

## HERE TO STAY?

The Dandy Lion Cafe may be able to stay in its current location, owner says

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## SOUTHERN BOONE OUT

Southern Boone softball lost to Cassville 0-2 in the state quarterfinals

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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 "quarterback."

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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 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.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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

## 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 handmade 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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