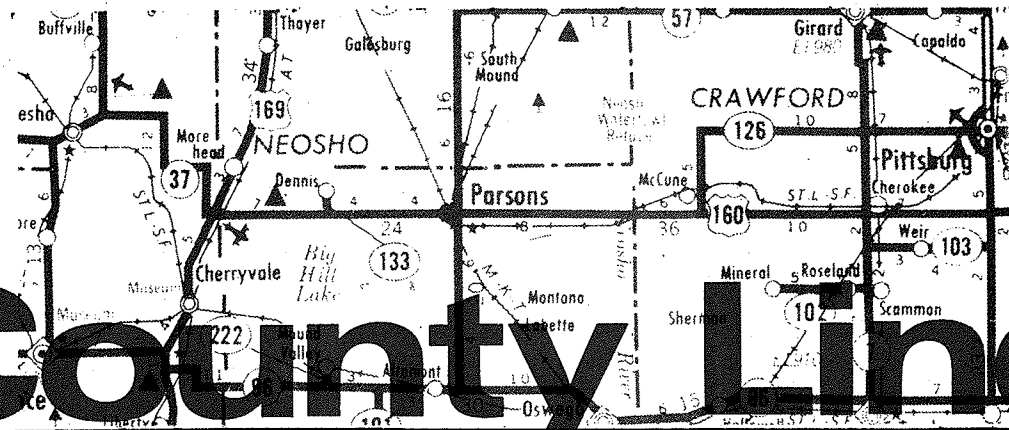


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Returning home against the odds

Survivors of WWII attack recall details

By Don Wilkinson
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Cruising east of Samar Island in the Philippine Sea, a lone fighter pilot stands in the pre-dawn silence on the fantail of his floating runway smoking a cigarette as he watches gray, quarrelsome clouds gather overhead.

The smell of rain is in the wind blowing across the deck and except for the drone of the ship's engines far below, all aboard is quiet.

Suddenly that serenity is shattered by the deafening sound of the Klaxon followed by an ominous announcement blaring from the ship's public address system.

"Now hear this! Now hear this! General Quarters! All hands, man your battle stations ... pilots, man your planes!"

That chilling call to action on the morning of Oct. 25, 1944, was heard by the sailors of U.S. Navy Task Force 77.4.3 including the more than 800 souls aboard the escort carrier USS Kitkun Bay (CVE-71).

Among them was retired Parsons dentist Herman Ellsworth Schuman, former lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

"The good Lord was watching over our ship and pilots that day," Schuman said.

According to the ship's log of that day, TF 77.4.3 — composed of six "jeep" (escort) carriers, three



Outdoor concerts set for theater

By Robert Hite
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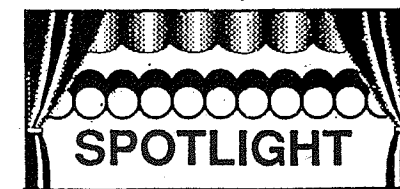
The following concerts will be performed at the Sandstone Amphitheatre in Bonner Springs:

- Paula Abdul and Color Me Badd at 8 p.m. June 20. Tickets are \$21 and \$25.
- Metallica at 8 p.m. June 21. Tickets are \$21 and \$25.
- John Mellencamp at 8 p.m. June 23. Tickets are \$19 and \$24.
- Ozzy Osbourne on June 26, time unavailable, tickets are \$25 and \$21.
- Hank Williams at 8 p.m. June 27. Tickets are \$19, \$24.50 and \$27.
- The Ringo Starr All-Starr Band at 8 p.m. June 28. Tickets are \$18, \$23 and \$27.

Tickets are available by calling TicketMaster at (816) 931-3330.

Tickets for the following Kansas City concerts are on sale by calling TicketMaster at (816) 931-3330:

- Telsa, 7:30 p.m., July 28 at the Starlight Theatre, 4600 Starlight Road in Kansas City, Mo.



No opening band has been announced.

- Tickets are \$17.50 and \$19.50.
- Jefferson Starship, 8 p.m., July 11