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High river, road closings and sluggish business still impacting Chamois community

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Chamois is a small town with a big heart, and the people who live there understand that while the Missouri River is a source of recreation and livelihood for farmers in the bottoms, this summer has been especially rough.

Mayor Elise Brochu is doing her best to keep spirits up, especially among the business community, which has seen a downward spiral as the closure of Hwy. 100 both east and west of town has restricted the inflow of potential customers.

"We are a community that goes beyond the city limits," Brochu said during a recent interview at the Haystack, which closed for business as a result of declining sales. "When the river was up, and the levee broke, we were out there helping as much as we could. We provided sand and sandbags for people both inside and outside the city limits. Everyone here believes in that sense of community."

Sadly, the town's location is one of the most dif-

ficult aspects.

"You have to want to come to Chamois," Brochu said. "We're not on the major highway, where people can just drive through. Unfortunately, we don't have a bridge across the Missouri River, and that hurts as much as anything, but when the highway is closed with water over the road, that really hurts."

The Haystack is the first victim of the flooding, with owner Scott Mertz reaching the point at which he simply could not continue.

"We had a great week right before Memorial Day, and everything was good," he said, looking wistfully around the empty restaurant. "It's a domino effect really. Once the highway was shut down on both sides, I just couldn't afford to keep things going. I looked at a bunch of different options, from a limited menu to cutting hours, but none of those would solve the problem."

There was a glimmer of hope, Mertz said, when he ran specials for a week to entice customers to his location. "Even though we had a few more customers,

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THIS AERIAL view of the Missouri River taken Monday shows water that has yet to completely drain from fields in the bottoms along Hwy. 100. While the roadway to the east of Chamois was opened late last week, the impact of restricted travel over the summer has had a significant impact on local businesses.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MERTZ



Fatima students win Vitae essay contest, throw out first pitch at Cards game



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Three Rivers Electric 80th annual meeting held

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Vienna woman charged after fake kidnap situation

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OML action from Linn

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UD Sports Award presented

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Mid America Bank looking at continued growth following change in leadership

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With the change in leadership at Mid America Bank following the retirement of long-time president Brian Berhorst, new president Mark Luebbert said he is looking forward to continued growth.

"We appreciate the years of service Brian provided our customers, and the growth he oversaw during his long tenure with Mid America Bank," said Luebbert, noting the

bank has experienced tremendous success and has grown from three branches with \$19 million in assets, to five branches and more than \$450 million in assets. "We're going to continue that effort."

Mid America Bank has a long history, beginning in 1914, when the People's Bank of St. Thomas was chartered. There it thrived for many years until it was relocated to Meta in 1951 and renamed Meta State Bank.

A second location was opened in Linn in 1978, at which time the bank's name was changed to Mid America Bank in recognition

of its expanding market.

The third branch was opened in 1993 in Wardsville, and a year later, Berhorst began working for Mid America Bank.

During his time with the bank, Berhorst said the key to success was always the relationships built within the company as well as with customers.

"It was while I was at Bank of Freeburg for a couple years that I really learned a lot about relationships," said Berhorst, a Free-

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Roomerz to open Thursday at Chamois

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The decor may be a little different, and some of the food items will change, but Chamois will once again have a full-service restaurant and bar where the Haystack had operated from October of 2017 until late June.

As of Monday night, a request for a business and liquor license was approved by Chamois aldermen for a new business called Roomerz, owned by Donna Weiser of Morrison.

The restaurant/bar will operate in the same location as the Haystack, and is set to open Thursday, Aug. 8.

Weiser, who managed Hop's Hideaway for more than a year in 2003, said she has been a friend of Haystack owner Scott Mertz for some time, and wanted to help.

"Even with the flooding and the road closures, I would come down here over gravel roads to support him," she said.

"This went from me wanting to help him to buying the business. I'm excited to be able to reopen a restaurant here."

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Weiser said she purchased the building and the business, and looks forward to making it successful with the help of the community.

"I know everyone here supported Scott in his effort to provide a family dining experience, and the response so far has been positive for the new restaurant," said Weiser, who will be joined in running the business by her daughter, Melissa Strobe.

Also on staff are two cooks, Brandy "Boomer" Reugeg and Julie Walls, and utility employee Elijah Cole.

While she plans to keep the crowd favorite "Haystack" burger on the menu, Weiser said she also will have a mushroom-and-swiss burger of her own making, along with her specialty, ribeye steak, at least once a month to start.

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Correction: it should have been reported in the Linn R2 board story last week that MFA Oil Company submitted a bid of \$1.149.

Linn aldermen want project to repair First, Fifth streets to move forward, but with protections

BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER

Bartlett & West Engineer Gary Davis and Linn aldermen at a July 23 meeting discussed the best way to proceed with a project to repair two streets, but the legal language is still being finalized to protect the city while hoping to streamline the process for work orders.

"Regarding First and Fifth streets, with the work funded by the \$500,000 grant, we have Task Order #9," Davis said. "I took the construction phases out and excluded them for the

time being so that the fees will be more in line with what you have budgeted."

"We have really wrestled with this one," Mayor Dwight Massey said. "This is the one that you guys authorized the signatures on, but we never pulled the trigger."

"It was subject to approval and follow up with Mr. Brown," Davis said of City Attorney Kent Brown. "I would like to put Mr. Brown directly in touch with our legal team. That way I can do engineering and he can do his thing."

"Does this incorporate

any of the other documents?" Brown asked.

"You did have some comments on Task Order #9," Davis said. "I did incorporate those changes. We can work on those comments with our legal team."

"This does reference this master agreement," Brown said.

"Yes," Davis answered. "And just so you guys remember, the master agreement is the legal framework and the task orders are for specific work orders."

"But this task order is for a

work project of half a million dollars," Brown countered, "where the other work projects are for \$5,000 or up to \$25,000 max. That's why I have problems with the language. You want to approve the task order so we can start the work before we agree on the language."

"We can amend the master agreement," Davis said.

"My concern is that if we don't get together on the language then we're stuck with the master agreement as it is now and the standard terms

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MERAMEC REGION Planning Commission (MRPC) Executive Director Bonnie Prigge and Dr. Joan Schuman of Missouri S&T University at Rolla, met last Monday, July 29 with community leaders. Dr. Schuman teaches Engineering Management. Students study real needs within a community, interact with local leaders and prepare reports on the feasibility and costs to address the need. Actual engineering work is not done as students are not yet engineers. Linn aldermen at their meeting July 23 came up with three projects for the students to work on, including a trail to connect the two parks, a trail to connect the park and the school campus, and a study of zoning and occupancy standards. Other projects were discussed at Monday's meeting. Shown are John Gulick of Missouri Extension, 911/EMA Director Andi Rice, Linn Alderman Bill Turner, Second District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, First District Commissioner John Glavin and Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin. Not pictured is Linn Mayor Dwight Massey, who also attended the meeting. Additional information in commission news.

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U.D. Around the World

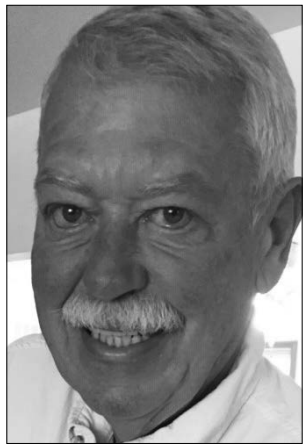


TRAVIS, ELLIE, Anna, and Beth Plume paused with the U.D. while visiting Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan. They are shown at Au Sable Light Station on Lake Superior near Grand Marais.



OBITUARIES

The *Unterrified Democrat* publishes obituaries of Osage County residents and relatives of local residents free of charge. Obituaries should be submitted by the family or funeral home to: Editor, P.O. Box 109, Linn, MO 65051. All obituaries will be subject to editing for news style and length. Unedited obituaries are available at \$4.75 per column inch. For more information, call 573-897-3150.



Jess Russell Prater
1952-2019

Jess Russell "Russ" Prater, age 67, of Freedom, passed away Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, at University Hospitals and Clinics in Columbia.

Russ was born Feb. 26, 1952, in St. Louis, a son to the late Basil O. and Lillian L. (Kixmueller) Prater.

He was a 1970 graduate of Linn High School and a 1974 graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

On Dec. 2, 1978, he was united in marriage to Tamira K. (Meyer) Prater in Pershing. She survives at the home.

Russ was employed by Vigortone Ag Products as a Sales Manager from 1977 until 1998 and was also a lifelong farmer. In 2003, he went to work at Scholastic as a team leader until he retired in 2018.

He was a member of Zion St. Peter United Church of Christ in Pershing and Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Freedom.

Russ enjoyed reading, gardening and canning, fishing, hunting, cooking, being involved in PALS league basketball as a coach, and being a boy scout leader.

In addition to his spouse of 40 years, Russ is survived by one son, Joshua Prater and his wife Alison of Edmond, Okla.; four daughters, Jessica Prater of Freedom, Rebecca Rost and her husband Brian of Pershing, Brandi Prater of Freedom, and Kandiss Hoffman and her husband Zebulon of Linn; four brothers, James Prater and his wife Deb, Jeffrey Prater and his wife Debbie, Brian Prater, and Bradley Prater all of Freedom; six grandchildren, Benjamin Rost, Patrick Rost, Dillon Prater, Logan Prater, Grayson Prater and Lillian Hoffman; along with several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at Morton Chapel in Linn.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, at Zion St. Peter United Church of Christ in Pershing with Rev. Barb Zastrow officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Fredericksburg Cemetery Association or Fredericksburg Church Restoration.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Missouri (897-2214)

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Paid Family Obituary



Emily Clara Niebruegge
1931-2019

Emily Clara Niebruegge, 88, died Sunday Aug. 4, 2019 at Heisinger Bluffs in Jefferson City.

Visitation for Emily is today Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 5-7 p.m. at Howard Funeral Home, Boonville and a funeral service will be held Thursday Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm. Burial followed in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Emily Clara Niebruegge was born April 15, 1931, the daughter of the late John A. and Elizabeth (Dippold) Schmutzler. She attended grade school at a rural public school known as Liberty and St. John's Lutheran School (Schubert). St. John's was also the place of her baptism on April 26, 1931, her confirmation on June 17, 1945, and her marriage to Hillard Niebruegge on Nov. 5, 1967.

After graduating from Jefferson City High School in 1949, she was employed at the Division of Employment Security in Jefferson City -- working there until her marriage in 1967. She then became a resident of the Lone Elm area in Cooper County where her husband had a large cattle feeding operation. Together they continued this operation until his death in 1992. After Hillard's death, Emily continued with the cattle business until the early 2000s. She then changed to leasing the land for crop farming.

Throughout her life, Emily has been active in her church -- first at St. John's and then at Zion Lutheran. These activities included teaching Sunday School, membership in the Ladies Aid and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Altar Guild, and the choir.

Emily was always willing to serve in her community as well. She served for many years as an election judge; and more recently donated two acres of land for the new Cooper County Fire Department Station #Six, which was dedicated Sept. 2, 2018.

Survivors include her sister, Lois Gerschefske of Linn, with whom she made her home since 2015. During this time her church home was Pilgrim Lutheran at Freedom. She cherished the pastoral care and friendships made there. She is also survived by beloved nieces and nephews, and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Emily was preceded in death by her husband Hillard Niebruegge, brothers Adolph (Loretta Jean) Schmutzler, Clarence (Leona) Schmutzler, sisters Margaret and Anna Marie Schmutzler and her brother-in-law Arnold Gerschefske.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Zion Lutheran Church or family's choice. Online condolences may be left at: www.howardfh.com.

Paid Family Obituary



Charles Paul "Chuck" Monroe
1945-2019

Charles Paul "Chuck" Monroe, age 74 of Linn, passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Chuck was born Feb. 15, 1945, in Jefferson City, a son to the late William Reed and Mildred Lucille (Evans) Monroe.

Chuck was a 1963 graduate of Linn High School. On Dec. 7, 1968, he was united in marriage to Rebecca "Becky" Brandt in California. She survives at the home.

Chuck was employed with International Shoe, DeLong's, Mantle Mining Company as a dozer operator, truck operator and a powder man. He also owned and operated Monroe Trucking for over 30 years, Pointers Creek Trail Ride, and was a lifelong farmer.

He was a former member of the Osage Trail Riders and the Missouri Team Penning Association.

Chuck enjoyed farming, coon and deer hunting, riding horses, cooking bacon, cutting slaw, peeling potatoes, competing in team penning competitions and scratching lottery tickets. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, making someone smile or laugh, enjoying life, and watching his cattle.

In addition to his spouse of 50 years, Chuck is survived by four daughters, Monica Ferguson and her husband Dennis of St. Louis, Angie Lee and her husband Jim of Linn, Carol Lage and her husband Gerry of California, Jeanna Monroe-Lansford and her husband Nick of Linn; ten grandchildren, Chadd, Lucas, Chance, Ethan, and Emma Lee, Brooke, Bailey and Dylan Lage, Adrienne and Cullen Lansford; two brothers, Eugene Monroe and his wife Wanda of California and John Monroe and his wife Sandy of Linn; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lillian Gove and her husband Kenneth.

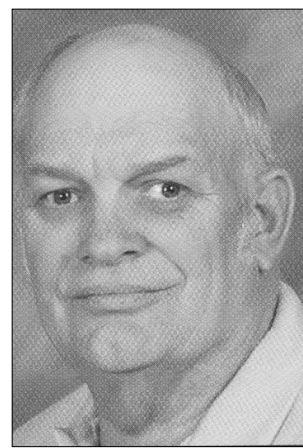
Visitation is today, Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Morton Chapel in Linn.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at Morton Chapel with Fr. Daniel Merz officiating. Interment will be in the Monroe Family Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Missouri (897-2214)

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Paid Family Obituary



James "Jim" Kliethermes
1943-2019

James "Jim" Kliethermes, age 75 of Loose Creek, passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, at Westphalia Hills.

Jim was born Aug. 18, 1943 in Jefferson City, a son to the late Clement and Marie (Oldelehr) Kliethermes.

Jim attended Immaculate Conception School and was a 1961 graduate of Fatima High School.

Jim was a lifelong farmer with several part time jobs. He served in the United States National Guard from 1964 until 1970.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Loose Creek, Loose Creek Community Club where he served as President, Loose Creek Senior Citizens, and played on several bowling teams at Rainbow Lanes.

Jim enjoyed bowling, woodworking, fishing and hunting, cooking, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs fan. In his younger years, he loved playing baseball and softball and also enjoyed umpiring baseball and softball games.

Jim is survived by his five siblings, Marian Kremer and her husband Luke of Loose Creek, Leon Kliethermes and his wife Denise of Taos, Joan Backes and her husband Herb of Loose Creek, Rita Linhardt and her husband Dwight of Loose Creek and Allen Kliethermes of Erie, Colo.; one sister-in-law, Edna Kliethermes of Linn; 14 nieces and nephews, Diane Muenks, Mark Kremer, Kevin Backes, Julie Boeckman, Lori Wilson, Kim Backes, Richard, Terry, Danny, Matt, Bret, Josh, Scott, and Karen Kliethermes, along with many other family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Dave Kliethermes and one nephew, Michael Kremer.

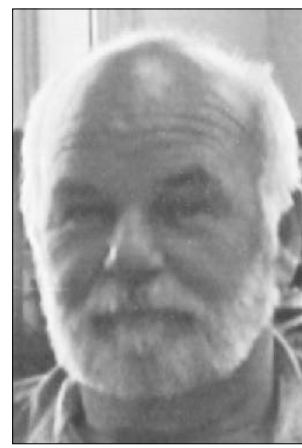
Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Loose Creek. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Daniel Merz as the celebrant. Interment will be in the Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Immaculate Conception Church Restoration Project.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Missouri (897-2214)

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Paid Family Obituary



Dwight W. Sieg
1959-2019

Dwight W. Sieg, age 60 of Linn, passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, at his farm.

Dwight was born June 18, 1959, in Jefferson City, a son to the late Russell and Thelma (Nichols) Sieg.

Dwight was a 1977 graduate of Linn High School.

Dwight worked for over 40 years at Osage County Concrete located in Linn.

He was a member of Whitetails Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited.

Dwight enjoyed practical jokes, cutting grass and wood, fishing, gardening especially pumpkins, guns, old cars and spending time at the farm. His most important "hobby" was his work. Dwight had a passion for concrete and the concrete industry.

Dwight is survived by one daughter, Samantha Sieg of Jefferson City; Samantha's mother, Dana Bottoms of Jefferson City; one sister, Brenda Kuster and her husband Tom of Linn; very special friend, Maggie Turpin of Linn; a brother-in-law, Michael Nichols of Columbia; one niece, Jackie Nichols of Columbia; one nephew, Michael Nichols, Jr. of Columbia; along with many friends.

In addition to his parents, Dwight was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Sieg, one sister, Beatrice Nichols, and his beloved dogs.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, at Morton Chapel in Linn.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Morton Chapel with Stanley Strope officiating. Interment will follow in the Community of Christ Cemetery in Linn.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Community of Christ Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Missouri (897-2214)

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Paid Family Obituary



Crystal Arlen
1955-2019

Crystal Arlen, 64, of Loose Creek passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Landmark Hospital. She was born July 9, 1955 in Keene, N.H.

She is survived by her husband, Steven B. Arlen Sr., of 51 years; her children,

Buffy Arlen (Chris), Sheri Arlen, Brad Arlen (Brenda), Eugenia Bannan (Hamilton), Eugene Arlen (Shelby), Rusty Arlen; her grandchildren, Felicia Arlen, Steven Arlen, III, Brad Arlen, Jr., Kristen Arlen, Kayla Arlen, Trevor Murray, Dawson Arlen, Dalton Arlen, Andrew Arlen, Tylee Murray, Taylor Arlen, Yylee Arlen, Lily Arlen, Norbert Bannan, IV, Cooper Arlen, Brantley Arlen, Crystal Bannan, Kaleb Arlen, and two great-grandchildren, Sawyer Arlen and Leland Arlen.

Preceding her in death were her son, Steven B. Arlen, II; her parents; two siblings and her in-laws.

She worked at Elsevier for several years.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the old VFW behind the bank on Main Street in Linn from 5 to 8 p.m.

Paid Family Obituary

DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy H. Branson, age 89 of Linn, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, at the Arbors in Jefferson City.

A complete obituary can be viewed on Morton's website.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Missouri (897-2214) www.mortonchapel.com

County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between Monday, July 29 and Monday, Aug. 5, 2019:

Walter Leroy Roberts, 46, of Owensville, was taken into custody Tuesday, July 30, by the sheriff's department to serve 30 days of shock time.

Randy William Wieberg, 65, of Westphalia, was booked and released Tuesday, July 30, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for allegations of DWI/alcohol -- persistent offender.

Thomas Justin Lingo, 38, of Bland, was taken into custody Thursday, Aug. 1, by the sheriff's department on a court ordered hold to serve four days of shock time; released Sunday, Aug. 4.

Anthony Lee Adamson, 53, of Koeltztown, was booked and released Thursday, Aug. 1, by the sheriff's department for allegations of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid.

Nathaniel Lloyd Bay, 23, of Bland, was arrested Friday, Aug. 2, by another agency on two Osage County warrants and one Crawford County warrant for allegations of failure to appear (misdemeanor), driver/front seat passenger fail to wear seat belt and failure to register motor vehicle/trailer; bond set at \$10, \$123 and \$100.

Renee Marie Morits, 30, of Linn, was taken into custody

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

BY HB DODDS
UD STAFF WRITER

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019

Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker met with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Thursday, July 25. The outcome was good for roads in or next to MDC property in Osage County. They are committing more than 250 tons of gravel per mile to repair and maintain roads in the wake of flooding.

"They're going to treat us well this round," Kempker commented.

* MDC has viewed the levy issues by Engineers Road in Osage County. They intend to report back after further study. "If you don't hear something," said Second District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes to Kempker. "I'll call [them]."

* Truck #32 has been repaired by Hatfield Repair and is back in service. Although it proved difficult to trace, "they found another wiring issue behind the gas pedal," said Kempker, adding it's running well with that issue resolved.

* Kempker told commissioners that crews had one more day of work on the Loose Creek Highway Bridge. "We'll finish it up by the first of next week, then the M-OT (Missouri Department of Transportation) bridges will be behind us," he said.

* Kliethermes raised concern about CR 504 between Westphalia and Folk, off Hwy. 133. "I know right now is a bad time to do it," he said, but a stock trailer has been stuck there recently.

* First District Commissioner John Glavin mentioned problems on CR 271 near a low water slab. He repeated his concern about the box culvert on CR 319 and added a box culvert on CR 315. He finished by mentioning a low-water slab on CR 432.

* Kempker has received no applications in response to the ad for equipment operators.

* Rock has been hauled on CR 317 and the Loose Creek Highway; service has been done on Trucks #22 and #27; a culvert has been repaired on CR 740; brush mowers have been working on CRs 31, 412, 501, 511, 606, and 615; and grader operators have been active on

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911 DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY.
Police, fire, ambulance and poison controls.

For non-emergency information:

Hot Lines	Area Volunteer Fire Departments
Motorist Emerg..... 911	Argyle(573) 728-6565
Child Abuse.....1-800-392-3738	Belle.....859-3456
Elderly Abuse.....1-800-392-0210	Bland.....437-7770
Rape Crisis/Abuse.....(573) 634-4911	Chamois.....763-5196
Poison Info.....1-800-392-9111	Cole (St. Thomas).....634-6351
Alcoholics Treatment Center.....1-800-260-4014	Freeburg.....744-5348
Crisis/Suicide.....1-800-833-3915	Linn.....897-3154
	Meta.....229-4600
	Morrison.....294-7300
	Osage (Taos).....634-6351
	Owensville.....437-2195
	Westphalia.....455-2181/2840
Law Enforcement	Ambulance
Linn PD.....897-4234	Osage Ambulance.....897-0044
Sheriff/Dispatch 8am-4:30p.m. 897-3927	Community Ambulance.....229-8902
Sheriff/Dispatch After Hours.....897-2285	Maries-Osage.....422-6123
Highway Patrol.....751-1000	Ozark Central.....859-3168
Emergency Rooms	
Capital Region Medical Center.....632-5436	
St. Marys Medical Center.....761-7011	

911 House Number Signs Can Be Purchased At The Emergency Operations Center
Sign - \$15 • Sign & Post - \$20 • \$5 Fee for Installation
If your road sign is stolen or missing, please call 897-3561 ext. 221.

OSAGE COUNTY MAP BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE 911 OFFICE FOR \$25 - 3 FT. BY 4 FT. WALL MAPS ARE \$15

Court Records



JUDGE ROBERT D. SCHOLLMEYER

Felicia A. Abbott, Loose Creek, pleaded guilty to failure to displaying plates of another person; fined \$50.50.

Felicia A. Abbott, Loose Creek, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

Felicia A. Abbott, Loose Creek, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; fined \$150.

Kyle G. Baker, Owensville, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with proper muffler; fined \$50.50.

Carolyn J. Brandon, Westphalia, pleaded guilty to failure to stop a person under 21 from drinking / possessing intoxicating liquor; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 40 hours of community service.

Nathan B. Duff, Tunas, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner involving an accident; sentenced to two days in the county jail and fined \$72.50.

Zachary R. Fewins, Holts Summit, pleaded guilty to failure to yield to vehicle/pedestrian in a crosswalk; fined \$60.50.

Brett A. Garver, Barnett, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 10 hours of community service.

Brett A. Garver, Barnett, pleaded guilty to driving while revoked/suspended; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 10 hours of community service.

Joshua C. Goodman, Bland, pleaded guilty to failure to register motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Dalton R. Jaegers, Linn, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of MADD.

Dalton R. Jaegers, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear seat belt; fined \$10.

Emily R. Johnston, Camdenton, pleaded guilty to failure to display plates on motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Matthew R. Lee II, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to register motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Matthew R. Lee II, Linn, pleaded guilty to

knowingly operating a motor vehicle owned by another without proof of insurance; fined \$150.

Melissa G. Love, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to properly secure a child; fined \$10.

Melissa G. Love, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

Alexander W. Schutz, Belle, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

Matthew T. Short, Westphalia, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

Matthew T. Short, Westphalia, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 15 hours of community service.

Matthew T. Short, Westphalia, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

James B. Sims, Ross-ville, Georgia, pleaded guilty to domestic assault in the 4th degree; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation; special condition of no contact with victim.

Angel D. Stansbury, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

James S. Summers, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation.

Kortney D. Timm, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seat belt; fined \$10.

Ashton R. Truitt, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50 and court-approved Driver Improvement Program.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT VS. Jerry L. Lutes, Linn, pleaded guilty to taking wildlife illegally (game fish by illegal methods at Ben Branch); fined \$149.50.

Jordan L. Monroe, Linn, pleaded guilty to trespassing (at Rollins Ferry during restricted hours); fined \$24.50.

CIVIL CASES
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. v. Sheila R. Bailey, Loose Creek, suit on file; civil action judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$1,261.51.

Capital One Bank

(USA), N.A. v. John D. Banks, Linn, suit on file; consent judgment entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$10,874.33.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. William Dixon, Chamois, suit on file, civil judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$1,1997.90.

Warren L. Rogers v. Joshua D. Honse, et al, Freeburg, suit on file; judgment and order entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$4,061.50 and immediate possession of premises.

Warren L. Rogers v. Matthew J. Honse, et al, Freeburg, suit on file; judgment and order entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$4,061.50 and immediate possession of premises.

Midland Funding, LLC v. Tracy M. Libby, Westphalia, suit on file; judgment entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$2,097.28.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Jessica E. Moellinger, Belle, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$729.43.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Kaitlin Mouser, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$641.90.

Discover Bank v. David M. Owens, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$6,314.74.

Crown Asset Management LLC v. Krista A. Peters, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$849.47.

Midland Funding, LLC v. Theresa Woolley, Belle, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$9,765.16.

DISSOLUTIONS
Lindsay N. Beers v. Todd D. Beers, Linn, dissolution with children; marriage is dissolved, with no maintenance to either party, each to retain their own property, and neither to pay child support.

Jana L. Williams v. Brad L. Williams, Shullberg, Wisc., dissolution without children; marriage is dissolved, with no maintenance to either party and each to retain their own property; petitioner's maiden name of Prather is restored.

CITY OF LINN V. Staci N. Hays, pleaded guilty to failure to register vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Staci N. Hays, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; fined \$150.

Blake R. McDonald, Bourbon, pleaded guilty to failure to register vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Cheslee D. Ridenhour, Vichy, pleaded guilty to failure to register vehicle; fined \$50.50.



Gasconade County
During daylight/overnight hours Route T over Bourbeuse River. New bridge construction continues. The bridge is closed until December.

During daylight hours Route B over Dry Fork, south of Route CC. Bridge maintenance will take place Monday, Aug. 5 through Thursday, Aug. 8.

Route D between Route A and Route 89 in Osage County. Pavement patching will take place Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 16.

Maries County
During daylight hours Route 63 between Route 28 and Route 50 in Cole County. Concrete repair continues. The project is scheduled for completion in November.

Route N between Route 28 and Route 133. Roadway patching will take place Monday, Aug. 12 through Thursday, Aug. 15.

Osage County

During daylight hours Route 63 at Route 133. The roadway is open as intersection improvements continue. The project is scheduled for completion in November.

Route 63 between Route 50 in Cole County and Route 28 in Maries County. Concrete repair continues. The project is scheduled for completion in November.

Route C between Route 100 and Route A. Chip seal and guardrail installation is underway. The project is scheduled for completion in October.

Route D between Route 89 and Route A in Gasconade County. Pavement patching will take place Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 16.

Route P between Route 63 and Route 133. Culvert pipe replacement will take place Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 16.

Route T between Route 63 and Route AA. Culvert pipe replacement will take place Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 16.

Route W between Route 50 to Route A. Chip seal and guardrail installation continues. The project is scheduled for completion in October.

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* Osage County 911/EMA Director Andrea Rice commented on the Barracuda Backup System bill mentioned by Osage County Assessor Jerry Baker last week.

According to Rice, the previous backup system with Clearwater Compliance was too expensive. Eric Reichel, Technology Consultant with Remote Computer Services (RCS) in Westphalia, identified the Barracuda System as more cost-effective. Rice said she would have Reichel communicate again with Baker; that might clear up the confusion.

"All of us have this backup software," she noted, adding that each office uses it to various degrees, and the bill should be split according to usage.

Glavin believes Baker will want to see a copy of a contract, but it is unclear whether a contract specifically for the Barracuda system exists. It might be considered part of service contracted with RCS. "We're the only ones who can sign a contract [for the county]," Glavin observed.

Neither Rice nor the commissioners remember such a contract.

* Another bill was, according to Rice, "a shocking \$8,000 from Town-er Communications Systems (TCS)" in Jefferson City. She reported that amount reduced to \$3,690.20 as the result of a phone call to TCS. Apparently, a number of line items had been duplicated on the first bill.

TCS is also recommending a major software update which is not budgeted for this fiscal year. "What does this update entail," Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin asked.

Rice responded there would be no new features: just tweaks to insure "optimal performance." She said it could be put off until another budget cycle, to which Glavin said, "We could just let it wait for next year."

"I think so," Kliethermes agreed.

"Who's going to be responsible for remembering to put that in the budget next year," Rice asked.

"I will," said Griffin, raising his hand. "It's unbelievable to pay this much and not even enhance our system."

He suggested shopping for a new telecommunications contractor.

Rice urged caution. "You probably need to hire some kind of a project manager," she said.

"Let's work in the system first," suggested Glavin.

"It might open a whole can of worms," Rice agreed.

"It bothers me they gave us an \$8,000 bill and it went down more than half with a phone call," Glavin added.

Osage County Deputy Clerk Valerie Prater said the TCS-installed Mitel phone systems are "split up by departments in the Annex Building."

It's a complex issue and would probably be even more complex to replace.

* Griffin reported the Verslues Construction project on the west side of the Annex Building is complete, and informed Kempker it's okay to go ahead with line painting and re-stripping.

"A lot of people are abiding by the [handicapped markings]," observed Griffin, referring to the lot painting done by Kempker's department.

* Kliethermes reported Buchanan County will trade "soft match" funds dollar for dollar. That enables Osage County to proceed with a new Bridge Rural Offset (BRO) project. He will meet with the engineer as soon as Thursday. He has turned signed contracts into Kimberly Tipton at MoDOT. "PBA is looking at the Courthouse," said Kliethermes of Porter, Berendzen, and Associates, reiterating comments from a previous meeting.

PBA Engineer Jay Berendzen will be briefing the commission Thursday, Aug. 9, and the Columbia firm is estimating the project to cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000. That keeps it well under the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law, which engages at \$75,000.

"Thanks for getting that soft match money switched," Griffin said. "That's a good deal there for us."

Resident Jerry Bryan added, "You gotta jump on it."

* Griffin reported on the meeting Monday, July 29, with Meramec Region Planning Commission (MRPC) Executive Director Bonnie Prigge and Dr. Joan Schuman of Missouri S&T University, Rolla, who teaches Engineering Management. Students study real needs within a community, interact with local leaders and prepare reports on the feasibility and costs to address the need. Actual engineering work is not done as students are not yet engineers. Linn Mayor Dwight Massey and Alderman Bill Turner were also present. Griffin said they discussed a "whole list." Schuman and MRPC will take the list back to a pool of 80 students in two different classes.

Commissioners are scheduled to

visit those classes Thursday, Aug. 29. "I'll take some pictures when we do our walk through on Aug. 1, and take them with me," to show to the students, said Griffin. Commissioners hope to enlist Intern Connect to help with environmental, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and engineering studies for a variety of construction and repair projects.

Griffin said he is excited for school to start in two or three weeks, and to get some of these things going. "I thought it was a great meeting," he said. "I was really impressed."

This would be the first time an Intern Connect activity would be done for a county government.

* Commissioners signed outgoing checks, liability checks, and the assessor's quarterly reimbursement.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1, 2019

Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham reported on the speed trailer deployed on CR 501. The battery is evidently low, as the display is no longer flashing well. "It probably needs to be plugged in," said Bonham, adding however, that it's definitely been noticed and is having an effect. The unit was deployed when MoDOT closed Hwy. 133.

There have, however, been some complaints about speeding dump trucks.

"We've made some personal contacts with some of the drivers," said Bonham. "We said slow down or else the DOT will be out here, and that seemed to work."

What the dump trucks have been doing is appreciated. "They've done a lot of work, and it looks good," said Bonham.

Kliethermes said he expects Hwy. 133 to be opened by Saturday.

The department has also noticed quite a bit of detour traffic on CR 511. Therefore, sheriff's patrols have been increased there.

* Bonham announced the resignation of Deputy Arthur Strickland. There are applicants in process for hiring, but Bonham took the occasion to reiterate his concern. "Proposition P is very important," he said. "\$30,000 was a good salary five years ago, but everyone is having to raise wages."

He emphasized retention over recruiting. Recruiting new personnel is important; but keeping veteran deputies in place is more efficient.

"Knowing people helps so much," he said. "The human element is the major part of community policing."

When new people replace those who have been here a while, human intelligence is lost. It takes time to accumulate that knowledge.

"Tell Strickland we greatly appreciate his help," said Glavin.

* Forensic evidence has provided a break in the investigation of break-ins at the Chop House and Dave's Pizza. Bonham expects arrests of suspects who are in custody for other crimes in other places. "They're in the jail house now," he said.

* The semiannual jail report reflected a total of 359 inmates, with 246 male, and 113 female. The average daily population was about 10 inmates, and the average stay was 5.7 days through June 30.

* Commissioners took their scheduled walk through of the Annex Building, Courthouse, and Road & Bridge Shed. They visited with county staff and took a lot of pictures.

Items of interest included some uneven lighting; anticipated flooring repair in the 911/EMA office; a few inoperable lights and outlets, some with missing plates; non-repaired water damage at the Courthouse; rough pavement in the parking lot west of the Courthouse; a missing fire extinguisher; adjustment bolts stripped on the new gate to the sheriff's lot; a thermostat not working in the sheriff's office; deck repair still needed on the west side of the Annex Building; and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) noncompliant restroom at the Road & Bridge Shed.

Some items will be covered by the PBA project, should it be approved.

Griffin repeated his intention to put other problems in front of the Intern Connect program.

As the commissioners were reviewing the walk-through back at the commissioner's room, Osage County Chief Deputy Clerk Amber Hamilton added, "The elevator [needs cleaning]."

Griffin said, "I'll look at it," adding he doesn't use the elevator very often.

* County Clerk Nicci Bouse is in preparation for budget amendments.

* The Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities Conference is scheduled Aug. 27-30 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake Ozark.

* The 48th annual Missouri Agents Connection summit is scheduled Nov. 17-19 at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach. There is a Nov. 8 deadline to enroll.

* 911/EMA plans to conduct a nuclear disaster drill Tuesday, Aug. 13. Commissioners will be on call.

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it didn't change the overall situation much," he added.

Mertz said he and Brochu discussed the issue at length hoping for a solution. He considered a loan to reinvest in his business, but the long-term implications of repayment were daunting in the face of reduced business. He also considered moving to a new location, but said there just aren't many places available in Chamois.

"The cost-analysis just didn't make sense," said Mertz. "All my utilities are still running, and there's inventory that has to be unloaded."

With four employees, Mertz said he had to consider their needs. "They are great people that did a very good job for me," he said. "If I had cut hours, that hurts them, and staying open hoping for the best wouldn't help me as a business owner in the long run. There were just no good options."

Mertz made the announcement June 17 and shut down June 27.

"Everyone was great to me," said Mertz, who opened the restaurant and bar in October of 2017. "We had regular customers every week, especially the farmers in the area. They would come in after they were done in the field and have a bite to eat before they went home. When the highway closed, they couldn't get here."

Mertz grew up in St. Louis but his grandparents brought him to Chamois often, and he fell in love with the community. That was the driving force that led him to move to town and open his business.

Brochu said that people in the area did their best to support the restaurant, but there's only so much that can be done.

"All these towns have been so supportive, which made the decision to close really tough," said Mertz. "I knew there would be some disappointment, and people upset, but in the end, I had to do what was right for myself. I cried a lot while I struggled with this decision. I was trying to hold on as long as I could."

THE LOSS OF THE HAYSTACK

This is a big hit to the community, Huff noted.

"The Haystack was the local hangout, watering hole (so to speak) and for me, it is one more hit on the B&B to offer a place to eat when people arrive," said Huff. "Scott's efforts in running the Haystack and all the local promotions have been great for local morale and pulling the community together. Chamois has taken so many hits as a community overtime - and our restaurants have had a hard time. The food industry is a hard business to be in and when foot traffic and driving are hampered - there is not much one can do to keep the doors open. I do not get to eat out much due to some health requirements, but there is no doubt the Haystack has been a mainstay that enabled our community to stick together."

A BRIGHT SPOT

As of Monday night, a request for a business and liquor license was approved by aldermen for a new business called Roomerz, owned by Donna Weiser of Morrison.

The restaurant/bar will operate in the same location as the

Haystack, and is set to open Thursday, Aug. 8. More on this new venture is presented in this week's paper.

Long-time owner of Jerry's Stop & Go Denise Nolte recently sold the business to Mike Nolting of Linn, who owns Schaperkoetter Store in Mt. Sterling. An open house is planned for Aug. 17, and more on this will be presented next week.

OLD SCHOOL STRUGGLING TOO

Another business in town that has struggled is the Old School on the Hill B&B, owned by Leroy and Debbie Huff.

"This summer is our worst since we bought the Old School six years ago, and we've had other road closures during our tenure," said Debbie Huff. "I think that since there is flooding in other areas, people aren't traveling as much. I've had other set backs as well with agencies I use for bookings. I lost bedandbreakfast.com due to how they sign you on, and some other services like VRBO are not a good fit, I've had issues with AirBnB and dropped them. My clients are usually pretty adventurous, but if they check road conditions and see the Hwy. 100 closures, they won't book with us."

Huff said she lost one group because they were farmers and they had to take advantage of some dry days; they had booked their stay in February. "The bulk of my clients come from Kansas City," Huff said. "I'm reasonably priced and on the way toward Hermann, so I'm a good stop. Now they have to travel another 20-25 minutes to get here using 89, J & N. Many do not like to travel gravel county roads in unfamiliar territory. I do a lot on social media to try and encourage travel to our Inn and the county. I feel that so many areas are affected by flooding themselves that travel to another flooded area is not on anyone's list."

While poor booking has made for a difficult situation, Huff said she is not in a position in which she will have to worry about closing her business.

"We are in a good situation in that we own the Old School property and do not have a mortgage," Huff said. "I have my lowest overhead ever, so my bills are limited to water/sewer and electricity. So far I've had enough business to pay the bills (this also includes our own property in town with water/sewer and electricity) I just do not have any extra left over, so it is harder to pay down things like credit cards or make some improvements we'd like to make. If no one is there, basically we pay the same minimums we pay in the winter, but I do not have much to pull from. My bookings have been for one-night stays, so I'm not making any profit right now."

What can be done to improve? Huff said people can invite family and friends from out of town to stay at the B&B. "Two of my stays have been personal Facebook friends," she said. "Promoting our area is all I know to do. There are still lots of things to do and see, it just requires driving."

IMPACT ON FARMING

Chamois MFA Manager Travis Koenigsfeld said short-term issues include extra

travel on the highways, which is challenging because gravel is not really compatible with the heavy loads.

"We've had deliveries in the country so we combined trips to make it worthwhile," said Koenigsfeld.

More challenging yet is the fact that many local corn farmers have not had produce to sell.

"The farmers just haven't had much in the way of crops," said Koenigsfeld. "That has seriously impacted grain hauling. If the crop isn't in, they won't raise funds for next year's growing season. About a third of our revenues is from the sale of grain, and it won't be there to sell. We'll have to generate revenues from other areas outside the county."

Koenigsfeld recalls one other time when things were this bad, that being in 2015. "We had a late crop, and it was a complete wipeout, other than a few salvageable crops," he said.

Earlier this year, the MFA in Jefferson City was flooded and had to be remodeled. Fortunately, flooding didn't get to the Chamois facility, which would have meant destroying the grain. That is a small victory, Koenigsfeld said. "There's light at the end of the tunnel," he added. "We haven't had to lay anyone off, which is another great piece of news. We're doing our best to stay busy with other things."

NO END IN SIGHT?

The Missouri River is predicted by the NWS to be high all summer, and it has not had enough time to drain through the tiles and levees, which has already created one problem in that the second annual River Ramble had to be postponed due to restrictions on river traffic.

"That had a huge impact," said Mertz.

The mayor agreed. "Those people have been so great, and supportive of the community," she added. "They offered to help us with sandbagging or anything else we needed. One of them even suggested we do a fundraiser, and they would come out for it."

In addition to restrictions on the river, the Riverside Park campgrounds have been under water for some time, meaning that camping is not an option for those who volunteered to help. Brochu said arrangements might have been possible on the ball field, but the area was just not suitable.

"It would have been miserable camping down there," she said.

The River Ramble has been rescheduled for Sept. 28, Brochu noted.

"Hopefully the river will still be down," she added.

Hwy. 100 to the east of Chamois just opened late last week, and Mayor Brochu said she hopes it remains open.

"It's good to have the highway open, and the river is coming down, but everything is still in flux," she said.

FACING THE CHALLENGE

From the city's perspective, the mayor said she isn't sure what to expect. "We're just starting to feel the full impact of this situation," Brochu added. "It's hard to know how long this will last. The river could drop, the water could drain completely, and

the roads could stay open for good. Everything could return to normal soon, or we could be looking at September or October and it's still not back to normal. They're looking at dumping water from the dams well into November."

Brochu said the river has been high for so long that it damaged levees, which exacerbated the flooding.

"If it gets that bad, we have to keep our businesses open, so we'll throw ourselves on the mercy of the community, and those around us, to make sure they patronize local businesses," said Brochu, adding she is looking at how to handle a reduction in revenues.

Chamois has a sales tax rate of 7.4750%, a use tax rate of 5.9750%, a rate of 4.4750% tax on food sales, 2.9750%, a domestic utility tax rate of 1.2500%, and a manufacturing exempt rate of 3.2500%, as of July, according to the Missouri Department of Revenue.

At the July 17 meeting of the board, it was noted in a report from the Missouri Department of Revenue showed the sales tax collected by the city in June 2019 was \$550.45, compared to \$1,905.62 in June of 2018, a net decline of \$1,355.17. The year-to-date numbers for 2019 show collections of \$11,563.61 while in 2018, year-to-date sales taxes collected were \$22,014.44, \$10,450.83 less in revenues.

"We have collected about half of the amount compared to last year," City Clerk Dorcas Huff said at the meeting. "I don't have an explanation on the drop."

"Our area has experienced flooding since March," Alderman Debbie Huff said. "We've experienced a reduction in sales in this area." "Basically, everyone has been saying business is down," Brochu said. "We'll just have to tighten things down for the budget."

City officials decided to wait on budget discussions until revenues could be further examined. Aldermen voted to continue with the current budget until next month and vote on a new budget at that time.

"The city keeps trying to

avoid raising tax rates, but we have to keep the lights on," said Brochu in a separate interview with the U.D. "We're buckling down to try to get more people in here."

What can the city do to shore up revenues?

"The best I can tell this is a ride out the storm situation," said Alderman Huff. "You can't make people stay or travel - tourism is a hard industry as well. I think Chamois Day will be a big boost - but it is still a couple of months away. I also own a small bookkeeping/business services business that is available for clients in Chamois and Washington, and if it were not for that business, we would be having a much harder time financially. My biggest client is in Washington, so I devote a lot of time there while the B&B business is slow."

One option is a direct appeal to people in the area.

"We've talked about fundraisers, but we haven't had time to plan one," said Brochu.

Huff said she would support a fundraising effort.

"Some have mentioned chili cook-offs and other events for fundraisers," she said. "It really just calls for creativity and putting in the time to organize, and we do have a nice city park to offer such events. It would also mean more people in the community would need to get involved."

As a man who organized and helped raise more than \$25,000 for various groups through fundraising events, Mertz said he thought about holding a fundraiser, but reconsidered.

"I didn't want to raise a bunch of money and then have to close anyway," he said, adding that his customers became friends, and many became like family. "Someone suggested I open something in Linn, but that's not an option. I think the people of Chamois would hang me from a light pole. This is my home, and I'm not leaving."

Mertz plans to continue in his role as a member of the Chamois Lions Club, and support whatever effort the community embraces.

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and conditions will apply," Brown said.

"So, for example," Brown explained. "We are obligated, if we lose funding, we are obligated to stay with the agreement without paying some sort of penalty which would profit Bartlett and West. There are several areas of concern."

"But when we signed the master agreement originally, you had an opportunity to review it?" Massey asked.

"It was fine for what it was proposed to be," Brown answered. "Which was small, short-term projects. When we are proposing long-term projects, I have enough revisions to redraft the entire document as opposed to just modifying it."

"We use the master plan as a way to streamline these projects," Davis said. "It saves you guys time and saves us the hassle of renegotiating every time."

"No," Brown said. "The intent is to put your company in the most advantageous legal position as possible without regards to the rights of the city. My intent is to try and balance that."

"I'm sure that we can work it out," Davis said. "I can revise the task orders so it doesn't refer to the master plan or provisions, but I don't know if you will be comfortable with that," Brown said.

"I don't think I would feel comfortable doing that," Davis agreed.

"You want the protections that are in your contract and I understand that," Brown said. "My concern is that if we go forward, we will be approving everything as is."

"I guess we ought to table this," Alderman Rick Niewald said.

"The thing I'm looking at is this project called for these task orders to be initiated on the 17th of June," Massey said. "It is now the 24th of July. If we don't move at some point that starts cutting into your design window."

"The schedule is pretty tight," Davis agreed. "The schedule made me nervous when I first put it together."

"Mr. Brown, I'm looking to not table this," Massey said. "What do we need to do to move it forward?"

"They've had two weeks to go over the standard terms and conditions," Brown said. "They should be getting back to us fairly quickly."

"I just got back the comments today," Davis said. "None of your suggestions were earth-shattering to them. They wanted to talk directly with you."

"This has already been authorized to be signed as soon as possible," Massey said. "I'm going to anticipate that you will get with their individuals in the next day or two, so that we can execute this task order by the end of the week."

"That is a great plan," Davis agreed.

"I want to get this started," Massey said. "Bartlett & West also submitted the master plan to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) July 19."

"Once DNR approves the master plan on all the short projects, you can build them yourself," Davis explained. "That allows us to do work, like pipelines, without permitting, which saves engineering, which saves the hassle of more paper-work."

* Bartlett & West had also drawn up task Order #10.

"What we've done here is put together a task order in case you guys wanted to talk to Rural Water about getting a new interconnection on Well #4 where the pipelines are only 10 feet apart," Davis explained.

"Right now, Rural Water is not interested in this," Massey said. "(Utilities Superintendent) Larry (Fredrich) has done some research and found out that it is not within our operating permit and I don't see that it is the city's need to support the county's water district. So, at this point I'll think we'll be removing our interconnect and not replacing it."

* Davis asked if the city is planning to take care of capping Well #3.

"We're going to do that in-house," Fredrich said. "I haven't approached the board yet, but we do have a plan to get it closed."

"So, you guys don't need me?" Davis asked. "I'm going to let you guys run with it and take it off my radar."

* Davis said he needs to add an amendment to the wastewater grant proposal.

"We've got a \$50,000 grant from DNR to look at our wastewater on three different areas," Massey explained. "We asked for five areas, and two areas they considered ineligible. We took off those two and we suggested cameras down and around the square because those are some of our oldest lines."

"Those new items are good, but I do have an amendment here for you to sign that take the ineligible items off and add the new ones," Davis said.

"Gary was able to get a hold of a company out of Jefferson City who aren't going to charge the mobilization fee, so instead of getting a small amount of camera work done, we're going to get a hell of a lot of camera work done," Massey said.

"And DNR is going to pay 80%," Davis said. Aldermen approved the amendment as presented by Davis.

"We'll get started on that right away," Davis said.

* Massey presented the new parking ordinance to aldermen, which as unanimously approved.

"When they brought this to us before we were all kinda snickering about the old language that was on it," Massey said.

"Basically, instead of amending the order we are replacing it," Grellner said.

"There were parking

lots and streets on there we didn't know where they were," Massey said.

"So this just cleans it up?" Turner asked.

"Yes, and adds Highway 50," Grellner said.

"It's way shorter than it used to be," Chief Bray said.

* The city is in need of a replacement mayor pro tem.

"If something happens to me; in case I can't be here or in case something happened to me somebody would have to be able to step in," Massey said. "Before it was KP Nilges. He was close and he'd walk by here on his way home from work every night. It was comfortable as all get out, but we've got to appoint somebody and I'm asking for a volunteer."

"I'll do it," Alderman Steve Boeckmann said.

"Very seldom does Carrie have to have something signed. If I happen to be out of town," Massey said of City Clerk Carrie Grellner. "It doesn't happen very often."

* Sewer adjustments were approved for two residents.

"We've had two people fill their swimming pools and requested those gallons be taken off their bill," Grellner said.

Nicci Bouse's bill will be reduced by about \$52 and Nick Lansford's by about \$61.

"This is something we've always done for people because they are not using the sewer for that amount of water," Niewald explained.

"We do offer an additional meter for people who have bigger gardens," Fredrich said. "The meters are good for about five years, but we don't require them for pools."

Alderman Bill Turner questioned the accuracy of guessing at the water usage of customers.

"We've really relied on good nature over the years," Massey said. "We know it's not 100% accurate but it's pretty close."

* The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone (GVEZ)

presented the Board of Aldermen with a Memorandum of Agreement.

"This basically spells out what they will do for us as members of the organization," Massey explained. "This is renewable based upon mutual agreement."

"I think this is for a year," City Treasurer Janelle Jaegers said.

"If you remember, we had given them a \$500 membership fee," Massey said. "This tells us what we get and what we paid for."

The memorandum was accepted for approval by the board.

* In financial news, aldermen approved the payment of outstanding bills for the month in the amount of \$133,398.18, as well as additional payments totaling \$3,281.59. Receipts for the month across all accounts totaled \$80,558.47.

Jaegers presented the financial report, which noted the city had a total of \$804,966.91 in all of its governmental funds. The city's business funds totaled \$1,367,876.59.

Two certificates of deposit (CD) will renew next month. The general CD and the water CD, each in the amount of \$80,000, will renew at a higher interest rate of 1.2%.

* In his utilities report, Fredrich said the city has a lot of things going on.

"We've replaced culverts on 12th Street and made repairs to the ones on Sixth and Jefferson," Fredrich said. "We've been doing a little street work but not much."

* Fredrich thanked Mark Brune for allowing the city use his concrete power washer to clean the amphitheater and the basketball courts, and expressed appreciation to Dave Lansford for letting the city use his disc so they could get the grass and weeds out of the ball fields.

* New employees were praised by Fredrich.

"How are the new guys working out?" Niewald asked.

"They are doing great,"

Fredrich said. "They show up on time and are getting things done. They have been working really well together. It seems like I have to keep retraining people but hopefully they will stay with us this time. They have the makings of a good crew."

"Dwight had helped us with the repair on Highway 50 and also with the repair on 12th Street," Fredrich added. "He jumps in as much as the other workers; we just can't pay him."

* The lagoon project was behind schedule, but did get completed.

"We are a year and a half late getting the lagoon done," Fredrich said. "But we did get it done and we were under budget. We budgeted for \$124,000 and we did the work for \$110,000. We did good, and this last time we even had a good report."

"We also need to thank Dwight for following the Highway 50 project from beginning to end," Niewald said. "He was very diligent."

"We had argued for the right of inspection and I wasn't going to let that go," Massey said.

"It's a lot smoother than it was," Boeckmann said of the new driving surface.

"Everyone had this idea they were going to overlay everything, and I keep getting asked when they are going to finish," Niewald said.

"I'm tickled to death with Lehman," Massey said. "They did a real good job. The crew was nice and friendly."

"Larry, you guys did a good job fixing the approach into the post office," Niewald said. "I know that's not our street but as a community service it was a good thing to do."

* Fredrich reported that the slide is now fixed at the city pool.

"They did find some chairs and umbrellas at a very reasonable price," Massey said. "They picked

up a few to replace the broken ones and I think they had one or two umbrellas held together with zip ties. So, I said sure I didn't think you guys would mind."

* Flags for World War I Veterans are needed.

"The VFW is looking for one more location for the 21 flags they have for the World War I vets," Massey said. "I had suggested Maguire Park, but they want something on the highway."

"What about the outside of the ball field fence," Boeckmann suggested. "You could see them from the highway."

"Someone had also mentioned the square or (State Tech) as a possibility," Turner said.

Massey will contact the VFW and discuss different options.

"They have done just a fantastic job," Massey said, referring to the flag displays in town. "We are very proud of them."

* The Meramec Regional Planning Commission is looking for projects.

"The University of Rolla has some engineering students that are coming to Osage County to do several projects," Massey said. "They need 15 projects, and Osage County has a handful, but they are offering each town (an opportunity) to come up with two or three projects for the students to study. These are not engineers. They are students, and this is one of their classes. This is their first dose of real-world experience."

Aldermen came up with three projects for the students to work on, including a trail to connect the two parks, a trail to connect the park and the school campus, and a study of zoning and occupancy standards.

The aldermen were all invited to a meeting to kick off the event at 9 a.m. July 29 at the annex building.

* The next meeting was scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 20.

MoDOT offering apprenticeship program

Individuals looking for a career in maintenance with the Missouri Department of Transportation can now take advantage of an apprenticeship program that provides maintenance employees with on-the-job training combined with related classroom instruction, all while earning a paycheck. The program is also available to current MoDOT employees.

The U.S. Department of Labor-Missouri Office of Apprenticeship recently recognized MoDOT's existing employee training programs as meeting the requirements for the federal apprenticeship program.

"The good news for all employees, both current and new hires, is that they will earn a Completion of Registered Apprenticeship certificate provided by the U.S. Department of Labor once they finish the program," said Natalie Roark, MoDOT's state maintenance director. "These certificates are nationally recognized credentials that validate proficiency in an apprenticeship occupation."

In the future, Roark said, MoDOT maintenance employees may have the potential to earn college credit for training provided to them on the job. MoDOT has begun to explore partnerships with community colleges throughout the state to structure a program to provide college credit based on its existing training curriculum. In addition, veterans who qualify for GI Bill benefits and are enrolled in the apprenticeship program may receive a monthly stipend in addition to their MoDOT wages. The stipend is paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"This new program provides an additional recruitment and retention tool for us," said Brandon Anderson, MoDOT senior employee development specialist. "We're pleased to be able to offer it to both potential and current employees."

New employees can sign up for the apprenticeship program upon completion of a six-month probationary period. The program is available for those with both veteran and non-veteran status.

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burg native and 1981 graduate of Helias Catholic High School who began his career in banking with Jefferson Bank. "I've had a lot of good mentors over the years."

Harold Westhues and Dick Wilson helped him get started at Jefferson Bank, and when he moved to Exchange Bank, now Hawthorn Bank, in 1985, after graduating from Lincoln University, Berhorst served under the tutelage of Don Campbell, Dave Turner and Jim Vossen.

Berhorst was a commercial lender for nine years at Hawthorn before joining Mid America Bank, which at the time had 10 employees.

"We were a small bank with limited resources for advertising, so we found success by going to events in the community and getting to know people," said Berhorst. "I had the opportunity to hire great people who bought into the philosophy that we were a family, and that extended to our customers. Trust, loyalty and family values; that's what made the bank successful."

With the development of Blair Oaks school district came new housing construction, and Berhorst said being in on the ground floor really helped as well.

"That allowed us to grow at a manageable pace," he said. "We earned one customer at a time."

In 2006, the fourth facility opened for business in Holts Summit. A year later, in 2007, a permanent location was constructed there, followed by a temporary facility in Belle, which was opened in 2008. A permanent structure was a constructed there in 2018.

In the interim, due to the bank's growth, the Wardsville facility was expanded in 2011 to 6,600 square feet and 23 new employees were hired.

Mid America Bank celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014 with events and activities at all of its branches.

CONTINUED GROWTH

A sixth location will be built in Jefferson City, at the corner of Edgewood Drive and Stadium Boulevard, across from the Jefferson City Medical Group building. Mid America Bank will occupy the lower level of the building in a lease-agreement with the property owner, and the facility will offer a full-service menu, including a drive-through and ATMs.

Construction hasn't begun yet, but Luebbert said the site is being prepared with the hopes construction will start by late September or early October. "If all goes as planned, we're hoping the branch will be open by the summer of 2020," Luebbert added.

This development is the first step in the next phase of expansion, which Luebbert said could include another Jefferson City branch or even beyond.

"We have no specific plans at this time, but

we're looking forward to continued growth in whatever form it takes," said Luebbert, noting that management has been talking about a Jefferson City branch for some time. "It's been in the works for three or four years, and the timing was right for this expansion. We've got good customer relationships in Jefferson City, and we want to make the bank more accessible to those who do business at our other branches, along with adding a convenient option for those who live in Jefferson City."

At this time, Mid America Bank has 90 employees, led by a "tremendous management team," Luebbert said. "We have been blessed with great employees throughout the organization. From our tellers to the lending department, our number-one priority is great customer service, and we strive to meet that goal with every visit."

Executive Vice President Schuyler Marica agrees. "There have been a lot of advancements in technology and automation, and we have all the bells and whistles, but we value the face-to-face interaction with our customers. We are a country bank with friendly employees who get to know the people with whom we do business."

That relationship extends beyond the banking facilities, as Mid America Bank is heavily involved in each community it serves.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

"We encourage all of our employees to be active in their individual communities," said Tim Hagenhoff, who serves as the Community Reinvestment Act officer. "We believe we have an obligation to give back, and banks play a big role in where 'Main Street America' will be in 25 years. It's important to maintain good personal relationships with our customers."

Mid America Bank employees from the Wardsville and Holts Summit branches volunteer monthly at the Salvation Army in Jefferson City. "We take the food with us, and then serve it at the facility," said Hagenhoff.

Each year, through Banzai Schools, Mid America Bank employees visit middle-school students in Cole, Callaway, Osage, Miller and Maries counties to teach personal finances.

"This is a project that teaches kids many factors of finances, and how the system works," said Hagenhoff. "They need to understand the relationship between financing and how it impacts them. Most kids, for example, use a debit card but don't record transactions in a ledger. They forget what they've spent, and then they're running into a bad situation. We hope to educate these kids on how to maintain their finances."

Hagenhoff added that even if it's not a specific fundraiser or community project, employees who wish to give back in other ways are appreciated.

"We want them to do something they like, and not feel like it's an obligation," he said. "We have employees that serve on school boards and foundations and other organizations. All of that is important."

Hagenhoff serves on the Rural Missouri Inc. board of directors and the lending committee for RMI. Typically, the organization offers small-business loans at a lower interest rate to help those in need; recent flooding victims were provided assistance through the program.

Mid America Bank is also active with the United Way, and contributes to a variety of programs, including the Helping Hands Foundation, which is part of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative. Representatives of the bank also actively participate in fair auctions to help youth with their livestock sales.

The Holts Summit branch was constructed to include a community space for small groups as there was no suitable location elsewhere in that community.

"If it's community-related, we want to help," said Hagenhoff. "We support our employees who take an active role."

Community involvement is one of the factors when a new location is considered.

That, along with extreme financial strength and stability, are very important, said Marica.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Luebbert said news of Berhorst's retirement was well-received by employees when the announcement was made July 25, and business is proceeding as usual, with Luebbert serving as both bank president and chairman of the eight-member board of directors. There have been no other changes to management at this time.

"We are planning to move experienced employees to the new facility to help with the transition, which means we will hire additional people to work at the branches with openings," said Luebbert, noting he anticipates hiring another six or seven people, pushing Mid America to nearly 100 employees in total.

"With more 100 years of serving our customers, Mid America Bank has a proud and growth-filled heritage that we intend to continue for many years to come," said Luebbert.

Berhorst said he is hopeful the bank will continue to succeed, and he will miss many elements of the business he oversaw for a quarter-century.

"I'll miss the employees the most, and my customers," he said. "I always enjoyed helping customers better their lives, be it buying a new home or expanding their business."

Berhorst said he plans to pursue other business opportunities and spend more time with his family now that he's retired.

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"We had a trial run last week with a steak and shrimp dinner, and it went very well," said Weiser.

Traditional menu items will include pizza and salad as well, among other entrees.

The restaurant will open Thursday at 11 a.m. and will operate weekly Thursday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., and Sundays from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A grand opening is planned for Saturday, and the ribeye steak entree will be the featured special. "Until we run out of steaks," Weiser added.

Door prizes will be awarded randomly throughout the day, and everyone is welcome. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and the steak dinner offering begins at 5 p.m.

Students are on the move!

Students across Missouri are preparing to begin their 2019-2020 school year. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds drivers this brings a change in traffic patterns — school buses and parents taking their children to school will join other motorists on the road and affect the morning and afternoon commute. In good weather, pedestrian and bicycle traffic increases close to schools. It is critical for drivers to be alert, especially near school zones, playgrounds, and bicycle paths. Whatever route you drive, expect this additional traffic and prepare by allowing extra time to reach your destination.

In 2018, five people were killed and 457 people were injured in 969 traffic crashes involving school buses. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about riding a bus, walking, or driving to school in a safe manner. If they ride a bike, please make sure they wear a helmet and follow traffic laws.

Missouri law states that on a two-lane road, if a school bus is stopped and displaying warning signals while loading or unloading children, drivers must stop when meeting and following the bus. However, it is only necessary to stop on a four-lane highway when following the bus. Drivers, when you see a stopped school bus, stay alert and follow the law. Children may not be aware of traffic and dart unexpectedly into the roadway.

Most traffic crashes involving young drivers (under the age of 21) in 2018 occurred between 3 p.m. and

4 p.m., when school typically lets out. Many of these drivers are young and inexperienced. Parents: It is important to encourage those young drivers to remember driving is a full-time job. Using a cell phone, texting, or adjusting the radio can be the distraction that leads to a traffic crash. Texting is against the law for anyone under the age of 22. Every driver needs to be aware of the increased traffic during this time—and not just in areas around schools. Some of these young drivers are headed to an after-school activity or going to work.

The only 100 percent survivable crash is the one that never happens. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Every day as we travel on Missouri's roadways, we trust that every driver on the road is going to obey the speed limit, pay attention, and drive sober. "Don't Violate The Trust."

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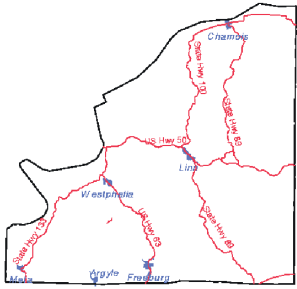
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State Tech to offer new grant program

State Technical College will offer a new grant program this fall in a unique setting, according to MoSTEM/MoSTART Grant Manager Nancy Wiley, who will oversee the newly-developed Missouri Apprenticeship Manufacturing Programs (MoAMP) grant.

At \$1.2 million over four years, the college has an opportunity to work with minorities, people of color and justice-involved individuals, which refers to those incarcerated by the Missouri Department of Corrections.

"I'm really excited about this grant opportunity," said Wiley, noting the grant will be used in electrical distribution and HVAC programs. "This will allow us to continue a strong partnership with the Department of Corrections, teaching those inside prison walls to prepare for a successful re-entry into society."

The idea is to use State Tech's 60-foot mobile learning center at various prisons, though no specific facilities have been named.

"We will likely work at Algoa and the Women's Correctional Facility at Vandalia, but nothing has been decided," said Wiley, noting a launch meeting is scheduled for later this week with members of the Missouri Community College Association, which has partnered with State Technical College. "There were a lot of barriers and red tape to navigate to get this program and others over the last eight years put into place with DOC, but it's been well worth the effort."

The path has been made a little more smooth thanks to former State Tech employee Shelle Jacobs, who is now the re-entry coordinator for the Department of Corrections.

"Not only is she very familiar with the college and our programs, but she is also a strong advocate for justice-involved individuals," said Wiley. "She has a great relationship with many industry representatives, and works with them to secure gainful employment for those who finish this program." Wiley added that the DOC is an untapped workforce, and training individuals who are nearing their release date will provide motivation to find a good-paying job.

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FATIMA SENIOR Jonathan Schwartz and Fatima sophomore Malory Kloeppel were the top grand-prize winners in the Vitae Foundation's Contest on Life Issues, "Encouraging a Culture of Life," and threw out a ceremonial first pitch before the start of the Aug. 1 St. Louis Cardinals game. They were joined by Jessica Braun, a seventh-grade teacher at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek, and Beth Parrish, a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at St. George in Linn, whose classes had the highest student participation by percentage.

PHOTO BY NEAL JOHNSON

Fatima students win Vitae essay contest, throw out first pitch at Thursday's Cardinals game

Fatima senior Jonathan Schwartz of Freeburg, and Fatima sophomore Malory Kloeppel of Westphalia, claimed the two top grand prizes in the Vitae Foundation's Contest on Life Issues, "Encouraging a Culture of Life," and threw out a ceremonial first pitch before the start of the Aug. 1 St. Louis Cardinals game against the Chicago Cubs as part of Osage County Night at the Ballpark.

Vitae's essay contest engaged the younger residents of Osage County in the discussion of life issues.

Kloeppel's essay was titled "Abolish Abortion," while Schwartz's entry was titled "Destroy

the Death Penalty." To read the winning essays, go to www.vitaefoundation.com/blog.

Kloeppel said it was important for her to talk about it. "I've learned a lot about it this year," she said. "I took the position that it is wrong for society, it's wrong for the child and wrong for women. I learned in my research that abortion leads to depression in a lot of women. In the media today, abortion is seen to be an empowering freedom for women. However, many women that have had the procedure deeply regret it."

Along with being cruel to the unborn child and

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VISITORS AWAIT their turn to go up in a Three Rivers bucket truck at Friday's annual meeting.

Three Rivers Electric celebrates 80th year at annual meeting

**BY LORIE KISO
THREE RIVERS ELECTRIC**

The 80th Annual Meeting of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative members was filled with fun, food, music, and most importantly, participation in the democratic process when members voted for directors and heard about the co-op's past business year.

In his welcome to the membership, Board President Tom Stegeman spoke of the freedoms we have in our country today including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion.

"We would not be meeting here today without those

who fought for our country," he said as he asked for the veterans to stand. A rousing round of applause was given to those members who fought for our country.

Those who attended the annual meeting participated in the second cooperative principle, which is democratic member control. "By being here tonight, you are actively participating in setting policies and making decisions, including voting for the directors who serve on the cooperative's board," Stegeman said.

He went on to say that the cooperative experienced many changes and challenges during the past year. Gen-

eral Manager/CEO Roger Kloeppel succeeded Tom Werdehouse, and the co-op experienced many types of weather including extreme winter weather, storms, a tornado, flooding and now summer heat. "During it all, you have been very patient when we have experienced outages on our system, and for that, we are very appreciative," Stegeman said.

Secretary-Treasurer Alan McNeely presented the financial report, which, along with minutes from 2018, were approved by the membership. The cooperative is in good financial condition,

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Fake kidnaping results in real charges

Area law enforcement has big response to pregnant mom, child abduction, which is later found to be a made up story

**BY LAURA SCHIERMEIER
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The Maries County Sheriff's Office initiated its first ever AMBER Alert last Thursday afternoon at 3:38 p.m. after receiving a report that a pregnant woman and her baby had been abducted by a man in a black truck.

Law enforcement agencies in this area worked with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the FBI, and a sheriff's office in Arkansas to determine the truth in the case, which they learned at about 7 p.m. that evening. The mom and child were safe and had not been abducted but had left the county on her own free will.

Allison Summerford, 22, of Vienna, and her young son, Dominique Summerford, age 11 months, were found safe at Burger King in Rolla, which is located in front of the bus terminal on Kingshighway.

Maries County Sheriff's Lt. Scott John told the story of how the four hours of crime investigation proceeded 1 Aug.

1. The county's 911 Dispatch Center received a call from a citizen who is a neighbor to the Summerford family, Leonard Ewers, who reported a female and her child had been abducted from their home on Maries County Road 213 by a man driving a dark GMC or Chevrolet full sized truck with tires stacked in the truck's bed.

Sheriff's Deputies Mark Morgan and Detective Ken Kilmer responded, searching the area for the truck and its occupants.

John went to the home on MCR 213 and found out the alleged incident had taken place about 45 minutes before the call came in to the 911 Dispatch Center.

"They had a forty-five minute head start on us," John said. He spoke with a 16-year-old male who said he was the one who waved down Ewers who was driving by on a four-wheeler. The youth said he did not have a phone so Ewers made the call to 911 for him.

The youth told John he saw a male suspect come to the door of the residence, which

Summerford had locked. The man, he said, dragged Summerford by the hair and threw her in the truck. He also took the 11-month-old and a suitcase Summerford was said to be living out of. The youth said it was not the child's father who had pulled Summerford out of the house, but a man he'd never seen before.

Also, he said there was someone else in the truck but he could not see who it was because of the tinted windows but suspected it to be the baby's father, Terrioun Frye. Frye was initially identified as the suspect in the abduction but his photograph and name were removed from the AMBER Alert within an hour of the first reporting of the incident.

The youth said he was by the barn and when he began to approach the scene the man flashed a gun at him so he stayed away.

John said they had a description of the truck, of the man, the name of the father, information on the victims and

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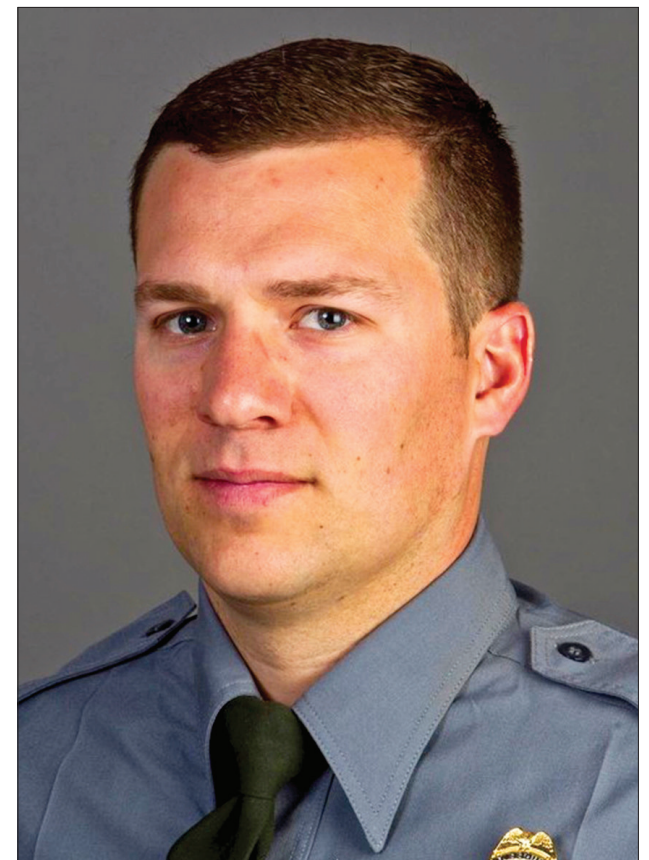
Kidnapping hoax "victim" charged with prostitution after story unfolds

Allison Summerford, along with her child and her father, were in Judge Kerry Rowden's Court on Tuesday for a protective custody hearing for the 11-month-old, Dominique.

There were attorneys from the state's children division present for the hearing. The attorneys told Maries County Associate Circuit Court Judge Kerry Rowden that Summerford is not married. The father of the child, the attorney told the court, is, they believe, incarcerated in Arkansas.

The 22-year-old lives at

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT of Conservation Agent Chad Gray has been assigned to Osage County.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

MDC Agent Gray assigned to Osage County

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has assigned Chad Gray as the new conservation agent in Osage County.

Agent Gray grew up in Edwardsville, Ill., where his family still lives today.

"During the summer, I vacationed to central Missouri many times, where I became intrigued with clear water streams," said Gray. "My fondest memories include summer trips to the Huzzah and Courtois rivers to catch smallmouth bass."

After earning a Bachelor of Science in ecology, range, fish and wildlife from Brigham Young University in Idaho, he began his career with MDC in 2014, in the Wildlife Division at August A. Busch and Columbia Bottom conservation areas.

Upon graduating from

the MDC Conservation Agent Training Academy in 2017, Gray served as the conservation agent in Atchison County until his reassignment to Osage County in May of this year.

Agent Gray is an avid outdoorsman and brings great knowledge of Missouri's resources with him to Osage County.

"I was drawn to Osage County because of its beautiful landscapes and multiple habitat types," said Gray. "I feel that Osage County can showcase every amazing part of the wild resources of Missouri. I'm looking forward to this assignment and I'm excited to serve the communities within Osage County."

Agent Gray can be reached by email at Chad.Gray@mdc.mo.gov, or by phone at (573) 690-3989.

Westphalia aldermen green-light car show, but limit hours in bid to limit "unsafe behaviors"

**BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER**

Westphalia aldermen at their meeting last Tuesday night, approved the annual car show Sept. 9, but there will be changes this year as board members address concerns from residents that the car show runs too late into the evening and encourages unsafe behaviors.

"We had the recent car show at Freeburg," Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham said. "Their [trustees] had grave concerns, but we stationed officers there, and we did write tickets at the mayor's insistence. We wrote the ticket, the village backed us up and it was a very successful event."

"My concern is one of safety," Alderman Mike Kliethermes said.

"In years past, the officers were here in presence but not actually issuing tickets,"

Mayor Tammy Massman said.

"That's the big difference," Sheriff Bonham said. "Usually we have to write one ticket and it is done. I think it is a good idea to change the time frame."

"So, if we approve the car show tonight, you will have a deputy available?" Kliethermes asked.

"That's our intention," Bonham said. "But it will depend on what is going on in the county."

"The car show brings revenue into the city," Alderman Ron Patterson said. "The restaurants make good money. I think we should have it."

"If law enforcement is actually participating, I am not opposed to it," Kliethermes said.

Aldermen approved the car show but changed the hours from 6 to 10 p.m. The last outside alcoholic beverage will be sold

at 9:45.

"My question is how do we force the car show to end?" Kliethermes asked.

"That is going to have to be the responsibility of the car show organizers," Patterson said. "They have to end it, and step up and say it's over. If people want to stand around on the sidewalk and talk, we can't do anything about it."

Sheriff Bonham also asked the board to support Proposition P.

"Proposition P is about getting a decent wage," Bonham said. "We have to prioritize calls because we are short-handed. It is no surprise that Osage County is a little bit behind the curve. We had a lot of issues that we had to straighten out when I came into office and we stayed with it and we stayed

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A NEW ADVENTURE

The race card loses its meaning, bites Democrats

We've been told by Democrats for decades now that basically all Republicans are racists. Every Republican president in my lifetime has been called a racist at one time. Maybe I'm stretching the facts a little but it seems as though not a week goes by when President Donald Trump is not called a racist.

This was brought to the forefront last week when Trump tweeted about the deplorable conditions in the city of Baltimore.

Here is what the president tweeted: "Rep. Elijah Cummings has been a brutal bully, shouting and screaming at the great men & women of Border Patrol about conditions at the Southern Border, when actually his Baltimore district is FAR WORSE and more dangerous. His district is considered the Worst in the USA."

He went on to say Cummings' district is "a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess." "If he spent more time in Baltimore, maybe he could help clean up this very dangerous

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



& filthy place," the president wrote of Cummings.

In Martin Luther King's *I have a dream* speech, delivered almost 56 years ago this month, he said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Nowhere in King's speech did he say that blacks should never be criticized or judged for their actions.

We now live in a country where anytime

an individual makes a negative comment on someone who happens to be black about their actions they are deemed racist.

Never mind that it has nothing to do with the color of their skin. Never mind that what is said is factual. Never mind that others have made similar statements. Even Cummings called Baltimore "drug infested," and likened residents to "zombies."

If Trump were a racist he would not be good friends and play golf with Tiger Woods; he would not be about to execute a white supremacist; he would not have pushed Sweden to release black rapper 50 Cent from jail; he would not be pushing prison reform that directly benefits families of black men; he would not have pardoned a black Tennessee grandmother serving a life sentence for cocaine trafficking; he would not have invited a group of about 20 "Inner City Pastors," as he called them, to the White House for a meeting about how to help the black community last week.

So, when Trump calls out leaders of Balti-

more where minorities are the main victims of crime and blight he is called a racist.

In many cases, as in this example from Baltimore, the race card is used to deflect criticism from the real problem — "pay no attention to what Trump has to say for he is a racist."

In the past few weeks the race card has come back to bite Democrats — presidential candidate Joe Biden has been called racist by two others campaigning for president on the Democrat ticket and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has also recently been labeled a racist.

Just like chicken little always claiming that the sky is falling, over use of the word racist causes the word to lose its meaning.

Are there racists? Of course there are. James Earl Ray, who shot and killed King was a racist. Two years ago when blacks marched from St. Louis to Jefferson City on Highway 50 someone placed a plate of fried chicken at various points along the way. That person

was obviously racist.

Every white Republican who didn't vote for Barack Obama is not a racist. That is another lie spread by Democrats to keep the black population blindly voting for them. We voted for Obama's Republican opponents because of his politics. It had nothing to do with the color of his skin, precisely what King wanted.

There are signs that some Democrats are moving past calling Republicans racist and deplorable. Comedian D.L. Hughley recently stated that Trump supporters are worse than devil worshippers, and Democrat Representative Ilhan Omar said in a 2018 interview that Americans should be "more fearful of white men" than of "jihadist terrorism."

What they are doing is de-humanizing us, just like Hitler did with the Jews in Germany before World War II.

Do Democrats in our local communities believe that we are deplorable, racist and worse than devil worshippers and jihadist terrorism? I pray not.

FOR THE RECORD

By **RALPH VOSS**

I'm very concerned about my country. Its problems are numerous and serious.

I'm even more concerned about my church.

The church's problems are also numerous and serious, but it has a unique problem, and that's Pope Francis.

Science was used in Roe vs. Wade to justify abortion. Today science is crushing the case of abortionists. The ultrasound is making it next to impossible to make abortion a routine procedure. Babies are still being slaughtered in abortion mills, but it's obvious to more and more people that this is tantamount to Hitler's treatment of Jews.

Science is doing something else even more remarkable. It's showing that evolution is not a slam dunk. It's proving intelligent design is for real. And it's proving that the major tenet of the

Catholic Church — the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist — is right on.

Today, science is showing that communion bread and wine that were consecrated by Catholic priests at a number of different churches in different countries in different centuries, have turned into human flesh and human blood.

This can be proven in a court of law in this country much easier than Darwinism.

One of the churches where a Eucharistic miracle occurred was in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The year was 1996. The cardinal presiding over the archdiocese of Buenos Aires ordered a scientific investigation and eight highly-respected laboratories on three continents analyzed what had been a communion host and determined it was human flesh from the heart. In 2013 the cardinal that

ordered that investigation became Pope Francis. Today the leader of the Catholic Church talks about global warming and ignores the Eucharistic miracle that took place on his watch. That's to say nothing about the fact he is essentially ignoring the abusive priest situation that is festering around the world. But that's a subject for another day.

If you'd like to learn more about Eucharistic miracles, you might want to attend one of two programs being offered at St. Joseph Church in Westphalia Sunday and Monday, Aug. 11 and 12. The programs are scheduled to run from 6:30 to 9 both nights. You don't need to attend both evenings, as the presentations will be similar. However, I would suggest you attend Sunday, and if you are as impressed as I think you might be, you will encourage others to go Monday.

BLAINE'S BULLETIN

Certainty for 9/11 First Responders



by **Blaine Luetkemeyer**
3rd District
Congressman

On September 11, 2001, 2,977 people lost their lives in the most devastating terrorist attack in our nation's history. In the immediate aftermath, thousands of first responders scoured the scene for survivors, spending days or weeks inhaling dangerous carcinogens. More than eighteen years later, the lasting effects have continued to claim the lives of the brave men and women across the nation.

FBI Special Agent Melissa Morrow was raised in mid-Missouri and attended the University of Missouri where she graduated Magna Cum Laude before earning her law school juris doctorate in 1994. After graduation, she began a distinguished career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She was assigned to the Washington D.C. Field Office where she worked until 2010.

As a member of the FBI Evidence Response Team in Washington D.C., Melissa served at the Pentagon in the months following the September 11th terrorist attacks. She spent ten weeks at the Pentagon crash site and at an evidence warehouse where she later learned she was exposed to hazardous contaminants.

In 2010, Special Agent Morrow moved back to her home state, serving in the Kansas City Field Office. She earned numerous recognitions and awards for her work in the Kansas City Field Office. Unfortunately, in July 2016, she was diagnosed with a highly aggressive form of glioblastoma brain cancer, attributed to her service at the Pentagon. On March 22, 2018, Special Agent Morrow passed away. I had the honor of attending her funeral in Kansas City where she was honored for her service and dedication to the nation and remembered as a fiercely loyal friend and colleague, with an infectious laugh.

Special Agent Morrow's death is a sobering reminder of the lasting effects of September 11th which span the entire nation and touch each and every one of us. This week, President Donald Trump signed into law legislation to permanently authorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. "Today, we come together as one nation to support our September 11th heroes, to care for their families, and to renew our eternal vow: Never, Ever Forget," said President Trump in the Rose Garden signing ceremony.

On one of the worst days in our nation's history, thousands of men and women put their lives on the line to save their fellow Americans. They are the best among us and deserve our full and unwavering support. With President Trump's signature, our first responders now have certainty that their families will be taken care of — no matter what.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Agritourism is growing throughout Missouri

By **ERIC BOHL**

Late summer and fall are the prime seasons for one of agriculture's fastest-growing segments, agritourism. Rural Missouri is full of opportunities for agritourism, which is generally defined as an agriculturally-based operation that brings visitors to a farm or ranch. People from all walks of life can experience agriculture for an afternoon or a weekend, no matter if they have young children or are seeking relaxation in retirement.

The seventh-annual Missouri Agritourism Conference was held at the end of July in Warrensburg. The three-day event was sponsored by Missouri Farm Bureau and Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance, the Missouri Department of Agriculture and University of Central Missouri (UCM).

Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe has been an incredible supporter of Missouri agritourism during his first year in office. He spoke to the conference and encouraged attendees to continue to grow this blossoming industry. As he noted, agritourism brings together Missouri's number-one and number-two industries — agriculture and tourism — to make them both stronger.

Agritourism comes in innumerable forms, many of which were on display at this year's conference. Attendees toured venues as varied as UCM's Mitchell Street Research Farm in Warrensburg; Buckeye Acres pumpkin patch, u-pick orchard, and community supported agriculture

(CSA) near Warrensburg; Green Meadows Alpaca Ranch near Holden; Fahrmeier Farms and Winery, an orchard and winery near Lexington; Hemme Brothers Creamery near Sweet Springs; Spring Branch Acres Christmas Tree Farm near Knob Noster; and Simple Blessings Farm, a wedding barn and venue near Knob Noster.

All of these businesses fall under the umbrella of the wonderfully diverse world of Missouri agritourism. As the summer heat dissipates and fall nears, the golden weekends of agritourism will arrive in September and October. Pumpkin patches, fall festivals, hay bales, corn mazes, apple cider, hayrides and more have become common all around the state during that time of year.

Missouri Farm Bureau maintains a database of over 500 agritourism venues at mofb.org. Every part of the state has something for all ages. You can plan out your fall weekends now by going there and finding the best venues near you.

If you are interested in starting or improving your own agritourism venue, MOFB can help connect you with others who can help and guide you as you grow. Next year's Missouri Agritourism Conference is tentatively planned for late July in Rolla. Be sure to sign up and attend to learn how to create amazing memories for Missourians by connecting them to local agriculture.

Eric Bohl, of Columbia, Mo., is Director of Public Affairs for Missouri Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization.

MAIL BAG

Sneakers for troops

To the Editor:

Recently, David Muir, ABC Nightly News, reported on a "good news" story called "Sneakers for Troops." As a retired military member, the story pulled at my heart strings, but it also angered me against the Army, to be explained.

A mother was talking to her Army enlisted son, stationed in Afghanistan. He explained that the Army issued (as in uniform issue) sneakers/running shoes were falling apart with hard use in the harsh conditions in Afghanistan. He asked if she could send him better/sturdier sneakers. She went to her local shoe store, bought a good pair, and sent them to her son. She also asked how his fellow troops were doing with their running shoes... as bad or worse. So she quickly formed a non-profit charitable group called "Sneakers for Troops." She asked her son's fellow soldier's shoe sizes, color preference, etc. She quickly got enough donations and sent over 200 pairs of individualized sneakers to her son's Army Unit. David Muir covered the story and it has gone viral/much bigger. Sounds good.

Then I got to thinking about who's responsible. If the Army issued unsuitable inferior running

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HOMETOWN BOY

Science changes and USDA rules confront farmers keeping updated

Farmers face new challenges from new directions. Old problems grow bigger. Local markets face global influence. Answers that used to work, need updating.

Think of changes this year. Weather always impact crops and livestock; but this year outdid itself.

Heavy rains fell atop flood waters pouring from northern states. Prevented planting ripple effects linger.

Crop prices dropped when trade tariffs back-fired hurting farmers. A national story reports half of Midwest farms face financial harm.

Now farmers cope with two new government programs that containing rules to heed. If deadlines are missed, pay is lost.

I try staying up on rules and deadlines. From the sidelines I see rigid rules to fit all growing zones might not work. One size doesn't fit all.

I've heard commodity groups asking for changes.

Rule writers in Washington, D.C., may not know how weather impacts aren't over yet. Delayed plantings lead to varied harvests.

A state specialist drove to Minnesota a week ago for a regional meeting. He brought home a windshield survey of crops.

Missouri corn growth stages vary more than in Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. He noted Missouri has more good looking early crops than other states.

Then I read an internet weather warning: "Expect a wet harvest." Oh, no!

That fit a late weather update from MU weekly crop teleconference. Almost all of Missouri needed rains, after a dry spell that threatened crop harm. Pat Guinan said two to five inches of rain fell the previous week in July. That relieved farmers' minds.

But, Pat's long-range outlook raised concerns. A new frontal ridge could develop to bring not just big rains, but damaging windstorms. Earlier, there was mention of possible weak roots not holding corn upright this year. That's potential crop loss.

From my spot on our Land-Grant University campus, I see how science change helps farmers. How crops grow changes with changing weather.

Greg Luce, crop specialist, returned from an Arkansas soybean tour. That's a good sign when scientists share new findings. Luce took photos of fields of blooming soybeans in flood water. How awful, I thought.

No, the floods were scientific tests on plot after plot. Soybeans at various stages of growth were flooded for 10 days. Some varieties take wet feet better than others. That's good to know.

Science changes to meet new challenges. But, that puts a bigger burden on farmers. How do they stay informed of new things to learn? That includes unknowable weather. Government rule changes always challenge. Now there's science changes to meet today's needs. That's lots of learning.

Luce just released an updated guidesheet. Farmers with prevented planting need to know of fallow-field syndrome. Fields that stay unplanted for a year lose their soil microflora, the fungi keeping the root-zone alive.

Many may not know that tiny fungi are the first to absorb mineral nutrients from the soil. The fungi maintain a symbiotic relationship with crop roots. They take sugar from roots to survive. In turn the crop roots absorb minerals from fungi. Their phosphorous and zinc help corn root.

Without root hosts, fungi die. Recent MU research shows the value of cover crops over winter keep fungi alive. It's a complex world down there.

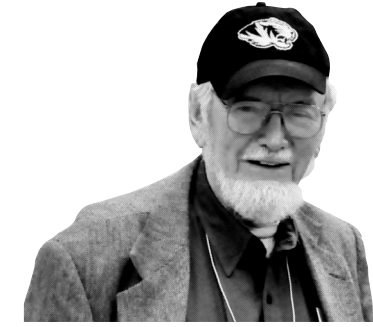
Grasses, such as cereal grains, are easy to plant and grow. But, this year, government rules allowed planting corn and soybean covers.

Beef herd owners must seek out forages for their cows. Even soybeans can make hay for cattle.

My concern returns on how do these messages reach all farmers. Some university and government officials assume putting data on the internet does it. I know information flows best when told as news stories.

I just received a new gift book. It's "Because Internet: Understanding New Rules of Language," by linguist Gretchen McCulloch. The web changes how we write. Complex ideas chopped to a few words don't tell stories. In government and farming, details do make differences.

I still take e-mails at duanedaily7@gmail.com.



by **DUANE DAILEY**

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that a firearm was present and violence had been used. This met the criteria for issuing an AMBER Alert—or America’s Missing Broadcast Emergency Response.

Shane Sweno, who was on duty at the county’s 911 Dispatch Center, contacted Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Troop F and patrol officials said it met the criteria and issued the AMBER Alert at 3:38 p.m.

John said by the time the AMBER Alert was issued, about an hour had passed. They began to dig into the details of the case. The deputies quickly found holes in the youth’s story and were suspicious but noted he was young and was “rattled” as they questioned him.

The Phelps County Sheriff’s Office and Rolla police were contacted for help and they began looking for the vehicle coming through Rolla and Phelps County.

Jay Summerford, Allison’s father, told them she had a doctor’s appointment that day in Rolla and Rolla police checked on this lead, searching the area of the doctor’s office near the hospital.

The sheriff’s office used Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) to get information about where the victims might be using a cell phone so they could do a carrier emergency ping. However, they found out it was an internet service application that was used called textnow, and not a cell phone so were unable to get a location on the phone.

John said they knew the child’s father had at one time been arrested in Drew County, Ark. The sheriff’s office

there was contacted they were told he was incarcerated in Arkansas.

John said the youth’s story began to fall apart.

Summerford’s mother called and said she had sent her daughter money using the Walmart to Walmart wire service. The money was for Summerford to buy a bus ticket to travel to her. Summerford, the deputies were told, did not know anyone in Vienna and was not happy here.

The youth’s story continued to crumble and he was interviewed again by sheriff’s deputies. John said he “stuck to his story.”

Rolla police went to Walmart and the bus station looking for Summerford and the baby.

Then, John received a call from the man who was driving the dark pickup truck. He had seen the AMBER Alert and called to say Summerford and the baby were not abducted and the story put out was not what happened.

Sheriff Chris Heitman spoke to the man, identified as Albert Brame of Steelville, who said he met Summerford on a dating app and she asked for his help getting her to the bus station. They had made a bargain for the type of payment, which was met, and he agreed to help her.

Brame took Summerford and baby to Walmart to get the money and then to the bus station behind Burger King. Rolla police found Summerford and her son at Burger King. She said she waved down a guy and asked him to take her to Rolla so she could get on a bus to take her to Arkansas where



her mother lived.

Brame came in for questioning and John said he cooperated completely and was released without charges. Deputy Erican Sugg went to Rolla to get Summerford and her son.

The youth who reported the abduction was questioned at the sheriff’s office with a juvenile officer present.

The youth stuck to his story until about 7 p.m. when he admitted the story was made up. Summerford also was questioned and at first lied about the abduction but later admitted she made up the story and convinced her brother to go along with it.

She reportedly intended to take the baby to Arkansas and used the story about an abduction to distract her father to give her enough time to get away. Summerford was arrested that night and was held in the Maries County Jail until about 6 p.m. Friday when she was released.

John said they are seeking a charge of making a false statement, a class A misdemeanor. Information about the juvenile’s involvement was shared with the juvenile office.

Heitman said the 911 center was overwhelmed with calls. He and Sweno received over 150 calls within 30 minutes.



ALLISON SUMMERFORD (right) and her son (left) was found in Rolla safe after a supposed kidnapping. Maries county deputy police vehicles (top) sit in the roadway while they investigate the supposed kidnapping.



The calls were from people throughout the state, and even from other states, who said they’d seen the truck with the victims inside.

Ironically, one call was from a woman who was at the Burger King in Rolla who told them “she’s standing right here.”

Heitman said at one time, he had to call back the FBI and had to hang up on a call to get an outside line.

“It was a good response, but overwhelming to answer with four to five lines,” he said, adding if the crisis had gone on much longer, they would have had to bring in a mobile command unit and shut down the street outside the courthouse.

“It would have required a lot of resources.” He said he feels “very lucky” with the result.

Sheriff’s staff have recently received training used in this situation. Other law enforcement agencies were quick to help once the AMBER Alert was issued and the incident was resolved quickly.

Heitman, who began a career in law enforcement as a dispatcher/jailer, said this incident was the most overwhelming he’s ever seen. He thinks it was a waste of resources for an unnecessary investigation. Restitution could be sought from Summerford.

He said Summerford said she was sorry for causing the commotion.

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“We believe this will help reduce the recidivism rate, while at the same time, provide much-needed skilled workers in maintenance, electrical distribution and HVAC,” she said.

Wiley estimates that 90% of those will take advantage of the grant will be nearing release from imprisonment, and the remaining 10% will be students of color or of minority status applying directly to the college.

Potential students within DOC will work with State Tech Re-Entry Coordinator/Instructor Janet Kremer.

“She gets them signed up and helps them understand the process prior to release from prison,” said Wiley. “It’s very important that they understand what they need to do once they’re released, and how to go about finding a job. There’s a big disconnect for those who have been incarcerated. There are so many barriers for people in that position, and if we can help them get the training they need, and then find gainful employment, it’s a win-win for everyone.”

Wiley added that she is a strong proponent of second

chances, and said this program offers just that.

“Being able to go to school with a grant, and learning a skill that will enable them to earn a living builds confidence,” she said. “I’m very proud that State Tech is thinking outside the box, and finding ways to improve the lives of our students.”

At the college, once an application is received, a thorough vetting process begins, and personal interviews are conducted, Wiley said.

“If this is a good fit for the individual, they will take a WorkKeys exam,” she added, noting that a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) credential is achieved by those who successfully complete the exam.

Wiley said the grant requires the college to serve 530 students over the course of four years.

“The grant is a pathway to a better future,” she added.

The MoAMP grant also serves non-profit and community organizations, with a focus on unemployed, underemployed or low-skilled individuals.

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her father’s residence on MCR 213, Vienna. She and her young son were the subjects of an AMBER Alert issued last week that turned out to be a false statement she and her brother, a juvenile, made to distract her father who she feared would keep her from traveling to Arkansas to her mother’s residence.

Summerford has been charged by Maries County Prosecuting Attorney Anthony “Tony” Skouby with the class A misdemeanor of filing a false report triggering an AMBER Alert, and the class B misdemeanor of prostitution. Summerford allegedly made a deal with Steelville man, Albert Brame, to exchange sex for a ride to Rolla to pick up money from a Walmart to Walmart money transfer from her mother. The money was sent for her to buy a bus ticket to travel to her mother’s residence in Monticello, Arkansas.

At the hearing Tuesday, Summerford’s father, Jay Summerford, was present and he agreed the young child can continue to live at his residence at MCR 213, near Vienna. The next court date for Allison Summerford is later this month.

Ameren Missouri investing in downtown Jefferson City as part of its Smart Energy Plan to improve service reliability for residents and businesses

New smart technology designed to reduce outages and speed power restoration

JEFFERSON CITY — Ameren Missouri has begun construction on the Jefferson City Smart Grid Project that will reduce the number of outages and speed power restoration for customers in downtown Jefferson City.

New underground equipment with smart technology is being installed throughout downtown to create a self-healing grid that is designed to reduce outage times for some service disruptions from hours to seconds.

Today workers will start installing new switchgear on Jackson Street. The approximately 2,900 pound switchgear is a key part of the storm hardening project.

Work on the \$1.2 million initiative started in August and is scheduled to be completed in December 2019.

“The Jefferson City Smart Grid Project will modernize and dramatically upgrade underground infrastructure to provide more reliable electric service to local and state agencies and businesses that serve millions of Missouri families

on a daily basis,” said Ralph “Chip” Webb, division director of central Missouri for Ameren Missouri.

Part of Ameren Missouri’s Smart Energy Plan, the project includes installation of eight smart technology switchgears that have the capability to work together to detect and isolate outages and quickly re-route power. The project also includes the addition of innovative fiber optic cables that will allow streamlined communication with Ameren Missouri’s network.

Among the businesses and government agencies that will benefit from these smart technology improvements are the Jefferson City Hall and Police Department, Cole County Court House, Cole County Sheriff’s Department and Jail, Missouri State Capitol, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Revenue and others in the downtown area.

“We recognize that the downtown area has seen some service interruptions and know that even short intermittent out-

ages can have an adverse effect on daily lives and local government and business operations. This project will transform the energy grid into a much more robust, smarter and secure system for families and businesses,” Webb said.

In addition to the downtown smart technology project, Ameren Missouri will upgrade the Fairgrounds substation with new energy delivery cables to harden the system and provide improved customer reliability for decades to come. Multiple upgrade projects are also planned throughout Central Missouri and other parts of the state.

The Smart Energy Plan, announced in February, is the largest infrastructure upgrade plan in Ameren Missouri’s history and was made possible by the passage of Senate Bill 564 last year by the Missouri General Assembly. The plan includes a \$5.3 billion capital investment in more than 2,000 electric projects across Missouri. It also includes a \$1 billion investment in wind generation to continue Ameren Missouri’s transition

to using cleaner, renewable energy sources, which will help to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. The projects will also accelerate smart energy infrastructure and create thousands of direct and indirect jobs for Missouri workers.

Customers can learn more about the Smart Energy Plan at AmerenMissouri.com/Smart-EnergyPlan.

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shoes to the troops, and failed to resupply or correct the problem, the Army is grossly at fault. The Army Air Force Exchange Service (PX/BX, “The Exchange”) were chartered to support the troops. They are supposed to set up overseas and combat zone PX’s to adequately support troops, not just to sell them candy, snacks and sodas. They sell shoes stateside and should sell to overseas troops too. The profits from PX/BX operations are earmarked for military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) activities (including overseas and combat zones). The basic job of Field Commanders is to take care of their troops. So the Army failed the troops; the PX failed the troops; the MWR failed the troops, and the Field Commanders failed their troops in Afghanistan. I’m saddened, disappointed, and angered about the situation! Do the right thing Army!

Sincerely concerned,
Charlie Buntsma, Dixon

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under budget. “We pay our jailers \$24,500 a year,” Bonham continued. “They could make that at McDonalds. We have to get our jobs up to a competitive level with other law enforcement (agencies). We are all competing for the same labor. When we have officers leave, we are losing our most important assets. When they know the geography and they know the communities.”

Sheriff Bonham admitted that Westphalia and Loose Creek do not see a lot of the sheriff’s department but that is a good thing since they have such a low crime rate.

“The big issue facing Westphalia are issues with traffic going too fast on Highway 63 and on Main Street,” Bonham said. “We put our sign down here to try to slow down traffic. We need to try to work with Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to get the speed reduced on Highway 63. I agree 50 miles per hour is too fast, it should be 45 miles per hour.”

The sheriff believes that Proposition P will generate \$600,000 for the Sheriff’s Department but will only cost the average citizen \$30 to \$35 per year in extra sales tax, with 70% of that money going to wages and the remaining funds to update the department’s technology.

“I would be horrified if I left this place like I found it,” Sheriff Bonham said. “I was supposed to fix things and stay off the front page. I’m asking for my report card on the November ballot. We serve you and I haven’t forgotten that.”

SEWER SYSTEM

Sewer Operations Manager Phil Peaks reported to the mayor by text as he was not able to be the meeting in person.

“Everything is good,” Peaks reported. “There have been no new issues since the last meeting.”

Peaks anticipates that there will be another round of land-application around the first of September.

The blower has been installed and is currently in use.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board approved city fund expenses in the amount of \$3,371.90, and sewer system expenses totaling \$8,917.23. The latter amount was amended to include an additional \$187.13 for Peaks and an additional \$1,200 to Mid-Mo Environmental for the amount that was held back last month. Mid-Mo Environmental is now up to date with its billing.

Special Road District Expenses were \$68,595.34.

City receipts for the month totaled \$8,803.77, sewer receipts came in at \$6,299.12 and Special Road District receipts were \$3,674.36.

* The city will repaint the school cross walks before school starts.

* The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

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the mother, Kloepfel in her essay wrote that "abortion is violent and disrespectful to human life in general. A culture that views abortion as okay is a culture that views human life as disposable. Disposing of human life is throwing away the potential that aborted children may have to make the United States better. For every child that is aborted, there is someone who is looking for a child to adopt."

Being on the mound, Kloepfel said, was a great experience. "It's really cool to be here throwing out the first pitch at a Cardinals game," she added. "I'm really happy to be here."

Schwartz said his main goal was to write a persuasive essay for his dual-credit college English final. "I was hoping to convince my teacher of my position and get a good grade," said Schwartz, noting he figured it was even-money on whether he'd succeed. "I haven't received a grade yet, but I guess I did well in the contest."

One of the main reasons that Schwartz thinks the death penalty should be abolished is because of the chance of putting an innocent person to death. "Even though the probability of this happening is low, death is irreversible," he wrote in his essay.

Another reason Schwartz believes the death penalty should be done away with is because of ethics. "If we as a human race are ending the lives of those who have ended others' lives, what makes the system better than the killer?"

Killing one man or woman would not bring back their victims and would be just one more death, Kloepfel argued in his essay. "If a murderer was sentenced to life in prison instead of death row, he would have a chance to repent for his crimes, and a human life would be spared," he wrote. "Eventually, if evidence of reform is shown, someone previously considered a murderer could be offered parole and even given the chance to again become a contributing member of society."

Schwartz went on to say that he hopes no one is ever in a situation regarding the death penalty. "It's a terrible thing in my opinion," he said. "I think my essay will resonate with people my age, and hopefully one day we can live without the death penalty."

As for throwing out the first pitch,

Schwartz said he was excited. "I never thought I'd be throwing out a pitch on the mound at Busch Stadium," he added. "I love to watch baseball."

The contest typically draws good participation from among the schools in Osage County, and this year was no different.

"As usual, the response to the contest was tremendous," said Vitae Senior Marketing Director Stacey Kromer. "We received essays on topics ranging from abortion to the death penalty and quite a few on bullying."

The essay contest was made possible through a generous grant from the Alphonse J. Schwartz Foundation, which is also funding a radio ad campaign for Vitae on the St. Louis Cardinals Radio Network, the largest in Major League Baseball.

The grant allowed Vitae to give four tickets to the first 125 contest entrants in the sections reserved for the Osage County Night attendees. Vitae provided \$25 gift cards to the remaining entrants.

"The students' parents and teachers should be very proud," said Kromer. "Great job to all."

Additional winners from Osage County were Linn R-2 junior Mary Jo Feller, Fatima freshman AnnaBelle Massman, Immaculate Conception (LC) eighth-grader Alex Reinkemeyer, Linn R-2 eighth-grader J. D. Kruger, St. Joseph (Westphalia) eighth-grader Lydia Brunnert, St. George (Linn) eighth-grader Lilly Meyer, Sacred Heart (Rich Fountain) eighth-grader Erin Fick, Linn R-2 seventh-grader Charidy Kaullen, Fatima seventh-grader Emily Robinson, St. George (Linn) seventh-grader Curtis Deeken and St. Joseph (Westphalia) seventh-grader Cody Kampeter.

Beth Parrish, a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at St. George in Linn, and Jessica Braun, a seventh-grade teacher at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek, had the highest student participation by percentage.

Parrish, who conducted the contest last year at St. George, knew what to expect, but she was still very impressed with the submissions.

"This was easier than my first year because I think I've built a rapport with the kids, and they know the drill," said Parrish. "I think I get a little more meat

from them as they progress."

Some kids wrote last year and again this time. "You see their growth, and watching them explore the topic differently is great," said Parrish. "I love giving kids the chance to write and get their views on paper. You have to get them excited about writing the essay because in junior high, they're kind of living their own life, and trying to figure things out. Some of the topics are hard for them to figure out, and I worked with the kids to find a way to express their point, which was neat to watch."

Parrish helped students with some editing but insisted that the ideas and beliefs come from the students. "I kept telling them this is their paper, not mine," she said. "I made sure they presented their own views and position."

For Braun, this was a brand-new experience and a worthwhile effort as all of her kids submitted an essay. "Kids live in a very challenging world now, and they have to understand not only what happens in school, but what happens in the community and the world," she said. "We talk about bullying a lot, along with euthanasia, abortion and other issues. I'm preparing them to face a world with all those challenges in high school and college."

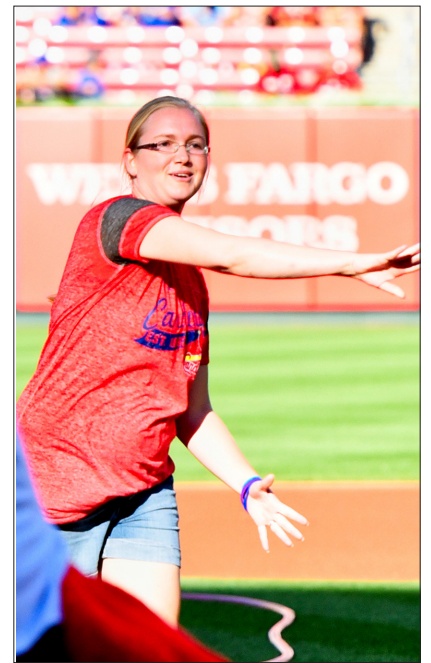
Braun added that she encouraged students to write, even if they didn't want to. "There's a benefit to everything you do," she said.

The All-Star Staff Contest included a first-pitch opportunity, batting practice, personal photos in the Cardinals dugout, a VIP tour of Busch Stadium, passes to the Cardinals Hall of Fame, along with All-Star Suite tickets.

Vitae Foundation is a national non-profit organization which uses digital media campaigns to reach women facing unplanned pregnancies. Vitae uses Right Brain research and messaging to promote a culture of life. Vitae's presence in the Kansas City media market this last year included Meet Life efforts, Google AdWords (Paid Google search), website development and Search Engine Optimization. Vitae ads also run on the St. Louis Cardinals Radio Network, Kansas City Royals Radio Network, and the Missouri Tiger Network during MU football and basketball games.



BETH PARRISH, a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at St. George in Linn, can't help but laugh at Fredbird's antics. Also shown are grand-prize winners Fatima senior Jonathan Schwartz and Fatima sophomore Malory Kloepfel, Jessica Braun, a seventh-grade teacher at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek, and Vitae Senior Marketing Director Stacey Kromer.



FATIMA SOPHOMORE Malory Kloepfel (left) throws out a ceremonial first pitch at Thursday's Cardinals game against the Cubs. Fatima senior Jonathan Schwartz (middle) is all smiles as he throws out a ceremonial first pitch before Thursday's game. Immaculate Conception seventh-grade teacher Jessica Braun (right) offers a ceremonial first pitch before Thursday's game.

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Stegeman told members.

In his first address to the membership, Kloepfel said this was the 33rd Annual Meeting he attended as an employee of Three Rivers.

TREC is one of 40 distribution cooperatives in Missouri, and one of 814 distribution cooperatives in the United States. "Every one of these 814 cooperatives is unique," Kloepfel said, "but, I can honestly say, when you measure Three Rivers against a group of cooperatives similar in size, similar in demographics, and similar in topography, you will find that your cooperative operates as efficiently as any," he said, adding that this favorable position is due largely to the "input and the commitment of generations of cooperative employees, cooperative leaders and cooperative boards who have served this membership over the course of the past 80 years."

The tornado that hit the co-op's distribution system more than two months ago was also discussed. Kloepfel said it was "one of the worst tornadoes to hit" TREC's system when it ripped a path of destruction from Eldon to Jefferson City. "Even the best-built power lines do not stand up well against the force of a Category 3 tornado," he said.

When the dust settled, there were more than 100 broken poles, more than 7,000 meters without power, and miles and miles of electrical distribution line laying on the ground. Kloepfel said it was TREC employees working together and with contract crews, who were able to restore power to almost everyone within four days. He added there was not a single employee or contractor injury during the restoration efforts.

Broadband internet access was also discussed

by Kloepfel. He noted that he had written an article about broadband or fiber-to-the-home in the August edition of *The Country Circuit*. Is TREC going to offer this service? Kloepfel said the simple answer is "not at this time."

"This answer does not come lightly," he continued. "Your board of directors and management team have spent a great deal of time exploring different options and feasibility of providing broadband. When it comes to a major investment-like broadband, we cannot just look at what other cooperatives are doing on their systems; we have to look at how this would work on our system with our unique set of circumstances. We have looked at partnering with others. We have looked at the feasibility of starting our own broadband LLC. We have looked at every federal subsidy available for

rural broadband.

"This is not the answer many members want to hear, and honestly it is not the answer we want to give," Kloepfel added. "However, it is the answer that one gets whenever we take into account the fiduciary responsibility that we have in managing your cooperative organization. During our feasibility study, it was estimated that a fiber-to-the-home network to serve the entire TREC membership would cost more than \$100 million. A project of this scale, without major public subsidies, would double our assets, triple our debt, and cause a significant increase in your electric rate."

The co-op's safety program was also lauded. "If not handled properly, this business can be very unforgiving and dangerous," Kloepfel said. "As we operate this electric cooperative business on your behalf, we can do a



lot of things right, but if we fail to keep our employees, members and the general public safe while we do it, we have gained nothing."

As of Aug. 2, it had been 887 days since the co-op's last lost-time accident. During the last year, the co-op performed electrical safety programs for 52 schools and almost 5,000 students in TREC's service territory, and participated in 20 community outreach safety programs designed for first responders, fire departments, road crews, law enforcement officers and the general public

that directly touched more than 2,500 individuals. "Safety of our member/owners and our employees has been, is, and will continue to be our number one priority," Kloepfel said.

The Helping Hands Foundation and the work done was also mentioned by Kloepfel. "The true value of the foundation was never more apparent than it was two months ago when many in our Cole and Miller county areas experienced unexpected losses from the May tornado," he said. "In their hour of greatest need, your Helping



THREE RIVERS Electric Cooperative members (left) gathered at the State Technical College Activity Center Friday to hear details of the previous year and elect board members at the 80th annual meeting. A beautiful blue sky (middle) provided the perfect scene for those interested in going up in a Three Rivers bucket truck at Friday's annual meeting, held at State Technical College in Linn. Show Me Clowns veteran Darryl Griffin (right) provided a lot of balloon animals and smiles at Friday's annual meeting of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative members.

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Hands Foundation was there to get offer assistance to get their lives back in order."

During the election, members had the opportunity to vote for Greg Gaffke or Dean Parker to serve as a director in the Western District, Chris Fahrenholtz or Leland Wehmeyer in the Eastern District, and Duane Paulsmeyer in the Central District. Paulsmeyer was elected by acclamation. Gaffke and Fahrenholtz retained their seats on the board of directors.

Members were also treated to a fried chicken dinner from Reinhardt

Circle - a TREC member, and entertained by the Osage Angels, whose parents are members of the co-op.

Each registered member received an umbrella for their attendance at the meeting.

Several members went home after winning \$80 and \$100 credits on their electric bill, while Three Rivers Propane, LLC, gave away a propane patio heater and two carbon monoxide detectors.

Paula Hilkemeyer also presented the first installment of the Gilbert G. Hilkemeyer Scholarship to Reagan Limbach.

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WOEHR RECOGNIZED AT BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 30TH BIG GAME AWARDS

Rachel Woehr of Folk was honored and recognized on Friday, Aug. 2, at the Boone and Crockett Club's 30th Big Game Awards for her 16-point buck that she shot on Oct. 29, 2017. This Non-Typical whitetail deer scored 191-3/8 qualifying her for this award. Her deer mount (trophy) was on display this summer at Bass Pro Shops in Springfield until the completion of the awards on Sunday, Aug. 4. She is the daughter of Russell and Denise Woehr. This was her first buck shot. It was shot in Osage County on her grandparents' farm.

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Anniversary

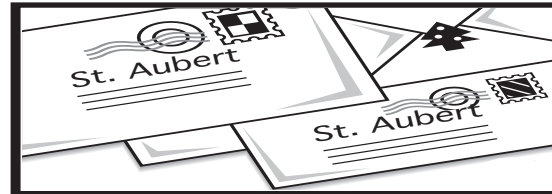


Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branson celebrate 70 years

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branson, Linn, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Aug. 4th with family. Bob Branson and Dorothy Wolfe were married Aug. 4, 1949 at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Judge by the Rev. Charlie Klas (deceased). They were attended by Bill (deceased) and Juanita (Wolfe) Branson and Barbara (Wolfe) Maasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Branson have four children, Gordon Branson and his wife Dena, Fulton, Greg Branson and his wife, Kathy, Linn, Glenda Branson, Jefferson City and Gina Kroeger and her husband, David, Eureka. They also have six grandchildren, Monica Chesser, Kyle Branson, Miranda Hostetter, Kristi Stokes, Katie Alvarez and Stacey Branson as well as eight great-grandchildren.

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ST. AUBERT NEWS

by Jeanne Best • 573-763-5040

Marian Forck went to Capital Region to have her annual mammogram Monday. Bernie has not been feeling well so Marian called the doctor and he had labs. Afterwards, they stopped by their daughter, Sarah Week's home, in Wardsville. Tuesday the results came in for Bernie's labs and everything looked okay. Wednesday Marian had a doctor appointment. Afterward Bernie and Marian went to the YMCA.

After that they had lunch at Eagle Stop, in Westphalia, and then went to their friend, Patsy's, house. They visited a while and as they were getting ready to leave, Patsy gave them some zucchini. Thursday Bernie and Marian had breakfast at McDonald's in Linn, then they ran some errands in Linn and also checked out the Old School Antique Mall. When Marian got home she baked three loaves of homemade bread, brownies, four dozen sugar cookies and a pineapple sheet cake for two showers that she was going to tomorrow. Friday Marian met her friend, Patsy, and they went to St. Thomas for the Mom-To-Be Jessica shower, and Bride-To-Be Danielle shower.

Digger Peters visited his mother, Gertrude Peters, Friday evening. Gertrude is living at Linn General Baptist Nursing Home, located on Highway C off of Highway 50, east of Linn.

Chris Rickey of rural Sunrise Beach came Thursday to visit her parents, Bill and Jeanne Best and to get some things done. She is to return home Monday afternoon. The list is written below. Sunday morning Jeanne Best attended and played the piano for first service at St. John's United Methodist Church in Linn. Leroy Gilbert of Camdenton visited his aunt and uncle, Jeanne and Bill Best, Sunday afternoon.

If there is one thing I sure cannot complain about, it is the weather. The temperature never topped out above 89 degrees. We didn't get any rain and if I had my way we could use at least 1/2 inch. However, I'm sure not in charge of the weather so I will have to be satisfied with whatever Mother Nature decides we should have. However, if she decides to send us some

rain I'd be happy to let it fall here in our St. Aubert area. Now that I have that out of the way let me tell you about my Thursday through Saturday. My daughter, Chris, came Thursday. She and I went walking around our place with her showing me what she wanted to get done this weekend. The more we walked and talked, the more I was silently thinking, 'boy, we're never gonna get all of this done.' Just so you know what I am talking about, this is what she was telling me. She's got to mow all of the yards and the front pasture, power wash the house because she brought their power washer, get rid of the hay-wagon load of metal, visit her son, Tom, and take me shopping for my birthday present. This is being written at 6:50 p.m. Sunday evening. She has gotten all of the moving done, she has power-washed our house, we visited my grandson, and she took me shopping Saturday for almost four hours. Have I ever told you that I am not very fond at all of shopping! We went to see my grandson first and then take on the shopping. I like to go to just one store, usually Wal-Mart, but my daughter is a true shopper. Shoes? We went to the shoe store. Purse, we went to a "women's" store where she also got me half a dozen blouses/tops. "Mom, are you hungry?" I said, "A little." She said, "Well, you better hurry and get hungry because we are going to lunch." I asked, "Can we put all of this stuff in the car before we go and eat?" "Sure, Mom, we're not going to carry all of this stuff with us." To myself, I thought, "Thank you, Lord! I'm really not one to carry half a dozen shopping bags all over the place. First of all, I rarely have half a dozen shopping bags about 2/3 to 3/4 full but the two or three that I might have then I am ready to go home. She was very patient with me because the car wasn't that close but we put the bags in the trunk and then she took me to lunch. After we ate she said, "Are you ready to do some more shopping?" I said, "Are you kidding?" If anything I'm ready for a nap." She said, "Well, I have only one more store and then we will go home." Well, that sounded like a plan I could live with. And

just like on the way going to do all of the above, we chatted and laughed all of the way home. As for her list, like I said toward the top of this paragraph, she had a list. Right now she is almost through with the entire list as she left power-washing the house as the last thing to be done; she has 3/4 of the power-washing done and that will complete her list. Wow! It makes me a little tired just reading the list of her accomplishments. Of course, her come-back when I tell her that I don't know how she got it all done she always says "Mom, you used to be able to all of that and more and I used to wonder how you got it all done. That's MY Chris and I sure love her. For all of you who may not know, Chris is not my biological daughter. No, she was one of our foster children. However, Foster Care hinted that we would probably keep her until she is of age. Well, Foster Care was almost correct. We did keep her and when she was almost 15 years old, she became adoptable and we told them "OF COURSE, WE WILL ADOPT HER." And we did. Bill, Chris and I never regretted it, even though we did go through a rough spot after we had her for two years. However, none of us ever talk about it because it was just a teenager thing that she had to overcome.

Please pray for Richard Hatfield and his son, who has been diagnosed with leukemia, an infant named Harley, Marjorie Campbell, Rocky Rickey, Tom Rickey and his family, Bernie Forck, Wanda Miller in Florida, Bill Whippo in Kentucky, Dakota Sawyer, Bill Best, the families of the people who were shot to death in Ohio and Texas late Saturday night and very early Sunday morning, and our country the United States of America as only God is going to be able to get our country past the hate that seems to be seething most everywhere.

May God bless our federal, state, county and city governments. May He continue to bless and guide our president and his cabinet, and also pray for all those who have served or are serving in our military, law enforcement and EMT Services.



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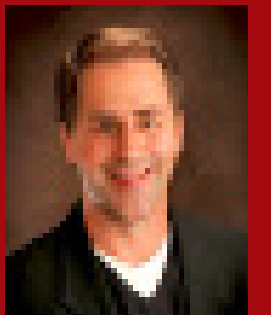
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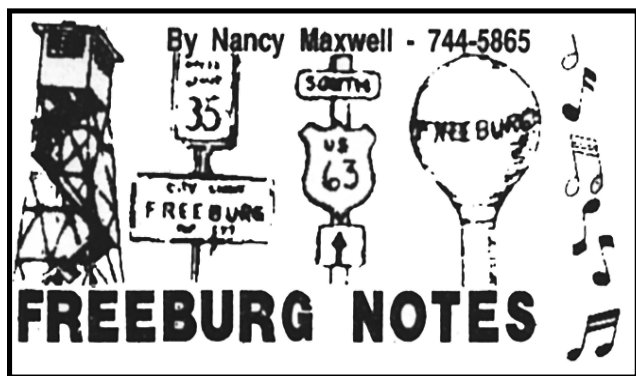
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Good morning. Hope you all of our readers had a good weekend – the weather was great. I know several folks were on the river and at the lake keeping cool.

Cindy Wilde, Lisa Bauer, Missy Spencer and Debbie Crider enjoyed a one week vacation in Florida. They visited with friends, Rick and Cheryl Stroot in Hudson and then they spent a couple of days in Tampa with friends, Jeremy and Danielle Stroot. The gals went to Hudson Beach, Clearwater Beach, St. Pete Beach and Fort DeSoto Beach. They enjoyed lots of sightseeing and shopping at John's Pass Village and Boardwalk in Madeira Beach, Fla. They also took a boat ride on the Gulf of Mexico in their friend's huge cruiser – great time and lots of fun in the sun.

Congratulations to Ryan Davis and Daris Griffith who were married Saturday, July 27 at the Wildflower in Eugene.

Ryan is the son of Janette Davis and the late Henry Davis. Daris is the daughter of Machel and Kyle Golden

of Eugene and Kelly Griffith of Belle.

Colby Davis served as best man for his brother's wedding. Groomsmen were Tory Post and Alisha Rehaugen, sister of the groom. Matron of Honor was Amanda Kelley and bridesmaids were Joannie Cook and Brooks Schnieders. Daris was given in marriage by her son, Cohen Davis.

Ryan and Daris will make their home in Argyle following a honeymoon in Jamaica.

Mariah Reinkemeyer returned home Monday following a fun filled 4-day vacation in Great Lakes, Colo. with her friend, Ashlyn Libbert and family of Meta. The girls enjoyed horseback riding, touring the Stanley House and sightseeing and shopping. It was the first time Mariah flew and she loved it!

Lydia and Frankie Welschmeyer enjoyed a few days in Huntsville visiting with their grandparents, Ross and Regina Summers.

Congratulations to Glen and Danielle Holterman on the birth of their son, Cole Alan, on Saturday, July 27. The little lad arrived 2 months premature weighing 3 pounds 2 ounces and was 15 inches long.

Cole is welcomed home by two older brothers, Jayce and Eli and older sister, Joella.

Maternal grandmother is Starla Dudenhoeff, Cole is her 7th grandchild. Great-grandparents are Ray and Viola Dudenhoeff. Paternal grandmother is Donna Holterman.

Karla and Justin Bridges and children, Austin, Faith and Lane McKim of Linn were supper guests Monday in our humble abode.

Congratulations to Lt. Colonel Doug Frank, who recently graduated with the degree of Master of Strategic

Studies from U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Great job, Doug – all your hard work has paid off.

Our Holy Family picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 1st. Worklist and raffle tickets will be in the back of church. Please pick up your packet and help make our picnic a success.

Mrs. Cecilia Schmitz is recuperating at home this week following a brief hospital stay. Our prayers are with her for continued improvement.

Family and friends helped Cody Krieg celebrate his 30th birthday with a party Saturday hosted by his wife, Nicole, at the American Legion Hall in town.

Happy birthday also to Joe Hoffman who celebrated his birthday on Aug. 1; to Andy Mengwasser who celebrated his 50th birthday on Aug. 1; to Kent Herzing who celebrated his 49th birthday on Aug. 1; to Wilma James who celebrated her 81st birthday on Aug. 1; to Paige Welschmeyer who celebrated her 32nd birthday on Aug. 1; to Tyler Bexten who celebrated his 12th birthday on Aug. 2; to Dakota Neier who celebrated his 18th birthday on Aug. 2; to Haidyn Buscher who celebrated her 18th birthday on Aug. 3; to Joan Neuner who celebrated her birthday on Aug. 3; to Ty Hutchison who celebrated his 8th birthday on Aug. 4; to Ryan Davis who celebrated his 38th birthday on Aug. 4; to Kelsey Boehm who celebrated her 26th birthday on Aug. 4; to Anita Backues who celebrated her 60th birthday on Aug. 4; to Gary Stephens who celebrated his 49th birthday on Aug. 4; to Trenton Bax who celebrated his 18th birthday on Aug. 5; to Aubrey Winkelman who celebrated her 41st birthday on Aug. 5; to Martha Kemna who celebrated her 81st birth-

day on Aug. 5; to Bentley Berhorst who celebrated his 4th birthday on Aug. 5; to Tony Mebruer who celebrated his 22nd birthday on Aug. 5; to Erika Pope who celebrated her 17th birthday on Aug. 6; to Matt Siegler who celebrated his birthday on Aug. 6; to Mary Lou Reichel who celebrated her 69th on Aug. 6; to Jason Dickneite who celebrated his 38th birthday on Aug. 6; to Rhonda Allen who celebrated her 56th birthday on Aug. 6; to Christina Weider who celebrated her 41st birthday on Aug. 6; to Toby Mebruer who celebrated his 32nd birthday on Aug. 6; to Rhonda Plassmeyer who celebrated her 54th birthday on Aug. 6; to Kamryn Stuecken who celebrated her 6th birthday on Aug. 7; to Ann Bexten who celebrated her 81st birthday on Aug. 7; to Kayla Nevins who celebrated her 36th birthday on Aug. 5 and a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our grandson, Austin who celebrated his 17th birthday on Aug. 6 (man where did the time go??).

Thursday afternoon I picked up my three grandchildren, Austin, Faith and Lane McKim for an afternoon with "grandma". We toured the Museum of Military History on the grounds of the Ike Skelton Training Site in Jefferson City and later enjoyed some ice cream at Central Dairy with our son, Levi.

Caren Struempfler and daughter, Amanda and granddaughter, Abby were among the more than 45 family members who attended the Schnieders Family Reunion on Saturday at the home of Dorothy Schnieders in California. They had a great time with good food and fun activities for everyone.

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OSAGE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Rex A. Sinquefield and Jeanne C. Sinquefield to Rex A. Sinquefield Trustee, Jeanne C. Sinquefield Trustee and Sinquefield Family Trust. Land in Sec. 34, Twp. 43, Range 11/NE/NW AC 80.39.

Ronald H. Baker and Bonnie J. Baker to Ronald H. Baker Trustee, Bonnie J. Baker Trustee and Ronald H. & Bonnie J. Baker Revocable Trust. Land in Sec. 13, Twp. 43, Range 9 NW/SW/NE.

Brenda K. Eichholz and Michael F. Eichholz to Austin White. Lot 7 Kliethermes Charles.

Kevin A. Barker and Stacy Barker to Colby L. Bexten. Land in Sec. 1, Twp. 42, Range 8.

Jeffrey Otto and Michel Otto to Greg Watring and Elizabeth Watring. Lot 14 Bl D San Bonifass Argyle; Lot 15 Bl D San Bonifass Argyle.

Mary Ann Wilson Trustee and Mary Anne Wilson Trust to Keva Williams. Land in Sec. 33, Twp. 45, Range 7/NE/SW AC 9.63.

John C. Paty to Corey H. Wolfe and Monica J. Wolfe. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 42, Range 8 NE/NW AC 2.

Jerome M. Jaegers, Diane H. Jaegers, Leroy W. Jaegers and Deborah K. Jaegers to Katlyn Borgmeyer. Lot 3 Kliethermes Charles Sec. 32, Twp. 44, Range 9/SE AC 0.556; Lot 4 Kliethermes Charles Sec. 32, Twp. 44, Range 9/SE AC 0.556.

Christopher Stegeman and Amelia Stegeman to Frederick Lepage and Koreen Lepage. Land in Sec. 5, Twp. 43, Range 9.

Jaqueline R. Bax to Brittany Falter. Lot 6-10 Bl H Koeltztown Town Plat; Lot 8-10 Bl G Koeltztown Town Plat.

Trenshaw Rentals LLC to Shane Engelhardt and Nichole Engelhardt. Land in Sec. 17, Twp. 43, Range 8/SW.

Barbara Sue Maxwell to Justin W. Curless and Kathleen A. Capkovic. Land in Sec. 30, Twp. 45, Range 7/SW AC 52.94.

Josh L. Kixmiller and Jennifer L. Kixmiller to Danny Kirsch and Melinda Kirsch. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 44, Range 9/SE/SE AC 17.

Rebecca M. Howard to Rebecca M. Howard Revocable Living Trust. Land in Sec. 13, Twp. 42, Range 9/NW/NW; Sec. 12, Twp. 42, Range 9/SW/SW AC 11.3.

Kathryn Dodson to Velma Kathryn Dodson Living Trust and Velma Kathryn Dodson Trustee. Land in Sec. 34, Twp. 43, Range 7.

Mildred Ann Wieberg to Mildred A. Wieberg, Trustee and Mildred A. Wieberg Living Trust. Lot 8-10 Bl 19, Freeburg.

S&W Foreclosure Corp. Successor Trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA and Todd Redel. Land in Sec. 10, Twp. 43, Range 10.

Danny Edwin King and Barbara Jean King to Brian Keith Patterson. Land in Sec. 24, Twp. 43, Range 9/NW.

Joshua D. Crede and Melissa M. Crede to Melissa M. Crede. Lot 48, Westphalia.

Melissa M. Crede to Melissa M. Crede and Wayne R. Redden. Lot 48, Westphalia.

Clell K. Baker, Janet Baker, Clate J. Baker and Ann Baker to Ronald H. Baker Trustee, Bonnie J. Baker Trustee and Ronald H. and Bonnie H. Baker Revocable Trust. Land in Sec. 23, Twp. 43, Range 9/SE/NW.

Clell K. Baker, Janet Baker, Clate J. Baker and Ann Baker to Ronald H. Baker Trustee, Bonnie J. Baker Trustee and Ronald H. and Bonnie H. Baker Revocable Trust. Land in Sec. 24, Twp. 43, Range 9/SE/NW.

Michael Whithaus Successor Trustee and Loretta Annie Whithaus Revocable Living Trust to Michael Whithaus and Jerry Whithaus. Land in Sec. 26, Twp. 45, Range 7/SE.

Garry M. Mistler, Co-Trustee, Sundra A. Mistler, Co-Trustee and Garry M. and Sundra A. Mistler Trust to Brian Mistler and Jeri Mistler. Land in Sec. 15, Twp. 41, Range 7/NW/SW AC 24.

Cheryl Probst and Duane Allen Jefferson Probst to Cheryl Probst and Duane Allen Jefferson Probst. Land in Sec. 18, Twp. 43, Range 8/SE/NW/AC 0.83.

Sandra Gruebbeling Sole Trustee and the Gruebbeling Family Revocable Living Trust to Sandra Gruebbeling. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 44, Range 7.

Wayne A. Baumhoer and Ronald F. Baumhoer to

Caleb Kemna and Amy Kemna. Land in Sec. 14, Twp. 42, Range 11/NE/NE.

Robert G. Schaefer and Esther E. Schaefer to Jamie Meyer. Land in Sec. 11, Twp. 44, Range 9/NE/SW AC 1.7.

Diane Jaegers Co-Trustee, Michael Eichholz Co-Trustee, Charles C. Eichholz Trust and Leona M. Eichholz Trust to Michael Eichholz and Brenda Eichholz. Land in Sec. 28, Twp. 43, Range 10/SE/NE.

Steven F. Hobein Trustee, Steven F. Hobein Trust, Elaine K. Hobein, Trustee and Elaine K. Hobein Trust to D & E Storage LLC. Lot 1 Sec. 19, Twp. 43, Range 7/NW AC 66; Lot 1 Sec. 18, Twp. 43, Range 7/SW AC 8.7.

Trenshaw Rentals LLC to Hershberger Properties LLC. Land in Sec. 4, Twp. 43, Range 7/SE/SE; Sec. 9, Twp. 43, Range 7/NE/NE AC 6.58.

Waylon J. Haslag and Alexandra M. Collins Haslag to Joshua R. Moore and Angela E. Moore. Land in Sec. 4, Twp. 43, Range 9/SE/SE.

Scott L. Wideman to Donna Weiser. Lot 1-3 Chamois.

David Weiser and Donna Weiser to Andrew C. Owens and Caitlin P. Leonard. Lot 1-3 Chamois.

Wilbur Knoerr and Eric Thompson POA to Michael Berry. Lot 28 Linn Town Plat.

Sonya Brandt Successor Trust, Kevin L. Becklenberg Jr., and Emily Becklenberg to Legends Bank. Land in Sec. 17, Twp. 41, Range 7/SE.

Ralph Berhorst and Anne Berhorst to Jeffrey Falter and Ruth Falter. Land in Lot 8 Weideland Lane Estates.

Northern Lights Development LLC, Northern Lights Development Co LLC, and Northern Lights Development Company LLC to Cynthia N. Anderson. Lot 47, Westphalia Town Plat; Sec. 26, Twp. 43, Range 10/SW/NW AC 0.41.

Douglas W. Schaefer to Douglas Wayne Schaefer Trustee and Douglas Wayne Schaefer Living Trust. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 43, Range 10 AC 150.

Debra Gray to Joshua P. Gray. Land in Sec. 15, Twp. 41, Range 7/SE/SE AC 15.3.

James G. Gieck and Dorothy E. Gieck to Eric M. Falter and Katrina A. Falter. Land in Sec. 14, Twp. 42, Range 10/SW/SW AC 5.

Ralph Wilde and Catherine B. Wilde to CMH Homes Inc. Lot 6-7 Bl G Koeltztown.

Wells Fargo Bank NA to Federal National Mortgage Assn. Land in Sec. 10, Twp. 43, Range 10.

Ira Edward Waters and Peggy Waters to Teresa E. Merrell and Eric V. Merrell. Land in Sec. 12, Twp. 45 and Range 8/NW.

Carl D. Hylton and Donna E. Hylton to Mark D. Capkovic and Ann M. Capkovic. Land in Sec. 13, Twp. 45, Range 8/SE/NE AC 46.84.

Robert Baker Successor Trustee, Betty Johnson Successor Trustee and Judith A. Byam Successor Trustee to Karen Carnes. Lot 17 Bl 5 Chamois.

COLLEGE CLIPS

MISSOURI'S & TANNOUNCES HONOR LIST FOR SPRING 2019

Missouri S & T
ROLLA -- Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of the following local students who made the honor list for the Spring 2019 semester:

Belle:
Kendra Butler, Psychology, senior
Paul Guffey, Mechanical Engineering, senior

Bonnots Mill:
Paige Toebben, Civil Engineering, senior

Chamois:
Tanner Laughlin, Civil Engineering, senior

Freeburg:
Dylan Falter, Civil Engineering, senior
Haley Rehagen, Mechanical Engineering, senior

Koeltztown:
Steven Jacobs, Applied Mathematics, junior

Linn:
Benjamin Bachler, Electrical Engineering, senior
Austin Eisterhold, Civil Engineering, junior

Loose Creek:
Kyle Deeken, Freshman Engineering, junior

Meta:
Joseph Schulte, Computer Engineering, junior

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

The following temperatures and precipitation were recorded by Tom Kixmueller, National Weather Service observer at Freeburg:

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 29	86	64	0.01
July 30	84	62	
July 31	85	64	0.05
Aug 01	84	59	
Aug 02	85	61	
Aug 03	87	67	
Aug 04	88		

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CAS Projects, Food Pantry closing

CAS Projects and its affiliate stores and food pantry in Belle will close Sept. 25 after 21 years in service.

"This community has been visited by a vision of God," Sharon Loraine Matthes (Bossaller) wrote in a press release. "For 21 years, a pocket of mercy has been in place. As it was started by the word of God, now it is time to close as of the word of the Lord."

The group originally advertised that they would cease accepting donations to the Blessing Galore Store on Sept. 1, but have since changed the date to Aug. 2. The Belle Food Pantry, store and all other Maries R-2 local projects will close Sept. 25.

The founders of CAS Projects, Sharon Loraine Matthes Bossaller, the late Leslie Matthes, Starla Neal, and Elaine Buchka, first organized as a charter under Called Anointed Sent, Inc., to become a 501(c)3 in 1999, and open Storehouse Food Pantry.

The executive board of Called Anointed Sent, Inc. agreed to a charter in Belle and they met with the Columbia Food Bank to begin work. By January 1999, they were in service to the community in what is now the auction house on Fourth Street. By fall of 1999, the Storehouse Clothing Outreach began.

Many wanted to volunteer and be part of the outreach and have continued throughout the years. CAS Projects has grown with the community, adding programs where needed.

"At first, we rented Best Buy trucks and used trailers to haul in the food in hot and cold temperatures," said Bossaller. "People flooded to Belle, and stopped traffic from many counties around because they knew Les and Loraine would feed them if we had food."

The group was open on Tuesdays at that time and people were in line at 4 and 5 a.m. for food. Local churches and individuals would cook food and feed the volunteers. Christian music would be blasting on the radio.

"Some days the ladies from St. Alexander Catholic Church would come and sing and play the piano and drums," Bossaller reminisced. "One day I had a 'Jesus' moment and realized there were some many different faiths here. I did a 'sound off' of what church you were from and there were 14 different churches represented that day."

By 2001, the group needed more space to help. Someone donated four lots at 101 Belle Avenue, Belle, for a building. While Called Sent Anointed continued to receive support, Bossaller continued to give back to the community.

"Susie Miller, a pastor and our dear friend in Licking, was looking for money to build a daycare," Bossaller recalled trying to help write the grant, which was rejected. She tried again, and the executive board was invited to Jefferson City to receive help in writing the grant to specifications.

The volunteers continued to come and go. In 2002, Les Matthes died, and three years later, Bossaller married David Bossaller. Their work continued to grow, and around 2005 they had a breakthrough when they were approved to construct a new building.

"We presented our plans before the Belle city council and they gave us 14 grant writing hours from MRPC," Bossaller said. "Our proposal passed, and we were given \$350,000 in Missouri tax credits that should leverage at least \$500,000. By January 2007, we were given six months to build."

The group chose a general contractor in hopes of keeping the money local and creating jobs in the area.

"At that time, we put together a local board that covered tax credits, building and establishing several projects in the new building," Bossaller said. "This time was not without trials and tests."

But staying financially debt free was the goal.

"For those of you who are concerned about the building, our agreement with the Department of Economic Development was as long as we used the building for the purposes intended for a period of three years, the building would stay in the ownership of Called Anointed Sent."

Millions of dollars of food were given away, and with it came a desire to provide frozen and fresh food. Fundraising enabled the group to install a freezer and cooler unit.

"Dinner plays, golf tournaments, walk-a-thons, rock-a-thons, and matching grants from several directions saw that vision become reality," Bossaller said. "Walmart Feeding America through Jefferson City and Owens-

ville have given us produce, dairy, meat, and bread every week since."

With the new building came semi loads of food from The Food Bank of Central and North-east Missouri, formerly Columbia Food Bank.

"Our name changed as well — to CAS Projects," Bossaller said. "We often say 'anything that is alive changes,' and another famous phrase of CAS Projects is 'none of us have it all together, but together we have it all.' All the gifts each volunteer possessed brought us together in a more powerful way."

While many things have changed, the group added programs according to the gift of the volunteers or a need in the community. A total of 15,000 to 18,000 volunteer hours with no paid employees, and 16 to 18 leadership directors working each year, CAS Projects provided quality community service within a 50 mile radius of its headquarters. Their primary target has always been the Maries R-2 School District.

"Finally, a few years, we got there," Bossaller said. "Surrounding areas began to take responsibility for their area in a greater way."

Throughout the years, CAS Projects has served communities with

Free food, household items, and clothing (quarterly);

Blessing Galore Store and online auction;

Back to school supplies until MOCA took over;

VAP volunteers from Wal-Mart;

Thanksgiving baskets;

Christmas toys and clothing (200 children in 2018 from Maries R-2 School District) Marine Corp Toys for Tots and trees at local banks;

Delivery to shut-ins and lunches for volunteers;

Special day for people with caregivers;

Community Garden;

Sharing of nutritional information, and community calendar;

Classes from budgeting to shopping and cooking, work-ready classes, and production;

Community care — gas and funds for medicine and transportation costs with the help of St. Alexander's Catholic Church; and

Prayers, Christian Lending Library, and in the day, overflow to mission fields of the world.

MDC'S Runge Nature Center announces August programs

Programs include kayaking, Snorkeling, nature hikes

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City has a full schedule of programs planned for August. Some programs require registration in advance, so MDC Nature Center Assistant Manager Becky Matney encourages guests to familiarize themselves with MDC's event website for the nature center at mdc.mo.gov/centralevents.

Unless otherwise noted, registration opens Aug. 1 for all programs.

August programs at the nature center will include:

Summer Snorkeling

Friday, Aug. 2, 4 - 7:30 p.m. — all ages

Cool off in the Maries River and explore the natural world beneath the water's surface. Drop in anytime at Dr. Bernard Bruns River Access near Westphalia. Dress to get wet and wear shoes for walking in the water.

No registration required.

More information at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/167594

Half-Day Discovery Hike: Rock and Creek Exploration

Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. - noon — ages 8+

Wade in cool water and examine the swimming and crawling critters that call the creek home. Roll a few rocks to see what lies beneath, and generally enjoy chilling out on this adventure. Location will be determined based on best water level on date of hike. Meet at Runge Nature Center with something to drink, shoes that can get wet, and your curiosity.

Registration required at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/165332

Design with Nature in Mind: Stamping Techniques

Saturday, Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m. — noon; or 1 - 3:30 p.m. — ages 18+

Join us in learning more about the North American elk. Complete a two-card rotation and take home two cards with coordinating envelopes.

Registration required at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/163387

Conservation Families: Kayaking at Binder Lake

Friday, Aug. 23, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — ages 10+

There's nothing like the freedom of the water that a kayak provides. If you've ever wanted to learn more about paddling a kayak, this program will cover all the basics and get you water-ready. Meet at Binder Lake Tackle Shop across from the playground.

Registration required at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/167595

Saturdays @ Runge: Stick, Prick, Sting, and Bite

Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. — all ages

Have you ever walked through the forest and been stung by stinging nettles, bitten by a mosquito, or pricked by a thorn? Join nature center staff to discover and learn how to avoid the plants and animals that stick, prick, sting, and bite.

No registration required.

More information at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/167590

Nature center guests can conveniently manage program registration online at mdc.mo.gov/centralevents. The first step in registering for a program is creating a profile, then signing up for future programs is simple. Once someone creates a profile and registers for an event, they will receive details about programs they've registered for.

Sign up for email and/or text updates from Runge Nature Center and other conservation news at mdc.mo.gov/GovDelivery.

Events at Runge Nature Center are free, thanks to the one-eighth of 1 percent conservation sales tax. Runge Nature Center, located at 330 Commerce Drive in Jefferson City, is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Trails at the nature center are open every day, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information about events at Runge Conservation Nature Center, visit nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/runge-nature-center, or call the nature center at (573) 526-5544.

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proper proof thereof.

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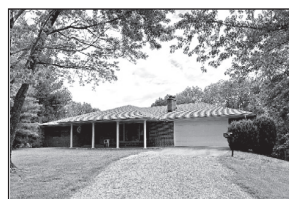
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Osage County R-III School District NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m., August 21, 2019, at the R-III Superintendent's Office at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Osage County R-III School District, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (by categories)	Current Tax Year	Prior Tax Year
Real Estate	\$67,128,190	\$65,587,050
Personal Property	\$28,965,806	\$28,330,491
TOTAL	\$96,093,996	\$93,917,541
Minus New Construction & Improvements - \$1,983,975		
Calculation for this fiscal year - \$94,110,021.00		
FUND	Amount of Property Tax Revenue Budgeted	Proposed Tax Rate (per \$100)
Teacher	\$0.00	\$0.00
Incidental	\$3,176,589.65	3.3754
Building	\$188,220.04	.20
Debt Service	0.00	.00
TOTAL	\$3,364,809.69	\$3.5754 at 100% collection
Budget Estimate based of 3 year collection rate		
	\$3,300,878.20	\$3.5754 at 98.1% collection

New Construction additional revenue= \$192,480.00
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Submitted by: Chuck Woody, Superintendent



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I, Denise M. Nolte, Collector of Revenue within and for Osage County, Missouri, hereby give notice as provided in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 140, that I shall offer for sale at public auction the hereinafter described lots and lands or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge taxes, interests, penalties, and charges for delinquent taxes on the real estate at the North courthouse door in Osage County on Monday, August 26th, 2019, commencing at 10:00 a.m. of said date. Said lands are described by Section, Township, and Range or other legal descriptions, and the amount of taxes, interest, penalties and costs each year separately stated as follows:

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Parcel #: 03-10-12-02-003-0016.00	2018	\$165.90	\$10.90 Certified Letter	
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104 WEST TENNESSEE AVENUE		\$1,307.75		

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1. All bidders must register in the Collector's Office the day of the sale.
2. All bidders must be a Missouri resident. If not a Missouri resident, then an agent must be appointed.
3. Redemption period is One Year from date of sale.
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The acrobat ant has a heart-shaped abdomen and thrives near moisture. You're most likely to see it near the tub or bathroom window.

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If you're antsy to start your own fascinating ant farm, ask a grown-up to help you find a well-designed ant farm container online. Once your container arrives, you can collect your own worker ants. They will live and work in your farm for several months. Be careful catching and handling wild ants, though. Some kinds can both bite and sting. If you want your farm to last, you'll need to order a queen and her workers online. Learn more about ants at mdc.mo.gov/field-guide.

WHAT GOOD ARE ANTS ANYWAY?
Most Missouri ants aren't pests. They're important members of our forests, prairies, and yards. In fact, we couldn't do without the many free services they provide for nature and people.

THEY'RE SUPER RECYCLERS
They help decompose the world's dead plants, animals, and food waste. As garbage handlers, ants help keep our environment clean and healthy.

THEY WORK THE SOIL AND HELP PLANTS GROW

By digging tunnels and chambers, ants mix oxygen into the soil, which helps

the roots of trees and other plants "breathe." This mixing also helps loosen the soil so seeds can enter it and grow. Some seed-eating ants help spread certain kinds of plants.

THEY'RE BOTH PREDATOR AND PREY
Ants eat other kinds of insects, helping control garden and home pests. They also serve as dinner for many kinds of animals, from bears to woodpeckers.

ANT ANATOMY
Ants are insects, which means they have six legs and three main body parts: head, thorax, and abdomen. This drawing gives you a general idea of how ants look, but it doesn't represent the many specific differences between different kinds of ants.

Head - jointed and flexible. Antennae are equipped with sensors for touch and smell.

Thorax - Little spurs and claws on the legs and feet allow ants to grip objects and cling to smooth surfaces.

Abdomen - Flexible, so worker ants can aim stingers or spray repellent from their rear ends.

Compound Eyes - Can sense light and possibly color in some species.

Mouth Parts - Mandibles or jaws are used as tools, food cutters, and weapons instead of for actual eating.

Ears and Nose? Nope, ants don't have ears or noses, but their bodies detect vibrations and their antennae detect scents. They have no lungs and breathe through tiny holes covering their bodies.

Did you know? An ant can lift and carry 20 times her body weight. If you could lift 20 times your body weight, what could you lift?

STUPID ANT TRICK
Next time you see a line of ants, wipe your finger through it and watch the followers break up in confusion. It'll take them a while, but they'll eventually pick up the trail's signal and get back on track.

FREAKY ANT FACTS
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Some kinds of predatory

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Trap-jaw ants hold the record for the fastest movement in the animal king-

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Some ants are herders. They guard plant-sucking bugs like aphids, which produce a sweet goo called honeydew. Ants fend off challengers so they can harvest all that yummy goo for themselves.

Zombie ants are real. A parasitic fungus targets a carpenter ant and releases a brain-controlling chemical, making the victim clamp down on a twig. Then the fungus kills the ant and shoots a spore spewing stalk out of its head to infect more ants.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Osage Ambulance District will hold a public meeting for setting of the 2020 proposed tax rate. Rate of proposed levy is 0.3000 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

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--- TAX RATE HEARING NOTICE ---

A hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 614 South Popular St., Chamois, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Osage County R-1 School District. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation. The district is assuming 98% collection rate for budgeting purposes.

Assessed Valuation (by categories)

	Current Year 2019	Prior Tax Year 2018
Real Estate	\$12,234,950	\$11,142,380
Personal Property	\$3,812,783	\$3,736,777
Total	\$16,047,733	\$14,879,157

The Following Tax Rates are Proposed

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Property Tax Rate
Teachers	0	0
Incidental	\$766,020	\$4.8708
Debt Service	0	0
New Revenue from		
New Construction and Improvements:	\$9,847	
New Revenue from Reassessment:	\$15,945	
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OSAGE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT - LINN, MISSOURI TAX RATE HEARING NOTICE

A hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., August 19, 2019, in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Linn, Missouri at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Osage County R-II School District. The tax rates are set to produce the reenues required from the property tax as shown in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. the result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION (by categories)

	Estimated Current Tax Year 2019	Prior Tax Year 2018
Real Estate	\$30,083,440	\$29,445,860
Personal Property	\$10,434,503	\$10,421,956
	\$40,517,943	\$39,867,816

The following Tax Rates are proposed and may be revised prior to August 19, 2019 as additional information becomes available:

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Proposed Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$1,114,243	\$2.7500
Debt Service	\$ 425,438	\$1.0500

New revenue from new construction and improvements \$16,094
New revenue from reassessment \$3,212
Percentage of new revenue from reassessment 0.2736%

*Actual amounts may be affected by state assessed property income and changes in valuations after the Board of Equalization.

* These calculations are based on a collection rate of 100%

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Dennis Gravedoni, Secretary

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Any high school students out there looking for some part time work? There is a paid position at Holy Family School you might be interested in-- after school care from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. If interested contact the school office at 744-5200 or email: hfsdreinkemeyer@gmail.com.

Joe and Irma Richter along with Diedra Richter and daughter, Harper, of Eldon, Jim and Bev Loehner of Koeltztown, Adam and Brittany Stamp and son, Raylon, of Koeltztown, Connie Humphrey, Lexy Humphrey, Cody and Taylor Haslag, Kevin and Pam Richter and daughter, Macy, Ron and Brenda Heckman of Meta, Josh and Marinda Curtis and sons, Blaine and Isaac, of Meta enjoyed supper Sunday at Moreland's Catfish Restaurant in Vienna. The gang was helping Joe and Irma celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary as well as August birthdays for Bev, Diedra, Cody, Blaine and Harper.

Happy anniversary

also to Roger and Loraine Stuecken who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1; to Richard and Christina Weider who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1; to Jay and Mary Locker who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4; to Joe and Meg Poettgen who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Aug. 6.

Korbin and Gannon Hite of Jefferson City enjoyed Friday and Saturday with their great-grandparents, Ken and Betty Kating.

Hubby, Steven, talked to our former pastor, Fr. Mike Murphy last week and he said he was feeling better and heading back to this parish in Salisbury. That is great news! He is very thankful for all the prayers.

Jerry and Marcie Struempf and children, Sam and Anna, Noland and Jody Stuecken and children, Ava, Max and Isabella, Marlon and Cindy Stuecken and John and Mary Lee Stegeman returned home

Saturday following a one week vacation. The gang toured South Beach Miami, Fla., enjoyed an Everglade gator tour and a boat ride around "Millionaire's row" in Miami Beach before boarding the Royal Caribbean ship for a cruise to the Bahamas with stops in Coco City Island and Nassau. Everyone had a great time!

Jimmy Maasen is recuperating at home this week following shoulder surgery. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

Don and Cecilia Schmitz and friends, Ron and Helen Wankum of Jefferson City enjoyed supper Friday evening at the Eagles in Jefferson City.

Thursday, Aug. 15 is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - which is a holy day of obligation. Fr. Bill will have Mass at Holy Family Parish on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 15 at 9:30 a.m. He will have Mass at Sacred Heart Parish on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7:45 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon Jim and Wanda Dyke, Albert and Brenda Dudenhoeff, Craig and Amy Reinkemeyer and daughters, Mariah and Karli, and Chris and Sherry Lewis and their children, Dylan and Megan were among the more than 150 family members of the Joseph and Helen Schmid family who enjoyed a family reunion at McClung Park in Jefferson City.

Alyssa Struempf celebrated her high school graduation with a party Saturday hosted by her parents, Cindy and Scott Struempf for family and friends.

Paul and Anita Backues enjoyed supper Sunday at Steve's Family Restaurant in Russelville for Anita's 60th birthday.

Gerhard and Virginia Bax, Marcella Bax and Betty Eisterhold were supper guests Sunday at the home of Jackie Bax in Loose Creek.

If you have a child who is in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades and will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation you are asked to attend an important parent meeting

on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Church. This is for parents from Holy Family and Sacred Heart Parishes.

Confirmation candidates you are asked to attend the Tim Francis live presentation "Do You Believe in Miracles? Seeing is Believing" on Sunday, Aug. 11 or Monday, Aug. 12 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph church in the Westphalia school gym. Pick one of the above dates that works for you and your family and plan to attend. This will count as one of your classes for the 2019-20 year.

The Missouri River Regional Library Bookmobile will be at the Holy Family Church parking lot in Freeburg on Monday, Aug. 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Rodney Berhorst will be starting his new job as a teacher at Nichols Career Center in Jefferson City. His business, Berhorst Heating and Air Conditioning will be taken over by Chris Fischer. Good luck.

The Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the ballpark. All members are encouraged to attend.

Kids can you believe it - school starts next week??? Where did the summer go? Holy Family School will have an open house on Thursday, Aug. 8th beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a parent meeting. There will be a couple of new faces at school this year. Mrs. Danielle Perrey will be teaching 5th and 6th grade and Mrs. Erin Fick will be an aide to the preschool room. Those returning are Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Ericka Weiberg; Mrs. Angie Woodruff, assistant principal and teaching 1st and 2nd grade, while Sister Linda will work with 1st and 2nd grades in areas of math and religion. Mrs. Mary Locker will be teaching part time in junior high math and science; Mrs. Annette Poettgen will be teaching music as well as social studies and religion to the junior high students. Mrs. Erin Berhorst will be working with the junior high in language arts as well as reading for the third grade students and social studies/science for first and second grades. Mrs. Mary Holterman will be helping the students in the field of Art. Mrs.

Geraldine Wieberg will be returning as cook, Mrs. Mary Brandel will serve as school secretary and Richard Kempker is the school's custodian.

Classes at Holy Family will begin on Monday, Aug. 12 - there will be no bus service till Thursday, Aug. 15.

Students at Sacred Heart School will see familiar faces in the class rooms; Mrs. Jackie Prenger will teach grades 1st and 2nd; Mrs. Beth Nivens will teach grades 4th, 5th and 6th; Mrs. Annette Poettgen will teach music to all grades; Sister Mary Ann Carey will teach art to grades 1st-8th and reading and math to 4th graders; Miss Linda Neuner will teach grades 7th and 8th. The only new teacher will be Krystle Smith who will be teaching Kindergarten. Head cook is Mrs. Donna Baysinger and custodians will be Clem Rudroff and Dan Holtschneider. Fr. Bill Debo will be pastor and Mrs. Debbie Reinkemeyer will be principal for both Holy Family and Sacred Heart Schools.

Sacred Heart School will have an Open House on Monday, Aug. 12 with a parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 13 - there will be no bus service till Thursday, Aug. 15.

Students at Fatima High School will start classes on Thursday, Aug. 15 - there will be an Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 13th for elementary students from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and high school from 6 to 8 p.m. Guess that will do for this week. Have a good week, pray for rain and remember "Life isn't a race - find joy in the journey."

Engagement



Bade - Holterman to wed

Art and Mary Kay Holterman, Westphalia, announce the engagement of their son Benjamin Holterman to Rachel Bade. Rachel is the daughter of Ms. Kathy Bade, St. Louis and Dr. John Bade, St. Louis.

An Aug. 17 wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Westphalia.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Osage County Emergency Operations Center Summary of calls for July

911 Accidental	38
911 Hang up	56
911 Open Line	22
Active Warrant	22
Alarm Sounding-Law	12
Animal Calls	17
Breathing Difficulty	14
Building/Area Checks	155
C & I Driving / Drunk Driver	43
Check Well Being	29
Chest Pain/Heart Problems	12
Civil Matter	12
Cleaning Reminder	62
Complaint	12
Control Burn	14
Directed Patrol	24
Domestic Disturbance-Physical	13
Domestic Disturbance-Verbal	13
Duplicate Call	23
Falls	12
Follow Up	50
Informational Call	27
Investigation - Law	57
Ordinance Violation	14
Pager Test	29
Paper Service	80
Passdown Notes	13
Return Call	115
Sick Case	16
Special Detail	12
Stranded Motorist	18
Suspicious Person/ Veh/ Object	69
Test Call	31
Theft	21
Traffic Stop	193
Transfer - Law	13
Transfer - Medical	137
Vandalism/Property Damage	17
Vehicle/ATV Accident - Non-Injury	27
Other -	301
TOTAL:	1,845



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LC 16U boys go undefeated

THE 16U Ken Otke Orioles of Loose Creek won the season-end tourney and after going undefeated in the regular season. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Max Buscher, Aiden Williams, Jack Robertson, Jacob Bailey, Alex Reinkemeyer and Chase Kremer; and in the back row, Coach Matt Robertson, Nate Brandt, Ryan Kesel, Garrett Mantle, Blake Gentges and coaches Dale Williams and Mark Gentges.



Phenom 16U has several top finishes

THE 16U Phenom basketball team took fourth place in the Run for the Roses tournament in Louisville, Ky., fourth at the Nike National Tournament of Champions in Chicago, Ill., and second place in both the Battle of the Bayou in New Orleans, La., and the Summer Elite Championship in Dallas, Texas. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Addie Brownfield, Taniya Pruitt, Mary Primus and Tristan Porter; and in the back row, Kourtney Kendrick, Lindsey Byers, Hanna Linthacum, Savannah Campbell and Lauren Brandt. Not Pictured are coaches Possaill and Brownfield.



FATIMA GRADUATES Alyssa Struempfh, left, and Katelyn Vanderfeltz were presented the U.D. Sports Above & Beyond Award by U.D. Sports Editor Neal A. Johnson following a great year in cross country, basketball and track.

Perspective: "Twins" earn U.D. Award

This year's U.D. Sports Above & Beyond Award for Fatima was presented to "twins" Alyssa Struempfh and Katelyn Vanderfeltz, both of whom graduated last spring. This is a unique situation in that it's the first time the award was presented jointly.

"After speaking with coaches and Athletic Director Mitch Gier, we came to the conclusion that

there was just no way to decide between them, so I chose to give the award to both of them," said U.D. Sports Editor Neal A. Johnson, who began presenting the annual award in 2003. "They are both very deserving of this recognition."

Struempfh and Vandy, as she's called, competed in cross country, basketball and track, with the former

almost deciding to play softball before going with cross country. Vandy followed suit, and the two were part of a powerhouse team that won four straight championships.

What made them special, Coach Marc Bridges said, is their approach to the concept of teamwork.

"They had almost a need to put their team and their teammates ahead of

their own success," he said. "As long as the team did well, they were happy, and whatever individual success came their way was a bonus. It made them good team leaders."

Having said that, Bridges added that Struempfh and Vandy

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Volleyball returns to Chamois, Burkett pleased in new role as AD

The good news is that volleyball will once again be played at Chamois, provided participation lives up to the anticipation.

"We were fortunate that teams understood our situation last year, and were willing and able to put us back on their schedule," said Kyle Burkett, who assumed the role of athletic director after Brad Strobel retired last year. "There was a good amount of interest at the end of last school year, and we hope that holds true as practice begins."

Coaches Katie Kuschel and Leshia Kempker have been hired and the girls are scheduled to convene for practice Monday afternoon. Both Kuschel and Kempker have coached previously for

the Lady Pirates volleyball team, and bring a lot of experience to the court.

"They know what they're doing, and if we have the numbers, I think the team can be competitive," said Burkett, noting there were seven to nine girls interested in playing. "That's not a huge number, but enough for a varsity schedule. Volleyball used to be much bigger when I was younger, but when we started basketball, I think that drew some players away."

Burkett coached for several years, stepping away after the Pirates finished fourth after the 2017-18 season, and now he's content to serve as AD.

"I've been around athletics all my life, and I was told I'd make a good

athletic director, so the position just kind of fell to me when Brad retired," said Burkett. "There are some elements of coaching that I miss, but I think I'll enjoy this position."

Burkett said there are no major changes to the schedule for any programs, and believes regular-season games and tournaments will prepare teams for district play.

"It all comes down to motivation," said Burkett. "Sometimes it's tough to get kids motivated, but we'll do our best."

In addition to his AD duties, Burkett teaches Environmental Science, Driver's Education and Physical Education.



PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON

RENEGADES SHORTSTOP Austin Russell pitches the ball to second baseman Cody Kempker for a force-out in last Wednesday's win over Osage Ambulances at Linn.



OSAGE AMBULANCE slugger Chase Barbarick puts the ball in play during last week's game against Renegades.

Playoffs @ Rich Fountain Ball Park August 7-10

Bracket and final standings, more photos on Page 20

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OUTDOORS IN THE OZARKS

Copperhead

My daughter Christy is a high school science and biology teacher who has worked in past years as a paid summer naturalist for the state park system. She spends hours and hours in the outdoors, on rivers and trails throughout the Ozarks of southern



by LARRY DABLEMONT

Missouri and north Arkansas. When you spend that much time exploring, you come across some amazing things, and a month or so ago she found a copperhead like none I have ever seen. Instead of the copper-colored hour-glass pattern down its back it has wavy dark brown lines. If you would like to see photos of it, they can be seen on my website, larrydablemontoutdoors.blogspot.com

Last year I wrote about a neighbor of mine who captured a copperhead in his garage and put it in an aquarium to show his 13-year-old daughter. She went to school and told her teacher, who passed it on to a local woman conservation agent who spends weeks working as a substitute teacher while being paid as a MDC agent at the same time.

After school she went to my neighbor's home, entered his garage with no warrant and took the snake and the aquarium and gives him a \$180 fine. Almost a year later, he cannot get the 100-dollar aquarium back. He thinks it may have been sold by the agent, as similar things have happened here in the past.

Less than a mile from him as the crow flies, I kill every copperhead I find on my place. I do that because folks visit Lightnin' Ridge on occasion and walk my trails, and I have a Labrador I am quite fond of and I don't want him or any hiker to be

bitten.

His intentions were better than mine would have been, as he intended to take the copperhead to the river and turn it loose after he showed it to his daughter so she would know how to recognize one. As for me, only copperheads and black snakes are in danger here on Lightnin' Ridge. King snakes, hog-nose snakes and others are safe, even if they get in my basement. But in 25 years here on Lightnin' Ridge I have slaughtered about 50 or so nice friendly copperheads.

A few years ago the Missouri Department of Conservation herpetologist put out a little color pamphlet showing a close up of a copperhead and above it in large print was "they seldom bite, they never kill." I couldn't believe it!!! As a naturalist for the National Park Service back in my twenties, I had made it a point to go out and talk to old-timers about the history of the region and I had been told of families losing children and loved ones to copperhead bites.

I would bet that in the Ozarks of the twenties and thirties, the loss of feet and the loss of life from copperhead bites were considerable. In my interviews with old Ozarkians from that era, I was told that. But that was in a day when there were no clinics close by. All you had was coal oil and dead chicken meat to treat a bite. My uncle, bitten at five years of age, nearly died from a copperhead bite, unconscious for a whole night and day. He says he lived because my grandfather incised the tooth marks and sucked out a half a cup of blood and venom within a few minutes of the time he was bitten.

I think that MDC brochure may have cost a man his life soon after it was spread throughout park offices and visitor centers. He was at Sam A. Baker State Park when he found a copperhead in his tent, picked it up and was bitten when he threw it out, because he didn't want to kill it. A day later, disdaining a trip to see a doctor because he believed, "they never kill", as the brochure proclaimed, he died.

While for many years the MDC experts stated that no one in Missouri has ever died from a copperhead bite, that has all gone out the window

now. Their latest claim is that only three people have ever died from a copperhead bite.

Common sense should tell you that in the wild there are no "nevers" and "always". Every dealing with any wild creature has an unpredictable outcome. The reason few people today are in danger as people were a hundred years ago is the anti-venom to be had at hospitals seldom more than an hour away. But they once called venom 'poison'. It still is!!!

As to the aggressiveness of a copperhead, it just depends on the individual snake, the time of year (all poisonous snakes are most dangerous during the molting of their skin) whether they have full venom glands, (after striking a mouse or chipmunk and eating it, the venom may take a while to build up again) whether it is 90 degrees or 70 degrees, and other factors such as the place and season.

Back when I was in my early twenties I was leading a group of hikers on a Buffalo River trail when I put my foot down a good fifteen to twenty inches from a copperhead and he struck my boot. Yes, he was aggressive and shortly thereafter he was dead. Thank God I was out in front looking for him. Behind me were families not wearing the thick leather boots that I had on.

Remember that, August and September are the molting months and poison snakes are indeed more dangerous then, perhaps because molting affects their vision. In September they are often found at night on concrete, pavement or rock surfaces. They seek the heat as the night cools that those surfaces absorb and hold during the day.

If you let copperheads survive around places where kids or pets or people are found often, I think you lack common sense. And if there are some of you amateur naturalists or even a few book-trained herpetologists out there who want to call me and tell me I don't know what I am talking about, just give me the address where you live and I will bring you a couple of copperheads this fall for your lawn.

You may reach me at 417-777-5227 or email lightninridge47@gmail.com. The mailing address is Box 22, Bolivar, MO 65613

DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation works to support public land access

When I was living in Montana, I spent some time hunting elk. Not so successfully, as I've only one cow to my credit. But I burned some boot leather, and saw a lot



by BRANDON BUTLER

of beautiful country. One special area I found particularly enchanting was the Crazy Mountains.

The Crazy Mountains are about 100 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. With peaks over 11,000 feet, the Crazy Mountains loom over the surrounding prairie landscape like an island in a sea of grass. Yet for all their natural beauty, these mountains have been clouded by a shadow of ugliness for decades as access disputes between private land owners and public land users continued to mount.

The mix of public and private land in the Crazy Mountains has created controversy for many years. Lots of corners exist where two pieces of public land meet opposite of each other, and two pieces of private land meet opposite of each other, all touching the same fence post. Like the red and black squares on a checkerboard. A ridiculous corner hopping rule, which basically says if you come to one of these fenceposts that marks the corner where public and private lands come together, you cannot cross over that fencepost, from one piece of public land to another piece of public land without trespassing, because you are passing through private air space. This rule makes access to millions of acres of public land across the west illegal. Giving

adjacent landowners exclusivity to public lands owned and paid for by all Americans.

Thankfully, there are conservation organizations across our country working on behalf of all of us who value public access to solve situations like this one. In the case of the Crazy Mountains, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), spearheaded an effort to improve public access. RMEF has worked with members of the Crazy Mountain Working Group and other partners, including the U.S. Forest Service, Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Association, private citizens and more, to come up with a plan for constructing a 12-mile trail to allow for better access for non-motorized travel. Construction is set to begin this summer on a nearly 3-mile segment of the trail.

"Securing access in and around the Crazy Mountains has been complicated and challenging for a long, long time," said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. "We are grateful for landowners, agency partners and others who are working collaboratively to make this new access venture possible."

Spend any time around government or organizational rule making, and you quickly come to realize compromise is the way to results. There are organizations and individuals on each end of the spectrum that are so entrenched in their beliefs and desires that they are incapable of compromise. It's the majority in the middle is who to thank more often than not for action, which requires a little give and take. Numerous concerned groups working together has led to better access in the Crazy Mountains.

"Sitting down with stakeholders of differing interests and

respectfully discussing challenging issues to find longstanding, reasonable solutions strengthens our communities. This is what the Crazy Mountain Working Group is cultivating," said Stacy Donald, Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Association vice president and a member of the Crazy Mountain Working Group.

Conservation organizations that I choose to be part of, are those that try to find ways to protect natural resources and public access to those resources, without expressly alienating those who may have legitimate issues with the management of those resources. After learning about the efforts of RMEF to collaborate and seek a solution in the Crazy Mountains, I feel better than ever about sending in my membership dues each year. Even if you never step foot on a specific piece of public property, it should feel good knowing you have that option and that thousands of your fellow citizens will benefit.

"RMEF remains committed to working with all parties in finding solutions to complex on-the-ground access issues. Creating and improving public access lies at the heart of our mission," added Henning.

If you have never visited Montana, add it to your bucket list. The Big Sky Country is worth every minute and dollar it takes to get there. If you're looking for a place to hike that isn't overrun with people, like the national parks can be during the peak season, smaller mountain ranges around the state offer incredible hikes. And now you have better access to the Crazy Mountains, one of the prettiest ranges I've ever experienced.

See you down the trail...

Extensive State Historical Society collection moves from MU's Ellis Library to Center for Missouri Studies

Founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association and designated a trustee of the state in 1899, the State Historical Society of Missouri and its collections have grown at the University of Missouri's Ellis Library for more than 100 years.

If you lined up the library and manuscript collections in a row, they would stretch the equivalent of 74 football fields. Those collections are being moved to the new facility along with miles of microfilm records and newspaper titles and a 30,000-piece art collection.

The Center for Missouri Studies will be a place for the State Historical Society to carry out its work for a second century. The new building will include an on-site auditorium suitable for hosting lectures, films and other large, public events.

A larger gallery is specifically designed for the Society's art collections.

An expanded research center will be equipped with modern technology. There are also additional classroom and meeting room spaces for holding more intimate programs. There are spaces designed for archival work and equipment for preserving and studying Missouri's history.

Collections as of July 2019

- 7,000-plus oral histories — the state's largest collection;
- 4,600-plus newspaper titles — 1808 to the present;
- 383,850-plus photographs capturing Midwestern lives and places;
- 2,000 rare books — oldest published in 1580;
- 10,000-plus manuscript collections;
- 12,000 Civil War manuscript pages online;
- 30,000-plus pieces of art; and,
- 8,000-plus maps dating back to early 1700s.

Publications, educational programs

- Missouri Historical Review, award-winning scholarly quarterly published since 1906;
- 140-plus biographies of historic Missourians available online;
- 2,500-plus students competing in National History Day in Missouri each year;
- Fellowships to promote scholarship about Missouri's history and culture; and,
- Special events celebrating Missouri's unique history, including lectures, workshops and cultural

events in Columbia and each of five other research centers across the state.

Digital newspaper project

The State Historical Society has made collecting the state's newspapers a primary mission. Its collection now includes more than 3,500 unique newspaper titles, with 56 million news pages on microfilm. The grant-funded project grows each year. There are approximately 2.25 million pages between the years 1808 and 1995 are now available at shsmo.org.

EMT CLASS

Osage Ambulance District



Osage Ambulance District will be offering an Emergency Medical Technician class. Class will be taught on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00PM to 10:00PM and will start on Monday, October 8th, 2019 and will conclude in April 2020. Students will be trained according to the National Standards set forth by the Department of Transportation and will have the opportunity to become nationally registered and state licensed EMT's. The class will teach students how to react to medical as well as trauma emergencies, provide CPR to a patient who is not breathing and has no pulse, how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and much more. Cost of class is \$1,000.00; payment plans are available.

Please call 897-0044 for more information and to register for the class. A link to the online application can be found online on our website www.osageamb.com. Class size is limited; applications must be received by September 20th, 2019.

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FEEDER CATTLE
JULY 31, 2019
CATTLE RECEIPTS: 1,342
WEEK AGO: 778 YEAR AGO: 0

Compared to last Wednesday, feeder steers and heifers steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Demand good. Supply moderate. Lots of variation in the feeders this week as most of the cattle over 600 lbs. in the Medium and Large 1-2 category were low end of medium flesh yearlings with also a bigger sprinkling of new crop spring calves in weights under 550 lbs. Supply included: 87% Feeder Cattle (42% Steers, 52% Heifers, 6% Bulls); 9% Slaughter Cattle (90% Cows, 10% Bulls); 4% Replacement Cattle (5% Stock Cows, 89% Bred Cows, 5% Cow-Calf pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs. was 70%.

STEERS
Medium and Large 1
335-375 lbs. 176.00-184.50;
420-490 lbs. 158.00-176.00;
540-595 lbs. 153.00-162.00;
600-690 lbs. 146.00-160.00;
700-765 lbs. 137.00-149.00;
Unweaned 685 lbs. 143.75;
790 lbs. 136.00.

HEIFERS
Medium and Large 1-2
420-470 lbs. 139.00-147.50;
500-580 lbs. 138.00-146.25;
630-675 lbs. 137.00-142.50;
710-765 lbs. 128.00-132.25.

BULLS
Medium and Large 1-2
385 lbs. 146.00;
405-495 lbs. 146.00-159.00;
500-590 lbs. 138.00-145.00;
610-695 lbs. 123.50-135.00;
Fleshy 555 lbs. 130.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Breaking: Percent Lean: 75-80; High Dressing: 67.00-74.00; Avg. Dressing: 63.00-64.00; **Boning:** Percent Lean: 80-85; Avg. Dressing: 55.50-62.00; Low Dressing: 53.50; **Lean:** Percent Lean: 85-90; Average Dressing: 48.00-55.50; Low Dressing: 32.00-45.50; Very Low Dressing: 35.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS
1-2 1510-2195 lbs., Low Dressing: 65.00-76.50; Avg. Dressing: 79.50-84.75.

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2,
STOCK COWS: 2
2-4 yrs. 875-965 lbs. 68.00-79.00.

BRED COWS: 33
2nd to 3rd stage 950-1535 lbs. 650.00-1260.00.

COW-CALF PAIRS: 2
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STEERS: 264
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(18) 300-400 lb. 172.00-187.00
(38) 400-500 lb. 158.00-175.00
(91) 500-600 lb. 149.00-173.00
(86) 600-700 lb. 145.00-156.00
(21) 700-800 lb. 136.00-143.75
(6) 800-900 lb. 122.00-130.50

HEIFERS: 203

Mixed Select 110.75-116.00

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No Sale

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Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 p.m.

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Father Dan Merz - 897-2293
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Fairview Church of Christ
Fairview Rd., Linn
Co. Rd. 303 & 306 Junction
Eric Braman, Minister - 897-3530
Sunday Service..... 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Rich Fountain
William Debo - 744-5987
Saturday Mass..... 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7:45 a.m.
Tues & Thur. Masses 7:45 a.m.

College Hill Baptist
897-4438
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
125 East Main St., Westphalia
Father Anthony Viviano - 455-2320
Saturday Mass..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Daily Tues.-Fri..... 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's U.C.C.
Cooper Hill
Van Lahmeyer, Pastor
Sunday Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study..... 10:15 a.m.

Bethel Salem Hope Presbyterian Church
Hope
Rev. Bob Bailey - 943-6313
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. Cecilia Church
Meta
Fr. Jeremy A. Secrist, 573-477-3315
Saturday Mass (Sunday Vigil)..... 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 8 a.m.
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 1/2 hour before Masses

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Loose Creek
Fr. Callistus Okoroji - 897-2922
Tuesday..... 5:30 p.m.
Weds.-Fri. 8 a.m.
Sat. 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. & 10 a.m.

St. Louis of France Parish
Church Hill - Bonnotts Mill
Fr. Louis Nelen - 897-2922
Sunday Mass..... 8:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Church of Christ
Star Route - Osage County Road 205
Mark Gregor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Meta Christian Church
Hwy 133, Meta
Bro. Dale Beasterfeld - 229-4594
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Belle United Methodist Church
208 Hwy 28, Belle
Sandra Dixon, Pastor
Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Chamois United Methodist Church
Third and Main St., Chamois
763-5698
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Pin Oak Baptist Church
Hwy. 50, Mt. Sterling
Glen Duncan, Pastor - 943-6386
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Babbtown
Rev. Gerald Scheperle, Pastor
395-4591 OR 229-4686
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:10 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Schubert
Rev. Gerald Scheperle, Pastor
395-4591 OR 229-4686
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

St. John's United Methodist
920 Hwy. 50, Linn
Floyd Gudde, Pastor - 897-3100
Sunday Service 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Service..... 6:30 p.m.

Zion - St. Peter U.C.C.
Pershing
Rev. Ron Stair - 294-6684
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

St. George Catholic Church
Hwy 50, Linn
Father Dan Merz - 897-2293
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

St. James U.C.C.
Hwy 100, Morrison
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church
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Pastor Dan Bauder - 573-263-2526
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Send us your church news and events.

First Baptist Church
Hwy. 50 W., Linn
David Krueger, Pastor - 897-3862
Sunday School - all ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Bible Study and Youth 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Chamois, Mo.
Kirk Kellogg, Pastor - 573-205-9346
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening 6:30 p.m.

Community of Christ
Hwy 50 E., Linn
Renold Mantle, Sandra Mantle, 573-644-3118
Church School..... 9:30 a.m.
Church Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Service (Every Wed.) 6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church
Hwy. 63 & Oliver St., Freeburg
Rev. William Debo - 744-5254
Sunday Mass..... 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Masses 7:45 a.m.
Thursday Masses NO MASS
Friday Mass..... 7:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass 4:45 p.m.
Confessions: Sat. 3:45-4:15 p.m.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Argyle
Fr. Greg Meystik
Tuesday..... 6 p.m.
Thursday..... 8 a.m.
Saturday..... 5 p.m.
Sunday..... 8 a.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Koltztown
Fr. Greg Meystik
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Community Christian
Jeff Kruger, Pastor
Hwy. 50 E., Linn - 897-3011
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Home Bible Studies .7:00 p.m.
Wednesday during the school year
Team Kid 2:30 p.m.
First Sunday of every month
Sing-A-Long 6 p.m.
Student Impact (Jr. and Sr. High)
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Sunday Praise and Worship Services..... 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
LFWC Youth Group - Sunday at 6 p.m.
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Sunday Mass..... 8:30 a.m.

Koenig United Methodist
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(Every Wednesday)

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Leo Roberson, Pastor -573-646-3392
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Chamois Church of Christ
412 N. Main Street
Kids Bible Time..... 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Ryos Ebenezer U.C.C.
Pastor Barbara Zastrow
Sunday Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Freedom - 943-2261
Rev. Paul Landgraf, Pastor - 314-791-6401
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Main St., Chamois
Rev. David Means - 763-5345
OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Sunday Mass..... 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass..... 9:00 a.m.
Friday Mass..... 8:00 a.m.

Assumption Catholic Church
Morrison
Rev. David Means
OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
Sunday Mass..... 8:00 a.m.
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass..... 10:00 a.m.
Friday Mass..... 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses are subject to change. Check church bulletin.
Reconciliation will be heard before Masses or by appt.

St. John's U. C. C.
407 S. Vine, Chamois
Rev. Barbara Zastrow - 763-5698
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Pilot Knob Baptist Church
491 County Road 716, Belle
Dean Cattlett, Interim Pstor
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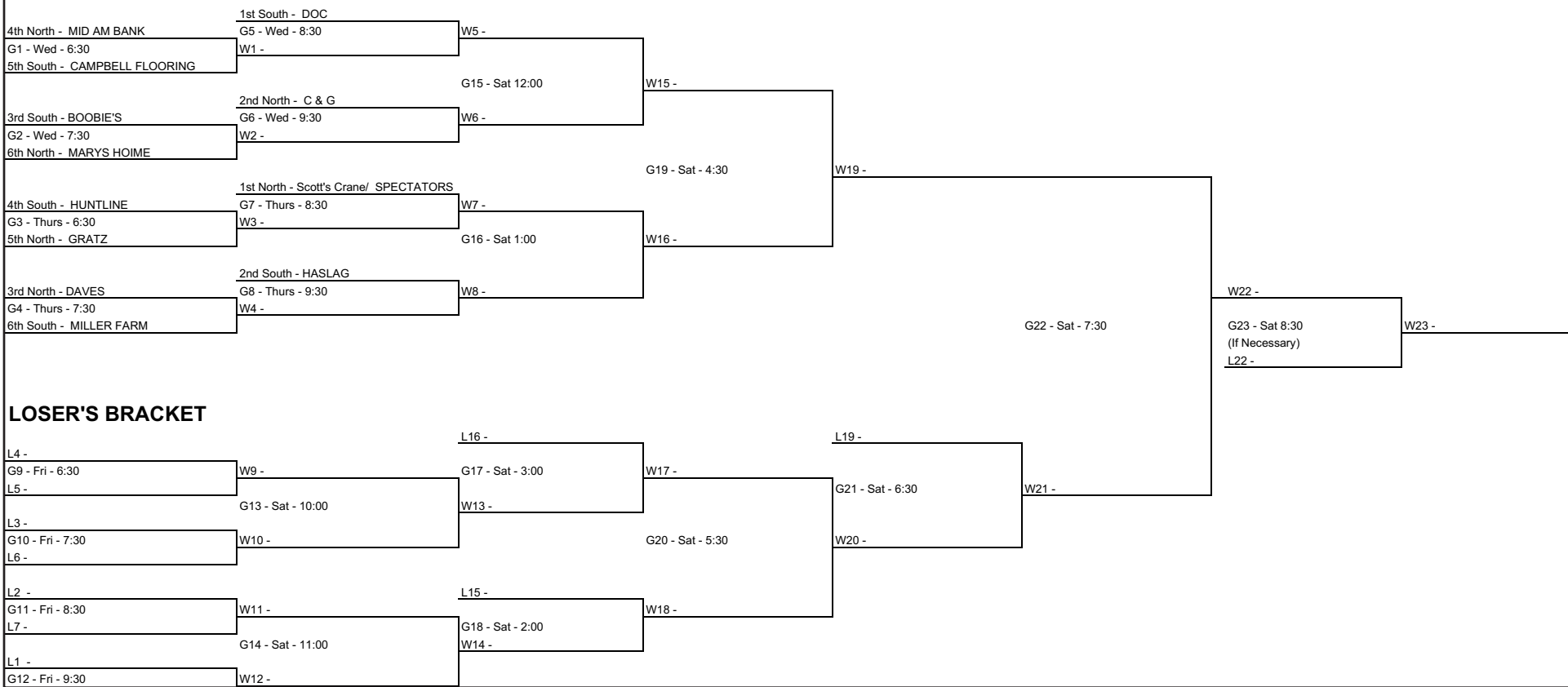
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North Standings		
Team	W	L
1 Scott Crane/ Spectators	23	1
2 C & G Cabinets	20	4
3 Dave's	17	7
4 Mid America Bank	15	9
5 Gratz	14	10
6 Mary's Home	14	10
7 Jerry's Stop & Go	13	11
8 Midwest Block & Brick	10	14
9 Sinquefield	9	15
10 Renegades	8	16
11 Maries County Bank	6	18
12 Kempker Trucking	5	19
13 Osage Ambulance	2	22

South Standings		
Team	W	L
1 Dickneite Oil Company	21	1
2 Legend's Bank/ Haslag Land.	17	5
3 Boobie's	16	6
4 Answare	14	8
5 Campbell Flooring	13	9
6 Miller Farm Supply	13	9
7 Diamond	10	10
8 Mid Mo Surfaces	10	12
9 Land Leader	8	13
10 J & J Cabinets	6	13
11 Capital	1	21
12 Argyle Sox	1	21



OSAGE AMBULANCES third baseman Cade Pinkerton makes a nice catch in foul territory for an out against the Renegades last week.



OSAGE AMBULANCES pitcher Jason Kempker makes a pitch sends the ball home. Below, Mike Scheulen sends this pitch to the outfield against the Renegades of Mary's Home.



JASON STEVENS makes good contact as the rain is coming down during last week's game.



RAIN AND a deteriorating field at Maguire Park last week led to somewhat slower base-running.



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always pushed for individual improvement.

"They were never willing to settle for just being good or okay at anything they did," he said. "Both were gifted students and took the same approach in the classroom as they did on the course. They expected to get A's and they worked hard to get them."

Coach Matt Baker agreed.

"I couldn't be more proud of these two young ladies and all they accomplished in their four years here at Fatima," he said. "Both Katelyn and Alyssa are deserving of the sports award. These two young ladies were unbelievable athletes, model students, and, most importantly, great young women. They understood the sacrifices and the commitment it takes to be exceptional. They loved to compete and were simply willing to endure more pain than anyone else."

The girls have always been heavily involved in the community as well, demonstrating great citizenship.

"They never knew a stranger and they are always smiling, laughing, and joking," said Baker. "Every day is an adventure when the twins are involved."

Coach Bridges said there were several times Struempff and Vandy helped teammates or friends in need. "They have genuine compassion for others, and go out of their way to help people," he said.

Struempff plans to attend Columbia College, where she plans to run cross country and track as she studies pre-med and biology in pursuit of a degree in medicine.

Vanderfelt will attend the University of Missouri, where she will pursue a degree in speech pathology.

See you at the game.
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OSAGE AMBULANCES outfielder Joe Voss prepares to send the ball to the infield in the rain during last week's home game against the Renegades.

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