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Civil War Days Oct. 9-11

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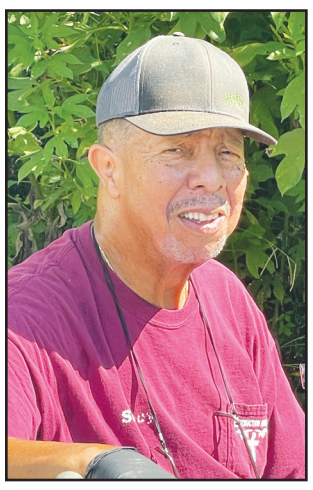
Lots of fun and laughter from these ladies in the Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church kitchen at their annual fish fry Saturday morning. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

Bill Spates, Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church Fish Fry.

Some of the attendees from the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center at the PADD fish fry held in Fulton, Ky., last Thursday. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)



Sidney Spates, Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church Fish Fry. It was a week and weekend for area fish fries, starting Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Pontotoc Community Center in Fulton, Ky., where the Purchase Area Development District held their annual fish fry. Next, on Saturday morning, Oct. 3, Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, Ky., held their annual fish fry starting at 11 a.m. Then, Saturday evening, Mt. Pleasant Church held their annual fish dry. See additional photos inside! (Photos by Gaye Bencini)

Top photo: Youth enjoying the Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church Community Fish Fry Saturday! Directly above: Bro. Eugene McDonald and Anthony Johnson (unrelated to Rev. Anthony Johnson) cooking fish. (Photos by Gaye Bencini)

El Sazon Albores Mexican Restaurant is closed until further notice.

Arrests follow vehicle striking pole in hit and run Oct. 1

On Friday morning, yellow police tape surrounded the front entrances to El Sazon Albores Mexican Restaurant, leading to concern and questions.

On Sunday, the Hickman County Sheriff's Office released a statement concerning the arrest of the business's owners and others. A relative of the owners contacted the Times on Monday, asking that people be made aware of the closure of the business until further notice.

The Hickman County Sheriff's Office reported that on Oct. 1, 2026, at approximately 1:37 p.m., Hickman County Dispatch received a report of a vehicle that had struck a telephone pole in the 300 block of South Washington Street within the city limits of Clinton. After striking the pole, the vehicle reportedly fled the scene.

Officers with the Clinton Police Department and deputies with the Hickman County Sheriff's Office responded. Through evidence locat-

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Annual Civil War Days event set for Oct. 9-11

Columbus-Belmont State Park will be transformed back in time for the living history event, Civil War Days, this weekend.

Events begin Friday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. for Educational Day.

5 p.m.- Community Picnic - everyone welcome.

Welcoming remarks begin at 5:30 p.m. by Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson. This takes place at the scenic overlook where Shelter A once stood.

Music by the 52nd Regimental String Band and Will Triplett.

The night firing of cannon volley will also take place on Friday, followed by the walk to Columbus Cemetery for Nightwatchers of the Civil War starting at 7 p.m. Friday night only.

Events conclude and park closes at 11 p.m.

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Clinton City Council moving along with Clinton Fire Station grant agreements

By GAYE BENCINI

Clinton City Council met in regular session Monday night, Oct. 5 at Clinton City Hall. Present were Mayor John Kelly; Council Members Wynita Dillard, Betty Morrow, Laura Poole, Mary Kimbro, Bill Lickliter, and Jerome Jenkins; Clerk Kaitlin Wilson; Attorney Heather Johnson; and visitors including Jeremy Buchanan, executive director of the Purchase Area Development District and two PADD staff members, Phyllis Campbell, Daw-

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Vote Experience

Phyllis CAMPBELL
&
Jerome JENKINS

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL

Paid for by Phyllis Campbell & Jerome Jenkins

Jerome Jenkins- 10 Years of City Council Experience
• Hickman County Senior Citizens Board
• Clinton Fire Department Board
• Clinton Rotary Club
• Hickman County Ambulance Board

Phyllis Campbell- 12 Years of City Government Experience
8 Years City Council • 4 Years Mayor
• Hickman County Chamber of Commerce
• Chicken Festival Committe
• Halloween Parade Committee
• Parade of Lights Committee

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