, I met so many administrators and councilmembers from smaller and larger towns that are having to float bond issues or borrow money to manage their communities. Bowling Green has been and continues to be managed well.

There will come a time when Bowling Green may have to pass a bond issue or borrow money. Our water treatment plant is in fine shape now but as our town develops and attracts more businesses and citizens, we will need to expand and/or replace our aging water treatment plant just as we are having to replace aged water and sewer lines.

You can't always see where those millions of dollars are going. As our town ages so does the responsibility to replace buildings, shelters, demolish old ones and

replace them with new modern facilities. New facilities like fire stations and police departments. New fire trucks, police cars, code enforcement vehicles, and maybe a new and expanded City Hall will be necessary. Roads and streets only decay through hostile winters and heated summers. Will Bowling Green ever desire a recreational facility for all ages. Or offer a larger community

center that supports youth, JIM ARICO, MAYOR young families, singles, and Senior adult programs along with athletic and fitness opportunities?

Thanks to all who tried to attend the dancing in the Park event this past Saturday evening. It was a rainout. However, Fieldhouse 54 is a million-dollar indoor facility that offers a variety of activities and events for singles and family entertainment and involvement! Have you ever to support this or we will lose it.







left: Ted Smith, Marines; Tom Craig, Navy; Donald Shaw, Army; Eddie Murray, Navy; Marvin Jennings, Army; Harry Benn, Army; Melvin Korte, Army; Harold Luebrecht, Army; Gerald Luebrecht, Army; Fred Tepen, Army; George Copenhaver (hidden), Army; Edwin Miller, Army; Mike Rogers, Army; Richard Worsham, Army; Phillip Stapleton, Army; Frank Becker, Army; and Ed Feldmann, Army. Attending but not pictured: Ken Durbin, Navy, and Don Brewster, Navy.

BGHS Class Of 1965 Vets Rew

The Bowling Green High School Class of 1965 veterans attended their 60th year class reunion on Friday, Sept. 12.

There were 16 who attended the event, 45 men and two women from the class of 1965 served in the Vietnam era.

All returned home with the exception of one classmate, Louis Niemeyer, who gave the ultimate sacrifice

to his country.

These men were honored at the event by fellowclassmates for their service and received heartfelt applause and thanks for their time serving their country.



Pictured are classmates from the Class of 1965 held Friday, Sept. 12, who married each other, from left: Marvin and Barbara Stewart Jennings, Harry and Alma Allen Benn, Melvin and Marie Branstetter Korte, and Tom and Eva Perkins Craig. A total of over 220 years of married life are represented in this picture.

Forty members from the class of 1965 along with their guesetes attended their 60th Bowling Green High School class reunion on Friday, Sept. 12 at St. Clement Knights of Columbus Hall.

The evening's theme was Patriotic & Thankfulness For Veterans Serving Their Country Directly Graduation. Decorations included red

and black table settings with beautiful live flowers decorating the center of the tables. The American flag along with the four branches of service flags were displayed along with the stand holder hearing the words "God Bless American" in red, white, and blue lettering. The holder ws on loan and handmade by Harry Cleve Elder of Frankford.

A veterans' table decorated with various types of memorabilia also displayed the class senior picture of 125 graduates.

An "In Memory Of" banner graced a table of 37

framed deceased classmates along with a candle standing holding lit red and black candles. During the program a list of deceased classmates were read along with a momment of silence to honor their memory and time shared as classmates.

A welcome Class of 1965 banner and 60-year class reunion greeted all attending at the door where photos were taken for sharing on the class Facebook page. Another 1965 class

banner featuring 1965 events was hung on the back wall where class pictures from previous reunions were displayed along with a big screen TV sharing additional pictures with music from the 60's.

Committee members consisting of lead chairman Marie Branstetter Korte; and assistants Eva Perkins Craig, Joyce Edwards, Carol Gillum Marshall, Barb Stewart Jennings, and Ruthie Murray, wife of

classmate Eddie Murray and

Penny Luebrecht, wife of classmate Gerald Luebrecht were a huge help in making the event both beautiful and successful.

A donation of a \$500 scholarship was presented at the BGHS Alumni Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 13 to help further a Bowling Green scholarship at the end of the 2026 school year.

The class decided to meeting yearly at a local restaurant for visiting the same Saturday that the BGHS Alumni Banquet and Heritage Day are held.

The prime rib served at the meal was made by Woods Smoked Meats in memory of classmate, Ed Woods and the rest of the meal was prepared by the St. Clement Ladies Sodality.

The evening finished with all former cheerleaders, pep squad members in attendance standing singing the Bowling Green School Song, and much visiting followed the program.

Pike To Pike



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen 1-217-320-8438 The Milkey's Place Restau-

rant has a Bible Study on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., that is open to all that want to be there. Doesn't cost anything to

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding its fundraiser fish fry on a week from this Thursday on Oct. 9, 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will be your choice of catfish fillet or buffalo with three set sides which will include this month potato salad, corn casserole, and slaw, plus your choice of dessert and tea. Eat-in or carry-out. All ages welcome. Please call 217-285-

A week from Saturday, Oct. 11, the Big River Band will be at the Courtvard Cafe in uptown Pittsfield with the show starting at 6 p.m. No admission

charge but a donation will be taken up for the band. There will be a 50/50 drawing besides good music, good food to purchase, and plenty of people to enjoy the show with. All adults are welcome to attend.

Friday, Oct. 10, the Buggs' Family Opry will be having their show in Pearl with the show starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Young at heart senior citizens, are you looking for something fun to do but not sure what? Every Tuesday from noon-3 p.m., at the Admiral Coontz Armory, 301 Warren Barrett Drive in Hannibal, there is a live band called Uptown Strings that plays with a great dance floor and plenty of chairs to sit on and visit with others.

We are still having Single Seniors + One once a month. This is for all singles, 55 years and older, who would enjoy getting together with others and enjoy a midday meal with lots of visiting.Birthdays and anniversaries for the week Oct. 1-7: Oct. 1 - My son and Jacque-

line, Wess, and Reese's Dad Nathan Davis, Shawn Haughey, Carol and Bob Barton. Oct. 2 - Candy Evans, John

Kroeschel, Sue Dell, Tristin Oct. 3 - Dana Lewis, Bev

and Mike Palmer. Oct. 4 - Mark and Anita

Conkright. Oct. 5 - Michaella Utsinger, Tim Brown.

Oct. 6 - Mirranda Brown,

Scott Carnes, Marni and Brian Bradshaw.

Oct. 7 - John Brown Jr. Trivia Questions for This Week:

1. What famous highway is often referred to as the "Main Street of America"?

2. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

3. Which famous author of old was raised in Hannibal?

4. Who was the first novelist to present a typed manuscript to their publisher? Friday, Sept. 26, found

Jamie and Wyvetta in Bowling Green where they visited around town. They went to the home of his daughter, son-inlaw, and granddaughter Mary and Sean Massie and their daughter Bailey. They stopped at the home of Jamie's grandson Jacob Niffen and his children, Ollie and Oakland. Then they went to the home of Jamie's daughter-in-law Tracy Niffen and visited with her and his granddaughter Allison. They also went to Roger Milligan's barber shop where a person is always entertained and made to feel welcome. Friday, Sept. 26, the Pitts-

field High School Class of 1973 had its class luncheon at Ellie's Cardinal Inn with eleven in attendance. And they were: Cathy Bollegar; Carla Terpstra; Cheri Myers; Debbie Harshman; Jeanie Hartman; Joe Womble and Mary Breden; Sharon and Gary Williams; Teresa Sidwell; and Theresa Wade.

2026-27 FAFSA f Sched Opens Ahea The U.S. Department of To file a 2026-27

Education announced yesterday that the 2026-27 Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is now open, a full week ahead of the planned release date of October 1. The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) encourages students to file their FAFSA before Feb. 2, 2026 to be considered for the most financial aid avail-

"The FAFSA is an important first step to applying for grants, scholarships, workstudy, and loans that help provide Missourians more affordable access to degrees or short-term training certificates," said Dr. Bennett Boggs, Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. "We hope students across the state will take advantage of this early release and will file their FAFSA as soon as possible to allow consideration for the most financial aid opportunities."

Missourians should submit a FAFSA every year they plan to attend college. The FAFSA is the main way to determine students' eligibility for most federal and state financial aid. In Missouri, eligible students who complete the FAFSA before Feb. 2 will receive funding through Access Missouri, a need-based grant that assisted over 44,000 students during Fiscal Year 2025. Last year, the state of Missouri provided \$163 million in financial aid to nearly 66,000 students.

FAFSA, students need a studentaid.gov account (or login information if they already have an account/FSA ID) and 2024 tax information. Students will also need to determine if they are a dependent or independent student, and dependent students will need to identify their parent/contributor. Notable improvements have been made to the 2026-27 form to help streamline the process. For example, students can now invite their parent or contributor to complete their portion of the FAFSA with a code. Additionally, those needing to create an account on studentaid.gov will now receive confirmation information immediately, saving students and parents as much as a few days during the "We encourage all stu-

dents to file a FAFSA, even if they are still exploring their post-high school options," explained Alison Notter, MDHEWD Outreach Director. "Filing a FAFSA allows students to be considered for many forms of financial aid, such as Access Missouri, A+ Scholarship Program, and private scholarships. The FAFSA is free, typically takes less than an hour, and you can list any school you are considering on the MDHEWD will be avail-

able to help at FAFSA events at Missouri Job Centers, colleges, and libraries across the state to help Missouri students and parents file their FAFSA. Additionally, MDHEWD will host virtual office hours to offer one-on-one support to students and families who cannot attend an event or who may need extra help. If you are interested in oneon-one help, email journeytocollege@dhewd.mo.gov. To find a public event near you, review the Public FAFSA Frenzy events calendar.

For more information about the FAFSA and helpful filing tips, visit the department's FAFSA website. MDHEWD will also post helpful information and updates on MDHEWD's social media pages. About the Missouri De-

partment of Higher Educa-Workforce Development: The department works to empower Missourians with the skills and education needed for success. More information about MDHEWD can be found https://dhewd.mo.gov or by

following MDHEWD's social media accounts.



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Saturday, Oct. 4 ● 907 W. Home Vandalia Dine-In or Carry-out For dinners call 573-939-8027 **Dinners**

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Potato Salad **Baked Beans** Cole Slaw **Desserts Assorted Cakes**

Cobblers Beverage Included

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"The St. Clement Parish Auction was an incredible success thanks to YOU our amazing community! We are truly blessed with such generous support, and we can't wait to do it all again next year. Mark your calendars now Aug. 22, 2026. Thank you again for making this such a special evening for our Parish" -St. Clement Dinner Auction Committee 2025

Card Of Thanks

The family of Gail Rutter (Tinsley) wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy and support received through attendance, cards, flowers, meals, donations and prayers. Your thoughtfulness has been and continues to be a great source of comfort to us.

A special thank you to friends and family of Cyrene Baptist Church and A&W Communications.

Lyndse R. Green & Family **Megan Brunswig & Family Mike Rutter & Family**

Obituaries



JoAnn Boman, 85, of Troy died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 22, 2025 at her home.

Private services will be held at a later date.

She was born Aug. 20, 1940 in St. Louis to William and Mildred Middleswart Paxton. She grew up with her three siblings, James, Sandra and Patti Jo. After her formal schooling, she joined the workforce and worked as a teller for United Credit Union. JoAnn was a loving and nurturing mother to her children and cherished each and every one of them.

She is survived by her children, Thomas "Craig" Boman of St. Peters, Timothy Boman of Bowling Green, Michele Jameson and husband Rick of Bowling Green, and Vickie Slack of Troy; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is further survived by her three siblings, James Paxton of Apache Junction, Ariz., Sandra Beasley of Oveda, Fla., and Patti Jo McCrea and husband, Larry of Okla-She was preceded in

death by her parents and her great-grandson, Corey Michael Jameson. Memorials may be made

to Make-A-Wish or American Heart Association. Family and friends are in-

vited to sign our online guestbook at: www.mccoyblossomfh.com.

Noel Elsworth

Noel Elsworth Harris laid down his working tools and received his heavenly reward on Sept. 21 at 6:43 a.m., peacefully in his home with his bride of 55 years by his side. Services for Noel were at

2 p.m., Saturday at Butler Funeral Home. A visitation was from 1-2

p.m., Saturday at the funeral home. Graveside services were

at 2 p.m., Sunday at Vandalia Cemetery. Noel was born Oct. 18,

1939, in Paragould, Ark., to Elmer and Elsie Harris. Noel had one older sister. Evelyn Janette Kitchen.

Noel graduated high school from Hialeah Senior High School in Florida. After high school, Noel worked in the automotive industry and eventually owned a Harley Davidson dealership in St Ann, Missouri. Noel was a 50 year brother in both the Masons and the Shriners.

Noel met his wife Linda in 1968, when she had a complaint about the service in her car. Noel and Linda were joined in marriage in 1970. where they stayed faithful the remainder of his life. His wife, children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren were his greatest accomplishments and was always bragging about them every chance he could.

Noel had many passions in life. He was an avid movie fan, a pilot, a car aficionado, and a cowboy. Noel loved team penning/team sorting with his horse Forrest, where he received many awards. Noel loved his country, his family, and John Wayne!

Noel was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

Noel is survived by his wife, Linda, in Bolivar; cousins, John and Connie Shasteen of Rogers, Ark.; sons, Greg Harris of Warrenton, Dean Harris of Maryland Heights, Aaron Harris and wife, Janet of St. Peters, Raymond Harris of Greenfield; a daughter, Brenda Glaser and husband, Bryan of Bolivar; grandsons, Lucas Harris, and Kyle Harris; granddaughters, Felicia Harris, and Holly Young and husband,

Jarae; grandsons, Anthony Harris and wife, Bailey; Nick Harris; granddaughter Sydney Harris, granddaughters, Madison Harris and Annalee Glaser; greatgranddaughter, Leah Harris; and great-grandson, Liam Harris.

There will never be another husband, father, PaPa, friend, or cowboy like



George David Duvel died from his earthly life into the presence of his Lord and Savior in the early morning

hours of Wednesday, Sept.

Visitation will be Tuesday (today) from 4-7 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1304 Boone Street, Troy, MO

Funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Fred Barker to officiate. Interment to follow at Olney Cemetery.

David was born Jan. 5, 1930 just northwest of Olney to George Frederick "Pete" and Sarah Marguerite Duvel. His mother died from an illness just 17 days after his birth. David was raised primarily by his maternal grandparents, Jonathan Marshall and Mary Elizabeth Duncan on their farm near Olney. He would live in the Olney community almost his entire life.

He deeply cared for his neighbors and friends and was always ready to help someone in any way he could. David attended Grimmett School and later Bowling Green High School. The story was often told of his first few days of school and how the schoolhouse door had to remain locked to prevent him from running out the door and down the road toward home. The teacher would send his cousin, Ruben Edwards, to chase him down and bring him back to school.

From a young age, David enjoyed farm life. As a child, he followed his Granddad Duncan as they walked behind the plow pulled by horses. When he wasn't following his Granddad, he was planting his own crops out behind the house with his toy trucks and tractors. He put many miles on those toys. He was active in 4-H, played on various community softball teams and he enjoyed cars.

He enjoyed bowling, ice skating, gospel music and horse shoes. David's grandparents instilled in him the importance of faith in God in his life and he became a member of Olney Baptist Church. David used his servant heart to fill many roles in his church over the years.

He was an active Deacon for over 60 years. He remained an active member until in his 90's. He retired from the role of janitor at the age of 90 only at his children's insistence. He faithfully served the church throughout his life, often taking care of the little things behind the scenes.

In the summer of 1948, David met the love of his life, Patty Colbert. He used his car to catch her attention driving past her and her friends several times one afternoon and eventually secured a date. They were married June 5, 1949.

Anyone who knew him well knew of his immeasurable love and respect for his wife. One of his greatest desires was to always take care of her. They were blessed to share 75 years together. They had three children, Ronald Eugene, Jonathan David, and Wanda Louise.

Together they would buy their own farm and work side by side in the fields or caring for the hogs. They were truly life partners in all they did. When they moved off the farm and into Olney, David worked for neighbor, Roger Mudd, helping crop

farm for a few years.

He then began helping his son, Johnny, build custom trailers and remained with him until the shop closed. He would later sit with Johnny each day throughout his illness. In his later years he also loved to mow grass. He would often find an excuse to mow. It was the closest thing to driving a tractor in the field he could do.

David is survived by a son, Ron Duvel of Newburg; one daughter, Wanda Duvel of Troy; daughter-inlaw, Margie Duvel of Silex; grandson, Jeremy Duvel and wife, Hollie of Troy; grandson, Jeff Duvel and wife, Heather of Newburg; granddaughter, Kelly Hanner and husband, Jason of Dardenne Prairie; great-grandchildren, Laney Duvel, Kenzie Duvel, JT Duvel, Presley Hanner, Monroe Hanner, and Gracie Duvel; one brother, Tom Duvel; and and two sistersin-law, Mary Colbert and Imogene Colbert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Patty, a son, Johnny, grandson, Jason, a sister, Norma Leslie; one daughter-in-law, Melva Duvel; and brothersin-law, Albert Henry Colbert, Raymond H. Colbert Jr., and Michael Wayne Col-

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jeremy Duvel, Jeff Duvel and Jason Hanner; nephews, Steve Colbert and Dan Colbert; and a cousin, Rodney Colbert.

David's legacy to his family and friends is to follow Christ, to love sacrificially, forgive often, serve others whenever you can, work hard each day, always be honest and to live a life of integrity with a gentle, quiet spirit. And that was the life he always modeled.

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

Memorials may be made to Olney Baptist Church or Alzheimer's Association.



Wesley Dean Mevers Sr.

Wesley Dean Meyers, Sr. died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, in Osage Beach.

Graveside services with military honors were at 1 p.m., Friday at Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana. He was born April 25, 1937 in Louisiana to James and Dorothy Gillert Meyers.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry and Cecilia Thabey Gillert, John and Charlotte Meyers, parents, sister, Roberta J. Lowe, brother, Meyers, son, John Meyers, and grandsons, Timothy Dempsey, Michael Meyers, and Cris A. Gualberto.

He is survived by a daughter, Karen and husband, Richard of Bowling Green; a son, Wesley D Meyers II of Midland, N.C.; and a daughter, Lisa Meyers of Auxvasse; stepson, John Huff of Jefferson City; and stepdaughter, Leslie Meyers of St. Louis. Surviving grandchildren are, Elizabeth Blanchard and husband, Chad of Dubuque, Iowa, Sarah Waddell and husband, James of Columbia, Rebecca Williams and wife, Shea of Peculiar, Heather Harness and husband, Alex of Bowling Green, Bradley Dempsey and wife, Cassie of Bowling Green, Kristen McPike of Wentzville, Deanna Laird and husband, Josh of Bowling Green, Josh and Alex Meyers of Midland, N.C., Mitchell Meyers and wife, Jessica of St. Charles, John Meyers II and wife, Vanessa of Ashland, and Gina Gualberto of Ballwin. Great-grandchildren, Xzavion, Izayah, Zayden and Za'Niyah Amman, Olivia Harness, Gabby Pattillo, Aubrey and Leo Meyers, Emma and Natalie Meyers, Jacob, Annabel, and Aaron Blanchard, Madisyn, Mathew, Mara, Bennet, Brennah, Grant,

McKenna, Elliot, Quinn,

and Colten Waddell, Kaeden and Kyndal Williams, Sawyer Dempsey, Wyatt Moore, Emma, Alec and Joanna Laird; as well as his sisterin-law, Charlotte Meyers and husband, Jerry. Wesley served in the

United Štates Army as an under aged youth, then later joined the United States Navy, He had degrees in accounting and law enforcement. He was chief of police in Louisiana for many years. He loved helping and talking to people, animals, nature, and being by the water. He retired to Osage Beach. He has two remaining friends/family members of the heart living there, Ms. Connie Zellmer and Mr. Loren "Big Mac" McCormick. Collier Funeral Home in

Louisiana was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may

be sent at collierfuneral.



Marcella M. uwens

Graveside services for Marcella M. Owens of Elsberry, formerly of Paynesville was at 2 p.m., Monday at Elsberry City Cemetery in Elsberry. The Rev. Jeff Gordon, pastor of the Elsberry Holiness Church officiated.

Marcella, 96, was born Aug. 13, 1929 in Elsberry, the daughter of Raymond E. and Sarah Edna Admire Mills. She died Friday, Sept. 26, 2025 at the Elsberry Health Care Center near Elsberry. Raised in the Elsberry community, Marcella was a 1946 graduate of Elsberry High School. She was united in marriage in 1974 in Elsberry to John Henry Owens, Jr. Marcella was employed as a cashier/teller at the Bank of Lincoln County in Elsberry for 33 years.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Sarah Mills; four brothers, Glenn Mills, Ralph Mills, Laverne "Dutch' Mills, and Ray "Jigs" Mills, Jr.; three sisters, Ruth Mills, who died as a child, Oneita Robinson and Mary Velma Robinson; one daughter, Tina Simpson; one stepdaughter-in-law, Judy Owens; and her husband of 46 years, John Owens, Jr., who died Feb. 21, 2020.

Survivors include a son, Harlan Scherrer of Cuba; four step-children, Stephanie Morris and husband, Roy of Elsberry, Tammy Wombles of Shenzhen, China, John "Johnny" Watts Owens of Dardenne Prairie, and William "Billy Wade" Owens and wife, Donna of Bowling Green; 18 stepgrandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren. Marcella also leaves her Elsberry Health Care family; several cousins; many nieces and nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Elsberry Holiness Church, Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 107 South 5th Street; Elsberry, MO 63343.

Online condolences may be made at www.carterricksfuneralhome.com.



Rhonda Rose Niemeyer of Bowling Green died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at St Luke's Hospital surrounded by family.

Rhonda was born March 2, 1955, to Victor Martin and Rose Ann Orf Nie-

Rhonda had a lifelong passion for working with the public. Her journey began as

the proud owner and entrepreneur behind the Corner Deli & Pizza, a beloved local spot she ran with joy and dedication. After closing that chapter, she continued her commitment to service by joining Verizon in Wentzville, where she brought her trademark warmth and professionalism to every interaction.

Her devotion to community deepened when she joined the Pike County Sheriff's Office, contributing meaningfully to public safety and support. Rhonda later transitioned to the Pike County Recorder's Office, where she served as deputy recorder with integrity and care. She retired from this role on Oct. 4, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, hard work, and unwavering public service. A selfless woman with

the kindest heart, she gave without hesitation and loved without limits. To her, no one was ever a stranger-just a friend she hadn't met yet. Her warmth radiated in every smile, every hug, every word of encouragement. Whether it was a neighbor in need or a passerby with a heavy heart, she made everyone feel like they mattered. Her life was a quiet symphony of compassion, and the world is softer, brighter, and more loving because she was in it.

Rhonda, deeply devoted to family, found serenity in nature's subtleties-clouds, hummingbirds, and distant storms. Unlike others, she embraced the hum of traffic as a gentle lullaby, a rhythm that cradled her thoughts and dreams. She found peace in mowing her grass its hum and scent a quiet therapy, each row a brushstroke on her canvas of Rhonda was the kind of

grandmother whose calendar revolved around her

grandkids' home games and concerts-rain or shine, she was there. Her cheers echoed from the bleachers and her proud smile lit up every auditorium. She didn't just attend - she celebrated every note, every score, every moment.

The night sky awakened Rhonda's soul. Wrapped in a blanket, eyes lifted, she chased every celestial moment-meteor showers, satellites, space stations-no matter the hour, with butter crackers on her lap.

Rhonda's life was a gentle blend of earthly peace and celestial wonder-rooted in her garden's quiet blooms and serenaded by the Carpenters' Christmas Portrait on her cherished deck. Rhonda's compassion

didn't stop with people-she had a deep love for animals of all kinds. Whether it was a stray cat, a wandering dog, or even a curious raccoon, she welcomed them all. If an animal showed up at her doorstep, it never left hungry. Her kindness knew no boundaries, and her heart had room for every creature that crossed her path. Rhonda is survived by

three children, Erica Floyd and husband, Mark of Troy, Darrell Damron and wife, Stacy of Bowling Green, and Jessica Brown and husband, Chad of Troy. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye, Riley Kenney, Carson Brown, Jackson Cooper Damron, and Brown. She is also survived by her siblings, Eric Niemeyer and wife, Vickie of Bowling Green, Victoria King and husband, Stan from Atlanta, Ga., Cathy Bibb and husband, Jack of Bowling Green, Kelly Merz of Wentzville, and Tim Niemeyer and wife, Monica of Bowling Green; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Saturday, Oct. 4 Bowling Green City Park

Schedule Of Events

- •3:30 p.m. Survivor Registration
- 4 p.m. City Park Opening Ceremonies

Invocation Don Amelung, Karen Daffron, Flag Ceremony - VFW, Pledge of Allegiance Rachel Craig, America The Beautiful

- 4:15 p.m. Matt Chance Survivor Speaking
- 4:30 p.m. Survivor Walk Tracey Calvin Grand Marshal
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. Vendors, Bounce House, Bingo,

Silent Auction, Cake Walk (Will resume after reading luminareas)

- 4:45 p.m. Charla Prior & Patti Gilbert
- 5-6:30 p.m. Face Painting by Pavilion Sheri-Lewis-Grote
- 5 p.m. White Rose Choir 5:10 p.m. Teresa Cunningham Family
- 5:30 p.m. B.G. Pee-Wee Cheer, La. Pee-Wee Cheer
- 5:30 p.m. Last Call For Luminaries
- 5:35 p.m. Payton, Raelynn, Ellisynn, Jamie & Liz Rosenburg
- 6 p.m. Ethel Drew Introduce Teams Committees
- 6:15 p.m. Jenna Stratman & Guyetta Sumowski
- 6:30 p.m. Face Painting Ends
- 6:30 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony Gary Orf, soloist
- 8 p.m. Teams Turn in Money 8:30 p.m. Thank Yous, Team Totals
- 9 p.m. Amy Deters & Don Amelung Benediction/Final Thoughts



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Classifieds

All classified ads are payable in advance. 40-cents per word, \$4 minimum. Deadline: Monday at 11 A.M.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, Oct. 4 - 8:00 a.m. to? at 1009 Georgia St., Louisiana. Some tools, motorcycle helmets, exercise bike, dishes, Christmas decor, bedding, furniture, misc. kitchen, lots of women's 2X clothing, shoes, and lots more. Hart and Slominsky.

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UBITUARIES

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Rhonda is preceded in death
by her parents, Victor and Rose
Ann Orf Niemeyer.

Services will be held at St Clement Catholic Church on Saturday.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m., with services immediately following.

Pallbearers will be Darrell

Damron, Jackson Damron, Ethan Niemeyer, Evan Merz, Austin Merz, Carson Brown, Cooper Brown, and Tim Niemeyer. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott King, Seth King, Spencer King, Chad Brown, Mark Floyd, and Matthew Niemeyer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Louis Stray Rescue to support her lifelong love of animals, or to the Endometrial Cancer Research Foundation to advance awareness, early detection, and treatment options for others facing this disease.

Our Mom's favorite old wives' tale is about the frogs peeping through the ice three times before spring makes its arrival. When the ice begins to thaw and the frogs start their chorus, we'll listen a little closer and we'll think of Rhonda. Of her joy, her warmth, and the way she marked the world's quiet transitions with such grace. Spring will always carry her echo. Think of her this spring when you first hear those frogs.

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The Pike County Commission is now accepting bids to resurface the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department parking lots. Deadline for submitting bids is Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., at the Pike County Clerk's Office.

NO HUNTING

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a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and the Class E felony of possession

of drug paraphernalia.

The Honorable Judge Milan Berry has set bond for both Bryant and Marshall at \$50,000 cash only. Both are currently housed at the Pike County Jail.

The Louisiana Police Department emphasizes that this successful operation is part of a broader, proactive approach to narcotics enforcement. This residence will not be the last location targeted, as efforts to identify, investigate, and disrupt drug activity in the community are ongoing.

All named individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of

law.

ACCEPTING BIDS

The Bowling Green R-I School District is requesting bids for Snow Removal for the 2025-26 school year. The bid requirements can be picked up at the Superintendent's Office, 700 W Adams, Bowling Green, MO 63334, phone 573-324-5441. Deadline for sealed bids is no later than 1 p.m., on Friday, Oct.17, 2025.

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The Bowling Green Police Department is taking applications for the position of part-time communications/records clerk. The job requires answering incoming telephone calls, handling walk-in traffic, records keeping, and other duties as needed.

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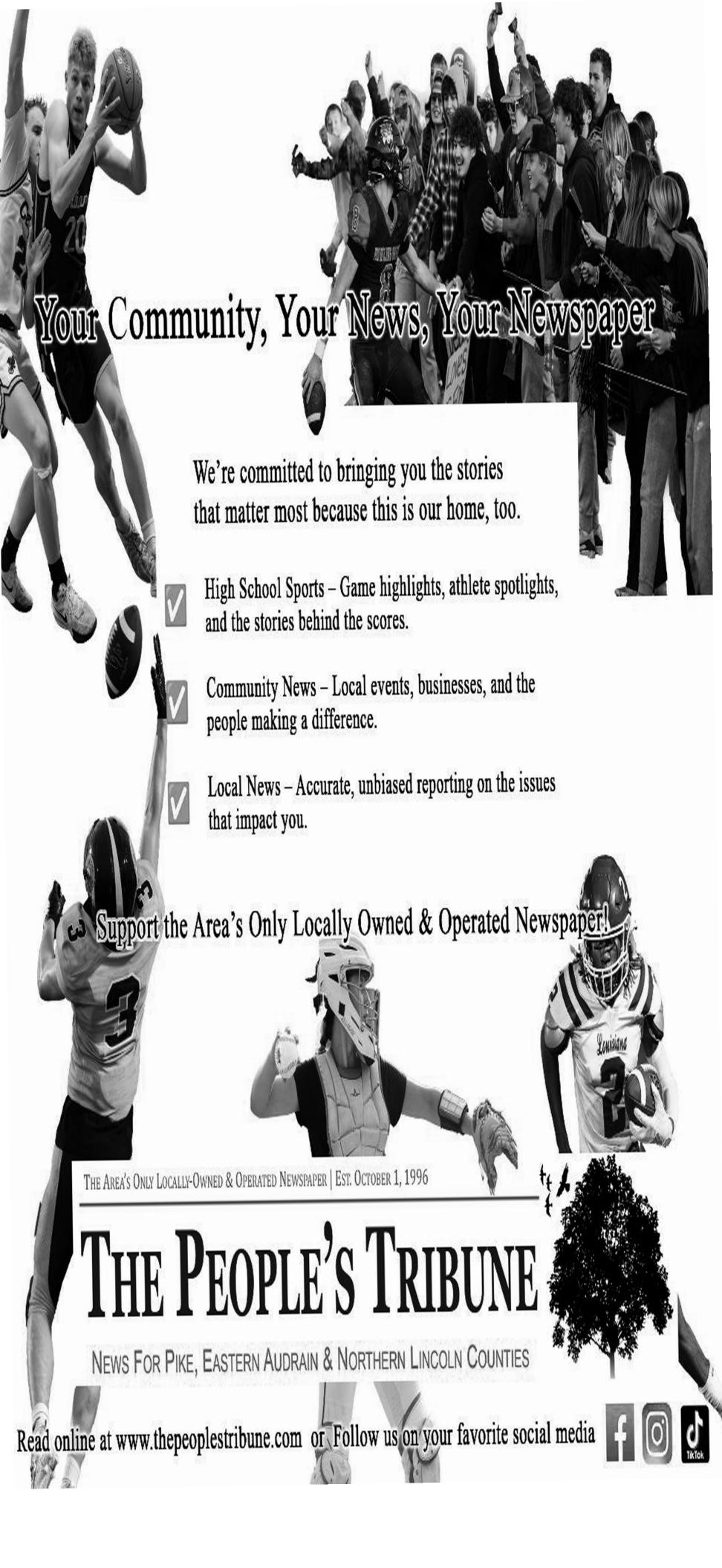
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Community News

Vandalia Prairie Days Photo Highlights





LaFemme Ladies Club member Ann Kohl is pictured serving pie to Ruth Miller of Vandalia on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Vandalia Prairie Days



Drawl STL took the stage on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the 2025 Vandalia Prairie Days. Their high intensity country music finished out the



Kort Schlueter shows off his patriotic side in the parade on Saturday.

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