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DASHING DOGS



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From left, Ayla Yung, 15, and Reese Garrett, 15, walk the Monster Dash 5K Run/Walk with their dogs on Oct. 25. The Southern Boone Area YMCA hosted the 5K and encouraged participants to dress up. Ayla and Reese dressed as referees while their dogs were dressed as a “wide retriever” and “quarterbark.” See full coverage on Page 4.

Columbia considers future bus route to Ashland

BY JOSEPH HARRIS
Columbia Missourian

As Columbia seeks to improve its public transit system, one option that city leaders are talking about is possibly adding a daily bus route to Ashland, the Columbia Regional Airport and Jefferson City.

The idea was one of several kicked around Oct. 21 during a Columbia City Council transit workshop.

“I have gotten a number of people contacting me with interest in a regional route between us and Jefferson City,” First Ward councilperson Valerie Carroll said.

The estimated annual operating cost would be about \$600,000 for six daily round trips

on weekdays, according to a comprehensive transit study presented during the meeting. The route presented would go from Wabash Bus Station in Columbia to Columbia Regional Airport, an unidentified stop in Ashland and four stops in Jefferson City.

The Jefferson City stops would include its airport, Harry S. Truman State Office Building, Miller Street Station and the greyhound station.

Officials from Ashland and Jefferson City didn’t return calls seeking comment.

Some federal funding for rural transit services could be available to offset some of the costs, according to a consultant who presented the transit plan to the council.

The federal Formula Grants for Rural Areas program typically aims to improve transit access for communities with fewer than 50,000 residents.

Council members and other city leaders also discussed plans to improve transit within city limits. The comprehensive transit study outlined how improvements would be made over the next two years.

After that, transit service would gradually be expanded in four more tiers, which likely would unfold over a period of up to 20 years. Overall, the improvements would include transit coverage to more sectors of the city and expanded hours of operation on weekdays and weekends.

AROUND TOWN

Give back this holiday season

BY ERNIE WREN
Contributor

Looking for some gift ideas this holiday season? Ashland and Hartsburg are the places to shop for unique gifts!

The first one coming up is the 42nd annual Hartsburg American Legion Auxiliary craft show. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1, at the American Legion Hall in downtown Hartsburg. Featured items include hand-made gifts, gift baskets, jewelry, wreaths, raffle prizes and more! Baked goods and food will also be available, so make a morning or afternoon trip to Hartsburg and support your local community.

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City begins planning for its 150th anniversary

Aldermen also approve new chicken coop ordinance

BY AUDREY ELLIS
Boone County Journal

Ashland’s 150th incorporation anniversary is still a year and a half away, but city leaders are already in talks to form a committee to commemorate the event.

The plans were first revealed Oct. 21 during the Board of Aldermen meeting. The city hopes to form a committee soon.

Mayor Dorise Slinker wants to involve the Board of Aldermen, Ashland Parks Department and residents of Ashland to help plan the celebrations.

Slinker plans to include a parade, time capsule, 5K run and the minting of a commemorative coin.

Ashland was founded in 1853, and incorporated in 1877.

The Board of Aldermen also voted on the final passing of a chicken coop ordinance amendment, and gave initial approval to the use of grant money to purchase new police radios.

The amended ordinance for how close a chicken coop could be to a residential property was first brought to the Board of Aldermen’s attention in September by a concerned citizen who had been cited for having chicken coops too close to her neighbors’ homes. She asked the aldermen to revisit the city’s rules for keeping poultry in backyards.

At the time, the city required residents to keep poultry at least 75 feet from the nearest residence.

The aldermen amended the ordinance, allowing for residents to keep up to five chickens in coops at least 25 feet away from a residential property. The amendment had been altered since its initial passing on Oct. 7, with chicken coops now required to be 10 feet from the nearest property line. Ashland’s previous ordinance did not include coop distance from a property line.

The amendment was approved in a 5-1 vote. Alderman Sam Turner voted against the amendment.

The Board of Aldermen also gave initial approval for the purchasing of more radios for the Ashland Police Department. The city of Ashland received \$50,000 in funds from the Missouri Blue Shield Grant Program, which will be used to advance the city’s Police Department.

“Right now, our radios are very, very lacking in buildings,” Ashland Police Chief Scott Young said. “This will be a better penetration into buildings, especially school buildings, commercial buildings, things like that.”

Young also cited the need for new radios after Boone County changed its radio system. Previously, the Ashland Police Department had planned to purchase more radios over a period of several years. Now with grant funding, the Police Department is able to purchase new radios sooner.

The Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the purchase.

CALENDAR

- 10/30**
Reading to Rex
- 10/31**
Spooktacular
- 10/31**
Trunk or Treat
- 11/1**
42nd Annual Hartsburg American Legion Auxiliary Craft Show
- 11/1**
Needle Felted Pumpkins
- 11/1**
Hartsburg Lions Club Poker
- 11/1**
Turkey Dinner

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