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## A 'Coterie Of Barnacles'

### Local Men Take On Whiskey Ring Suspects

*Editor's note: Following is the second part in a story series by contributing writer Brent Engel.*

Louisiana attorney John Brooks Henderson wasted no time taking on suspects in the national Whiskey Ring scandal in the summer of 1875.

"If any man is capable of committing crime, he is capable of denying it," said Henderson, who was appointed America's first special prosecutor by President Ulysses S. Grant.

The prime suspect, Missouri state bureaucrat John McDonald, saw that Henderson and Dyer were "determined to push everyone to the wall who has the least guilty knowledge." Henderson twice offered, and McDonald twice declined, immunity if he would testify against others.

In November 1875, McDonald — who came up with the sobriquet "coterie of barnacles" to describe Whiskey Ring crooks — was found guilty of fraud. He was ordered to pay a fine that today would be \$156,000 and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Two days later, Henderson turned his attention to William Avery. The former chief clerk at the U.S. Treasury Department was charged with fraud for allegedly taking bribes from distillers of what today would be \$2,300 to \$6,800 per week.

Avery would be a stooge for others. He never stopped protesting his innocence,

even as it was proven he took bribes in exchange for warning the bad guys before raids.

The man really pulling the strings allegedly was Orville Babcock, a Vermont native who had graduated third in his class at West Point and served as an aide to Grant during the Civil War. It was he who delivered the terms of surrender to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox.

When Grant was elected president, Babcock became White House chief of staff. His intelligence, cunning and persuasiveness were uncanny.

"Nobody was closer to the president, and Babcock exploited his relationship with Grant throughout his time in the White House for personal gain," wrote author Stephen McCullough.

Rumors had swirled for months about Babcock's involvement in the Ring. As Henderson rolled toward a conviction at the St. Louis trial of Avery, he said something that perked ears in Washington.

In closing arguments, Henderson accused Babcock of obstructing justice and seemed to imply that the president had interfered with the investigation.

"This is a blot upon our government, that it is possible for such things to exist," he said.

Henderson then took aim at partisan politics, saying it was "party, party, party that damns our country" and that under "the name of party,

every fraud and infamy within the range of possibilities is perpetuated."

The Republican former lawmaker said he had respect for a political entity "when it is composed of honest men, for honest purposes; but when it is composed of men banded together to perpetuate frauds upon the government, or to serve the personal ends of its leaders, then away with it. I'll have none of it. Let Republicans and Democrats all take hold and secure the best results to our government, which will give dignity and stability to our nation, and which will inure to common benefit; and never let us be led astray so far as to make one officer of our government subservient to another."

Henderson finished with a flourish.

"Would that we had officials who possessed more of that sterner stuff of which the office holders of olden times were made," he said. "Why do they not leave their office when they cannot remain there honorably?"

Grant hit the roof, Babcock was indicted and Henderson was fired. Surprisingly, Bowling Green attorney James Overton Broadhead would be thrust into the limelight.

Even more remarkably, something was about to take place that hadn't happened before — and hasn't happened since.

Next time: Unprecedented move.

## Bowling Green R-I Board Approves Improvement Plan, Budget

BY LARRY TWELLMAN

A four-year plan for school improvement was approved by the Bowling Green R-I School Board at their meeting on Tuesday, June 16. A committee composed of school personnel, parents and community members met for three months to develop the plan. The four areas identified for improvements were: academic achievement, financial status, recruitment and retention of personnel, and facilities.

The pathway to the improvements was presented next in the form of the district's budget for the 2026-27 school year. The budget as adopted anticipates revenues of \$21,268,814 for the coming year. 51 percent of the revenues are expected to come from local funds such as property taxes and other local sources. The State of Missouri will be expected to provide 33 percent of the revenues, with the balance coming from county and federal sources.

District expenditures are projected to be \$20,595,223. In response to one of the goals of the improvement

plan, 69 percent of the expenditures will be spent on salaries and benefits for the staff. The teacher salary schedule will be increased by \$800 added to the base salary and advances to staff for years of experience and additional training. The base salary for teachers will be \$40,000. Non-teaching staff will see the base pay increase to \$15 per hour, with increases for experience for current staff. In his budget message to the Board, Superintendent Nick Larson stated that "One of our top priorities remains the recruitment and retention of high-quality educators and staff." Larson projected that the budget would deliver a surplus of \$673,591 at the end of the year.

In other business, the board approved an extension of the agreement with the Pike County Sheriff's Office to provide a school resource officer to the district. The SRO will help provide a safe environment for students and staff. The board also approved four contracts with entities who provide enhanced educational services to students in

the district.

Joe Chinn, Principal of Bowling Green High School, reported to the board on a one-year follow up on the current status of the students who graduated from the high school in 2025. He reported that the graduation rate for that class was 96.6 percent in comparison with the state average of 91 percent.

The board voted to waive its regular meeting in July and authorized the incoming superintendent, Dr. Jeff Jennewein, to approve bills and take any other action necessary for the operation of the district. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 5:30 p.m., in the district office.

At the end of the meeting, board members thanked Superintendent Nick Larson for his work with the district and wished him well in his new job outside of education. In response, Larson stated he was grateful for the opportunity to work in the district and said, "We are doing amazing things for the students in the district."

## Bowling Green Accepting Names For City Lakes Hunting Drawing

BY BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

Bowling Green Accepting Names for City Lakes Hunting Drawing

The City of Bowling Green is accepting names for a drawing for archery hunting rights at Bowling Green City Lakes.

Applicants must be Bowling Green city residents and at least 16 years old. Two names will be drawn at random for hunting rights from Aug. 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027. Hunting will be limited to

archery only for deer and turkey. No other hunting will be allowed.

The two individuals selected will each be allowed to submit three additional names, with at least one of those additional hunters required to be a Bowling Green city resident, for a total of eight hunters.

Those interested must stop by Bowling Green City Hall, 16 W. Church St., to fill out a form and submit a copy of their hunting license. Forms must be completed in person and may not be submitted by another

individual. Persons who hunted from August 2025 through May 2026 are not eligible.

The deadline to submit forms is 3 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026. The drawing will take place at 4 p.m., that same day at Bowling Green City Hall.

Specific hunting area directions, rules and regulations will be provided after the names are drawn. The City of Bowling Green reserves the right to stop all hunting for any reason at any time.

## Concert Will Highlight God's Roll In American Freedom



Debbie Ingram, left, and Donna Grote will be among the performers at the "Celebrating America in Rural Missouri: One Nation, Under God 250 Years" concert, which takes place July 1 at the Allen Family Resource Center in Edgewood south of Bowling Green.

Photo by Brent Engel

BY BRENT ENGEL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Don Amelung thought an important aspect was missing from talk about the upcoming celebration of America's 250th birthday.

So, he took the kind of action that would likely have made the Founding Fathers smile.

Amelung has organized "Celebrating America in Rural Missouri: One Nation, Under God 250 Years."

The free patriotic concert and fireworks display is designed to showcase God's role in the nation's freedom. It takes place the evening of Wednesday, July 1, at the Allen Family Resource Center just off of Highway 61 at Route WW in Edgewood south of Bowling Green.

"It's the idea of America getting back to the America that loves and worships the true and loving God," Amelung said. "I think over time we've focused on the wrong things. Maybe it's time we bless God and give Him the credit for what made us great in the first place."

Thomas Jefferson, who drafted the Declaration of Independence dated July 4, 1776, acknowledged that

God "who gave us life gave us liberty" and asked if "the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis — a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God."

The Declaration itself says "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights."

Amelung has recruited friends Donna Grote, Debbie Ingram and Richard Biggs to help with the singing. Other participants include a color guard from Scott Air Force Base and several business sponsors and people who have worked behind the scenes to make the event happen.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to share our patriotism and love of God and country in song," Grote said. "It will be a wonderful evening celebrating 250 years of America."

"It's a special time in our country's history, celebrating 250 years," Ingram said. "So, we are going to have a wonderful time on July 1st honoring our country and

the men and women who have sacrificed to make this land a great place to live in. We will be giving glory to God for the freedoms that He has given us here in America and I'm just honored to be a part of the evening."

Musical selections will include "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Let Freedom Ring," a veterans' version of "Hallelujah," "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb," "God Bless America," "God Bless the U.S.A." and an Armed Forces medley.

Readings of The Gettysburg Address and The Military Oath are planned, and there will be prayer and the playing of "Taps."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with free food of hot dogs, chips, soda pop, water and apple pie while supplies last. The show starts at 7:30. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for the fireworks that take place after the concert.

Contributions from the Allen family, Twin Rivers Baptist Association, Millcreek Baptist and Second Baptist churches, Elmwood Community Church and individuals will finance the cost.

Amelung, pastor at Millcreek, admits the idea for the event came from frustration he and many others feel about America's direction on the eve of its semiquincentennial. But he also firmly believes only God can heal the wounds and divisions.

"I hope (the audience) will understand that it's still a great nation," he said. "People can come together and have a good night. We're going to celebrate."

**Vandalia Downtown Park Project Meeting Tuesday, June 23 (Tonight) 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's Former Office**

## Three Juveniles Identified Following Bowling Green Vehicle Theft

BY BRICE CHANDLER EDITOR

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The Bowling Green Police Department reported that three subjects have been identified following a vehicle theft and related vehicle break-in on Tuesday, June 16.

According to police, three subjects were seen around 2:20 a.m. in the 200 block of South High Street, where a 2021 gray Chrysler

Pacifica was stolen. The vehicle was later recovered at the Pike County Fairgrounds with severe damage.

Police said a separate incident was also reported earlier that morning, around 1:45 a.m., when a vehicle in the 1000 block of West Locust Street was entered and several items were stolen.

In an update, the Bowling Green Police Department said all three subjects had been identified through collaboration with the Pike

County Sheriff's Office, the Juvenile Office and assistance from the community. The subjects are being processed through the courts and juvenile justice system.

Police thanked everyone who assisted in the matter and reminded residents to remove keys from vehicles, lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Anyone with additional information may contact the Bowling Green Police Department at 573-324-3200 or 573-324-6134.



## DAR Flag Day Luncheon

The Susanna Randolph Chapter of Vandalia hosted the annual Flag Day Luncheon on Sunday, June 14, for the six chapters in the luncheon group. Regent Ann Carter welcomed the DAR members at the 1 p.m., luncheon at the St. Pat's Hall of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vandalia. There was one member from the Bowling Green Chapter; four members from the Dorothy Quincy Chapter in Quincy, Ill.; three members and one guest from the Hannibal Heritage Chapter; 10 members and one guest from the Nancy Ross Chapter in Pittsfield, Ill.; one member from the Pike County Chapter in Louisiana; and 10 members and one guest from the Susanna Randolph Chapter in Vandalia. Missouri Northeast District Director Caren Whitehead was an attendee as well. The Bowling Green Chapter will host the 2027 Flag Day Luncheon. Pictured, (l-r): Kay Ellis - Hannibal Heritage Chapter Regent; Ann Carter - Susanna Randolph Chapter Regent; and Caren Whitehead - MO Northeast District Director. Second row: Millie Powell - Bowling Green Chapter Regent; Nila Catron - Dorothy Quincy Chapter Regent; Joyce Dyer - Nancy Ross Chapter Regent; and Sandy Orf - Pike County Chapter Regent.

# Community News

## Stink Bugs, Corn Leafhoppers Among Topics At July 8 Field Day

University of Missouri Extension state field crops and forage entomologist Ivair Valmorbidia will update producers on pests affecting corn and soybean crops at the annual MU Crop & Pest Management Field Day, July 8 in Columbia.

Valmorbidia will explain stinkbug biology, defoliation thresholds and management options. His research shows that stink bugs are widespread in Missouri soybean. He will talk about when and why to scout fields for stink bugs,

which are most likely to appear in soybean mid-July to harvest.

He also will talk about corn leafhopper, which first appeared in Missouri in 2024. Corn leafhoppers carry corn stunt disease, which can cause 100% yield loss.

The annual event expands this year to offer a full day of learning, thanks to a collaboration with the Missouri Soybean Association, says Kevin Bradley, MU Extension weed scientist and longtime organizer of the pest management field

day. The traditional Crop & Pest Management Field Day begins at 8:30 a.m., at MU's Bradford Research Farm in Columbia. After lunch, participants can drive or take a shuttle down Rangeline Road to the nearby 285-acre Farm for Soybean Innovation (formerly Bay Farm) for Ag Innovation Day to learn about the latest soybean research and technology.

Register for both events at the Missouri Soybeans website.



## Farber Library Summer Theme

The 2026 summer library theme is "Unearth a Story." On Saturday, June 13, 2026 the children at the Farber Library enjoyed making casts of Missouri footprints out of Plaster of Paris, as well as clay casts of dinosaur shapes and footprints. While their pieces dried, the children enjoyed eating dinosaur shaped cookies. Attendees included: Harper Haynes, Coleman Speagle, Averly Green, Aiven Ellis, Meah Lynn, Joel Edwards, and Ruby Edwards.

## Daylily: Big Color Without The Fuss

Daylilies combine stunning, long-lasting floral displays with rugged resilience, so it's little wonder daylily is America's most popular flowering perennial, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

June is the month most daylily cultivars are at their best and an ideal time to enjoy their colorful, carefree flowers, Trinklein said. Daylily is not a true lily; it belongs to the genus Hemerocallis, derived from the Greek words hemera (day) and kalos (beautiful). This refers to the fact that the showy flowers of this plant rarely last more than 24 hours.

One of the first written records of daylily dates to 2697 B.C. and indicates the ancient Chinese used it as food and medicine. Herbs and pharmacopeias of that era referred to the daylily as "xuancao," which means "the herb that helps forget sadness." Along with other benefits, it was thought to relieve anxiety and soothe difficult emotions.

Settlers brought daylilies to the New World; by the late 1800s, many species could be found in American gardens. But it was the work

of geneticist and plant breeder Arlow B. Stout that started daylily on the path to the popularity it enjoys today.

His work not only resulted in the development of hybrid daylily cultivars but also produced an understanding of the genetics of the genus Hemerocallis. Stout's legacy is perpetuated by the American Hemerocallis Society's Stout Medal, the highest and most prestigious honor a daylily cultivar can receive.

Stout's work encouraged both professional and amateur plant breeders to hybridize daylily. Their efforts have resulted in more than 90,000 daylily cultivars registered by the American Hemerocallis Society, with an average of 200 new registration requests submitted monthly.

Daylilies thrive across a wide range of climates and soils, gracefully shrugging off harsh conditions like drought, heat and pests with minimal maintenance. Although daylilies are famous for surviving neglect, proper care yields far more vibrant and attractive blooms. They are true sun lovers, needing six to eight hours of direct sunlight daily, though a little afternoon shade helps keep the flowers looking fresh longer.

While daylilies tolerate a wide array of soil types, they prefer a well-drained, medium-heavy garden loam. You can improve soil of any texture by incorporating liberal amounts of well-decomposed organic matter before planting.

Additional fertilizer should be applied sparingly since too much nitrogen can harm the plants. Daylilies growing in very rich soil require little (if any) additional fertilizer. In average garden loams, a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-5 in the spring of the year when new growth starts is usually adequate. Extremely poor soils or soils that leach easily might warrant a follow-up application. Main-

tain soil pH around 6.5 for optimum nutrient availability.

Daylilies thrive with about an inch of water per week, optimally delivered through a deep, morning soak at the base of the plant. Surface application is preferred, since overhead watering during bloom can spot the delicate petals. While mature daylilies are reasonably drought-tolerant, newly planted ones need consistent moisture until established. All types of daylilies benefit from supplemental watering during drought.

Daylilies occasionally fall victim to fungal diseases like leaf streak and rust, as well as pests like spider mites and thrips. Good garden hygiene, proper soil drainage and proper cultivar selection are the best defenses.

Weed control in daylilies is best accomplished with an integrated approach. The most practical strategy for home gardeners is to apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of organic mulch such as pine bark, pine straw or shredded hardwood coupled with routine hand-pulling or shallow hoeing. To prevent weed seeds from germinating, apply a safe pre-emergent herbicide, like those containing trifluralin, provided the soil remains undisturbed after application.

Daylilies require periodic division for best garden performance. How often you should divide them depends largely on cultivar and growing conditions. Remontant cultivars known for their reblooming ability, such as "Stella de Oro," should be divided relatively frequently. This helps to force new growth, which is important for reblooming.

You can divide or plant daylilies any time the ground is not frozen, but late August-September is preferred.

**AD DEADLINE MONDAY 9 A.M.**

## Jack O'Brien Graduates From Hamilton College

Jack O'Brien of Eolia received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 24, in a commencement ceremony concluding the college's 2025-26 academic year.

O'Brien majored in history at Hamilton.

Chef, chocolatier, and Hamilton alumnus Stephen Durfee, a 1985 Hamilton graduate, gave the Commencement address, urging the Class of 2026 to "be present and patient enough to find what they love," and assuring them that they're more ready to enter the post-college world than they may feel.

He called on his background as chef, sharing with graduates a phrase often used in the professional kitchen, "Mise en place," which describes the French culinary tradition of having everything in its place before the work begins - ingredients prepped, tools ready, station clean.

"And it's not just a kitchen concept," he said. "It's a whole philosophy of intentional preparation. Even if you're not exactly sure which dish you're about to pick up, what a guest is going to order, your station is set. You know the recipe. So, bring it!"

Hamilton's 510 graduates now join an alumni body of more than 24,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government and the arts.

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# Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

I woke up this morning and realized that it is already the end of June! Half of the year is over, and it feels like it just got started. I remember hearing my parents speak about how time flies when you get older, but that made no sense to me back then. I remember thinking that an hour to me, is the same hour to them, so they were just foolish. I didn't know how right they were! Yes, it is true that there are 60 seconds in a minute, and 60 of those make an hour, but for some reason mine appear to go by much faster than the younger generations do. Maybe it is because I am busier I suppose, but it sure doesn't seem like the same hour as when I was a seventeen-year-old kid enjoying my summer break from school. The song "Don't Blink" is currently bouncing back and forth from ear to ear right now.



**TOM THOMPSON-MAYOR**  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

That being said, I know that I've seen more sunrises than I will ever see again, so I am going to take the ones that I have left and use them to the best of my ability. Each day is a gift, and one that should not be

squandered away. I've never been the type that "stops to smell the roses", but I believe its time, at least every now and again.

There aren't many things removed from my ol' bucket list, so I figure it's time to start emptying that sucker out before I am left holding all, or most of its contents. To do a personal inventory, and reflect upon the sunrises that have come and gone, while understanding the uncertainty of the remaining ones that I have yet to see.

As you get ready to jump into the second half of the year, I ask you to slow down with me to catch a quick whiff of those beautiful roses? Look around and appreciate the people and things that we take for granted day in, and day out. Grab a pencil and jot out a few adventures that you would like to put on your bucket list, and keep it sharp enough to eventually draw a line through a few of them each year.

Slow down and take it all in, you only get one.

## Pike To Pike ...



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

This Saturday the Big River Band will be playing at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield with the music starting at 6:30 p.m. We are hoping that the whole band will be there to put on a great show. Wonderful dance floor. 50/50 tickets to purchase. Concession stand hosted by the Senior Center. Plenty of seating. And the sound is wonderful in there.

Here are some future Big River Band show dates you might want to mark down on your July calendar. July 11 they will be at the Red Rooster in Pittsfield with the show starting at 6 p.m. Nebo Community Center will be the location of the show from 2-4:30 p.m., July 16. Then to end the month, July 25 with the show starting at 6:30 p.m., will be at the Pike County Senior Center in Pittsfield.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of June 24-30:

June 24 - Mark Burrows, Ashley and Hakeem Mosby (Jamie's granddaughter and son-in-law)

June 25 - Frances Davis  
June 26 - John Gleckler, Josh Puterbaugh, Patty and Larry Manker, Terry and Mikki Rush

& Eat" is being thought about and will be planned soon. Single senior adults (both men and women) ages 62+ call or text the number above if you are interested in joining this not-for-profit group.

James, Amanda, and Shayla Niffen, took Jamie and Wyvetta out for an early Fathers' Day lunch at Sugar and Smoke in Pittsfield on June 20. Afterwards, they came up to the home of Jamie and Wyvetta to continue visiting. A nice time was had by all.

Since I mentioned the restaurant Sugar and Smoke, here's where I would like to compliment them. I don't believe I ever saw a restaurant staff that was more efficient, more friendly, and more alert and johnny-on-the-spot as they were there. That place was packed when we were there, and that fact didn't seem to phase them one bit. They kept working non-stop and walked at an almost run to wait on all the customers.

Father's Day afternoon family members that came to the home of Wyvetta Davis and Jamie Niffen were Mary and Sean Massie, daughter and son-in-law of Jamie, and also Brittany Larson and sons Nash and Lynnex, granddaughter and two great grandsons of Jamie. It was nice seeing all of them and enjoyed our visit.

## CREC Trust Board Awards \$80,000 In Scholarships

From in-state college institutions to those across the country, 80 local students will be benefiting from scholarships provided through the Operation Round Up program.

This year, students from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's five-county service area are receiving scholarships totaling \$80,000. A total of 171 completed applications were submitted.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

**LINCOLN COUNTY:** Rosalyna Birkemeier, Addison Buckaloo, Cameron Clay, Wyatt Eggering, Samantha Grateke, Julie Grote, Aleksander Harman, Lilley Heitman, Daisy Henke, Myles Joseph, Ben Kasten, Abigail Mooney, Carter Morris, Jonathan Niederer, Elsie Price, Jillian Reller, Aimee Rosen, Jordyn Rothermich, Hailey Schmidt, Kerra Smart, Kyle Tapley, Cooper Tignor, Lily

Tuley and Morgan Twellman.  
**PIKE COUNTY:** Anna Ince, Gracey MacLaughlin, Henry Spegal and Katie Wallace.

To be eligible for consideration, students must live in the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative service area and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 while attending undergraduate courses at an accredited university or technical school. Applicants are also asked to provide an official transcript and two letters of recommendation, write a narrative to highlight their academic achievements and state their career goals, and demonstrate a financial need. The scholarship may also be used for adult continuing education courses in their career fields.

The next application period opens in January 2027.

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Please take into consideration, your neighbors, as some may be elderly or have PTSD. Pets are also unpredictable, so please make sure they are taken care of.

**City of Bowling Green**

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# Obituaries

## Louisiana Woman Enjoys Honor Flight

BY BRENT ENGL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER  
For Marcy Burleson, the memories will last.

The Louisiana resident was one of 45 women veterans who participated in the Great River Honor Flight's June 17-18 trip to Washington, D.C. It was Great River's 82nd mission and the second for women who served.

"The main thing for me is that it was a reminder that freedom is never free and the service and sacrifice of our veterans is something that should always be remembered," Burleson said.

The group visited the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Stops also were made at memorials for those who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and the Lincoln Memorial. At the Korean War Memorial, she found the name of an uncle, John Motley, who was killed in action.

"The whole experience was very humbling and emotional,"

Burleson said. "Until you see these monuments and memorial walls in person, it is difficult to fully grasp just how many men and women lost their lives to protect and defend our freedom."

Burleson graduated from Louisiana High School in 1986 and served on active duty in the Army from 1988 to 1991. After basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina, she worked in a military post office in Frankfurt, Germany. She was a member of the Army Reserves from 1991 to 1996 and now is an administrative assistant in the weatherization department at NECAC in Bowling Green.

The sister of a NECAC colleague is involved in Great River Honor Flight and urged Burleson to apply. The trip was her first to Washington.

"I think it was great that they featured women and the roles they played in our country's history," Burleson said. She is grateful to Honor Flight and looks forward to sharing the experience with other veterans.



**Otha Lee Porter Sr.**

Otha Lee Porter Sr., affectionately known to family and friends as "George" and "Big O," 67, of Bowling Green departed this life on Sunday, June 7, 2026, and entered into eternal rest.

Funeral services were Friday at 1 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Visitation was Friday from 12-1 p.m., at the funeral home. Otha was born May 19, 1959, in Grady, Ark., to Bertha Lee Porter Reading and Theotra Jones. He later moved to Missouri, where he attended school and graduated from Bowling Green High School.

During his school years, Otha excelled in athletics, participating in football, basketball, and track and field. He took great pride in his accomplishments and the friendships he formed through sports.

During both his junior and senior years, Otha advanced to the state track and field championships in the shot put. He was also selected to the all-district football team for his outstanding defensive play. These accomplishments reflected the determination, hard work, and competitive spirit that remained with him throughout his life.

After graduating from high school, Otha entered the workforce and was employed by Champion Precast of Troy where he worked for many years.

Otha enjoyed fishing, barbecuing, playing poker, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. He was definitely a foodie, and if fried chicken neck bones were on the menu and they tasted good, he was all over them. He was known for his sense of humor, his warm spirit, and his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever someone was in need.

Family members often laughed that nobody was

quite sure whether Otha loved being a ladies' man, sitting around a poker table, or watching movies more. Whatever the choice, he embraced life, enjoyed good company, and never lost his sense of humor. His playful personality and ability to make others laugh will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

He loved his grandchildren dearly and cherished every moment spent with them. Along with his children, they were truly his pride and joy.

Otha leaves to cherish his memory his children, Leticia Allison-Clark-Wesley of Troy, and Otha Lee Porter Jr., of Elsberry; grandchildren, Arista Clark of Troy, Araya Clark of St. Louis, Alania Clark of Troy, Jaymeson Portwood of Bowling Green, and Kingston Penrod of Bowling Green; and siblings: Ricky Richardson of Florida, Cherry Polston-Mel of Bowling Green, Delores Miller-Leslie of Arkansas, and Joyce Ann McPike of Bowling Green. He also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and loved ones who will forever cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bertha Lee

Porter Reading and Theotra Jones; a son, Matthew Allison; and two brothers, Leon Porter Sr., and Willie Richardson.

Though Otha Lee Porter Sr., has departed from our sight, he will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His laughter, kindness, and love for family will continue to be remembered and cherished for generations to come.

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Interest on Investments	\$ 741.23	Water Sales	\$ 36,708.90
Rental Income	\$ 2,155.00	Sewer Sales	\$ 20,096.29
Taxes	\$ 23,594.89	Penalties- Water	\$ 1,837.05
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 13,787.39	Sales Tax on Commercial accounts	\$ 114.90
Fire Tax	\$ 4,365.63	Meter Deposits	\$ 770.00
Franchise Tax	\$ 10,058.59	Department of Natural Resources fees	\$ 895.10
Fuel Taxes	\$ 7,703.26	Interest on Investments - Water	\$ 4,172.18
Lease payments	\$ 500.00	Interest on Investments - Sewer	\$ 29.45
Licenses and Permits	\$ 125.00	Miscellaneous - Water and Sewer	\$ 83.47
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,216.60	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 64,707.34</b>
Residential Trash	\$ 11,824.00		
Grants	\$ -	<b>Expenditures:</b>	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 78,071.59</b>	Administration	\$ 17,119.08
		Water Usage	\$ 10,620.76
<b>Expenditures:</b>		Lab Fees - Water	\$ 120.00
Administration	\$ 23,922.87	Sewer Maintenance	\$ 3,355.40
ARPA - final distribution of funds	\$ 15,952.49	Water Maintenance	\$ 1,446.80
Audit and Legal	\$ 2,364.40	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,402.85
Fire Department	\$ 2,349.96	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 34,064.89</b>
Maintenance Department	\$ 2,027.26		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,008.12		
Residential trash	\$ 12,699.43		
Street Department	\$ 4,044.63		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 64,369.16</b>		
<i>Barb Straube</i> City Clerk		<i>Rob Williams</i> Mayor	
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We are deeply touched by the outpouring of compassion from our community, friends, neighbors, and all who shared in honoring his life. Every gesture, whether large or small, has meant more to us than words can adequately express. Your kindness has helped ease our sorrow and has surrounded us with hope, love, and cherished memories during one of the most difficult times of our lives.

As we continue to grieve and adjust to life without him, we will forever carry with us the warmth and generosity that so many have shown. Please know that your expressions of sympathy and support will always be remembered and treasured by our family. From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for standing beside us and keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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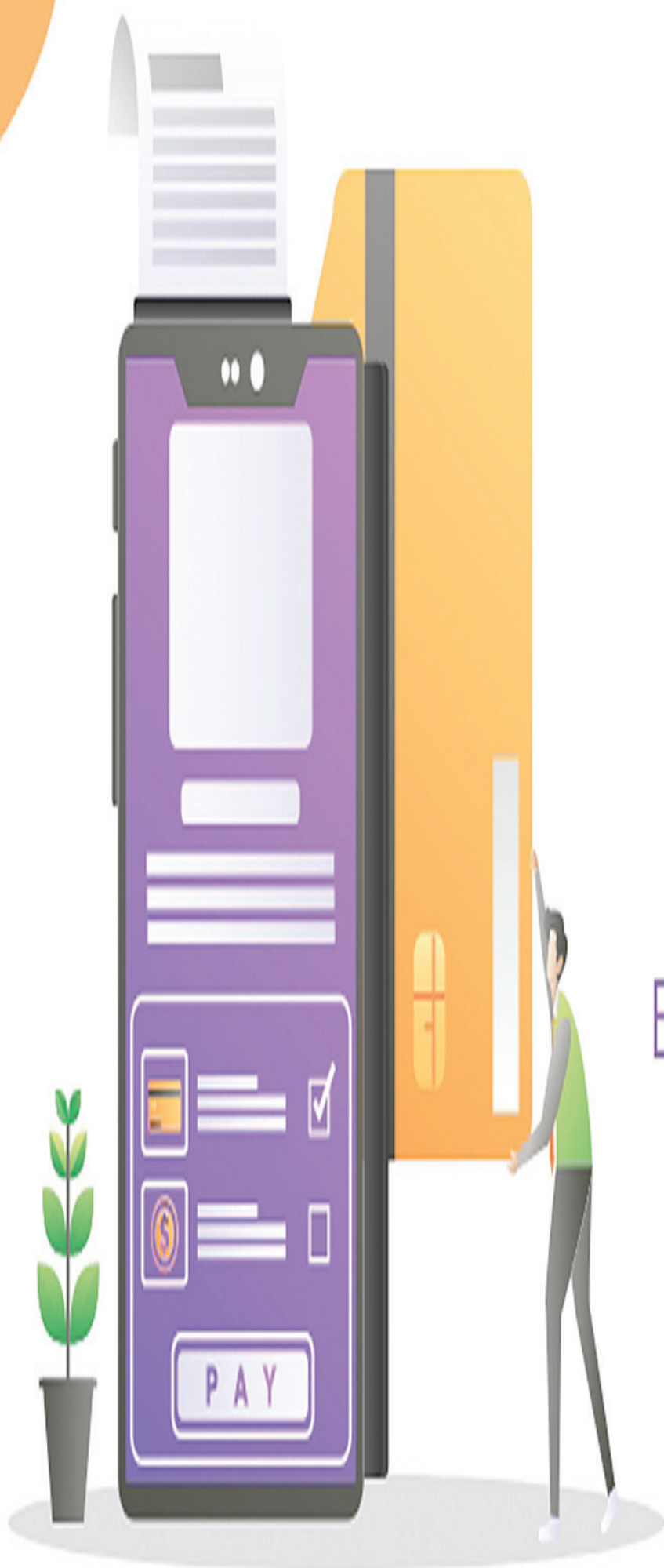


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**Tract I**  
The East 40 feet of Lots 229 and 230; and the East 40 feet of the South 6 feet of Lot 231, all in Block 23 of the Original Town of Louisiana, in the County of Pike and State of Missouri.

All of Twenty (20) feet off of the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lots Numbered 229 and 230, and also Five (5) feet off of the South part of the West twenty (20) feet to the West end of the East one half (1/2) of Lot Numbered 231, all in block Number Twenty three (23), of the Original town, now City of Louisiana, Missouri, as shown by the recorded plat of said Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri, known as and numbered 317 Georgia Street.

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Twenty (20) feet front on Georgia Street off the West end of Lot Numbered One Hundred Seventy-two (172) in Block Numbered Twenty Three (23) of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

**Tract III**  
All of the East 40 feet of the West one-half of Lot Number 172, Block 23, of the Original Town, now City of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

The first scheduled date did not take place due to the failure of the selected newspaper to publish as requested. Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, and in accordance with the provisions of the said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will on Friday, the 26th day of June, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to-wit: at 10:00 A.M., sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the South front door of the County Court House, in the City of Bowling Green, Pike County, Missouri, to satisfy said note and costs.

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# Community News

## Crazy For Patsy

### Singer To Bring Cline Songs To Life



Debbie Ingram as Patsy Cline.

cluding "Sweet Dreams," "She's Got You," "Walkin' After Midnight," "San Antonio Rose," "Back In Baby's Arms," "I Fall To Pieces" and "Crazy." There will also be "many more of her popular hits and then many other songs of Patsy's that maybe people don't know or haven't heard in a while."

Requests led Ingram to schedule two shows instead of just one.

"I have had a lot of response in the past from people who have said they would like to come but they don't drive at night or have a hard time driving at night," she said. "So, an earlier time gives people an opportunity to come who might not have been able to in the past or who may have something that evening so an afternoon show works better. I've not done two shows in one day before, but I wanted to try it this year and see what kind of response we got."

All proceeds will be used by Raintree for arts programs in Pike and Lincoln counties. More information is available by e-mail at administrator@raintreearts-council.org or calling/texting 573-470-1164.

Photo by Brent Engel

She died in a plane crash on March 5, 1963. Ingram said it's important to remember her talent.

"I believe Patsy Cline has a voice kind of like Elvis - it is timeless and classic," she said. "She was so much more than country, and had she lived the world would have seen that. Just in the catalog of songs she did sing, she had songs that at the time crossed over to the pop charts."

Each of Ingram's shows will last two hours. She's singing 34 Cline songs, in-

**BY BRENT ENGEL, CONTRIBUTING WRITER**  
It's hard to believe that Debbie Ingram once despised a tune by a country music legend.

The Bowling Green musician is performing "Crazy for Patsy - The Music of Patsy Cline" in shows at 2 and 7 p.m., Saturday, June 27. The concerts take place at the air-conditioned Bowling Green High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available at the doors, which open an hour before each performance.

"It's funny that I even have a connection to her music, because when I was a young girl, we had a record that had a Patsy Cline song on it and I used to skip over that song because I thought it was terrible," Ingram said. "I just didn't like the way she sounded. But then, fast forward about 20 years, and I was singing a different tune - literally! I realized the greatness of Patsy and have been singing her music ever since."

The not-for-profit Raintree Arts Council is sponsoring the concerts. Ingram last performed a full show of Cline songs in 2018, but has appeared as the late star in other productions. So, why does she keep donning that red dress with the white fringe?

"I think, for one, because people always say they like to hear me sing Patsy Cline music, so that makes me feel good," Ingram said. "And then because I enjoy singing her music - it's comfortable to me. I grew up with this music - it's what my folks always liked to listen to and so, to me, that is feel-good music."

With a powerful contralto voice, Cline was one of the most influential performers in country music history.

## Upcoming Planned Roadwork For Pike County

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northeast Missouri region for the next few weeks.

All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>.

Inclement weather may

cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

**Pike County**  
Route AC - June 25, CLOSED for patching operations from CR 423 in Pike

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Route AC - June 29, CLOSED for seal coat operations from Missouri Route 161 in Middletown to CR 423 in Pike County between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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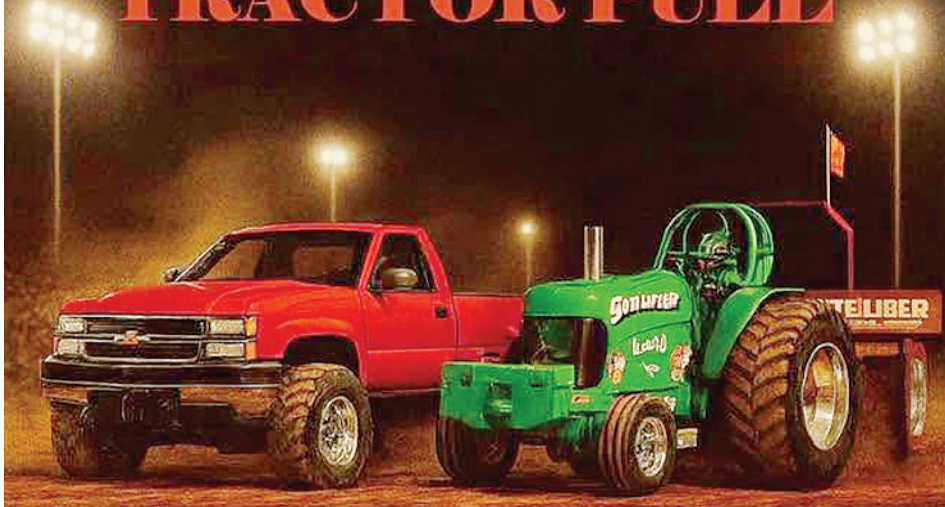


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