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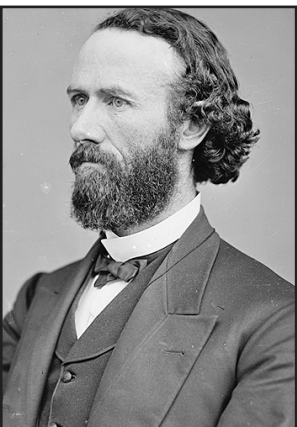
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Early Lapse Keys Henderson's Finest Moment



John Brooks Henderson

Following is the first part in a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.

Letters written by two Civil War militia leaders were building blocks for a peaceful compromise that created The Kingdom of Callaway.

Prospects weren't promising at the start, however. Militias under Union Gen. John Brooks Henderson of Louisiana and Confederate sympathizer Jefferson Franklin Jones of Fulton were staring each other down in October 1861.

Henderson marched his troops from Louisiana to Wellsville while Jones drilled his men near what became Kingdom City.

Any enthusiasm for battle was more about arrogance than ability. The reality was both sides were inexperienced.

Henderson's friend David Patterson Dyer called the Union men a "motley crowd of soldiers" who had inadequate firearms. Similarly, Callaway historian Bob Suggett said Jones' men had no uniforms and brought from home little more than muzzleloaders and squirrel rifles.

The two commanders made up for the lack of supplies with a wealth of words. An exchange of letters heightened the anticipation of battle, even though Henderson and Jones hoped to avoid it.

The first verbal volley was fired by the Callaway commander, who accused Henderson's men of illegal acts and urged the withdrawal of Union soldiers.

"Your presence on our border, your arrest of our citizens and your searchings of private dwellings have produced here the uprising of our people," Jones wrote.

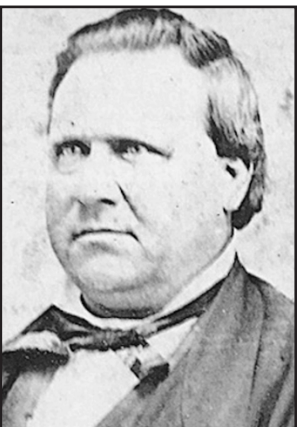
Henderson replied that his men had not violated anyone's constitutional rights, and said the real problem was Southern sympathizers who were preying upon Union supporters.

"No man has ever been arrested by one of my command who could claim immunity from arrest at the hands of a good government," Henderson said. "What is fact? No man has yet been punished by the government, however guilty."

Henderson reinforced his response by saying he was determined to obey the Constitution, especially the Fourth Amendment's provision banning unreasonable searches and seizures.

"Although I shall not refrain from entering a dwelling in search of one who has taken up arms against the government, no dwelling shall be entered unless proof is clear," he said.

Jones maintained that his men were only defending their families and properties, and were "not assembled in the interest of the



Jefferson Franklin Jones

Southern Confederacy." He demanded to know the purpose of Henderson's mission to the region.

"Without intending to be harsh...you have no right to know," Henderson replied. "I now, sir, advise you and those under your command to return to your respective homes and abandon what at least seems to be an effort to sustain this rebellion against the government."

Henderson promised that "perfect security will be accorded" to all who stood down, but those who "remain under arms...must abide the consequences."

"No man has been, or will be, arrested who will stay at home and attend to his business, giving neither aid nor comfort to the rebellion," Henderson said.

Jones sent a response in which he said that the "assurances of protection of life, liberty and the quiet tranquility of home" were appreciated and that "you will suffer no disquietude to those under me who peaceably return to their homes."

The truce was meant to settle things. If only it were that simple.

Next time: A fateful turn.



Artist Sheri Lewis-Grote is pictured speaking at dedication ceremonies on Saturday, Sept. 27 to kick off the annual Prairie Days in Vandalia.

Trib photos by Nancy Case

Mural Dedication Kicks Off Prairie Days In Vandalia

The Vandalia Historical Museum held a dedication to the new mural at the corner of Hwy. 54 and Main Street.

The following history was compiled by Vicki Wright and read by John Wallace.

On behalf of the Vandalia Area Historical Society, I have been asked to welcome you today, as we proudly dedicate to the people of our

cated at the intersection of Jefferson and State Street. Those attending the Prairie Day festivities and celebrating Vandalia's birthday were the first to enjoy this tribute to Vandalia.

Due to the generosity of the Rual R. Morris Foundation, Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Charitable Foundation and Nina and Basil Leach Charitable Foundation and with the incredible

depiction of the mule - an animal vital to our farming history, Missouri and throughout the world. Some say Missouri is the "Mule Capital of the World" but that is a disputed title. Tennessee also claims this title and in most cases Missouri bows to them. The mule was honored by becoming Missouri's state animal -- one of the pictures on the table shows Harry Truman, 33rd



To clarify a misconception of many, the Vandalia Area Historical Society fully funded the two murals in Vandalia, the new mural depicts clearly whose vision and funding the tremendous assets these murals are to the downtown area.

community - -- Vandalia's newest asset - - this amazing mural titled "Our Land, Our Labor, Our Liberty."

Three years ago, we began preparing for Vandalia's Sesquicentennial that took place in 2024. At that time we wanted to give Vandalia a lasting memorial to remember the occasion. After much thought, it was decided to have a mural painted to depict the 150 year history of Vandalia. In September 2024, the wonderful first class mural ("150 Year Journey through Progress") was completed on the Windstream building lo-

number of individual donations to the 150 plaque fundraiser, we had enough money for two murals. So here we are today to thank each of you and to dedicate mural number two.

We would like to thank Mike and Mark Carmen and their families for their support by allowing the mural to be placed on their building here at Highway 54 and Main Street. At this unique location, not only do the residents of Vandalia, but all those traveling through our town, will be able to enjoy this work of art.

Equally important is the

President of the United States and from Missouri, with a Chipman and Kohl mule. Gene Chipman from Perry and Richard Kohl from Vandalia were well known throughout the states for the mules they raised and sold. You are invited to take a close look at the mural and see the fun names Sheri has given them.

The mural also honors Vandalia's bustling Main Street in the 1890's when wooden sidewalks line the streets. It was the site of farmers bringing their agricultural products to sell or

See MURAL on page 8

Commission Awards Contracts For Projects In Northeast District

During its regular meeting on October 1, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded the following contracts for bridge washing, bridge replacements, resurfacing and seal coat projects in the Northeast District.

A \$194,500 contract was awarded to AAD Contracting, Inc. for a bridge washing project on Interstate 72 in Marion County, on the Mark Twain Memorial Bridge over the Mississippi River at Hannibal

A \$2.2M contract was awarded to Bleigh Construction Company for bridge replacement projects in Pike County at the following locations:

Route B - over Peno Creek, 0.4 mile east of U.S. Route 61, near Frankford
Route W - over Little

Ramsey Creek, 0.5 mile north of Route H, in Paynesville

A \$770,491 contract was awarded to Magruder Paving, LLC for resurfacing projects in Macon County at the following locations:

Route YY - from U.S. Route 63 to the end of state maintenance near Cox

Route D - from U.S. Route 63 to Missouri Route 156 in La Plata

A \$738,337 contract was awarded to W. L. Miller Company for seal coat projects in Marion and Ralls counties at the following locations:

Route A - from Missouri Route 6, near Maywood to Missouri Route 168

Route H - from U.S. Route 36, near Rensselaer in Marion County, to Missouri Route 19 at Center in Ralls County

Additional information, regarding timelines and traffic impacts will be released prior to the start of construction.

For more information on this and other projects in your area, please contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636). Work with us in the work zone! Please remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel.

With an increased number of highway work zones in Missouri, we urge all drivers to pay attention every second while driving, especially through a work zone. Be informed of your route by checking the MoDOT Traveler Information Map before you travel.

October History Nuggets

BY BRENT ENGEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
A RING OR A SWING

The Mexico Intelligencer reported in October 1885 that a man named House boasted he had been "criminally intimate" with a young Clarks-ville woman. Men of the town promptly cornered the loud-mouthed Lothario and said he would either have to marry her or hang. A justice of the peace performed the late-night ceremony. "Next day, House left for parts unknown," the paper said.

VOTE FOR...HICCUP

When a suggestion was made in October 1887 to offer voters free lunches as a way to boost election turnout, the Clarks-ville Sentinel sarcastically went a step farther: "How about free whiskey, investing the polls with fraud and scandal from the remotest period in the history of our government!"

BOOZE & BALANCES

After Louisiana voters approved a tax hike to finance street lights in October 1915, the Press-Journal still couldn't make sense of city finances. "Louisiana has eight saloons that pay a revenue of nearly \$10,000 (\$312,000 today) and yet the general revenue fund is overdrawn \$8,000 (\$250,000 now)."

GRACIOUSLY DISTRACTED

School was going as well as could be expected in Frankford during the first months of the 1895-96 year. "We think we have good pupils - none really mean, though some are forgetful," noted an administrator's report in the Frankford Chronicle.

HISS OF DEATH

The Bowling Green Times reported in October 1895 that Mary Hoag was bitten by a copperhead. Antidote was not available, so her parents "re-

sorted to the old remedy of splitting a live chicken open and binding it to the wound," the paper noted. The grisly act was repeated four times. The venom-filled remains were thrown into the yard, where other chickens pecked at them. Soon, the farm was littered with dead birds, but Mary recovered.

ANOTHER BITING PUN

Commenting on the 176,390 gallons of apple cider shipped by local orchards the previous year, the Louisiana Press-Journal in October 1905 said "Old Pike certainly has great things inside her."

BEET THIS

The Frankford Chronicle praised John Ford in October 1885. He brought to the newspaper office a beet that was 38 inches long and weighed almost 20 pounds. "Who can beat this beet?" the paper asked.

No-Hunger Holiday In Full Swing

Doug Korte, a member of the St. Clement Knights of Columbus, has released information about a program they are undertaking for the 13th year in the community - called the No-Hunger Holiday.

Some 30 plus years ago, a gentleman from Harvester, decided he would help a few families in need in his local church, and purchase a complete Thanksgiving day meal for them. The next year he did a few more, then more... so he brought it to his local Knights of Columbus council, and they decided to expand the program to feed as many of the area hungry as they could.

It's grown every year since, and this year they're planning to provide over 4,000 meals to the needy in St. Charles County. Over the years, they have learned what works, and have shared their ideas and experiences with other Councils, that's how it came to St. Clement/Pike County.

They started small the first year, with 25 families, increasing the number every year, arriving at a goal number of 200 families the past eight years.

To be clear - they are not cooking, or serving a meal - the group is providing frozen and canned food for families to prepare a complete traditional Thanksgiv-

ing meal for themselves - turkey, dressing, potatoes, corn, beans, rolls, butter - right down to the cranberry sauce, and pie.

Each box of food is sized for the number of family members to be fed. When they started, the Council covered the meals with donations from St. Clement. However, as they tried to

cover more of the need in the community, they expanded to include the entire Bowling Green Community - and got a tremendous response.

Over 30 churches and organizations contribute food and money, as well as youth organizations like 4-H, Bowling Green FFA, and

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LHS Homecoming Royalty

Louisiana High School held its annual homecoming on Friday, Oct. 3. Pictured are king Garrett Santiago and queen, Gwen Reed.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Community News

MDC Stresses Safety For Non-Hunters During Hunting Seasons

With deer and turkey hunting underway in Missouri, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds non-hunters to practice safety measures when afield during hunting seasons.

“Safety while hunting is ultimately the responsibility of the hunter,” said MDC Hunter Education Coordinator Justin McGuire. “Hunters must clearly identify their targeted game animals before even putting their fingers on the triggers of their firearms or before drawing their bows when archery hunting. They must also be aware of what is behind their targets and should never shoot at movement or sound.”

McGuire added that non-hunters out in hunting areas can also practice some safety measures. He and MDC offer these safety tips for non-hunters:

- Wear bright clothing to be more visible, such as a bright orange hat, jacket, or pack.
- Place a bright orange vest or bandana on the canines who join you and keep them leashed.
- Avoid earth-toned or animal-colored clothing such as tan and brown.
- Be aware that hunters are often most active during the early morning and late afternoon, when game animals are most active. Be especially aware of your own visibility during these times when light is dim.
- Stay on designated trails. Trails are designed to improve the safety of public users and to protect sensitive habitats. Enjoying recreational activities only on designated trails will reduce the likelihood of entering hunting areas.
- Whenever venturing into the outdoors, let someone know where you are going and when to expect your return.
- Make yourself known. If you hear shooting, raise your voice, and let hunters know you are in the area.
- Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid conflict.
- Identify hunting seasons and lands open to hunting. Learn where and when hunting is taking place. Plan your recreation activities based on this information. Find information on Missouri hunting seasons at mo.gov/hunting-trapping.
- Find conservation areas that allow hunting and those that do not by using the MDC Places to Go web feature at mo.gov/discover-nature/places.
- Archery deer and turkey hunting runs through Nov. 14 and opens again Nov. 26 through Jan. 15, 2026. Firearms turkey hunting is open Oct. 1-31. Firearms deer hunting opens with the early antlerless portion Oct. 10-12 followed by several other portions through Jan. 6, 2026.
- Learn more about deer and turkey hunting online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer and mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey.

Improving Habitats For Ring-Neck Pheasants

Missouri landowners can take practical steps to improve habitat for ring-necked pheasants, whose populations have declined across the Midwest due to habitat loss and changing land use.

“Providing the right types of habitat for nesting, brood-rearing and winter cover is essential for pheasant survival and reproduction,” says Robert Pierce, University of Missouri Extension state wildlife and fisheries specialist.

A new MU Extension publication, developed in partnership with Missouri Pheasants and Quail Forever, outlines science-based strategies to support pheasant populations. “Ecology and Management of Ring-Necked Pheasants in Missouri” is available for free download at <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g9523>.

“The sight of pheasants in grasslands and crop fields in northern Missouri is becoming less common,” says MU Extension horticulture specialist Todd Higgins. “The decline in the pheasant population is not just a Missouri problem. It is a problem across their range throughout the Midwest.”

PHEASANTS RANGE IN MISSOURI

Ring-necked pheasants range throughout at least 32 Missouri counties, mostly north of the Missouri River and near the Iowa border, Pierce says.

Higgins says there are three main reasons for declining populations:

- Intensive row crop production with limited grassland cover.
- Declining enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- Rural development replacing farmland.

Will Robinson, senior farm bill biologist with Missouri Pheasants and Quail Forever, offers these tips:

IMPLEMENT WILDLIFE - FRIENDLY PRACTICES ACROSS THE FARM

Grassland birds need the right types of grasslands for cover when nesting and raising chicks, especially from May to July. Grasslands, particularly those composed of a mix of native warm-season grasses and forbs, provide important nesting and brood cover.

Native warm-season grasses also are an important livestock forage. Pheasants often find nesting and brood cover in grazing systems, hayfields, CRP fields or along fencerows and ditch banks.

Grasslands intermixed with grain crops such as corn, soybeans, milo, winter wheat and cover crops provide excellent nesting, brood-cover and food sources. Avoid using tall fescue over large areas, as this sod-forming grass provides poor wildlife habitat. Research suggests that set-aside programs like CRP improve habitat for pheasants. Female pheasants use CRP grasslands for nesting and brood habitat.

Work with neighboring landowners to expand these habitats over larger areas.

MINIMIZE HERBICIDE USE IN FIELD BORDERS

Avoid chemical control of weeds in field borders and along fence lines. This

Missouri Farmers Care Accepting Applications For Drive To Feed Kids Grant

Missouri Farmers Care (MFC) is now accepting applications for the 2026 Drive to Feed Kids grant program. The initiative provides funding for local projects aimed at reducing food insecurity in communities across Missouri.

The matching grant program supports FFA chapters, 4-H clubs, career and technical education (CTE) organizations, and collegiate groups in implementing solutions that address hunger at the local level. Previous recipients have launched backpack food programs, enhanced community pantry resources, organized meal distribution events, hosted canned food drives, and a variety of other service projects.

“With one in six Missouri children facing food insecurity, hunger touches families across Missouri,” said Ashley McCarty, Executive Director of Missouri Farmers Care. “Through the Drive to Feed Kids grant, we are able to equip young leaders with resources to make an immediate impact where it matters most – right at home.”

Applications are being accepted now through Oct. 15, 2025. Full details and the online application are available at www.mofarmerscare.com/drivemini-grants.

The Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids presented with ADM and Brownfield Ag News, established in 2017, has provided over 13.7 million meals to Missouri families in need through partnerships with the agriculture community. The grant program continues this mission by investing directly in grassroots efforts that combat hunger statewide.

To find out more about the Drive to Feed Kids and its supporters, visit mofarmerscare.com/drive/.

MDC Reminds People To Be BearWise

With fall here and as winter nears, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds people that Missouri's estimated 1,000+ black bears are focused on fattening up and can spend up to 20 hours a day foraging for food. This can lead to conflicts between bears and people, pets, and property. MDC reminds Missourians to be BearWise.

MDC Furbearer Biologist Nate Bowersock said it is important that people remove or secure bear attractants from their property, such as bird feeders, trash, barbeque grills, pet food, and food waste.

“Black bears are super-focused on finding food in the fall,” said Bowersock. “The quest for calories keeps bears active and foraging up to 20 hours a day. When the eating is good, a bear can put on two to three pounds a day. By hibernation time, many bears will have added about four inches of fat and gained between 20-50 percent of their summer body weight.”

This annual feeding frenzy is called “hyperphagia” and is driven by bears’ ticking biological clocks counting down to hibernation, when most bears in colder climates retire for the winter and live off the fat they’re working so hard now to accumulate.

Keeping areas free of food attractants and letting bears find natural foods is in everyone’s best interest. “If you see a bear, let the animal be and enjoy the sighting, but be sure to not offer it any food,” he said.

Bowersock added that intentionally feeding bears can be dangerous because it makes them comfortable around people and can lead bears to cause significant damage to property while searching for food.

“When bears lose their

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Community News

From The Mayor's Desk...

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Fall Fun Festival at Bowling Green's Prairie's Edge. Thanks to Tonya and her staff for all the hard work and organization that goes into this awesome event!

I hope you had a chance to hear Jane Gartman on the radio on Monday morning as she promoted the Oct. 4 Relay for Life which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Jane and her team have put in hours of organization to honor those who have passed and those who may still be in the battle against cancer. From food trucks to bingo, from raffles to silent auction, plus speakers to luminaries, this Relay for Life is packed with opportunities to help support the fight against cancer.

It will be a fun time plus recognizing cancer warriors. I'm told this Relay for Life program was a huge event in Pike County for 40 years till 2017. Jane has caught the vision to resurrect the amazing support in the fight against cancer. Thanks to all who have donated items, time, sponsorships, and abilities for this greatly needed event!

I have been writing a lot about preparing Bowling Green for the future and what may be needed down the road. Vision and Action are ingredients that will need to take place sooner rather than later. However, I am not ignoring the present needs and desires of you citizens and the City.

We have such great potential and possibilities for the present and the future. Contractors have stepped up to the plate in the construction of much needed hous-

ing. Business owners have expanded their inventories, built additions to their existing structures, and initiated new ideas and endeavors. Infrastructure has and will continue to be upgraded and improved along with features like the new splash pad in the park.

Added picnic tables, trash cans at the main park and a new pavilion at the Barb Allison Park are all plans to improve opportunities for you citizens. We are a town

with outstanding innovation! Let's put our visions and dreams to work! Let's mentor our younger generation to one day take over and advance our current businesses, services, industry, manufacturing, entertainment, recreation, and health care. Let's keep, invite back, and grow our Bowling Green graduates to invest in our fabulous community. This will require work on our stakeholders' part to make Bowling Green attractive and profitable enough to bring home or keep our

Bowling Green High School graduates who need good paying jobs, activity, entertainment, housing, and social opportunities!

Our United States of America celebrates its 250-anniversary next year along with Route 66 celebrating its 100th anniversary. Route 66 was called the "Mother Road" because it was built in 1926 and was the first highway system that covered 317 miles and went through several states. So much great heritage in our Country and in Bowling Green. Take time to appreciate our American history and all that has gone into the development of what is defined as a "RUPUBLIC."



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Fire Prevention Week: Protect Your Family

During Fire Prevention Week - Oct. 5-11, the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis reminds everyone of the dangers of home fires, which claim seven lives every day in the U.S.

To help protect your household, test your smoke alarms each month and practice your escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes.

"Home fires can occur any time, any place," said LaKricia Cox, Executive Director, Red Cross of Greater St. Louis. "The sooner an alarm alerts you to a fire, the sooner you can get out. This is critical because fire experts say you may have less than two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late."

Tips for creating your home fire escape plan and practicing your 2-minute drill:

Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in your home.

SMOKE IS DANGEROUS - GET LOW & GO!

Decide where to meet once you get outside. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as a neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet.

GET OUT & STAY OUT -

NEVER GO BACK INSIDE FOR PEOPLE, PETS OR THINGS

If a fire starts, you may have less than two minutes to get to safety. Time your fire drill and find out: what's your escape time?

While practicing your escape plan, teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like. Talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

Smoke alarm safety:

Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.

In addition to testing your alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.

Also check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Local Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers provide emotional support, financial assistance, and information to help families begin the process of recovery. Most of the 65,000 emergencies that the Red Cross responds to each year are home fires. So far this year alone, local Red Cross Disaster Action teams have

responded to more than 400 fires in the Greater St. Louis area and select counties we serve in Illinois and over 1,100 fires statewide.

For emergencies like home fires, our volunteers provide comfort during what can be the worst days of people's lives. Learn how you can volunteer for our Disaster Action Team at redcross.org/DAT.

GET HELP

APPOINTMENTS: If you need assistance, visit redcross.org/smokealarmmo for a free smoke alarm installation.

DONATE: Thanks to donations, our services are free and available for all those in need. Help families prepare for, respond to and recover from home fires by giving at SoundTheAlarm.org or texting the word HOMEFIRE to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN SAVE LIVES Since October 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, working with community partners, has saved at least 2,479 lives by educating families about fire safety, helping them create escape plans and installing free smoke alarms in high-risk areas across the country. To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit redcross.org/homefires.

Mums Burst With Big, Beautiful, Bold Color

Few flowers signal fall's arrival more than the cheerful chrysanthemum, or mum, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. Mums' long-lasting blooms put on a colorful display for weeks when other flowers have clocked out for the season.

Mums are among the oldest known flowers, Trinklein said. The Chinese raised them for ornamental and medicinal purposes more than 2,000 years ago. In ancient Japan, families used a mum insignia on family crests to boast of prominence. Warriors etched images of mums onto their swords. In the eighth century, the emperor placed chrysanthemum as Japan's official seal.

Mums are more popular than ever thanks to the new varieties developed by plant breeders, he said. A myriad of colors, flower types and bloom dates abound each year. A relative newcomer, the Belgium (or European) garden mum is a popular choice because of its spectacular size and showy color.

Chrysanthemum is an example of a cultigen. "If not for human intervention, mums wouldn't exist," Trinklein said. Plant breeders work to produce plants that bloom during specific times. Mums need long periods of darkness each day to bloom. Historically, most bloomed in mid-to-late summer, depending on cultivar. Now,

many bloom late September to mid-October, when cooler weather tends to make flowers last longer.

Garden mums are available in the spring as rooted cuttings established in small containers or during the fall as large, mature plants in or near full bloom.

Trinklein offers tips for fall and spring mums:

FALL MUMS

Choose plants that are beginning to show color. These produce blooms for the longest time. Colors fade after heavy frosts.

Most potted mums are grown commercially in a soilless growing medium high in organic matter. Plant in well-drained soil high in organic matter and water thoroughly.

After cold weather arrives, cut plants back to ground level and mulch to prevent winter injury.

SPRING MUMS

Select a well-drained planting site that receives at least eight hours of sunlight.

Space smaller plants 18 to 24 inches apart to allow for the future growth. Space 30-36 inches apart for more vigorous cultivars.

Apply a granular fertilizer such as 5-10-5 or equivalent at the rate of 2 or 3 pounds per 100 square feet of surface area, and mix it into the soil. Apply a soluble starter fertilizer high in phosphorus such as 9-45-15 immediately after transplanting.

Pinch spring-planted garden mums every three to four weeks for bushy, compact growth and more flowers. For most, pinch no later than July 4 to avoid accidentally removing flower buds.

Garden chrysanthemums need about 1.5 inches of water weekly during the growing season.

Mulch plants with bark, wood chips or other organic materials. This saves moisture and controls weeds.

Check for aphids, two-spotted mites and powdery mildew. Garden chrysanthemums are mostly insect- and disease-free.

For more information, visit the National Chrysanthemum Society's website.

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Pike To Pike...



By Wyvetta Davis-Niffen
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Please continue to watch for the dates that the Big River Band will be playing because of conflicting activities and holidays, the dates will be changing at different times. But at the current time Saturday, Oct. 11, The Big River Band will be at the Courtyard 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.

You can order meals starting at 5 pm. 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 and encouraged to attend.

The Pike County Senior Citizens Center at 220 West Adams Street in Pittsfield will be holding their Fund-raiser Fish Fry this Thursday on Oct. 9 from 4:30-6 p.m. Questions? Please call 217-285-4969.

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 afternoon 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. It's a great way to meet others, enjoy the music, and, if you choose, get out there and dance. Encouraging you, Seniors, to come on out for a great afternoon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week Oct. 8 - 14, 2025:

Oct. 8 - Bill Grimsley, Rodney Prentice

Oct. 9 - Donald Baxter, Randy Ferguson, Joe and Krystal Huckstep

Oct. 10 - Brenda Crawford, Debbie Booker, Margaret Garner

Oct. 11 - Sheila and John Kroeschel

Oct. 13 - Bryan Brown, Gloria Castleberry

Oct. 14 - Karen and Joey

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.

Trivia Answers from Last Week:
1. What famous highway is often referred to as the "Main Street of America"? (Route 66)

2. What is the shortest verse in the Bible? (John 11:35)

3. Which famous author of old was raised in Hannibal? (Mark Twain)

4. Who was the first novelist to present a typed manuscript to their publisher? (Mark Twain)

Susanne Curry attended the Bales reunion in Branson recently. Her good friend, Sharon Clarkson, accompanied her since Cleve was busy with harvest. They enjoyed visiting with relatives from four states, as well as seeing the live Biblical drama of David the shepherd King at the Sight and Sound Theatre. Susanne's mother, the late Mary Bales Palmer, enjoyed attending this reunion in her later years.

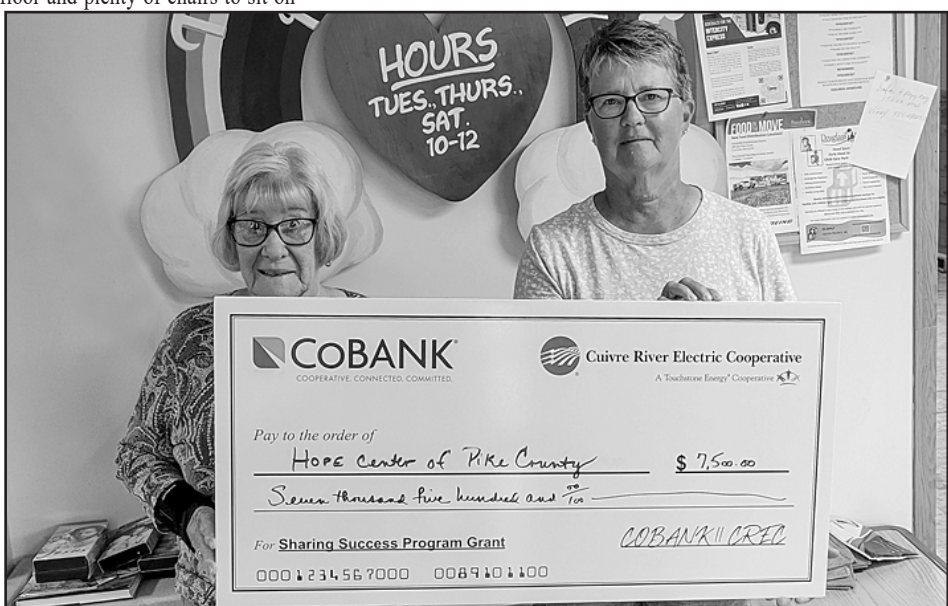
A wonderful family vacation to Branson was enjoyed by Jamie's daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter Mary and Sean Massie and daughter, Bailey, all of Bowling Green, and Jamie and I of New Salem. We all left on Sept. 29 arriving at our cabin in the Branson Va-

cation Retreats around 5 p.m. We unpacked and then went into Branson where we ate supper at Mel's Hard Luck Diner. Couldn't tell you what any of us ate but I can tell you that we certainly enjoyed the waitresses going around the place singing. Came back to the cabin and enjoyed playing several rounds of Monopoly Deal.

Tuesday morning found us having a delicious breakfast at the Cracker Barrel then we went to Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail where everyone would ride in or drive golf carts all over the place. That was loads of fun. We also shopped at the Apple Tree Mall which is the largest consignment shop I had ever seen. A person could spend hours in there. That night we went to the Sight and Sound Theater and thoroughly enjoyed DAVID. Wednesday, Oct. 1, found us up early packing to head back home. Went to breakfast again at Cracker Barrel, then away we went. Made a stop in Springfield, Missouri, to the massive Bass Pro Shop. Jamie and I decided we might have covered a tenth of that store. Two extremely large gas stations and convenience stores that we stopped at that I had never been to before were the QT (on the way down) and on the way home, we stopped at a huge Buc-ee's. Then onward again home. We had a wonderful time and Mary did a great job planning the entire trip and taking care of things (reservations, tickets, and such, all online) and we appreciated both Sean and Mary taking turns driving in Branson and on the way down and back.

I enjoyed getting to know the Massie family a lot better. Appreciated Ginger Whitlock taking care of our cats and our mail. And, yes, the cats were glad to see us get home.

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.



Pictured, from left: Debbie Curry, director, and Anne Brewer, treasurer, both of The Hope Center of Pike County are pictured with The Hope Center's check.

'Sharing Success' Grants Awarded

Four charitable organizations were each awarded a \$7,500 "Sharing Success" grant by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative (CREC) and CoBank.

The recipients of the 2025 grants are the Hope Center of Pike County, TREE House of Greater St. Louis, Warren County Sheltered Workshop, and the Lincoln County R-III Education Fund. "At the heart of our cooperative is the principle of 'Caring for Community,'" explains Diane Saale, CREC's Board President. "This program, in partnership with CoBank, empowers us to act on that principle, enabling us to proudly back local charitable organizations as they deliver essential services to our communities." "Sharing Success" is a matching grant program created by CoBank in 2012. The cooperative bank partners with its customers, like CREC, to support the causes and organizations they care about. CoBank customers can apply for matching grants each year. CREC awarded \$3,750 to each recipient this year, and CoBank matched the funds. A total of \$7,500 went to each of these organizations: - Hope Center of Pike County is a food pantry, providing food for qualified individuals who live in Pike County. Their operating hours are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. They can be reached at (573) 324-6255.

TREE House of Greater St. Louis, founded in 1975 as Therapeutic Horsemanship, TREE House of Greater St. Louis celebrates its 50th anniversary this year as one of the oldest and largest Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International

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Warren County Sheltered Workshop is a production company that employs over 80 adults with disabilities and specializes in light assembly/production and various packaging/kitting. For more information, visit <https://www.weswinc.com/> or call (636) 456-4800.

Lincoln County R-III Education Fund helps to fund projects and programs that are not otherwise possible within the constraints of the Lincoln County R-III School District's annual operating budget. The 2025 Sharing Success grant will benefit the district's Powell Memorial Library. For more information, visit <https://www.troy.k12.mo.us/> /68512_3.

Since 2012, CREC and CoBank have awarded a total of \$230,000 to organizations selected by CREC (inclusive of this year's grants). Organizations receiving support have included Honor Flight of Greater St. Louis, The Key Youth Center, Bridge of

Hope, Compass Health Network, St. Charles Community College Foundation, Agape Food Pantry, and Our Lady's Inn.

CREC's board of directors jointly decides which organizations will receive the "Sharing Success" grants. About Cuivre River Electric Cooperative: Founded in 1941, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is the largest of Missouri's 40 consumer-owned electric distribution cooperatives, providing electricity to more than 75,000 homes and businesses in Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, and Warren counties in Missouri.

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Bryson Splain, Khilyn Splain, Brinley Orf, and Wesley Orf; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

David's wishes were to be cremated. Cremation rites are under the direction

son, Spencer Eli Trower of St. Louis; one granddaughter, Meredith Davis of Vandalia; a grandson, Donnie Rubemeyer of Wellsville; and four great-grandchildren, twins Brogan and Brennon Wheeler, Braylon Davis, and Maizie Davis, all of Vandalia.



In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Thornhill Cemetery in Troy; Troy First Baptist

Melinda Sue Brown

Leon James Reeves

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Fr. Henry Ussher officiated.

Anita Rose Williams Hoyt

David Lee Minor

band, Steve of Canton, Sararac, Mo.
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Minor of Pittsburg, Ill., and
Richard "Dick" Minor and
wife, Joann of Louisiana;
his ex-wife, Lisa Minor of
Louisiana; a daughter,
Kayce Jines of Bowling
Green; one step-daughter,
Renee Reading and hus-
band, George of Hannibal;
one step-son; grandchildren,
Zaqry Uplinger and Abigale
Shade, Gaven Uplinger, Ne-
vach Gregory, Angelina
Reading, Della Reading,
Jasper West, Dane Dunn

Betty Jean Peabody Trower

Betty is survived by one son, Donald "Eddie" Edwin Trower, Jr., and wife, Pat Ray Trower of Vandalia; a grand-

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HUNGER

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Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers.

Churches or organizations can participate by collecting monetary donations so they can buy food, or donate trimmings, or however you choose to help. Any food left over will be donated directly to The Hope Center - so there's no such thing as too much - if you decide you'd rather make a monetary donation to cover a meal, or any amount, please make checks payable to the "No Hunger Holiday".

In general numbers, the turkey is around \$15, and each completed meal is about \$40. If you'd like to be included on the email updates we send out, please send your email address to me at dkorte@dormanproducts.com, and he will gladly add you to the list - and keep you in the loop.

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The theory behind the No-Hunger Holiday, is that we may not be able to end all hunger - but it is within our power to ensure that our neighbors are fed on this holiday, in our own community. They ask that you please support the effort to feed families in need during this season of Thanksgiving.

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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week Is Oct. 5-11

Celebrating National 4-H Week: Pike County 4-H Youth Are “Beyond Ready” National 4-H Week will be celebrated Oct. 5-11, and this year’s theme, “Beyond Ready,” highlights how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence, and experiences they need for the future.

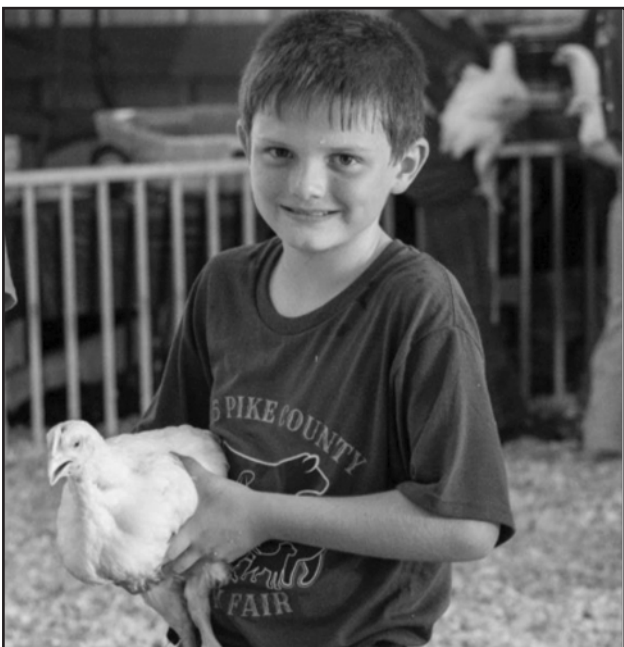
From leadership and communication to hands-on project work, 4-H members are developing qualities that will serve them long after their years in the program. 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development program, offered locally through the University of Missouri Extension in Pike County. It is open to youth ages 8-18, with introductory opportunities for ages 5-7 through Clover Kids. Through the guidance of caring adult mentors, 4-H connects youth with projects and experiences that foster leadership, communication, and life skills—helping them be beyond ready for whatever comes next. Pike County 4-H is home to five clubs and over 200 youth members, with countless

projects and opportunities for learning and leadership each year. 4-H opportunities go far beyond showing livestock—youth explore STEM, civic engagement, community service, the arts, and more. Involvement also opens doors to regional, state, and national experiences where members can grow, compete, and connect with others across Missouri and beyond. Enrollment for the new 4-H year opened Oct. 1—contact the Extension Office or visit the Pike County 4-H website for more information on how to join.

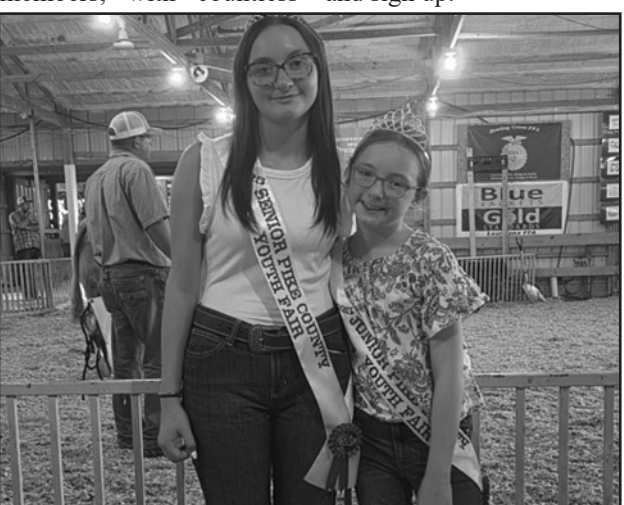
Pike County 4-H is always looking for caring adults who want to make a difference. You don’t have to be an expert in agriculture—skills like cooking, woodworking, photography, sewing, STEM, public speaking, and so much more can spark learning for 4-H youth. Whether you’d like to lead a project, help at events, or simply share a passion, there’s a place for you in 4-H. Contact the Extension Office to learn more and sign up.



My name is Addy Becker and I am a member of the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H club. I have been a member for three years. My favorite thing to do in 4-H is showing my sheep. Showing and caring for my sheep has taught me the value of hard work and being responsible. It takes months of teaching them to lead, putting the correct amount and type of feed in the animal, and planning out your breeding just right so you can lamb at the correct time. I learn something new each year and can’t wait to learn more and grow my knowledge in sheep and market lambs.



My name is Jefferson Davis, and I’m a member of the Busy Bee Hustlers 4-H Club. I was in Clover Kids for two years, and just finished my first year as a 4-H member. I joined because I like showing animals—especially chickens—and with a little push from my parents. Through 4-H, I’ve learned how to take care of poultry and even how to use a sewing machine. This year my projects included meat birds, polish, mifle fleur d’Uccle, speckled sussex breeding birds, showing dogs and horses, canning, sewing, bacon slabs, arts and crafts, and breads. My favorite accomplishment so far has been making the sale at the county fair with my meat chickens. I think 4-H makes a difference because it helps kids learn new things, create projects, and even earn money. I would encourage other kids to join 4-H so they can make friends, play games, learn about the community, and try new opportunities.



My name is Avery Lovell, and I am a proud member of the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H Club. This is my 10th year in 4-H, and I currently serve as the club president. One of my highlights this year was being crowned Senior Pike County Fair Youth Royalty. Some of the projects I enjoyed most this year include sewing, arts and crafts, photography, and scrapbooking. I was honored to have several of my projects selected to go to the State Fair. 4-H has given me countless opportunities to develop valuable skills and friendships. If you are looking for a club to join, I encourage you to come check out ours—you won’t regret it! My name is Ary Lovell, and I am also a member of the Hartford Go-Getters 4-H Club. This is my 5th year in 4-H. One of my highlights this year was being crowned Junior Pike County Fair Youth Royalty. I loved representing my club and county during Fair Week, and I also enjoyed working on projects in sewing, arts and crafts, and foods. 4-H is such a fun organization where you get to try new things, learn new skills, and share experiences with other members.

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Obituaries

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John Hassett Murray

John Hassett Murray of Louisiana, a beloved father and grandfather, suffered a heart attack and died at home on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025 at 81 following the funeral of his beloved wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Brown.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 13 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Louisiana, p. Fr. Henry Ussher officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m., until time of service at the church.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m., at the Seton Center following burial at St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

John was born Jan. 26, 1944 to Hugh and Jane Murray and raised in Centralia, Ill., where he attended St. Mary’s School; he graduated from secondary school at Cascia Hall in Tulsa, Okla. He attended Villanova University for two years and then enlisted in the United

States Air Force where he was stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany for four years assigned to systems analysis. He traveled on temporary duty to far flung Air Force bases to solve systems problems.

Following his military service, he pursued a career in systems in Massachusetts for Dunkin Donuts and later finished his BA at St. Louis University. He was in systems and sales for All Parts Co., in St. Louis.

He moved to Louisiana some decades ago where he has for decades been a pillar of the recovery community in the surrounding area providing mentoring to many over years. He brought long years of experience in recovery to those in the area. He carried the message to the still suffering and helped many to a new life free of alcoholism and drug abuse.

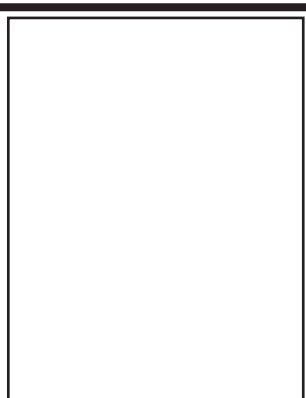
During this time, he met and married his dear love, Dottie. Their devotion to one another could having only been captured in a sonnet by Shakespeare or, if you were fortunate, a moment in their presence.

John was kind, witty, thoughtful and loved all of his large family and many friends.

He is survived by two children, Denise Fanucchi of San Antonio, Texas, and John Murray of Abington, Mass., and their spouses, Zach and Lisa, as well as four grandchildren, Joseph and Jett Fanucchi, and Ophelia and Augustus Murray. John had a fatherly affection as well for Dottie’s children, Pennye, Ted and wife, Lori, Stacy and husband, Mike, Tim and wife, Tracy, and Lisa, as well as her children, Cindy, Steve, Jeff, and Chris, who departed this world much too soon. Dottie’s numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren were cherished as if they were his own.

Flowers for services or if preferred donations in lieu of flowers may be made in John’s memory to Harris House in St. Charles.

WE WELCOME YOUR LOCAL NEWS



Sherry Lee Will

After a courageous battle with cancer, Sherry Lee Will died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2025, in Vandalia surrounded by family.

Sherry was born Nov. 20, 1975, in Columbus, Wis., to Daniel Will and Carol Engstrom Arden. Due to a military family, Sherry was raised in numerous towns and states, with West Hope, N.D., and Harlingen, Texas being a few.

After living in Texas for a few years as an adult, Sherry moved to Colorado, the spring of 2000, making Longmont her home. She worked as a nurses aide and

a bartender for many years. Sherry went to college and became a licensed Esthetician. She wanted so much more from life. She had big dreams and aspirations. She created Bougie Blaze Candles and started a spa. Sherry was loved by so many people. She didn’t know a stranger. Her smile would light up a dark room.

Her hobbies were making candles/waxes, photography, and spending time with her kids, grandchildren, and friends. Sherry absolutely loved her kids and grandchildren.

Sherry was survived by her mother, Carol Arden and husband, John of West Hope N.D.; step-mother, Toni Will of Columbus Neb.; brothers, Kyle Will and wife, Amanda of Bellevue Neb., Keith Will and wife, Heather of Glennwood, Iowa; a sister, Dana Dyke and husband, Robert of Vandalia; sons, Cipriano Gonzales and wife, Jessica of Longmont, Colo., Andrew Gonzales and wife, Melissa of Pueblo, Colo.; a daughter, McKayla Tole and husband, Chris of Nocona, Texas; grandchildren,

Olivia, Skylar, Octavia, Isabelle, Winter, and another one on the way; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Preceding her in death were her father, Daniel Will; maternal grandparents, Milton and Cecilia Engstrom; and paternal grandparents, Merlin and Hazel Will.

There will not be a funeral for Sherry, but a Celebration of Life in Longmont, Colo., to be announced at a later time.

Cremation rites were handled by Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

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

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Oct. 14: American Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m., First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Louisiana, 517 S. Carolina.

Community News



Pictured is the finished mural at the corner of Hwy. 54 and Main Street in Vandalia.

MURAL
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trade, a place to buy the articles needed for household and business and a place to visit and learn all the latest happenings.
At the heart of it all, our American flag waves proudly, reminding us that Our Land, Our Labor, and Our Liberty are bound together. Sheri Lewis Grote --

calls, meetings, emails and text messages. You can't imagine the time that goes into getting such a masterpiece of art come to life. There on the table are the pictures that Sheri used to make the second mural a reality.
Please take a moment before you leave to look at them and compare them to the end product.

We would like to extend an invitation to each of you to enjoy the many Prairie Day festivities that are offered throughout the day and evening. Take a step back into time to relax, visit with friends you haven't seen a while, reminisce about days gone by and enjoy the food and drink available.
Take time to stop at the Vandalia Historical Society



The new mural pays tribute to the J.K. Smith Flour Company in Vandalia.

the lady that has the awesome talent to bring a barren wall to an amazing reality - we can't thank you enough. You have enabled us to leave a memorable tribute from those of Vandalia's past - to those of the future. Sheri, you make your family, old and new friends,

The mural's central focus is Vandalia's windmill water tower, which once stood on the north side of the railroad tracks on Main Street. Built in 1884, the tower became a landmark. During its construction, coal was discovered at 57 feet below ground level which led to the coal mining industry in Vandalia.

Museum as Sheri will be signing postcards featuring the mural in the Charlene Teague Genealogy Library portion of the museum.
Sheri will be happy to answer any questions.
From the Members of the Vandalia Historical Society, we would like to invite you to take part in preserving



One corner of the new mural tells of Vandalia's first public water well built in 1884. It was destroyed by a tornado on May 27, 1896.

very proud.
Thank You.
Once we had established the theme of the murals, we were on a mission to find the photos in the museum to give inspiration to Sheri. She started sketching, erasing, starting over, phone

The windmill water tower was used to fill livestock water tanks on Main Street. On May 27, 1896, the tower was lost to a cyclone (or a tornado as it is called today) but it still remains a proud symbol of our town's resilience.

Vandalia's heritage and become a member of the Society or volunteering to help out at the museum.
Thank you again for attending this ceremony. You are truly what makes Vandalia a special town.

One-Pot Fall Meals Bring Comfort, Flavor And Dairy To The Table

As cooler weather sets in and busy fall schedules take over, families are turning to one-pot meals for quick, comforting dinners. These dishes offer the perfect balance of flavor, nutrition and convenience — and dairy products play a starring role.
“One-pot meals are ideal for busy families because they save time in the kitchen and cut down on dishes,” said Jessica Kassel, registered dietitian and nutrition educator with St. Louis District Dairy Council. “Adding milk, cheese or yogurt not only boosts flavor and creaminess but also provides protein, calcium and vitamin D.”
Popular one-pot dishes featuring dairy include white chicken chili made with Greek yogurt, cheesy chicken and rice skillet

with vegetables, creamy tomato basil tortellini soup, loaded potato and broccoli soup, and classic beef stroganoff finished with sour cream. These meals highlight how dairy adds richness and flavor while pairing easily with fall produce.
Nutrition experts note that dairy adds more than taste. It provides high-quality protein to support growth and muscle repair, calcium and vitamin D for strong bones, and B vitamins for energy metabolism. Dairy foods also contain potassium, which helps with maintaining healthy blood pressure.
Planning ahead can make one-pot meals even more convenient. Families can double recipes, portion out leftovers and freeze them

for later, creating a ready-made meal on nights when time is short. Batch-cooking soups, stews or casseroles ensures that comfort food is always within reach without the extra work.
In addition to the nutrition benefits, gathering around the table for a warm, home-cooked meal has lasting value. Research shows that family meals support healthier eating habits, improve communication, and build stronger personal (or social) connections. One-pot dishes make it easier for families to share this time together, even on busy weeknights.
“Meals that include dairy bring comfort and nutrition to the table,” Kassel said. “They’re a simple way to keep families fueled during the busy fall season.”



Van-Far Class Of '75 Holds Reunion

The Van-Far High School Class of 1975 held its 50th class reunion on Friday Sept. 26 at The Junction Restaurant near Perry. Thirty-eight class members, plus two retired teachers, attended the event. The class also had a float in the Prairie Days Parade Saturday, Sept. 27 and toured Van-Far High School later that day. Pictured, front row, (l-r): Stuart Smith, Daniel Cordry, Bill Nation, Mike West, former teacher Don Stone, class sponsor and former teacher Ruth Miller, Teena Powell Fenley, and Karen Traynor Ankrom. Second row: Susie Moore DeVault, Daffany Null Hood, Dale Fischer, Jeannie Stone Spires, Ruth Etta Seeley Williams, Laura McBride Martin, Barb Peery Taylor, Jeannie Nolan Breneman, Sherri Basinger Allen, Barbara Hassien Branstetter, Brenda Nolan Johnson, Marilyn Wallace Basinger, Leslie Moles Sattler, Carl Nutt, Gary Giltner, Jeff Guinn, Thom Spradling, and Tim Crow. Third row: John Allen, Roy Butts, Chris Terry, Lawrence Stapleton, Boyce Branstetter, Melvin Dempsey, Gary Motley, Kevin Cockrell, Ron Pritchett, Bruce Carlson, Larry Butler, Lee Moles, David Hopke, and Chris Hesse.



Time To Take Plants Indoors

As frost approaches, gardeners are tempted to dig up plants and place them in pots for use indoors. Too often, the results are disappointing as plants that flourished in the garden will drop leaves and stop flowering when indoors, said University of Missouri Extension horticulture specialist David Trinklein.
Saving an attractive plant is tempting, but consider several points before attempting to do so, Trinklein said. First, is there a suitable location in the home for the plant? Does the plant have sentimental value? Is it rare or expensive? Is it free of insects and diseases?
If the answer to these questions is “yes,” then your time and effort moving the plant might be worth it, he said.

ity is too low.
Flowering plants that are indoors, particularly those from the garden, need bright light in winter regardless of their light preference outdoors. Short winter days coupled with the poor light typical of most interior settings will prevent most annual garden plants from flourishing.
Supplemental (artificial) light is beneficial, but it will have its greatest impact if placed over plants growing with good light from a sunny window.
Night temperatures close to 60 degrees Fahrenheit promote the best plant growth. Most homes have their thermostats set higher than 60.
For those determined to save garden plants, Trinklein offers these suggestions:

much as possible. Some root pruning along the sides of the soil ball usually is inevitable. But the more roots that are pruned off, the greater the shock to the plant.
Situate the plant in the pot at about the same depth it was growing in the garden. Fill around the existing root ball with a peat-lite potting mix. If there is no immediate danger of frost, keep the newly potted plant outdoors in the shade for a week or two to become adjusted to growing in a container. If the weather is cold, bring the newly potted plant into a cool room and place it by a bright window. For the first few days, cover the plant loosely with a plastic bag to increase the humidity around its leaves.
Gardeners who simply want to save a few garden plants for the next growing season may prefer taking cuttings, which require less space. Begonia, impatiens and geranium root readily from cuttings taken in the fall.

On the other hand, if these are some of your reasons for saving a plant, you might want to reconsider: The plant is too attractive to let it freeze. You need a colorful plant in your home. You want to save it for next spring and plant it outdoors again. You want to give the plant to a friend as a gift.
“The fact is that many garden plants do not make good houseplants in any indoor location,” Trinklein said. Common garden annuals such as marigold, zinnia, celosia, and flowering vinca are all true annuals. They will not thrive indoors because the light is too poor, the night temperature is too high and the relative humid-

Lift the plant carefully from the soil and place it in a large pot. Plants may look small outdoors, but the complete root system may require a larger pot than you expect. The root system of that seemingly little plant in the garden might need an 8-inch pot.
Maintain a ball of undisturbed soil and roots as



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