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## Early Lapse Keys Henderson's Finest Moment

Following is the first part 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 Jones.

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 immediately 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

came to Missouri with their families as children. Each became 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 children, 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 cast.

"That whole region is thoroughly disloyal," disgusted 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 letters.

## Poverty Simulation Participants Sought



Poverty simulations offer participants a chance to learn 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 Com-

munity 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-

standing of the realities that 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 breakdown.

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](mailto:pikcsc@necac.org).

NECAC is contractually required to publish the following: "This program is funded 100 percent 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."

## Louisiana Residents Arrested On Numerous Drug Charges



Stephanie A. Bryant  
BY BRICE CHANDLER  
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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## Vandalia Prairie Days Draws Large Crowds

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.

Trib photo by Nancy Case

## Great Recipe

### Band Satisfies With Final Apple Shed Show



Cornet Chop Suey performs at The Apple Shed in 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 incredible 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 clarinet.

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 at age 86.

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

Relatives were in the audience, and Casserly repeated 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

work on "Lullaby of the Leaves," among other selections.

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 together.

"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-for-profit group in 1979 by the Mallin family and continues to host concerts, stage productions, weddings, receptions, festivals and community events.

## Clarksville Art Show Deadline 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 Highway 79.

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 enclosed 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](mailto:artlady.cl@gmail.com).



## Commissioner's Cup

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 Cup.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler



# Community News

## Department Of Natural Resources Encourages 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/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx](https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx).

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

CMOR are used by state 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 weather

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

to what's typical, in the eyes 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 community.

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 year-round to provide an ongoing comparison of wet, dry and normal conditions.

A variety of helpful online resources are available at [dnr.mo.gov/drought](https://dnr.mo.gov/drought). The one-stop drought information 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.

## 2026 Missouri State Fair Theme Announced

They hope you are as excited as they are to announce the theme for the 2026 Missouri State Fair.

This year, we're celebrating in a big way with our theme, "Show-Me Stars & Stripes," in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

Get ready for a fair that highlights the state of Mis-

souri in a fun and patriotic way. The theme celebrates America's 250th milestone and supports the America Waves initiative, encouraging all Americans to wave their flags and celebrate the nation's contributions.

The 2026 Missouri State Fair will be full of current patriotic attractions and events and will feature ad-

ditional programming, entertainment, and more, all centered around the America 250 celebration. They can't wait to see you there with your flags waving high, ready to celebrate America and our great state!

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Missouri State Fair, Aug. 13-23, in Sedalia.

## Make A Plan To Give Blood or Platelets With The Red Cross This Fall

As fall officially begins, the American Red Cross urges people to mark the new season with a lifesaving blood or platelet donation to help keep the blood supply strong. Donors of all blood types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are needed now.

For many, daily routines shift as the seasons change, but blood and platelet donations must remain top of mind. Every single donation is key to making sure all patients relying on critical transfusions, including car

accident victims, those living with sickle cell disease and those facing cancer, get the care they need.

Fall into donating blood or platelets. Make an appointment to give now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma Sept. 22-Oct. 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Fall](https://RedCrossBlood.org/Fall).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 1-15

Elsberry - Oct. 2 - 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Elsberry United Methodist Church, 109 N. 4th St.

Silex - Oct. 8, 3-7 p.m., Silex High School, 64 Highway UU, Troy.

Oct. 1, 12-5 p.m., Knights of Columbus - Troy, MO, 500 Hwy. J.

Oct. 3, 12-4 p.m., Troy Elks Lodge Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 541 2nd St.

Wellsville - Oct. 1, 2-6 p.m., Wellsville Middletown R-I High School, 900 Burlington Road.

## It's Fall, And Here Come Chirping Crickets

Crickets are the buglers 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:

Seal cracks. Use weatherstripping, 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

The most common house-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>

## September Library Book Review



Brenda Gower

**OCTOBER 2025 LIBRARY STAFF BOOK REVIEW**  
**THE BLETCHLEY RIDDLE BY RUTA SEPETYS & STEVE SHEINKIN**  
**REVIEWED BY BRENDA GOWER, FARBER BRANCH LIBRARY MANAGER**

If you like or know of 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 story.

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



Kasi Welborn

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**OLIVIA DADE**  
**REVIEWED BY KASI WELBORN, CIRCULATION ASSISTANT, MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The story opens with our heroine, Edie, trying desperately 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 underwear, a black zipper hoodie, and headphones.

Armed with nothing but what was supposed to be a wonderful burrito, she does her best!

Thus begins one of the funniest supernatural rom-coms I have EVER had the pleasure of reading. Between different creatures coming out to the public and zombies being created by the government to combat said creatures, and a French spin off of everyone's favorite children's show, Dora the Explorer, this one is definitely going in my favorites category.

Anyone new to Olivia Dade should definitely give her a go.

## Benefits Of Nature, Archery On Your Health

The Missouri Department of Conservation is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to explore the benefits of nature and archery for your brain, body, and overall health.

A member of the Alzheimer's Association will talk about topics covering Alzheimer awareness and the importance of being active in nature.

After the presentation, an MDC naturalist will lead a lesson introducing the participants to the lifetime sport of archery.

Archery offers significant benefits for both physical and mental health. This activity strengthens muscles, improves coordination, and promotes focus all while enjoying time outdoors.

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NOTE: Only DBE firms certified by the State of Missouri, Office of Equal Opportunity as of the date of bid opening, can be used to satisfy the DBE participation goals for this project

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.

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## PAYNESVILLE HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Play & Win a Prize

**Saturday, Oct. 4**

*Bring your Children to the Festival*

**Tons of Creative Games, Activities & Prizes**

Parade begins the day at 10 a.m.

**Everyone welcome**

Join them at Hall's Lot at 9:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremony at 11 a.m.

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# 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 Administrator/ 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 needs.

Are we fully funded for all the work we would like to do to improve our community? No. Yet, that is where tough and wise 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 great town of Bowling Green.

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



JIM ARICO, MAYOR  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

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, 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 wanted to learn line-dancing? They teach it and then offer events to engage in it. Baked goods, crafts, children's clothing, corn-hole tournaments, walking your pet, and other social interactions are happening at Fieldhouse 54. We need Bowling Green, Pike County and nearby counties to support this or we will lose it.

## Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen  
1-217-320-8438

The Milkey's Place Restaurant 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 join.

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 217-285-4969.

A week from Saturday, Oct. 11, the Big River Band will be at the Courtyard Cafe in up-town 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 Jacqueline, Wess, and Reese's Dad Nathan Davis, Shawn Haughey, Carol and Bob Barton.

Oct. 2 - Candy Evans, John Kroeschel, Sue Dell, Tristin Howard.

Oct. 3 - Dana Lewis, Bev and Mike Palmer.

Oct. 4 - Mark and Anita Konkright.

Oct. 5 - Michaela 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-in-law, 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 Pittsfield 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.



Bowling Green High School Class Of 1965



*Pictured are Veterans who attended the BGHS Class of 1965 Reunion, from 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 Reunion

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 fellow classmates 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.*

## BGHS Class Of 1965 Holds Reunion

Forty members from the class of 1965 along with their guesstes 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 Upon 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 was 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.

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## 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.

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**Mike Rutter & Family**











**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 Rosenberg**
- 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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## OBITUARIES

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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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## DRUG

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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.

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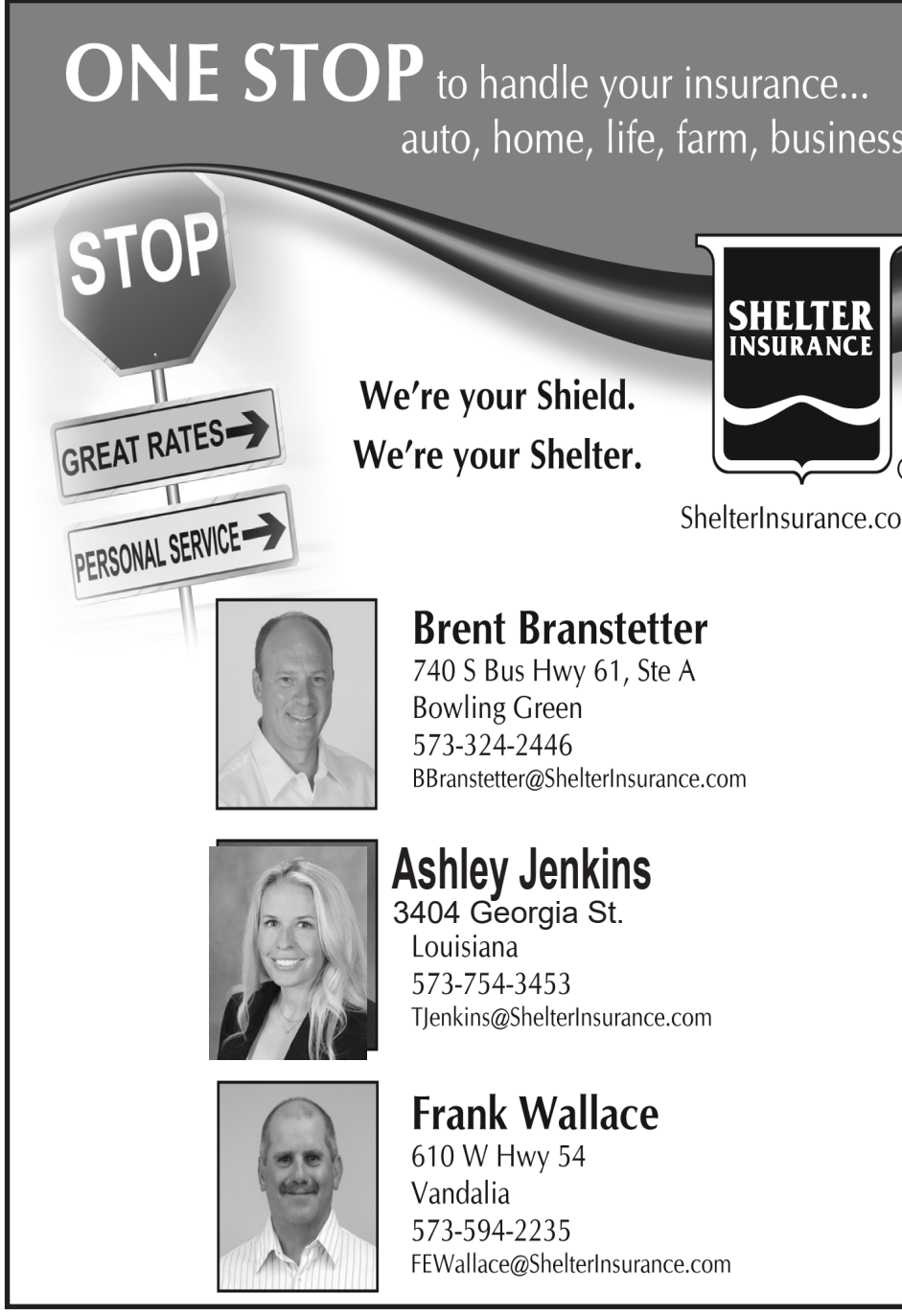


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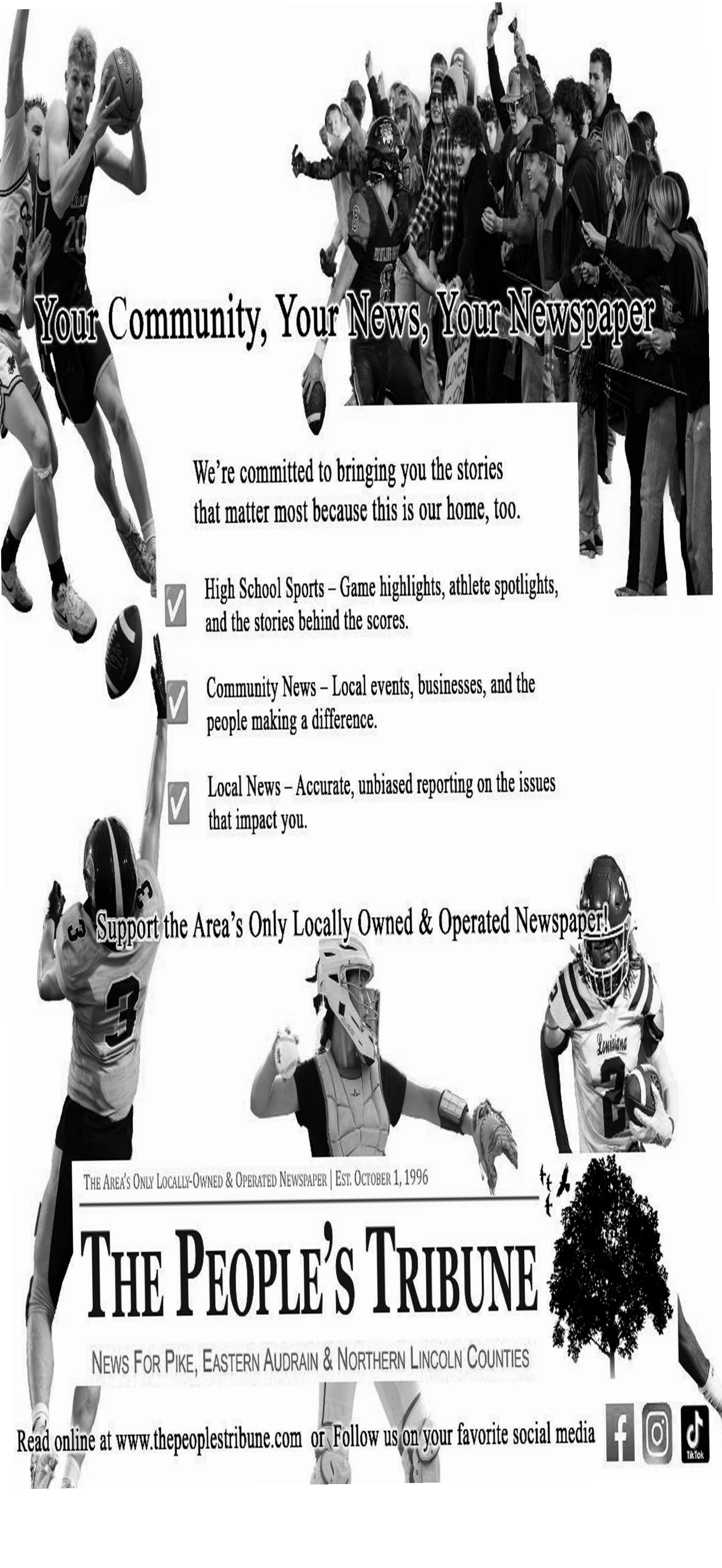


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# Community News

## Vandalia Prairie Days Photo Highlights



Dean Baker of Vandalia proudly drove his International tractor in the 2025 Vandalia Prairie Days parade on Saturday, Sept. 27.



The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 members rode in the 2025 Prairie Days parade on Saturday, Sept. 27.



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



Leon Shaw of Vandalia drove Ruby Leigh in the Prairie Days parade on Saturday, Sept. 27 in his Ford F-150 pickup.



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



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

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