



The Tigers' Roar

September 2026

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Ashley Groepper

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I'm so excited to welcome new and returning students & families to another exciting school year! Each school year brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and achievement, and I look forward to partnering with you to make this year spectacular! Please make plans to attend school events and stop by to see me; I'd love to talk with you.

Our district remains deeply committed to ensuring that every student is prepared for success—both in school and beyond our doors. As we begin this year, I want to share with you the key goals that will guide our work together:

- **Increase College and Career Readiness:** We will continue to focus on improving student performance on college entrance and placement exams, including raising ACT composite scores to meet or exceed the state average and improving placement scores on the Accuplacer. These assessments open doors for our students, and we are committed to equipping them with the skills to succeed. Additionally, we provide opportunities for our students for career exploration through job shadowing opportunities and career fairs.
- **Strengthen Writing Proficiency:** Writing is a foundational skill for success in every subject area and in life beyond high school. Our goal is for all students to be able to produce proficient writing pieces that demonstrate clarity, organization, and strong communication skills. Our students have shown an increase in writing skills over the past 2 years of proficient writing focus and we are encouraged to view their growth this school year.
- **Improve Academic Achievement:** We are striving to increase the number of students who score at the proficient or advanced levels on both the MAP and End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. These measures help us track progress and ensure students are mastering essential learning standards. Pilot Grove students overall showed increasing scores of proficiency in both MAP and EOC assessments

during the 2025-26 school year. We are excited to very soon share district MAP and EOC scores with our stakeholders!

- **Promote Consistent Attendance:** Student success starts with being present and engaged in learning each day. Our district goal is to increase K-12 attendance to 95.5%. Together, we can build strong attendance habits that lead to greater achievement.
- **Foster a Culture of Respect:** We want every student to feel safe, valued, and supported. We will continue to place a strong emphasis on students showing respect for themselves, their peers, and all staff members. Respect will remain at the heart of our school culture.

These goals are tied directly to our Continuous School Improvement Plan and reflect our belief that every student can succeed when given the right support, encouragement, and opportunities. As parents and guardians, you are essential partners in this work, and I invite you to join us in celebrating progress, overcoming challenges, and keeping high expectations for all of our students.

In other projects and work around the district, if you've driven by the building lately you've seen a great deal of activity on the roof! The district has contracted with a company to remove protrusions from vents, air returns, fans, etc. which are no longer being used to clean up the items on the roof. Currently, they are also installing a PloyArmor reactive advanced plastic membrane system which is custom fit to our flat roof. This system provides a 80 mil chemically bonded surface to protect our roof from leaks, pounding water and is provided with a 20 year warranty. We are excited for this project to finish up in the coming week!

Another project the district is working to install is an emergency alert system which will provide rapid notification to all indoor spaces (classrooms, offices, hallways, lunch room, gyms, kitchen, and weight room) as well as outdoor spaces in the event of an emergency. This system is anticipated to be completed in late September. We are excited to have another layer of protection to help with early notification of emergencies for our students, staff and patrons.

As we begin a new school year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students, staff, families, and community. Each year brings a fresh start and another opportunity to build upon the traditions and successes that make our school special. I look forward to seeing our students grow, challenge themselves, support one another, and take pride in representing our school. Thank you to our staff, families, and community for your continued commitment to our students. Together, I am confident we will make the 2026-2027 school year one filled with learning, growth, achievement, and many reasons to celebrate.

Go Tigers!

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Pilot Grove C-4 School Personnel E-mail Addresses

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2026 Fall Season Baseball Schedule

Varsity, Junior Varsity



Date	Opponent	Location	Levels	Time
9/1	St. Elizabeth	Home	V	7:30 PM
9/2	Tuscumbia (Tuscumbia, MO)	Away	V	7:00 PM
9/10	Glasgow (Glasgow, MO)	Away	V	7:00 PM
9/11	New Bloomfield (New Bloomfield, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/15	Sturgeon	Home	V	7:00 PM
9/18	Higbee	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/21	Prairie Home	Home	V	5:00 PM
9/22	Jamestown (Jamestown, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/25	Northeast (Cairo) (Cairo, MO)	Away	V	7:00 PM
9/28	Community (Ladsonia, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/29	Madison (Madison, MO)	Away	V	7:00 PM
10/2	New Franklin	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM

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2026 Fall Season Softball Schedule

Varsity, Junior Varsity



Date	Opponent	Location	Levels	Time
9/1	St. Elizabeth	Home	V	5:00 PM
9/2	Tuscumbia (Tuscumbia, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/8	Community	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/10	Glasgow (Glasgow, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/11	Jamestown	Home	V	5:00 PM
9/15	Sturgeon	Home	V	5:00 PM
9/19	Fayette Softball Tournament (Fayette, MO)	Neutral	V	
9/21	Wellsville-Middletown (Wellsville, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/22	Higbee	Home	V	5:00 PM
9/25	Northeast (Cairo) (Cairo, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/29	Madison (Madison, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
10/1	New Franklin (New Franklin, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/5	Fayette	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/8	Russellville (Russellville, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/12	Slater	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM



National Honor Society Selection Procedure

The Pilot Grove High School Chapter of National Honor Society will begin the selection process in August/September and hold an induction ceremony when the selection is complete. The chapter advisor will notify juniors and seniors with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA. Candidates will then be evaluated on the qualities of service, leadership, and character.

QUALITY	DESCRIPTION
<i>Service</i>	The student who serves must have shown active and consistent participation in school activities as well as outside volunteer activities.
<i>Leadership</i>	Students demonstrate leadership by successfully holding offices or positions of responsibility in the school and the community. A leader exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideas. A leader is a positive role model in the classroom.
<i>Character</i>	Students of character demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, responsibility, fairness, courtesy, tolerance, and cooperation. They do not cheat. They show unwillingness to profit from the mistakes of others and abide by school regulations. Students of character are positive role models both in school and in community.

For consideration by the Faculty Council, students shall provide the following to the chapter advisor within 8 school days of notification of academic eligibility:

- the Student Activity Information Form signed by sponsors of activities AND
- a letter to the Faculty Council stating why he feels he should be selected for membership

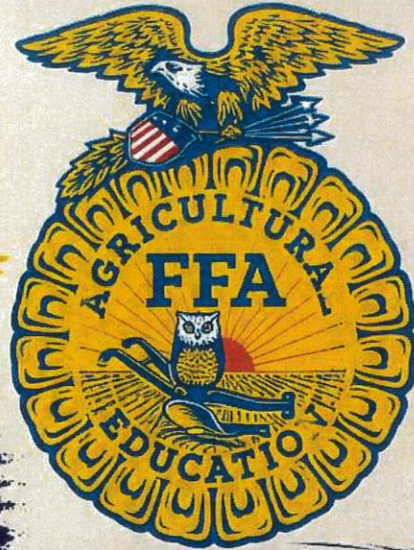
*Students who do not return the Student Activity Information Form and the letter within 8 days will not be considered for membership by the Faculty Council.

*Students should understand that providing the above information does not guarantee membership.

The Faculty Council will meet and consider the Student Activity Information Forms and letters of intent. A vote of the Faculty Council will take place immediately following each consideration, and students with a majority vote (3/5) will be selected. Faculty Council decisions will be final.

After the selection meeting by the Faculty Council, the chapter advisor will inform each student of the decision of the Faculty Council. Juniors who are not selected will be encouraged to seek selection again the following year. No students will be allowed to submit supplementary material after the Faculty Council has met to select the members.

Pilot Grove FFA



BBQ



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20TH**



4:00PM – 7:30PM



★ TICKET PRICES ★

**ADULT
\$15.00**

**CHILDREN
(6-12 YEARS)
\$6.00**

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*eats free!***



CONTACT AN FFA MEMBER
OR THE AG DEPARTMENT AT

660-834-4115

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION



HOME/FIELD DELIVERY
AVAILABLE

IN THE PILOT GROVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

FROM 4:00PM - 6:00PM

CALL: 660-834-4415 EXT 3045

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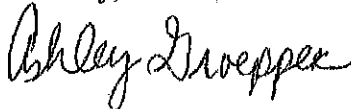
Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pilot Grove C-4 School District designates the following items as Directory Information: student's name, parent's name, and address. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Pilot Grove C-4 School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational record; however, Pilot Grove C-4 School District may disclose appropriately designated directory information without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local education agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA (Pilot Grove C-4 School District) that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

Parents/Guardians or eligible students have until MONDAY, September 9th, to provide NOTICE IN WRITING to the school district that they choose to not have this information released. Unless notified to the contrary, the school district may disclose any items listed above as directory information without prior written consent.

Sincerely,



Ashley Groepper
Superintendent

"Home of the Tigers!"

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 1.14-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher,
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I-A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I-A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Elementary Principal News

By Lindsay Leonard

I am happy to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! The school building is gleaming and the students and teachers are all geared up for a great school year! The students spent their first few days at school sharing stories from their summer break as well as getting back into the groove of school. It has been fun seeing how excited the kids are to be back in the school routine. They have all started the year strong, almost like they never left for the summer! I can already tell it will be a great year!

This year we are excited continue our partnership with Homeworks! Homeworks is a program that is grant funded and provides teachers and parents with collaboration like no other! This program is designed to support the child by growing the connections between school and home. Teachers will be sharing information soon with their classes. Our first Homeworks Family Dinner will be September 25th at the Movie Night Event. Stay tuned for fliers and more information but be sure to mark your calendar. You will not want to miss a night of fun and connecting!

If you haven't already downloaded the Pilot Grove C-4 App, please do so. There is a ton of district info, updates on the app. Also, please check out the Pilot Grove C-4 webpage <https://www.pilotgrove.k12.mo.us/>. This too has district info and updates. Finally, our Elementary Building is a Title I building. All Title I documents and information is posted on this page including our engagement policy, parent information, school wide plans and more! Please check it out at <https://www.pilotgrove.k12.mo.us/page/title-i>

I want to remind you that anytime you have a question or concern to please let your child's teacher or the administration know so that we can together make your child's educational experience is a success! In order to be successful, we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience. If your child is sick, we understand. Please try to be here on days your child is healthy!
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
6. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

I am looking forward to an awesome year! I welcome any question, concern or feedback. You may email me at leonard@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us or call at 660-834-4115. Have a great school year!

Upcoming Elementary Dates to Remember

- September 7- No School
- September 25- Movie Night and Homeworks! Family Dinner- More info coming soon!
- September 28 -Teacher professional development day- No school for students
- October 2- Elementary Monthly ABC Assembly 8:30am- Elementary Gym

From The Secondary Principal's Desk

By Derek Skaggs

I would like to welcome all of our new families and returning families to the 2026-27 school year here at Pilot Grove. We have added several new students to our Pilot Grove family this year..

I would also like to thank everyone who has impacted the growth of our small rural community. We are fortunate to have such great support in our school district. There have been constant updates to our facilities to keep everything in great working order. We also want to welcome the following new staff members to our building: Jamie Billings (Elementary/HS Art), Brittney Williams (HS Special Education), Debbie Schuster (Science), Tayler Miller (Special Education Coordinator), and Kaitlyn Maggard (Head Softball Coach). We have some great additions to complete a staff that is already excellent in serving our school district.

Don't forget to download our 2 school apps, Teacher Ease and Pilot Grove Tiger. These apps can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store. You will be able to monitor all of your students' grades and lunch accounts. Individuals will also be able to locate educational support items on our school website under the Secondary School tab or the Parent Portal.

Lastly, our fall high school sports will be starting soon, and we look forward to seeing them compete this fall. For those new families, our conference is the CAC (Central Activities Conference). The teams included in this conference are Cairo, Community, Glasgow, Madison, New Franklin, Slater, and Sturgeon. We are proud of our conference and look forward to seeing our kids compete in it every year. You can find this year's athletic schedules under our Athletics Tab in addition to the school calendar. This is another useful tool for searching all of our school events.

We welcome the 2026-27 school year and are excited to see what it has in store.

From Library Land...

By Renee Tettaton

Reading is an important skill that needs to be practiced daily. One of the goals this year is to "Build a Community of Readers". There are things you can do to help your child become a better reader.

Literacy Lifestyle

Promote authentic reading throughout the day to show your child that it is an essential skill. Encourage reading to learn information and for pleasure. Here are some helpful tips:

- Read printed words anywhere you find them - mail, advertisements, recipes, street signs, billboards, names of shops, etc.
- Learn new words together. Show an interest in building your own vocabulary.
- Carry books with you everywhere you go. Find a few minutes to read some pages while running errands or waiting at the doctor's office.

Home Environment

Create a comfortable reading and writing environment at home. Here are some helpful tips:

- Have a place where your child can easily access books, magazines, newspapers, and writing materials.
- Turn off the television and spend time reading or journaling as a family.
- Encourage use of a dictionary or thesaurus.

Reading Together

Read with your child 20 minutes each night. Hearing your language patterns and expressions builds your child's fluency and vocabulary. Here are some helpful tips:

- Read high-interest short stories or chapter books that get your child excited about reading.
- Take turns reading aloud with your child.
- Re-read favorite books. Encourage your child to tell what happens next. This reinforces comprehension skills.

Selecting Books

Help your child select reading materials that are of interest and at the appropriate reading level. Here are some helpful tips:

- Explore your child's interests.
- Share your childhood favorites.

Talking About Books

Talk about what your child is reading. Ask questions to promote thinking and discussion.

- How do you like your book?
- What's your favorite part so far?
- Who's your favorite character?

- Who's your least favorite character?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think it's going to end?
- How would you have changed the story?
- What would you have done if you were the main character?
- How did the book make you feel?
- Did the book teach you any lessons?

Parent Resources

- Raising Readers <https://www.raisingreaders.org/>
- Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents>
- PBS <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/read/>
- Get Ready To Read <http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-literacy/promoting-family-literacy-raising-ready-readers>

Reading at home with your child is important in helping your child develop the skills necessary to become a successful reader, and it can also build relationships at the same time. Sitting close together and snuggling over a good book sends the message to your child that he or she is important to you and that you value time together. Sharing ideas about the story shows that you value your child's ideas and feelings. By making reading time special, you increase the chances your child will see reading as an experience he or she doesn't want to miss.

We will celebrate reading at school in many different ways.

Special September Days

Libraries Remember Day - 11th

Dot Day - 15th

Read an eBook Day - 18th

International Talk Like a Pirate Day- 19th (WE will celebrate at school on the 18th)

Math Storytelling Day - 25th

International Podcast Day - 30th

FEDERAL PROGRAMS INFO

At the Annual Fall Federal Programs (Title I.A, II.A, IV.A) meeting on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 7PM, the following items will be reviewed: ESSA Public Notices, School Parent and Engagement Policy, Schoolwide Program Plan, All Title Plans, LEA, Parent, and Family Engagement Policy, Parental Information and Resource Center, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Complaint Procedures, and the Parents Right to Know. All of these forms and plans can be found on the Pilot Grove C-4 School District website at <https://www.pilotgrove.k12.mo.us/page/title-i>



JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Mrs. Coates	M,T,W,Th,F - 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. M-Th 3:15 p.m. - 4:00
Mr. Derendinger	M-F 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m After school by appointment M-T-W-TH After school by appointment
Mr. Jungmeyer	T and Th - After school by appointment
Ms. Monteer	T,W,Th – 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily - 7:30 a.m. - 8:02 a.m.
Mrs. Litton	M-Th - 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Before school by appointment 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. after school as needed
Mrs. Munden	M,T,W,Th,F - 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. M,T,W,Th,F – 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Computer Lab open for students as needed
Mr. Pannell	M-F 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m After school by appointment
Mrs. Renfrow	M-F - 7:40-8:00 a.m., 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Tettaton	W – 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. M-F 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m., T & TH - 3:15-4:00

2026-2027 GRADE CHECK DATES

*** Ineligibility will take effect beginning the next school day after a grade check.**

The following dates will be Official Grade Check dates to determine eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities. Students earning a non-passing grade will be considered ineligible* and follow these guidelines (Dual-credit ITV courses see below**).

FIRST OFFENSE on the "F" list = After grade checks, a student earning an "F" will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, but will have a grace period to raise the grade to passing. If a student can provide proof they are passing after the official grade check, with verification by administration, eligibility will be reinstated. If a student is unable to show proof of a passing grade, they will remain on the ineligibility list until the next official grade check. Official grade check dates are listed below (subject to change)

SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE on the "F" list = A student will be placed on the ineligibility list if they have a second offense of earning a non-passing grade. Following the next official grade check, student grades will be re-evaluated to determine eligibility. If a student shows proof of passing at the next official grade check, eligibility will be reinstated. Official grade check dates are listed below:

Grades are to be posted by 8:00 a.m. on the following days:

Friday, September 4

Friday, September 18

Friday, October 2

10/16/2026 (End of Quarter 1)

Friday, October 30

Friday, November 13

Wednesday, November 25

12/18/2026 (End of Quarter 2)

Friday, January 22

Friday, February 5

Friday, February 19

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 26

Friday, April 9

Friday, April 23

Friday, May 7

In an effort to maximize student success, teachers offer academic support at specific times listed on the Academic Support handout. Times vary due to teacher involvement in activities. You are encouraged to contact classroom teachers via phone or email should you have any questions.

*** Ineligibility will take effect the next official school day after a grade check. Parents will be notified.**

**** An Administrator must be notified when the student is back to passing**

*****DUAL CREDIT ITV COURSE – Dual-credit ITV courses will NOT be counted toward a student's extracurricular eligibility; however, ITV courses that are not Dual-credit, any Dual-credit courses taught by Pilot Grove personnel, and any student earning more than one non-passing grade in Dual-credit courses WILL be counted towards extracurricular eligibility.**

****** FIRST AND SECOND GRADE CHECK OFFENSES WILL RESET AT SEMESTER PROVIDED THEY ARE PASSING**

Unapproved

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Pilot Grove, Missouri

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Pilot Grove, Missouri (City Council), was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026, at City Hall, located at 213 College Street, Pilot Grove, Missouri.

Call to Order:

City Clerk Lori Vollrath called the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council to order at 5:54 p.m. A quorum was present, as established by the physical attendance of the following Council members: Donna Bader, Rob Bader, Will Thomas, Kathy Waller, and Mayor Robert "Bob" Kraus. Also present in their official capacities were City Clerk Lori Vollrath, Director of Operations Tony Maddex, and Police Chief Pete Busalacki. Guest in attendance was David Uhlig of MECO Engineering.

Agenda:

On a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Will Thomas, the agenda, which had been made available prior to the meeting, was unanimously approved with the addition of a report from the Mayor under New Business and the advancement of the sewer project matters under Old Business to the beginning of the meeting.

Guest Comments/Concerns:

None.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the prior regular open Council meeting held on July 6, 2026, which had previously been made available to the Council for review, were approved by a vote of 4-0 on a motion by Donna Bader, seconded by Rob Bader.

The minutes of the prior special open Council meeting held on July 16, 2026, which had previously been made available to the Council for review, were approved by a vote of 4-0 on a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Will Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Projects

David Uhlig provided an update on the progress of the City's sewer projects. Mr. Uhlig reported that Collection Project No. 1 is approximately 50% complete and that the contractor, Bennett, Inc., should begin slip-lining the sewer lines soon.

Regarding Sewer Project No. 2, work has recently begun. SMICO Contracting Group is nearly finished excavating the sand filter at the east lagoon, and pipe installation is expected to begin this month.

Change Order No. 2:

Bennett, Inc. identified a repair that needed to be completed prior to the sewer lining between Sections 62 and 63 of the sewer line. Additional pipe is required to complete the repair, at a cost of \$9,500. On a motion by Donna Bader, seconded by Kathy Waller, the Council unanimously approved Change Order No. 2.

Pay Application No. 2 – Bennett, Inc.:

MECO Engineering submitted Pay Application No. 2 requesting payment of \$184,874.75 to Bennett, Inc. for work completed between June 20 and July 17, 2026. On a motion by Kathy Waller, seconded by Will Thomas, the Council unanimously approved Pay Application No. 2. This portion of the project is funded through the City's \$750,000 CDBG grant.

MECO Engineering Invoices:

MECO Engineering submitted two invoices totaling \$41,969.60.

Rob Bader motioned to approve Invoice No. 32002 for \$7,713.22 for Basic Engineering Services. Donna Bader seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoice No. 32003 from MECO Engineering, totaling \$34,256.38 for Resident Project Representative Services, was approved for payment on a motion by Donna Bader, seconded by Kathy Waller. The motion passed unanimously.

Pay Application No. 1 – Sewer Project No. 2:

MECO Engineering submitted Pay Application No. 1 for Sewer Project No. 2, requesting payment of \$202,794.08 to SMICO Contracting Group for construction work performed from June 20 through July 17, 2026. On a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Will Thomas, the Council unanimously approved Pay Application No. 1.

With no further sewer project business to address, David Uhlig exited the meeting.

Financial Accounts

City Clerk Lori Vollrath presented the monthly financial statements for July 2026 for review. The statements included accounts paid and unpaid during the current month, profit and loss operating statements for the current month and fiscal year to date, a balance sheet reflecting total assets, liabilities, and equity for the current fiscal year, and a summary of revenue and disbursements by operating fund for the current month.

On a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Kathy Waller, the Council unanimously approved the financial accounts as presented.

Certificates of Deposit (CDs)

City Clerk Lori Vollrath reported that the certificates of deposit at BTC Bank in Tipton had been successfully redeemed as instructed by the Council at the previous month's meeting. She also reported that the Midwest Regional Bank CD in Otterville had been successfully renewed for six months at an interest rate of 4.00%.

Police Report

Police Chief Pete Busalacki presented the police reports for June and July 2026, which included the following incidents:

June 2026

Arrests & Detainments:

- One failure to show proof of current vehicle insurance
- Two failures to yield the right of way
- One failure to purchase a current business license

Calls for Service:

- Two motor vehicle accidents
- Two parking violations
- Three hang-ups/check-the-well-being calls
- Two suspicious person/vehicle calls

- One assist-other-agency call
- One fraud complaint
- One loud and unnecessary noise complaint
- One motor vehicle-related call
- One siren test

Warnings Issued:

- One blocking-traffic violation
- Three speeding warnings
- Thirteen nuisance violations

July 2026

Arrests & Detainments:

- Two leash law violations
- One city dog license violation
- One assault
- Three failures to abate a public nuisance

Calls for Service:

- Two domestic disturbances
- Three fireworks complaints
- One suspicious vehicle
- One funeral escort
- One unattended fire
- One parade escort
- One animal control call
- Two reports of children playing in the street
- One weapons violation/identity theft incident
- One 911 hang-up

Warnings Issued:

- Four nuisance violations
- One violation for no tail lights on a motor vehicle
- One minor operating a motorized scooter on a public street
- Three warnings for discharging fireworks

Rob Bader motioned, with Will Thomas seconding, to accept the June and July 2026 police reports as submitted. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

The Council discussed questions that have been raised regarding the feral cat population within the City. No action was taken.

Police Chief Busalacki reported on repairs made to the patrol vehicle during the month. No further action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Sidewalk Project

Bartlett & West submitted the final Construction Pay Application for the sidewalk project from TB Dozing in the amount of \$50,188.43. Kathy Waller motioned, with Donna Bader seconding, to authorize payment. The Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

City Clerk Lori Vollrath reported that Bartlett & West will continue working with TB Dozing and the City on the final project closeout documentation for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permits

There were no new building permit applications submitted during the month.

Tax Levy Hearing

The City typically conducts its annual Tax Levy Hearing in August. However, the City has not yet received the pro forma forms from the County Clerk necessary to publish the accurate tax levy figures in the newspaper prior to the hearing. The Department of Revenue has reported that the tax rates are expected to remain the same as last year.

Cooper County Small Communities Cooperative Project

Mayor Kraus reported on a meeting he attended with the County Commission and other mayors from throughout the county. The purpose of the meeting was to review applications submitted for the \$100,000 Road and Bridge Tax funds allocated by the Cooper County Commission this year.

Road and Bridge Tax funds were awarded to Blackwater, Prairie Home, and Bunceton for the projects they submitted. Due to timing constraints associated with other projects being performed, Pilot Grove did not submit a project this year.

CLOSED SESSION

Will Thomas requested that a portion of the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 610.021, RSMo. Rob Bader motioned to close the meeting, and Donna Bader seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

- Donna Bader – Yes
- Rob Bader – Yes
- Will Thomas – Yes
- Kathy Waller – Yes

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Actions taken during the closed session pertained to Section 610.021(3), RSMo., and remain confidential to protect employee privacy. Minutes of the closed session will be maintained separately in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Will Thomas, seconded by Kathy Waller, the Council voted unanimously to reconvene into open session. The regular open session was reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

No further business was conducted during the open session.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., following the Tax Levy Hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business brought before the Council, Kathy Waller motioned, with Donna Bader seconding, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Attest: Lori Vollrath
City Clerk
Date _____

Approved: Robert Kraus
Mayor
Date _____

September Activities

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 V/JV BB-St. Elizabeth-Home-5:00	2 SB/BB-Tuscumbia- There-5:00	3	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL 1 st JH BB Practice	8 SB-Community- Home-5:00	9 FBLA Scavenger Hunt	10 SB/BB-Glasgow- There-5:00	11 BB-New Bloomfield- There-5:00 SB-Jamestown-Home- 5:00	12
13	14	15 SB/BB-Sturgeon- Home-5:00 FBLA Bake Sale during ballgames	16	17 Yearbook Workshop- Boonville	18 BB-Home-Higbee- 5:00	19 SB Tournament- Fayette
20 FFA BBQ	21 BB-Prairie Home- Home-5:00 SB-Wellsville-There- 5:00	22 BB-Jamestown-There- 5:00 SB-Higbee-Home- 5:00	23	24	25 PICTURE DAY SB/BB-Cairo-There- 5:00	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Teacher PD Day BB-Community-There- 5:00	29 SB/BB-Madison- There-5:00 JH BB-Jamestown- There-6:00	30 CAC Art-TBA			

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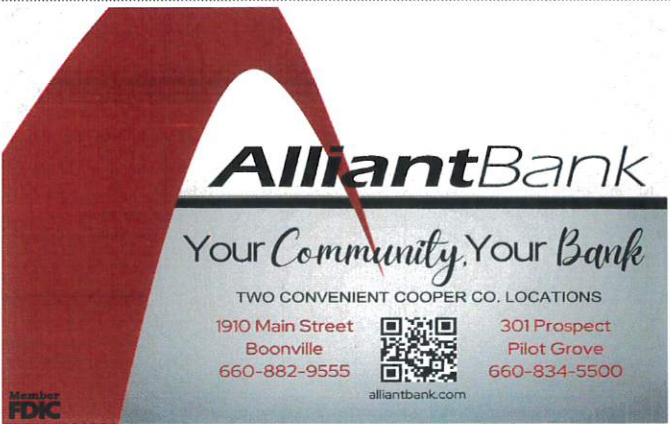
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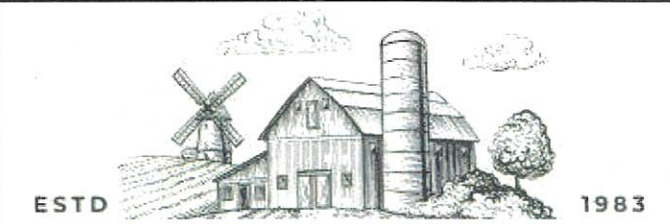
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Cheese Omelet Bacon & Toast OR Cereal Sloppy Joe Potato wedges Peas Fruit	1 Biscuit & gravy OR Cereal Crisitos Mixed vegetables Salsa Fruit	2 Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Hot dog French fries Baked beans Fruit	3 Cereal & hash brown patty Orange chicken Fried Rice Eggroll Oriental blend Fruit	4 Bagel & cream cheese OR Cereal Bosco stick Marinara sauce Fresh broccoli Fruit
14 Scrambled eggs, bacon & toast OR Cereal Shrimp poppers Macaroni & cheese Mixed vegetables Fruit	8 Pancakes & syrup OR Cereal Chicken quesadilla Black beans Salsa Fruit	9 Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Ham & cheese croissant Potato chips Cooked carrots Fruit	10 Cereal & hash brown patty Breaded beef patty Mashed potatoes & gravy Dinner roll Green beans Fruit	11 Muffin & yogurt OR Cereal Chicken-Bacon-Ranch or Cheese pizza Garden salad Fruit
21 Cheese Omelet Bacon & Toast OR Cereal BBQ rib sandwich Chips Mixed vegetables Fruit	15 Biscuit & gravy OR Cereal Beef soft tacos Refried beans Salsa Fruit	16 Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Cashew chicken Brown rice Eggroll Oriental blend Fruit	17 Cereal & hash brown patty Pulled pork nachos Mexican street corn Fruit	18 Bagel & cream cheese OR Cereal Bosco stick Marinara sauce Fresh cauliflower Fruit
28 Scrambled eggs, bacon & toast OR Cereal Corn dog Tater tots Carrots Fruit	22 Pancakes & syrup OR Cereal Beef nachos Pinto beans Salsa Fruit	23 Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce & tomato French fries Fruit	24 Cereal & hash brown patty Chicken alfredo Garlic breadstick Steamed broccoli Fruit	25 Muffin & yogurt OR Cereal Sausage or Cheese pizza Garden Salad Fruit
	29 Biscuit & gravy OR Cereal Taco salad Corn Salsa Fruit	30 Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Teriyaki chicken Fried rice Eggroll Oriental blend Fruit		

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