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Vienna beats Calvary Lutheran at homecoming. See Sports Page 7.



Homecoming crowd goes crazy

Fans of the Vienna Eagles are pictured reacting to a third quarter buzzer-beater shot in the varsity game made by Eagle basketball player, sophomore Zach Schwartz, in the contest last Friday night at the annual VHS Homecoming. The Eagles won both the JV and varsity games versus Calvary Lutheran. Candidates for homecoming queen and king (below)—Courtney Falter (left), Malerie Meier, Kara Harker, Taylor Schoene and Makayla Peterman. Cole Petershagen (back, left), Tyler Roberds, Isaac Weider, Luke McEnnis, and Carson Hayes. Read about the Eagles game against Calvary Lutheran on page 7 and see more photos from homecoming on page 12.

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Auditor reports “good year” during Belle’s financial presentation

Police department continues deficit in 2017-18 with negative \$29,065.77 to date

BELLE — Belle aldermen received an unmodified opinion letter Jan. 9, with no new findings, during the city’s 2016-17 audit presentation, and discussed how to keep departments on budget.

Kristen DeLuca with K DeLuca Audit Services, LLC., in St. James, presented the report.

“There were no new findings this year,” DeLuca told The Advocate Tuesday morning. “There were two issues that we have talked about in the past and

both are common to cities of their size.”

The two issues were separation of duties and preparation and review of the financial statements.

“Anytime we have a small accounting staff where one or two people can or do nearly all the accounting functions, we have a segregation of duties issue,” DeLuca told Belle aldermen. “You are not alone. Every small city we work with has this problem. Look for ways you can separate those duties when you

can. I know Michelle (Jones) got cross trained on the water and sewer billing system this year and that was big.”

Alderman Ken Stanfield asked DeLuca about the overall financial picture. “It looks like the city, financially, is in pretty good shape,” he asked.

“It’s been a pretty good year,” DeLuca confirmed.

Stanfield asked about the one department that was in the red. “Other than we have one department that is kind of in

the red, right,” he asked.

Stanfield was referring to the Belle Police Department (PD).

DeLuca told aldermen in April during the 2016-17 mid-year audit presentation to follow their policy on purchases.

“We talked last year about complying with your purchasing procedures and trying to find a way to enforce that no costs are incurred until they have been

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Belle FBLA celebrates 20 years of community service

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Sunday Jan 14 Belle High School and Future Business Leaders of America came together for the 20th Anniversary Celebration and Open House. The event was well attended by community leaders, alumni, friends, and family to honor FBLA participants throughout the years.

As visitors entered the high school gym they were greeted by student representatives of the program, asked to sign in, and generously offered a variety of snacks and punch. Golden balloons littered the floor while red and white bouquets and twisted ribbons decorated the tables. 20 years of FBLA t-shirts adorned a backdrop façade pleasantly framing a table nearly 100 feet long, showcasing the proposals, projects, and accomplishments of the much lauded program. In a corner to the side, the popular Kiss-a-Pig fundraiser allowed visitors to cast votes for their favorite candidate in dollars and cents; the nominee who collects the most money is thereafter chosen to kiss a literal pig at the basketball game Feb 9, during FBLA week.

It’s not all fun and games: FBLA is meant to complement classroom learning as a competency-based extracurricular activity. According to the program director, Kathy Speichinger, the FBLA promote skills like public speaking and training in new technology which dovetail with a wide array of other disciplines. For example, Speichinger’s curriculum includes training in Microsoft Office Suite, a collection of computer programs designed to enhance the users ability to communicate effectively in academic, business, and professional environments.

A large portion of FBLA consists of volunteer work. Students assist in the

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THREE AWARDS were presented at the Vienna Chamber of Commerce End of the Year Luncheon last Friday. Pictured (from left) are Chamber President Amber Bock, award winners Bill Patton and Ross Patten representing SCRS; Vic Stratman, and Alberto Esquivel and Elda Mascorro representing Checo’s; and Chamber Vice President Donna Byington.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

Stratman, SCRS, Checo’s receive VCOC awards

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VIENNA — The Vienna Chamber of Commerce (VCOC) presented three awards Friday afternoon at the End of Year Luncheon event held at The Market restaurant in Vienna.

Vic Stratman received the Heart of Vienna Award which recognizes a business or individual who shows a great love and concern for the community by sharing their time and talents or by their financial contributions to the community. Stratman said someone else should have received it, adding, “We live in a great community and a lot of people do a lot of things.”

All of the nominees were very deserving of the award and included Mary Wansing and Sharon Wulff.

South Central Regional Stockyards (SCRS) received the Pioneer Award which recognizes a chamber business for noteworthy accomplishments, long-standing contributions to the community, and ethical approach to business and significant community service efforts. Ross Patten received the award for SCRS. He said he was happy about receiving the award and “Very honored.”

The nominees—Crump Law Office and the Vienna Eagles Club—all play an important role in the community and were the businesses selected by chamber members to be recognized.

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Drewel asks for patience with muddy road at Vichy Dollar General Store construction site

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MARIES COUNTY — Ground has been broken for the new Dollar General Store along Highway 63, south of Vichy. The new store also will be using a Maries County road as an entrance.

Eastern District Commissioner Doug Drewel said he recently was at the site. He spoke with the contractor and saw the construction plans. He also noticed that Maries Road 443 was being heavily used by the heavy equipment going in and out of the Dollar General Store construction site. He was told that about 100 feet of this county road will have a concrete street/driveway poured on it to the entrance of the new Dollar General Store parking lot. He said there has been a lot of mud on the county road entrance and on Highway 63 caused by the trucks going in and out. Drewel asked that local residents who use Maries Road 443 to have patience because it will get better.

Drewel said a lot of money is being

spent to build the store and he wondered if there are enough people in the immediate surrounding area to support it and hopes the new business location will be successful.

PANIC BUTTONS

Treasurer Rhonda Slone had a price quote for ten panic buttons to be placed in county offices in the courthouse. She said the ones located in the prosecuting attorney, circuit clerk and recorder and associate judge’s offices and the judge’s bench in the courtroom were installed in 2008. They ring into the sheriff’s office so help can come quickly if there is a security issue. The quote was given by Secure Tech Systems, Inc. of Irving, Texas and representatives from that company said the county’s current panic buttons are obsolete. They were purchased with a grant by Circuit Clerk and Recorder Mark Buschmann.

The quote Secure Tech Systems gave for a new system including installation was \$10,100. This includes ten single

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Vienna may change water deposit policy

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M-2 Archery competes in St. Clair

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Legends of Conservation series planned

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A NEW ADVENTURE

The battle between the watermelon and the apple

The recommended amount of fruit in the Healthy U.S.-Style Eating Pattern at the 2,000-calorie level is 2 cup-equivalents per day. I'll be the first to confess that I don't always reach that goal. But I do have some strong feelings about my favorite fruit — the apple.

My wife, Connie doesn't agree with me. Her favorite fruit is the watermelon. I think it has something to do with the fact that watermelons show up on the grocery store shelves around May. She has been a teacher now for 31 years. May means the end of the school year.

This is classical conditioning first discovered by Russian physiologist, Ivan Pavlov (Pavlov's dogs). I believe it is a learned procedure where Connie associates the watermelon in the store with the end of the school year.

Wikipedia lists 91 different types of fruits. Many I have never heard of before such as Cherimoya, Feijoa, Jaboticaba, Loquat, Nance, Quince, Salak and Ugli fruit.

The Ugli fruit has that name because the natives of Jamaica, where this fruit was discovered, thought it had an ugly appearance.

Anyway my wife and I have for years had a disagreement on the world's best fruit. Is it the apple

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



or the watermelon?

I consider the apple the world's perfect fruit, and once and for all I am going to prove it

First of all I believe the apple is the most versatile fruit there is. With an apple you can make:

1. Apple Butter
2. Apple Cake
3. Apple Cider
4. Apple Cobbler
5. Apple Coleslaw (never heard of this before)
6. Apple Cookies
7. Apple Crisp
8. Apple Juice
9. Apple Muffins
10. Apple Pie

11. Applesauce
12. Apple Turnovers
13. Baked Apples
14. Caramel Apples
15. Dried Apples
16. Fried Apples
17. Waldorf Salad

Did I miss any?

What can you do with a watermelon, besides eat or drink them? Most of the recipes you find on-line for watermelon involve booze.

Apple 1 — Watermelon 0

There are almost 800 different varieties of apples. Thank goodness we don't have that many to choose from in our local grocery stores. My favorites are Fuji, Gala, McIntosh and Granny Smith (for pies).

As for watermelons I found one site on the web that listed 500 varieties. Again the apple wins.

Apple 2 — Watermelon 0

Everyone knows it's an apple a day that keeps the doctor away, not a watermelon.

Apple 3 — Watermelon 0

Another good thing about the apple is you can buy them in the store 365 days a year. Watermelons are generally available only during the spring and summer months.

Apple 4 — Watermelon 0

Uncut watermelons will last seven to ten days on the counter and two to three weeks in the fridge. Loose apples will last six to eight weeks if refrigerated, one to two weeks on the counter. Another win for the apple.

Apple 5 — Watermelon 0

The apple is so great a company chose it as its name. No company is named watermelon.

Apple 6 — Watermelon 0

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy eating watermelon as much as the next person. One of my favorite memories is eating watermelon slices in my grandparents back yard with a little salt on them. We ate them standing up and leaning over so to keep the watermelon juice from dripping on our clothes, and so we could spit the seeds out.

Apples are not messy.

Apple 7 — Watermelon 0

Sorry I just don't see any area where the watermelon wins over the apple.

Let me know what your favorite fruit is and why you think it is the best. Would it beat the apple in a head to head contest?

Also let me know what's your favorite apple recipe.

REPORT FROM THE 6TH DISTRICT

No time for spin or shell games

STATE SEN. MIKE KEHOE
Missouri's 6th District

What started as a routine week in the capitol ended as anything but routine.

I hope there is never again another week like it. Missourians understand that elected officials are not perfect, but they have the rightful expectation that their elected officials, regardless of party or position, exhibit high standards of personal conduct.

I was shocked to learn of the allegations against the governor and am very concerned by them. As this situation continues to evolve, I expect the governor to be honest and transparent. This can be done while respecting the privacy of the first-lady and their children.

As a formal Naval officer, the governor knows full well that the actions of one or a few affect the perception of many. The perception of many good men and women who come to the capitol to represent their districts and work to make their communities and state a better place has been tarnished as a result of the governor's alleged actions.

The governor owns this now and it is up to him to re-establish the trust and confidence placed in him by Missourians.

This is not the time for spin or political shell games, it is time to be personally accountable for his actions, whatever they may have been.

The Senate and the House remain committed to advancing an agenda that continues moving Missouri forward. As has been the case each year he has been President Pro Tem, Senator Ron Richard has quickly assigned many important bills to committee for consideration. Some committees met this week and I expect the committee process to be well under way by next week. As committee chairs hear and pass bills out of committee they will proceed to the floor for debate by the Senate as a whole.

In the coming weeks, appropriations committees in both the House and the Senate will continue work crafting a budget for the 2019 fiscal year. I talk with Sen. Dan Brown, the chair of the senate appropriations committee, on a daily basis and know that he and his staff are already at work using the agreed upon consensus revenue estimate for the upcoming year.

The budget process is lengthy and laborious, but this is as it should be, given the significance of spending your tax dollars.

MAIL BAG

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free

These words are written on a plaque at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

This is one of the most important reasons that America is great. Either one or more of these situations applied to our ancestors when they came here. Right is right and wrong is wrong, no matter who you are, or what your views are.

Darrell Schulte
Meta, MO

HOMETOWN BOY

Vicious bug could be flue or maybe just a bad cold

Bug alert! Stay away from sick friends.

The Sunday morning paper's top story reports it's too early to know if this year's flu vaccine failed. We have more cases, early, it says.

Friday before Christmas I came down with something. It seemed to have all symptoms of flu. After four awful days over a holiday weekend, I self-diagnosed flu. I wasn't about ready to die, just close. So I didn't go to the hospital ER. When I finally saw my internist, his diagnosis was: "It's something going around."

The patient ahead of me had the bug. He was better with words than I am. He said it felt like he'd been "hit by a truck."

I said that every bone, muscle and joint ached. Plus I had a deep cough and my nose flowed like a faucet. Messy me.

My doctor agreed it sounded like flu. But he'd had flu tests run on prior patients. Tests showed: "Not flu."

Doc told of strong over-the-counter pills. Compared to Rx drugs they were cheap. They worked. Even better, he prescribed Rx cough syrup with codeine. Who says opioids are bad? After the first dose, coughing stopped. Then, I slept all afternoon. Night-after-night of coughing and sleeplessness wore me out.

After the evening dose, I slept through the night. At my age, sleeping through the night is rare. Nature calls. Who says opioids are bad?

After constant coughing stopped, I quit the happy juice. I'll save that bottle of syrup for the next coughing jag. Codeine is powerful, a miracle drug.

I've had big painkillers after surgery. I'm sent away with big bottles of powerful opioids. I recall after heart surgery I knew I didn't need pain pills. That is until the hospital meds wore off. I was wrong, big time.

I needed them for about three days. After that, I wanted to get off the goofy pills. I wanted my brain back.

I've been told by two doctors that I have high tolerance for pain. I think that I learned that as a farm boy. Working for dad, there were no "sick days."

Chickens, pigs and calves had to be fed. Eggs were gathered. The milk cow was milked. Chores didn't stop.

I was lucky that only one accident got medical attention. Now, I recall it was mom who took me to the doctor. That Doc gave a pain shot, a stitch and a bandage. No opioids. When Dad got home, he thought that wound wasn't worthy of a doctor visit.

His unwritten rule: "Suck it up and keep going."

In recent years, some of us who grew up together realize our parents would be arrested for neglect today. What would happen to parents if a group of young teen boys went hunting all afternoon with no idea of where or for how long? We were armed with 22 rifles.

There was not a lot of shooting. Boys knew 22 caliber shells cost lots of money, maybe 50 cents a box. However, we could bring back rabbit or squirrel for supper.

The bug this year affects different people different ways. Symptoms vary; but length of recovery remains about three weeks. If it's flu, it's a virus that antibiotic can't touch. A cold microbe might respond.

If antibiotic is used, that's not three or four pills. It takes a bottle of pills. Taking partial doses only creates stronger strains. Flu virus evolves continually into something new. That may defeat flu tests.

Farmers learned, the hard way, about not using enough herbicides. Weeds that escape become resistant to chemicals. Use of glyphosate year after year built powerful resistant weeds. Resistant weed populations explode.

Last year dicamba proved a super killer of tough weeds. But, serious side effects damaged plants far beyond known drift patterns.

The warning "read the label and follow directions" means more. Untrained spraying becomes hugely expensive.

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by **DUANE DAILEY**

FARM BUREAU CUT TO THE CHASE

Trump Rural Broadband Order a Helpful First Step

BY **ERIC BOHL**

Poor internet speeds remain a huge problem in rural Missouri. Many still lack access to connectivity, even if they were willing and able to pay any cost. Over the past year, Missouri Farm Bureau has worked toward finding solutions to this persistent problem, bringing together hundreds of leaders in government and industry to identify the causes and propose answers.

On January 8 in Nashville, Donald Trump became the first sitting U.S. President in 25 years to speak to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention. Following his speech, President Trump signed an executive order to help deploy rural broadband by easing the process to put private broadband infrastructure on federal property.

In practice, President Trump directed the General Services Administration (GSA) to create simple form contracts for internet infrastructure leases on federal property and directed agencies to quickly approve requests unless it would directly hurt the agency's mission. While siting data transmission hardware on federal property is helpful and the order was a welcome announcement, the White House called the step "incremental" and noted that total rural broadband infrastructure needs are estimated at \$80 billion.

The numbers show that poor broadband infrastructure is a more acute problem in Missouri than most states. 2016 FCC Broadband Progress Report found that 61 percent of rural Missourians did not have access to broadband internet, while only five percent lacked access in urban areas. This puts Missouri

in 42nd place for rural connectivity. In fact, Missouri is one of only three states with more than one million rural residents lacking access to broadband internet, trailing only Texas and California — the two most populous states — in raw numbers.

To follow the momentum of President Trump's announcement, Missouri can take some simple steps to help rural Missourians get internet access. Strategic Networks Group's 2017 50 States of Broadband report found that 52% of states had a dedicated office of broadband. Eighteen of the top 20 states in the report's overall ranking have a dedicated office of broadband.

Missouri does not have any coordinating office and has not had anything resembling one since former Governor Nixon's MO Broadband Now initiative wound down several years ago. The lack of unified direction has been a major problem for infrastructure deployment. Governor Greitens and the state legislature should work together to create an effective broadband office. The cost of a coordinating office would be minimal, if any, as current resources could be reallocated and tasked with this unifying mission.

Rural Missouri needs action on broadband infrastructure. We appreciate President Trump recognizing the importance of these needs and moving in the right direction, but we need much more action from all levels of our elected officials, and much more private investment in infrastructure, solve this prolonged problem.

Eric Bohl, of Columbia, Mo., is director of public affairs for Missouri Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization.

The American Red Cross has issued an urgent call for blood donations of all types. Severe winter weather has had a tremendous impact on blood donations already with more than 200 blood drives cancelled in 2018. As a result, over 6,500 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected. In addition, hectic holiday schedules as well as seasonal illnesses collectively contributed to more than 28,000 fewer donations in November and December. This healthcare issue is so important it has received coverage from television news programs and newspapers around the country. January is National Blood Donor Month. An upcoming opportunity to give blood near you is at LSC Communications, 1005 Commercial Drive, Owensville, Friday, Jan. 19, noon to 5 p.m.

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Vienna may change water deposit policy to avoid unpaid bills

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VIENNA — The Vienna City Council may make a policy change in order to keep rental tenants from leaving landlords with unpaid water bills.

At the council's January meeting, South Ward Alderwoman Brenda Davis said she recently was contacted by a landlord who was stuck with a water bill after a tenant left town. Davis said if the city followed its own policy, a landlord would not be stuck with more than a month's worth of water bills.

Clerk Sherry James restated the city's policy for water bills. The bills cover the previous 30 days and payment is due on the tenth of each month. After the tenth a 10 percent penalty is added and the bill and the penalty are due by the 20th of the month and if it remains unpaid the water is shut off. So a tenant could be more than 30 days behind in their bill before they are disconnected. It costs the amount of the unpaid bill plus a \$50 reconnect fee for the water to be turned back on. The city requires a \$150 water deposit when starting water service to a new customer. This deposit can be used to help cover the cost of unpaid bills. However, the city has a policy that after two years of always paying their water bill on time, a tenant or homeowner is refunded

the deposit. This was the case that Davis spoke about and the tenant vacated and left the landlord with the water bill and the deposit already had been refunded.

Davis asked and James said on that date there were 19 water customers who were overdue on payment and 16 of them are renters. Four are over 30 days old. James said this month is a little different because she took vacation and city hall was closed and closed for the holidays, and because of the cold weather there were frozen meters.

Davis said if the city doesn't consistently follow its own policy for water disconnects, the city is transferring its responsibility to the landlords and it is not their fault. She noted the council had increased the deposit in order to help cover unpaid water bills. Davis said they need to follow the policy to a "t" and treat everyone the same.

Mayor Tyler James said the city doesn't let people go for three or four months without paying and usually its just a couple of days past the 20th. Clerk James said if the bill is unpaid by the 20th the city puts a red tag about disconnection on the tenant's door and that usually brings them in to pay. If they don't come in, the city disconnects the water. She said people get into situations and there are some sad stories she hears about why people can't pay. Mayor James said the city has to follow its policy and it will be up to the landlord if they want to give in to their situation. Clerk James said

there are about 20 water clients who would be disconnected today if they are strict with the policy and these customers are always a month behind on payment. She said about ten would be shut off each month. If they walk away from the bill, the city usually still has the \$150 deposit to put toward the unpaid bill.

Mayor James said maybe the city should only return the deposit to a property owner and not to a renter. Clerk James thought this was a good idea and said some cities charge a different deposit for renters. Davis said she thinks it was the city auditor who told the council it can't hold water meter deposits indefinitely. The Mayor asked that this be looked into about why the city is refunding deposits, also using a different deposit for renters, otherwise the third option is to "listen to the sob stories."

In other business at the council's January meeting:

—Clerk James reported receiving the final reimbursement from MoDOT on the Ballpark Road lighting project. The city received total reimbursement of \$37,996.80 for the grant-funded project, which was 80 percent of the cost and the city paid 20 percent of the project's cost, plus about \$5,000 more for the two poles that were not put up along the Ballpark Road sidewalk but were used at the park instead. This project is now closed out.

—Mayor James reported on the topic of the city

obtaining the VCDC spec building at the industrial development park on Route V. He said there was no rush to the matter and attorney Ross Bush is still working on it. "If we take it over we have to have it free and clear. We have to make a decision if we want it and if the VCDC wants to get rid of it," he said.

Clerk James noted that Roger Schulte owns a piece of land within the industrial development park and the building which Jimmy Stratman is currently renting.

—It was mentioned there are two new businesses in Vienna that have purchased city business licenses—Results Real Estate and Auction owned by Mark James, and Stratman Metal Works owned by James Stratman.

—Clerk James made some notations on the city employee leave policy that she will email to council members to peruse.

—Clerk James reported fund cash balances: General Fund \$43,534.93, Water Fund \$104,937.36, Street Fund \$43,798.20, and Sewer Fund \$73,013.59.

She reported fund revenues and expenses: General Fund revenues \$145,844.11 (49% of budget) and expenses \$133,334.29 (46% of budget); Water Fund revenues \$89,370.06 (54%) and expenses \$74,551.04 (48%); Street Fund revenues \$98,173.21 (71%) and expenses \$88,175.53 (66%); and Sewer Fund revenues \$46,178.15 (63%) and expenses \$16,395.21 (25%).



Advocate Bingo game grand prize awarded

Kim Eads (right) of Vienna was the grand prize winner in the Maries County Advocate's 2017 Bingo game. Eads won \$300 cash for her fully covered bingo card. She was presented the cash by Mark Hayes of The Maries County Bank. Six of the total ten prizes have been awarded totaling \$550. Four second chance winners will receive \$25 each. To enter into the second chance drawing the Advocate must receive your Bingo card by January 30. Your bingo card can be delivered to any of the Advocate offices or mailed to: The Maries County Advocate, PO Box 540, Owensville, Mo. 65066.

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button duress alarm buttons (panic buttons) at \$125 each for a total of \$1,250, a Wave Plus control panel at \$7,900, and Wave onsite set up and training at \$950.

The commissioners asked about other companies because at that price it would need to be bid out. Presiding Commissioner Ray Schwartze said they would just have to bid it out and only one company might respond, but it would have to be put out to bid. Later, Slone said the sheriff game her two more companies to contact for a price.

Schwartz mentioned that Deputy Scott John is looking at prices for security cameras and the good ones are expensive. Deputy Donnie Chambers said it would provide a level of security and its hard to put a price tag on that. Western District Commissioner Ed Fagre said if they can't find money for it in the budget they can do a lease-purchase loan from the bank. Schwartz said the sheriff has had some success with getting grants and that is always something to look for.

NEED A RAISE TOO

Maries County Prosecuting Attorney Terry Schwartz said she'd read in The Advocate that the extension office wants to raise the pay of one employee to \$11.60 an hour. "If you have money for extension raises, my girls need a raise too," she said.

County Clerk Rhonda Brewer said the \$11.60 was not right and an extension office employee confirmed that Pat Snodgrass had the wrong number as one extension employee currently makes \$10.80 an hour and the other one earns \$10 an hour.

Prosecutor Schwartz said she thinks years of

service should be considered when giving pay raises. Also, her workers have a stressful job and must have experience and knowledge of legal issues to perform the job properly. If raises are to be given, she wants her employees to have them also.

LICENSE OFFICE

Brewer and Schwartz were working on getting the paperwork together for MRPC to write the bid for the Vienna License Office. The county operates the license office in the courthouse and must apply every five years to retain it. It earns about \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually for the county. Commissioner Schwartz is considered the contract manager and Stephanie Plassmeyer is the office manager. They must have a background check each time the application is renewed. Also needed is a letter of credit from the Maries County Bank.

GET ALONG

Sheriff Chris Heitman was at the meeting briefly. He was scheduled to meet with the commissioners the following day to go over his budget. He was angry last year about his budget and this year the commissioners want to make sure all is understood and that there are no hard feelings. They have a certain amount of revenue and it only goes so far. Heitman said he's glad that the county officials are "a good group of people" and that they all get along. In other counties he knows of that is not the case.

Fagre said county officials and employees also give "good service" to the people and he's heard in other counties employees sometimes are hateful and hard to deal with.

Vienna man charged with drug trafficking felony in Lafayette County

A traffic stop and subsequent probable-cause search of a vehicle last week has resulted in a Maries County resident being arrested and charged with a couple of drug-related felonies in Lafayette County.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol probable-cause statement, authorities allegedly uncovered approximately six pounds of marijuana separated into one-pound packages and separate bundles of methamphetamine weighing

approximately eight total grams during the stop near the 62 mile marker on I-70 on January 4. The driver, Craig Wansing, 42, of Vienna, reportedly told the trooper he was transporting the illegal substances to two separate people near Rolla.

Online court documents say a warrant has been issued and served, and Wansing has been charged with a Class A felony for trafficking drugs or attempt in the First Degree over statutory amount, and a Class C

Felony for delivery of 35 grams or Less of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid to a person less than 17 years of age. Bond has been set at \$100,000 cash only, with special conditions.

Wansing's initial hearing at Lafayette County Circuit Court in Lexington is pending.

Wansing previously has served time in prison on federal drug charges for trafficking cocaine and marijuana in Cole County.

The Maries County Bank

Pride in our past... Investing in your future.



Community Calendar

Vienna Senior Center Bingo

Monday, Jan. 22nd | Lucky 7 Jackpot \$800.00

AK Crusaders Relay for Life Steak Night

Saturday Jan. 20th 5:30-9:00 p.m. Vienna Eagles Club
 Pie Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Vienna Chamber of Commerce Trivia Night Soup & Chili Fundraiser

Sat. January 27, 2018 | KC Hall Vienna, MO | Trivia Game 6:30 p.m.
 Chili & Soup Served from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Registration Fee \$120 per 8 Person Teams | Silent Auction Items
 50/50 Raffle. Contact Amber Bock 573-422-3323

Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. Winter BBQ

Sun. Jan. 28th starting 10:00 a.m. Serving Rib Slabs, Porksteaks, Chicken Breast, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Vienna Eagles Booster Club Steak Night

Saturday Feb. 3rd 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Vienna Eagles Club
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AREA OBITUARIES

Thomas Anderson



Thomas L. “Tom” Anderson, 74, Dixon, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 23, 1943, to Marion Bridgeman and Violet Anderson, at Rolla.

He was united in marriage to Joy Lea Slone, Aug. 8, 1965, at Dixon.

Tom was a U.S. Navy veteran, a member of the World of Life Fellowship Church, Dixon and had been owner and operator of Withers Auto Parts, Dixon.

He is survived by wife, Joy; daughters, Michelle Krippelez and husband Guy of Dixon and Kimberly Hudson and husband Tony of Cuba; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Long-Kloepfel Funeral Chapel, Dixon, with Pastor Jerry Dooley officiating.

Interment was in the Seaton Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Long-Kloepfel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Dixon.

Anthony Bailey



Anthony “Tony” Albert Bailey, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 4, 1943, to Albert M. and Eleanor (Bosotin) Bailey, in St. Louis.

He was united in marriage to Judy Ellen Meyers, in 1960.

Tony attended Afton High School. He attained his qualifications as an aircraft mechanic while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps before being honorably discharged at the rank of Corporal (E-4). He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He obtained a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Webster University. Tony worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 28 years, attaining the position of Public Information Officer and serving as a aircraft pilot. He reached the rank of Sergeant at Troop C prior to retirement and moved with wife Judy to their farm near St. James in Maries County.

He was preceded in death by parents, Albert and Eleanor; and brother, Robert “Bob” Bailey.

He is survived by children, Scott Anthony Bailey and wife Kathleen, Anthony “Tony” Albert Bailey Jr. and Tracy Ellen Bailey-Carter; brother, Albert Bailey and wife Sheri; sisters, Patricia Donbeck and husband, John, Michelle Estes and husband George and Ginelle Smith and husband Gary; sister-in-law, Carol Bailey; and nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A private family service with full military honors will be held Monday, Jan. 29, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorial contributions suggested to Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Judith Bailey



Judith (Judy) Ellen Bailey, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, at her residence.

She was born June 4, 1943, to Jack and Oral (Blackwood) Meyers, in St. Louis.

She was united in marriage to Anthony “Tony” Albert Bailey, in 1960.

Judith had been employed as a bank manager for Mercantile Bank in St. Louis for 25 years prior to her retirement and moving with husband Tony to their farm near St. James in Maries County.

She was preceded in death by parents, Jack and Oral; and brother, Jack Meyers Jr.

She is survived by children, Scott Anthony Bailey and wife Kathleen, Anthony “Tony” Albert Bailey Jr. and Tracy Ellen Bailey-Carter; brother, Albert Bailey and wife Sheri; sister, JoAnne Burr; and nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A private family service will be held Monday, Jan. 29, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorial contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Melvin Brandt



Melvin Elmer Brandt, 91, Owensville, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at Frene Valley of Owensville.

He was born, Sept. 1, 1926, to Elmer and Elma (Rauter) Brandt, in Drake.

He was united in marriage to Adoree Holzschuh, Nov. 13, 1948, in Fulton, Ark.

Melvin was a member of Beemont Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Elma; and brother, Leonard Brandt.

He is survived by wife, Adoree, of Owensville; sister, Delores Holtgrewe of Rosebud; children, Loretta Kohlbush and husband Dennis of Bland and Leon Brandt and wife Sharon of Grovetown, Ga.; and six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 15, at Gottenstroeter Chapel with Rev. Kevin Sullivan officiating.

Burial was in Owensville City Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

39, Range: 7, to Greg John, Erik John.

Frost Enterprises LLC, parcels in Subdivision: Wilma Joy Acres, Lot: 19, 20; Section: 26, Township: 39, Range: 7, to Dennis Van Saase, Heather Katie Lynne Van Saase.

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Bridget Ann Kottwitz, (formerly known as) Bridget A. Elrod, parcels in Section: 13, Town-

Paul Evans

Paul Dean Evans, 66, Dixon, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at his residence. He was born Aug. 9, 1951, to Floyd R. and Minnie I. (Howser) Evans, in Pulaski County.

Paul had worked as a cook at various places at the Lake of the Ozarks.

He was preceded in death by parents, Floyd and Minnie; brothers, Charles Fredrick Evans, Alston Evans, Melvin Evans and Danny Evans.

He is survived by sister, Judy Parham of Dixon.

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at a later date in the Freedom Cemetery near Dixon.

Arrangements entrusted to Long-Kloepfel Funeral Home, Dixon.

Kelley Hayes



Kelley Jo Hayes, 55, Belle, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at her residence.

She was born Dec. 31, 1962, to Joe and Betty Lee (Moreland) Hayes, in Rolla.

Kelley was a lifelong member of the area and a 1981 graduate of the Belle school system. She had been employed at the Missouri Department of Revenue for 29 years, retiring Oct. 1, 2015.

She was preceded in death by parents, Joe and Betty; and sister, Carol Sue Cook.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 15, at the First Christian Church in Belle with Mitchell Seaton officiating.

Interment was in the Skaggs Chapel Cemetery near Belle.

Memorial contributions suggested to Skaggs Chapel Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann’s Chapel, Belle.

Ola Kottwitz



Ola “Fern” Kottwitz, 87, Bland, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at Jefferson City Manor.

She was born Sept. 18, 1930, to Edwin F. and Eunice (Shockley) Biehl, in rural Gasconade County.

She was united in marriage to Edward Theodore Kottwitz, April 12, 1952, in Bland.

Fern was a member of Zion Evangelical Church in Bland and was a lifelong member of the area. At the age of 16, she started working for the International Shoe Factory in Bland and was later employed at the Kellwood Tent Company in Bland.

Fern enjoyed quilting, gardening, attending church dinners and watching RFDTV and St. Louis Cardinal’s baseball games. She loved to cook and feed her family but most of all, she loved spending time with them.

She was preceded in death by husband, Edward; parents, Edwin and Eunice; siblings, Evelyn Biehl, Leon Biehl and Linda Kay Green.

She is survived by daughter, Donna Temme and husband Ron of Jefferson City; son, Dale Kottwitz of Belle; grandchildren, Cassandra Price and husband Michael of Louisburg, Kan., Richard Temme and wife Ashley of Jefferson City, Patrick Temme of Jefferson City and Samantha Kottwitz of Belle; great-grandchildren, Brynlee and Brayden Temme; sister, Geraldine Ketterer of Iowa; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 13, at Sassmann’s Chapel in Bland with Mark Farran officiating.

Interment was in the Old Bland Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Old Bland Cemetery fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann’s Chapel, Bland.

Carl Mosher

Carl D. Mosher, 77, Howland Township, Ohio, died Jan. 4, 2018, in Winston-Salem, N.C., after a short illness.

He was born Sept. 27, 1940, to Dorsie W. Mosher Sr. and Edythe Dehn Mosher, in Vichy.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Sneed, July 31, 1965.

Carl graduated from Belle High School and the University of Missouri, Rolla, with a BS in mechanical engineering.

He was employed with GE Lighting in Illinois, Florida, Ohio and Virginia for 36 years, with the last 20 in plant management, retiring in January of 2001. He was active in Rotary, United Way and many community and manufacturing leadership roles. Carl was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and a life member of the Elks. He was also an accomplished craftsman.

He was preceded in death by parents, Dorsie Sr. and Edythe; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and husband Art Tucker, Vera and husband Al Piazza and Margaret and husband Leo Bentlage.

He is survived by wife, Sarah; son, Cary of Columbus, Ohio; daughter, Carla Gibson of Warren, Ohio; sister, Patricia Straw; brothers, Dorsie Mosher Jr. and wife Natalia, Ronald Mosher and wife Sadie and Randall Mosher; and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m., at the Howland United Methodist Church, Warren, Ohio.

Interment will be in the family cemetery in Missouri at a later date.

Memorial contributions suggested to Howland Methodist Church, Warren, Ohio.

Arrangements entrusted to Lane Funeral Home.

The menus usually found on this page can be found on page 10 this week due to space.

Rocky Pointer



Rocky Allen Pointer, 63, Belle, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at his residence.

He was born June 27, 1954, to Clifford Louis and Mildred Alwina (Lehnhoff) Pointer, at Rolla.

He was united in marriage to Janet Anne James, May 30, 1977, at Freeburg.

Rocky had been employed with the Osage County Road and Bridge Department, Linn, retiring after 28 years in 2014. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by parents, Clifford and Mildred; sisters, Shirley Doerr and Joann Pointer; father-in-law, Gerald James; and nephew, Seth Backues.

He is survived by wife, Janet, of the home near Belle; daughter, Paige Welschmeyer and husband Andrew of Belle; brother, Junior Pointer and wife Jo Ann of Marshfield; sisters, Goldeen Blankenship and husband Edgar of Bland and Glory Garner of Hawaii; mother-in-law, Wilma James of Freeburg; brothers and sisters-in-law, Joy James of Freeburg, Tim James of Vienna, Jeri Ragan and husband Don of Florissant, Todd James and wife Kim of Rock City, Ill. and Terry James and wife Lori of Jefferson City; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 15, in the Holy Family Catholic Church, Freeburg, with Rev. William D. Debo officiating.

Interment was in the James Community Cemetery, near Vienna.

Memorial contributions suggested to the James Community Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Bernice Smith

Bernice Genevieve Smith, 85, Ballwin, formerly of Vienna, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018.

She was born Aug. 7, 1932, to Herman and Mathilda Sandbothe.

Bernice was united in marriage to James Harold Smith.

She was preceded in death by husband, James; parents, Herman and Mathilda; siblings, Ambrose Sandbothe and wife Mary, Charles Sandbothe and wife Norma, Rosemary Kaskie and husband Claude, Raymond Sandbothe and wife Virginia, Clarence Sandbothe and Pauline Sandbothe.

She is survived by children, Jeanette Wansing, Kathleen Halter and husband Gerald, Randall Smith and wife Denise, Cheri Scheu and husband Dave, Terry Smith, Melanie Smith, James Alan Smith and wife Dana and Jeron Smith; son-in-law, Albert Ogent; siblings, Louis Sandbothe and wife Nellie, Arnold Sandbothe and wife Linda and Gene Sandbothe and wife Judy; sister-in-law, Vivian Sandbothe; and 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 21, from 3-8 p.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, Ballwin.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m., at Holy Infant Catholic Church, Ballwin.

Interment was in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to Tri County Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Infant Catholic Church or Masses.

Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, Ballwin.

Lillian Thompson



Lillian Ellen Thompson, 93, Rolla, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla.

She was born June 6, 1924, to Joseph Edward and Dorothy Elizabeth (Henkenius) Beydler, at Rolla.

She was united in marriage to Ralph Warren Thompson, Nov. 9, 1946, at Dixon.

Lillian was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, near Rolla. She started her working life at the Dixon Bank followed by being a cashier at Fort Leonard Wood. She later worked at Hochschild, Bloom and Dardick in Washington for 25 years until retiring in 1990.

She was preceded in death by husband, Ralph; parents, Joe and Dorothy; brother, Thelbert Rudolph “Bud” Beydler; grandson, J.W. Pelikan; step-mother, Etyl Landers Beydler; and step-brother, Terry Landers.

She is survived by daughters, Linda Robertson and husband Don of Rolla and Shirley Swain and husband Dave of Union; siblings, Paul Beydler and wife Helen of Dixon, Bill Beydler and wife Georgia of Springfield, Virginia Meyer and husband Donovan of Greenville, Ind. and Josephine Beydler Roberson of Riverside, Wy.; sister-in-law, Lois Alexander Beydler of the state of California; step-sister-in-law, Wilda Irvin Landers of Devils Elbow; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held (today) Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 10-11 a.m., in the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home with funeral services following with Pastor David Scudder and Bro. Joel Childers officiating.

Interment will be in the Kenner Cemetery near Dixon.

Memorial contributions suggested to Kenner Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Dixon.

MARIES COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Rebecca Sue Aegan, parcels in Subdivision: Plainview Subdivision Survey, Lot: 9, 10; Section: 1, Township: 39, Range: 8, to Richard Ray Aegan.

Gary John (successor trustee), Kermit L. John Trust, parcels in Section: 17, Township: 39, Range: 7; Section: 20, Township: 39, Range: 7, to Scott John, Brian John.

Gary John, Kermit L. John Trust, parcels in Section: 20, Township: 39, Range: 7, to Greg John, Erik John.

Gary John, parcels in Section: 17, Township: 39, Range: 7; Section: 20, Township: 39, Range: 7, to Scott John, Brian John.

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ship: 40, Range: 8, to Mark J. Nagl.

Bridget Ann Kottwitz, (formerly known as) Bridget A. Elrod, parcels in Section: 13, Township: 40, Range: 8, to Kyle E. Robertson, Bobbie Jo Robertson.

Bridget Ann Kottwitz, (formerly known as) Bridget A. Elrod, parcels in Section: 13, Township: 40, Range: 8, to Amy Marie Chambers, Lyn Chambers.

John S. Brunner, Catherine C. Brunner, parcels in Section: 2, Township: 38, Range: 11, to Trudi L. Dufresne.

Broc Michael French, Lindsay French, parcels in Section: 2, Township: 38, Range: 11, to Patrick M. Zimmer.

HEARTLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

BELLE SCHEDULE

Jan. 18	5:00 p.m. Movie Night “When Calls The Heart” (series)
Jan. 20	11:00 a.m. Storytime
Jan. 25	5:00 p.m. Movie Night “When Calls The Heart” (series)

VIENNA SCHEDULE

Jan. 17	2:30-4:30 p.m. Harry Potter Book Club (inclement weather affects book club the same as school)
Jan. 18	3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Game Night
Jan. 20	11:00 a.m. StoryTime (preschoolers)
	1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Family Game Day
Jan. 27	11:00 a.m. StoryTime (preschoolers)
	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group

News Briefs

LOAVES & FISHES food pantry is requesting local donations of 10 ounce cans of chicken soup and vegetable soup. Donations can be dropped off at local churches. The food pantry distributes food on the first Wednesday and second Thursday of each month to those who qualify.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE will take place through Friday, Jan. 19, on Route V, west of County Road 616. One lane will be open, and crews will flag traffic through each work area.

VIENNA HIGH SCHOOL (VHS) is hosting a fund-raiser for the VHS Choir 1 Chicago trip, Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Students will host a music program titled “Singing Through the Decades” and a dessert auction. Admission is free and donations are appreciated.

USDA AG CENSUS FORMS forms are due Feb. 5. For more information, call (888) 424-7828.

VIENNA HIGH SCHOOL seniors will participate in a mandatory CPR course Jan. 30. EMS professionals from the Maries-Osage Ambulance District and the school district’s nurse will conduct the mandatory CPR training.

MOAD REPORTS a total of 28 responses during December. Of these responses 20 were in the Vienna zone and eight were in the Freeburg zone. The Vienna responses included 12 urgent emergencies and eight dry runs. The Freeburg responses included five urged emergencies and three were routine non-emergencies.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MARIES COUNTY will host its regular membership meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. in the Maries County Courthouse basement research room. Any individual interested in becoming a member or attending the meeting is welcome to attend.

JUANA HAMMOND PARKER of Vienna received minor injuries in an early morning accident last Thursday when she traveled off the right side of the roadway and impacted the ditch becoming airborne and overturned. A one year old passenger was not injured. The vehicle sustained total damage.

Reader recalls January 1982

One of our readers had a good story about a cold spell in Maries County that he remembers. We featured an article last week about cold times in the county and received some interesting stories from locals. Mick James of Vienna, said he and Ellie moved back to Vienna in 1982 from Seattle, Washington. Before Seattle they lived in California so they were used to a temperate climate. Ellie is from West Virginia and had never lived in Missouri. Mick said he assured her the winters in Missouri were mild. That first winter back home, in 1982, the couple lived in Vienna in a little white house just north of the old MoDOT building. Mick is unsure of the date, but in January they had a temperature on their thermometer at home of minus 25. He said he thinks that the recorded low was minus 18. That was a cold month and the snow stayed on for about a month. The low temperature record at the National Weather Service station at the Vichy Airport for Jan. 10, 1982 is minus 16.



Benefit for Nilges family held Saturday

Saturday Jan 13 - A benefit for the family of Matt Nilges ran all day at Padgett's Pool Hall. Nearly 200 participants bid on items donated by the community in silent and live auctions, including a few very special items Matt himself treasured as keepsakes. Padgett's also donated the proceeds of the pool tournament to the family.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW HAINES

Audit report • from page 1

approved ahead of time if they exceed that threshold,” DeLuca said. “I think that is a working process for you guys and that is going to be critical for you to stay within budget. We are going to test it again next year.”

The police department budget is currently deficit-spending \$29,065.77 with 50 percent of the year expired.

Mayor Steve Vogt said he felt the purchasing end of the budget had improved.

“I think the issue is better with purchases, in particular since the council passed a resolution stating that if something was bought or approved they wouldn’t pay for it,” Vogt said. “Where it is hard to control is salaries versus the money that is coming in. Maybe there is a case we have to reduce the force even more. We tried to control the over time and that is still an issue I think.”

The yearly salary budget is \$128,306 of which \$78,753.86 has been used to date, with 50 percent of the year expired. Salaries jumped from \$11,574.89 in November to \$20,049.85 in December.

“To be fair, part of that is Tony’s (Baretich) comp time,” Vogt told The Advocate.

Baretich was placed on a temporary lay off Dec. 31 and according to

the city’s December financial statements, he received \$1,274.45 in sick and comp time payouts.

DeLuca suggested aldermen take steps to readjust the budget.

“You can make budget adjustments,” DeLuca said. “If you get nine months through the year and realize this isn’t going to come in, this isn’t going to happen this year, we need to amend our budget to give us a clear picture of what is going on.”

Vogt said they had some budget categories like that, such as the Rock Island Trail fund, which is a 20 percent match for a grant the city was awarded. However the city didn’t not receive notice that the trail project was put on hold until September.

DeLuca also noted some departments looked like they were going deficit, but had rollover funds earmarked to pay for a project.

“Other things you have to take into consideration; this shows you that the street fund spent more than they brought in. That’s because you had factored in using some reserves from the prior year. We don’t show reserves being used as income because they didn’t come in this year, they were in the previous year,” DeLuca said. “But then there are some departments that don’t have that carry-over. You’ll see on page 35, the police department

is showing a loss of over \$36,000.”

Alderman Jeanette Struempfler asked if the city was normal in its budgeting issues.

“Park systems, police departments, those are often supplemented by other funds,” DeLuca responded. “Those have trouble sustaining themselves. That’s why you have a budget to say here’s what we can do and here’s what we can take from other funds or sources.”

Vogt asked what they could do about the police department. The deficit increased by almost half from last month to this month from \$15,867.62 to \$29,065.77.

“That’s where I think following your approval policy is critical. These costs need to be approved before they incurred. Once the repairs have already been done, and time has already been worked, it’s too late. You owe that money. Those need to be brought to the board before the cost is incurred,” DeLuca said.

Vogt said the auditor and the council seemed pleased with the audit results. The city keeps track of over a million dollar budget.

“That’s a lot of money to keep track of and a lot of money to stay on top of and I think we did a good job with it in the other departments,” Vogt said.

LANEG announces quarterly drug bust stats

The Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group (LANEG) is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force which serves Camden, Crawford, Gasconade, Laclede, and Maries Counties. Additionally, the task force serves the cities of Lebanon, Osage Beach, Camdenton, Cuba, Steelville, Leasburg, and Belle. The task force encompasses five counties with an approximate population of 142,000 residents. LANEG employs five (5) Task Force Officers and is coordinated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who supplies two (2) Troopers to the task force. LANEG focuses its efforts on drug enforcement by conducting both covert and overt narcotics investigations in the counties and cities they serve.

The task force reported the following amounts of drug seizures as a result of its enforcement efforts in the previous quarter (October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017):

Methamphetamine -- 86.26 grams
Cocaine -- 15,013 grams
Hydroponic Marijuana -- 496.5

grams
Marijuana -- 11,302 grams
Heroin -- .11 gram
LSD -- 1 gram
Synthetic drugs -- 9 grams
Prescription drugs/pills -- 26 doses

During the previous quarter (listed above), LANEG also disassembled one methamphetamine drug laboratory, served 18 search warrants, conducted 22 consent searches, seized 21 firearms, and arrested 40 individuals on 122 drug related charges. In addition, LANEG made two felon in possession of firearm, one endangering the welfare of a child, three possession of stolen property and 17 warrant arrests. These non-drug related charges include but are not limited to the above 40 individuals.

LANEG credits its success to local and surrounding law enforcement agencies’ and the public’s cooperation. If you have any information regarding a possible methamphetamine laboratory, growing of marijuana, or other information about the distribution of narcotics, please contact your

local law enforcement agency or you can call the following toll free numbers to reach LANEG. 1-800-351-8477 (TIPS). All callers have the option of remaining anonymous.

Funding for this project made available by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), which is administered by the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the State of Missouri Department of Public Safety.

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FBLA Accomplishments 1998-2018

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

Guy & Kitty Hollis Gold Seal Chapter 2002-2017
Outstanding National Chapter 2014-2017
Diamond Award 2017
Battered Boot Award for the March of Dimes 2005

INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL AWARDS

Payden Woodruff - 500 Hours of Community Service 2018
Max Thierry - Finalist in Accounting 10th Place 2017
Evan Thierry - Accounting I & II 2018-2016
Callie Ellis - "America Award" in the Business Achievement Awards 2014

NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

March of Dimes approximately \$7,750
Camp Quality approximately \$2,900
Back Pack Buddies
Flag Park and "Welcome to Belle" sign
Landscaping for the flag at Flag Park in memory of Johnny Knott
Landscaping around rocks at Flag Park in memory or honor of Mike Griffith, Lorene Homfeldt, & Lonnie Feeler
Post Office Flower Bed
Digital sign in front of School
Landscaping around the school sign in memory of Amanda

Bradford-Thompson
Coloring Career Day with Elementary
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Dollars for Disasters
Relay for Life
Breakfast of Champions

MISSOURI FBLA AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter-Gold 2017
Outstanding Chapter-Silver 2015-16
Award of Merit 2002-2017
Fifty-three State Finalist 1998-2017
Missouri Future Business Leaders Finalist:

Jason Newman-2003

Lindsay Speichinger-2004

Josiah Melzer-2015

Who's Who in Missouri FBLA
Josiah Melzer 2015

March of Dimes Top Winner 2008 & 2009

State Officer Candidate- Jessica Barbarick 2004

Six members-200 Hours of Community Service 2016-18

Five District 11 Presidents

Nominated three Missouri Business Persons of the Year
Edwin & Ida Runge 2005 and Kay Wortman 2006

LOCAL CHAPTER

Approximately \$13,000 in scholarships
Nineteen Friends of FBLA recognized at the Annual Ice Cream Social
Fourteen members-200 Hours of Community Service 2016-18

THE BELLE FBLA hosted a reception celebrating their 20th year on Saturday in the small gym of the Belle high school. Attending members from the FBLA included (above from left); FBLA sponsor Kathy Speichinger, Dillon Rice, Crista Woolley, Payden Woodruff, Jimmy Scowden, Max Thierry, Hannah McKinney, Skyler Rice, Shane Jones, Zach Bledsoe, and Jace Gieck. Belle Mayor Steve Vogt signed a proclamation declaring Friday January 19, 2018 as FBLA Day in the City of Belle in recognition of their 20th anniversary and in gratitude of their devotion to the ideas of the FBLA.

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coordination and execution of the Halloween Trunk or Treat, provide service for the Meramec Regional Planning Commission dinner and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on American Enterprise Day, as well as maintain the Flag Park. This year fourteen members will be recognized for 50 hours of community service alongside Payden Woodruff who will be nationally recognized for 500 hours of community service.

"Community service builds better kids," says Speichinger. Under the leadership of President Max Thierry, who is the first to be recognized as a national finalist in accounting, BHS-FBLA achieved the 2016 National Leadership Conference Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit for the 15th year in a row and the 2017 Diamond Award for the first time.

The FBLA also does a substantial amount of fund-raising. Students raised \$228 for the Backpack Program which feeds hungry children through the weekend, sold t-shirt sponsorships to the tune of \$3,325, and led a capital drive for a "Welcome to Belle" sign at the Flag Park. According to Speichinger, alumnus Wade Guffey original conception for

the Flag Park was to include all 50 states, the five inhabited territories, and the service branches flags; it is a project that is proudly underway to this day. There are also resources that have been set aside for a Gazebo to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

"Every year we bank 500\$ for a big community service project," says Speichinger.

BHS-FBLA has reinvested \$7000 back into the state, the second most of any chapter in Missouri. In 2016-17, they raised \$580 for March of Dimes Penny Wrap, and another \$650 for Camp Quality, a camp "where children with cancer can be children," through the Kiss-a-Pig contest. Last year Speichinger herself "won" the kiss. She estimates FBLA has raised nearly \$10,000 for March of Dimes/Camp Quality alone since its inception.

Speichinger started teaching at Belle High School in 1997, when Mr. Keller, the principal at

the time, began the initiative for Belle's vocational accreditation. With Speichinger spearheading the project, the FBLA along with other Career Technical Organizations, qualified BHS for reduced rates on equipment like computers, desks, and cabinets as low as 25%. The accreditation provided the district with the opportunity to swap out computers every 3 years, recycling the older models into the rest of the school system.

Of course, there is no victory without sacrifice. When asked about noteworthy alumni, Speichinger talked at length on a number of her former students. She related the story of FBLA alumnus Jason Newman, who made the difficult decision to quit the basketball team in order to focus on his studies. That same year the Tigers won the District Title for the first time. Newman however, had higher heights to climb and as a result of his dedication, he is now a medical doctor.

Another of Speichinger's alumni is Nathan Keller, son of the once Principal Keller whose directive launched the FBLA into being. Keller Jr. placed first in the FBLA's state-wide business law exam. Years later, he is an attorney for the Wal-Mart heirs. Speichinger fondly related how in a previous conversation Keller mentioned his job required him to work with a lot of financial statements, but that hers was the only accounting class he ever took. Speichinger was very proud of the dozens of nurses, teachers, pharmacists, doctors, attorneys, restaurateurs, and community leaders that she had had the pleasure of advising over the last 20 years.

Among its many accolades the local chapter has been granted approximately \$13,000 in scholarships thanks to its industrious students.

Private pesticide applicator training available

Farmers who wish to obtain or renew a private pesticide applicator license are encouraged to attend an upcoming training session. The training session for Maries County will be held on January 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Vienna. If you are unable to attend this training session, please contact the Maries County Extension Center at (573) 422-3359 for a list of training sessions in neighboring counties.

In late 2006, the Missouri legislature authorized the recovery of costs for an educational training reference manual associated with certification or recertification. Each person participating in the training is required to purchase or bring a copy of the Private Pesticide Applicator Manual. Participants from the same farm may share a manual. There is a charge of \$12 to cover the cost of the manual and you may purchase it at the extension office or at the training. Cash or checks will be accepted. If you choose to purchase at the training you should arrive 20-30 minutes early so

that the transaction can be done before training begins.

To prepare seating and materials for the trainings, please register by calling the extension office in Vienna at (573) 422-3359.

Private pesticide applicator licenses are required for farmers to purchase and apply restricted use pesticides. Training to obtain a license is through University of Missouri Extension and covers pesticide safety, laws and labeling. The training is the same whether a person is applying for a new license or renewing their current license. The Missouri Department of Agriculture issues the licenses. To obtain a license a person must be at least 18 years of age and a producer of agricultural commodities. The license will be good for five years.

If you have questions, please call the University of Missouri Maries County Extension Center at (573) 422-3359. University of Missouri Extension programs are open to all.

VCOC awards

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The New Horizon Award was presented to Checo's Mexican Restaurant. The award recognizes a new business in the community and its ability to evolve and grow as the business expands. Their business accomplishments also are recognized both with the services they provide and their personal dedication to the community through volunteerism and donations. Alberto Esquivel and Elda V. Mascorro received the award for Checo's. Esquivel said, "Thanks to everybody for supporting our business, and thanks to all of our customers."

This year's nominees for the New Horizon Award were selected by chamber members and included The Market, and the Maries County Advocate.

Chamber President Amber Bock emceed the event and several times expressed gratitude for the businesses in Vienna and all they do for the community, and for their support of the chamber of commerce.

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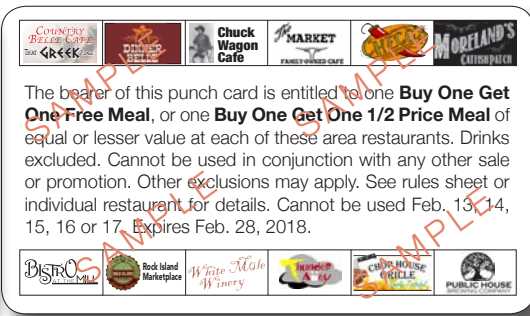
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GAVIN STRICKLAN, 45 (above left) shoots during Friday nights Homecoming game against Calvary Lutheran. AJae Schell, 5 (above right) works on defense. Kyle Helton, 24 (below) puts the ball in the net against the Eagles' Nest background.



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Vienna wows crowd at Homecoming

Six days removed from winning a tournament championship on Calvary Lutheran's home court in Jefferson City, Mike Beeman's Vienna Eagles welcomed the Lions to Maries County Friday night for winter homecoming basketball action Vienna High School.

Exploding for 34 third-quarter points, Vienna's boys basketball team successfully defended their home court with a 92-47 homecoming victory over the visiting Lions out of Jefferson City.

"Homecoming is always an exciting night and a great atmosphere to play in," Beeman said. "I felt like we played really well tonight. We were able to get everyone involved tonight and had some exciting plays during the game."

Racing out to a 26-14 lead after one quarter of basketball, Vienna nearly doubled their point total in the second quarter before taking a 49-28 into the locker room at

halftime.

As if lighting up the scoreboard for 34 third-quarter points wasn't enough, Zach Schwartz ended the period splashing home a shot from half-court.

While Vienna may have only scored nine points in the fourth quarter, two of them came on Kyle Helton's first slam dunk in a game.

Isaac Weider led the Vienna offense with 20 points, nine rebounds, four assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Tyler Roberds tied a career high scoring 19 points off the bench to go along with his 10 rebounds for a homecoming double double.

Helton made it three Eagles in double figures with 18 points, seven rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Gavin Stricklan nearly joined the double double club with eight points, 11 rebounds and a steal. Schwartz added seven points,

two rebounds and an assist.

Luke McEnnis chipped in five points, three assists, two steals and a rebound. Logan Agan followed with four points, three rebounds and an assist for the Eagles.

Along with Agan, Caid Stockstill also kicked in four points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Dawson Wansing contributed three points, two rebounds and an assist. Sutton Hauck and Ethan Weeks each added two points to round out the scoring for the victors from Vienna.

In the junior varsity contest between Vienna and Calvary Lutheran, the Eagles built a 36-16 halftime lead before going on to a 54-32 victory to open the homecoming basketball doubleheader from Vienna High School Friday night.

Ajae Schell led Vienna scoring eight of his game-high 11 points

in the first half.

Wansing also reached double figures scoring all 10 of his points in the first half.

A quartet of Vienna JV Eagles followed with six points each including Nathan Kleffner, Dylan Buschmann, Layne Hogshooter and Hauck.

Tyler Cullins added four points while Caleb Horman chipped in a fourth-quarter 3-pointer for three points. Landon Parmeley rounded out the Vienna scoring in the junior varsity contest with two points in the second quarter.

Kevin Schwartz's Vienna JV boys will return to action on Monday, Jan. 22 hosting Linn's Wildcats in Maries County beginning at 6 p.m.

Throughout the remainder of this week, Beeman's varsity

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GENTRY DUNN (above, center) goes up for a shot in recent freshman basketball action for Belle's Tigers against Fatima.

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Belle's Tigers spoil Richland's Homecoming

Coming off getting swept at the hands of Linn last Tuesday night in Osage County, Belle's Tigers went into Friday night basketball action at Richland looking to crash their homecoming festivities.

Nursing a 55-53 lead going into the fourth quarter, Belle senior Skylar Smith broke a 72-72 tie in the final :10 driving the length of the floor for the game-winning basket.

Denying Richland a chance to get a shot off in the final seconds, Tim Evans' Belle Tigers spoiled homecoming for the Bears, 74-72.

"Skylar (Smith) handled the pressure well," Evans said. "I knew that he was capable of handling it or I wouldn't have asked him to do it."

In a first-quarter that saw both teams combine for 37 points, Richland ended the first eight minutes

with a slim 20-17 lead over Belle.

Getting 14 of their 16 second-quarter points from Smith, the visiting Tigers trimmed Richland's lead to two at halftime by a score of 35-33.

Torching the nets for 26 third-quarter points, Belle took a 59-53 lead into the fourth quarter from western Pulaski County against the host Richland Bears.

Surviving a 19-15 fourth quarter, the Tigers escaped Bear country spoiling their homecoming.

Lighting up the scoreboard with 21 second-half points, Smith led Belle and all scorers with a game-high 35 points.

Tucker Cordsmeyer joined

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Snowfall delays Belle tournament games

Thanks to Mother Nature's latest blast of winter weather over the weekend, the 2nd Annual Belle Boy's Basketball Tournament will start tonight (Wednesday).

Had the weather cooperated, four games would be in the books. Instead, Belle Tournament officials had to move Monday's games to tonight (Wednesday), last night's (Tuesday) games to Thursday, Jan. 18, Thursday's originally scheduled games to Friday, Jan. 19 and all three hardware games to Saturday, Jan. 20.

Throughout the remainder of this week, the six teams will be divided up into red and black pools with Chamois, Owensville and Cuba in the red pool along with Missouri Military Academy,

Belle and South Callaway in the black pool.

Tournament action will tip off tonight (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m., with the second-seeded Missouri Military Academy Colonels facing off against the sixth-seeded South Callaway Bulldogs. Following that game at 7:30 p.m., will be the top-seeded Chamois Pirates and the fifth-seeded Cuba Wildcats.

Thursday tournament games will begin with a Highway 19 showdown between the fourth-seeded Owensville Dutchmen and Cuba at 5:30 p.m., followed at 7:30 p.m., by the third-seeded host Belle Tigers and South Callaway.

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BELLE FRESHMEN Tigers playing defense against Fatima (above, from left) include Jace Gieck, Jeb Seaver, Gentry Dunn, Travis Gesellschaft and Lane Feeler. **PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN**

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Smith in double figures scoring 11 of his 15 points in the second half. Tracy Skiles made it three Tigers in double digits putting in seven of his 11 points in the second half. Brett Butler added five points while his cousin Mason Butler was right behind him with four points. Alex Hinson chipped in three points in the fourth quarter while the duo of Levi Fortner and Trent Stockton both finished with two points rounding out Belle's scoring

against Richland in varsity action. In the junior varsity contest, Belle and Richland were tied at 10-10 after one quarter and at 21-21 at the end of the first half. In the second half, the JV Bears edged the JV Tigers 29-26 giving Richland the 50-47 victory. Jat Ridenhour led Belle's JV Tigers with a team-high 14 points. Eddy Paz and Brett Stewart both narrowly missed double figures with nine points.

Saturday in freshman action at Russellville, Belle split a pair of games with the host Indians. Winning a 16-9 two-quarter game, the Tigers could not complete the sweep falling in a four-quarter game to Russellville, 54-47. Brandon Ostertag had seven points in Belle's win. Gentry Dunn led three Tiger freshmen in double figures with 18 points in a losing cause. Ostertag (13) and Lane Feeler (11) also reached double figures.

Belle's Lady Tigers win GVC opener

Opening Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) basketball action back on Monday, Jan. 8, Evin Farris' Belle Lady Tigers welcomed Bourbon's Lady Warhawks into Maries County. Outscoring Bourbon 24-9 in the second quarter, Belle's Lady Tigers were able to go on to a 64-27 victory to open GVC play over Bourbon. Hitting five shots from beyond the 3-point line, freshman guard Gracie Schultz torched the nets to the tune of a game-high 17 points for Belle's Lady Tigers. Chloe Krause and Baylie Cadwallader both netted 14 points each for the victorious Lady Tigers. Halle Smith made it four Lady Tigers in double figures scoring eight of her 10 points in the first half. Olivia Sanders added seven points while Faith Gieck added a second-quarter bucket for two

points rounding out the scoring for Belle in varsity action against Bourbon. In the junior varsity contest, Belle trailed Bourbon 18-17 at half-time before coming from behind in the second half to post a 34-30 victory for the doubleheader sweep. Erin Schalk led all scorers with a game-high 18 points for Belle. She was followed with seven points from Gieck. Gracelyn Scott scored three of her five points in the fourth quarter while Susie Moman was a perfect 4-4 from the free-throw line for four points. Scheduled to host Linn last Thursday night, that game was canceled due to winter weather. It will now be played on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Linn beginning at 6 p.m., as Belle had no available home dates to make the game up.



BAYLIE CADWALLADER, 3 (below) shoots the ball during the January 8 home game against Bourbon. **PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN**

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THE JV Eagles work to rebound and keep Calvary Lutheran from scoring on Friday night. **PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN**

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Eagles will be playing in the 56th Annual Iberia Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament. Opening the tournament last night (Tuesday), second-seeded Vienna defeated the sixth-seeded Tusculumbia Lions by a score of 79-55. In the other pool game last night at Iberia, the fourth-seeded host Rangers upset the top-seeded Crocker Lions 70-55. Tournament action in Iberia will continue tonight (Wednesday) with Dixon facing Tusculumbia at 6 p.m., followed by Iberia and Richland at 7:30 p.m. Pool play will conclude Thursday with Crocker taking on Richland at 6 p.m., followed by Vienna and Dixon at 7:30 p.m.

Depending on the results of games tonight and Thursday, Vienna will play Friday for either consolation at 5 p.m., third place at 6:30 p.m., or for the championship at 8 p.m. Mick Byrd's Vienna girl's basketball team was scheduled to play on the road at Tusculumbia last night (Tuesday). Thanks to Mother Nature, that game was canceled and rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 29 with a 6 p.m., start time. Vienna will return to action next week during the 5th Annual Russellville Girls Basketball Tournament facing Belle's Lady Tigers in first-round action on Monday, Jan. 22 at 5:45 p.m.

KALI: A Polar Bear's Tale

AUTHOR: CAROLYN MUELLER | ILLUSTRATOR: JEREMY PATTON & JAYNE BALLEW

Chapter Two:

It was a cold day. The month of March offers no promise of budding trees or sprouting daffodils when you live high above the Arctic Circle. Not many people make their home there, but James had grown up in those parts and was used to the weather. Snow blanketed the ground, but the thin light of early spring allowed James better visibility to look for caribou and wolverine, anything he could hunt and bring back to his village. James had been a hunter for most of his life. The Inupiat people of Point Lay, Alaska, on the coast of the Chukchi Sea, rely on skilled subsistence hunters like James and others. Alaska Native People along the northwest coast of Alaska hunt marine mammals, birds, fish and other land animals to keep their families healthy. Commercial food, which can be purchased for a few dollars in the lower 48 states, is very expensive there: noodles can cost \$13, and red or green peppers as much as \$10 each. What the meat hunters bring back is vitally important to the villagers' survival. That day in March, James and his friend drove their snowmobiles 40 miles outside of Point Lay. He would have been happy to find any animal to bring back for his family and village, but a large animal, like a caribou, would be best. And that's when he saw the polar bear. Being an Alaska native, James was legally allowed to hunt marine mammals like polar bears. Of course, it was rare for him to take a bear. In his lifetime as a hunter, this bear would only be his ninth. James did not take killing a polar bear lightly. These animals were respected and revered in Inupiat culture. But James was tasked with providing meat for his village, so he took what opportunities that luck and nature presented to him. He shot the bear. When the bear was down, James approached it. Once certain that it was dead, he rolled it over. That's when he noticed something different. The other eight bears that James

had hunted had all been large, burly males with gigantic paws and teeth. This bear was a bit smaller, and on its stomach was a row of dark teats. This bear was a nursing sow. "Somewhere," he thought, "she has a cub."

James was crushed. He had not realized that the bear was a female, especially a nursing mother. "We've got to find the den," James said to his hunting companion. "There's a cub out here, and it won't survive for long without her."

The two men set out through the bitter wind and spring sunlight, until they saw the opening of a polar bear den.

Ask Zoo Keeper Julie

Where do mother polar bears sleep?

The mother bear excavates a small snow cave in a snowdrift just big enough for her to turn around in, and the snow will naturally close the entrance tunnel for her.

How long do polar bears nurse?

Polar bear cubs will nurse for at least 20 months.

Newspaper Connections

Check the local newspaper to find the time of sunrise and sunset and the average number of daylight hours for your town. Use the Internet to find a newspaper for Point Lay, Alaska to find the same information and compare. Collect this information over several months and graph the range of daylight hours for comparison.

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MARIES R-2 Archery Club Coaches (above, from left) Shannon Nelson, Clay McDaniel and Tim Long are shown with the team and individual awards and trophies won at the NASP tournament. **PHOTOS SUBMITTED**

Maries R-2 Archery Club strong at St. Clair NASP

The Maries R-2 Archery Club traveled to St Clair for a State Qualifying NASP tournament for the 2017-2018 season, Jan. 6. There were 12 schools that participated in this tournament: Fox High School (Arnold), John F Hodge High School (St James), Laquey RV, Lucy Wortham James Elementary (St James), Parkway West Middle School (Chesterfield), Ridgewood Middle School (Arnold), Seckman High School (Imperial), Seckman Middle School (Imperial), St Clair High School, St Clair Junior High School, St James Middle School and Maries County R-2. A total of 247 archers competed in this tournament.

Maries R-2 individual archer scores are as follows:

Elementary school: Callen Taylor scored 251 with six tens; Landrie Dibiaso scored 236 with two tens; Adam Hicks scored 235 with seven tens; Bryton Schaning scored 234 with four tens; Brody Reed scored 229 with four tens; Avery Craigmiles scored 219 with two tens; Layne Newton scored 216 with three tens; Chase Trainor scored 213 with one ten; Cooper Durbin scored 209 with three tens; Savannah Perkins scored 206 with one ten; Landon Wilburn scored 205 with 1 ten; Kaegan Kinsey scored 196 with three tens; Drew Brown scored 184 with one ten; David Schneider scored 177 with one ten; Zane Dodson scored 174 with two tens; Dylan Keeney-Kirby scored 152 with zero tens; Abby Alford scored 131 with zero tens; Skylar Perkins scored 117 with zero tens; and Reagan Thomas scored 103 with zero tens. Team score was 2482.

Middle school: Drake Nelson scored 286 with 18 tens; Lauren Prigge scored 270 with 11 tens; Carter Kinkead scored 269 with 12 tens; Emily Helmig scored 268 with nine tens; Allegh Woolley scored 261 with five tens; CJ Drewel scored 260 with six tens; Alexis Bacon scored 257 with nine tens; Robert Ridenhour scored 257 with 10 tens; Haiden Jones scored 255 with seven tens; Deegan Nelson scored 252 with five tens; Luke Kiso scored 242 with five tens; Ryleigh Long scored 228 with five tens; Sierra Reed scored 227 with

four tens; Kiera Finn scored 225 with two tens; Alecia Ridenhour scored 218 with three tens; Cherish Wells scored 217 with one ten; Thomas Tilton scored 214 with three tens; Dakota Fisher scored 212 with one ten; Paxton Simpson scored 211 with two tens; Jordan Keene scored 197 with five tens; Billey Due scored 185 with one ten; and Wyatt Kottwitz scored 184 with two tens. Team score was 3105.

High school: Aiden Craigmiles scored 276 with 12 tens; Quinton Martin scored 270 with 10 tens; Raeanna Powell scored 261 with seven tens; Abby Keeney scored 257 with five tens; Dalton Jones scored 255 with seven tens; Brittany White scored 252 with six tens; Alyssa Kegin scored 248 with seven tens; and Erin Helmig scored 238 with three tens. Team score was zero. Not enough high school students participated to make a team.

Individual group: Derrik Pippert scored 260 with eight tens; Kimme Ebker scored 144 with zero tens; and Makenize Hankins scored 107 with zero tens.

The award results for Maries R-2 teams are as follows:

Elementary school boys- Callen Taylor took first place; Adam Hicks placed second; Bryton Schaning placed third; and Brody Reed placed fourth.

Elementary school girls- Landrie Dibisao took first place; Savannah Perkins placed second; Abby Alford placed fourth; and Reagan Thomas placed fifth.

Middle school boys- Drake Nelson took first place; Carter Kinkead placed fifth. 1st

Middle school girls- Lauren Prigge placed fifth.

Maries R-2 Elementary School team placed first out of participating elementary teams.

Maries R-2 Middle School team placed third out of all participating middle school teams.

Lauren Prigge, of the middle school team, had a 50 point round at 10 meters.

Coaches Clay McDaniel, Tim Long and Shannon Nelson expressed great pride in the results of each M-2 archer. Follow this club on Facebook at "M2 Archery Club."



PARTICIPANTS FROM the Maries County R-2 Archery Club (above) compete in the State Qualifying NASP tournament for the 2017-2018 season recently. **A REPRESENTATIVE** of the Archery Club reports that the Maries R-2 Archery participants showed "great form" as demonstrated by one of the Archery club members below.



Students enjoy family crafts

Students (left) at Belle Head Start recently participated in a "Family Craft Day" held at the head start facility. Belle Head Start is a comprehensive child development program for three to five year old children of families who meet certain criteria. Belle Head Start has been a leader in providing services to children including children with disabilities.

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VIP celebrates national Law Enforcement Day

In honor of national "Law Enforcement Day," Jan. 9, students from Visitation-Inter Parish School seized the opportunity to thank local law enforcement personnel and offer them a token of respect by delivering 36 "appreciation bags" to the City Hall (above) and Court House (below). The bags contained bottles, cookies, granola bars, beef jerky, cheese crackers, peanuts, life savers candies and thank you notes. The city, county and two local state patrol officers were recognized. Maries County K-9 celebrity Arrow received a box of dog treats. The appreciation bags were funded by admission charges from last year's Parent's Night Out event held Dec. 15. The remaining funds from the Parent's Night Out event were donated to the Visitation Knights.

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VIP holds Bee

Visitation Inter-Parish School (VIPS) student, Abrea Simmons won first place in the National Geographic Bee competition recently held at VIPS. Eli Hayes placed second in the competition at VIPS and Dalton Breeding placed third.

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Vienna’s fourth graders win St. James Tournament

The Vienna 4th grade boys basketball team ended the season last weekend with a first place championship win in the St. James Tournament. The team had a successful season in the Osage League, ending with a perfect 10-0 record. Pictured are Coach Jamie Jones (back, left), Eli Crum, Jayce Bertoni, Jude Strickland, Teagan James, and Coach Jeff Stricklan. Brett Welschmeyer (front, left), Lawson Magnier, Ryan Kleffner, and Dylan Long.

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“Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home” is 2018 poster, essay contests theme

The Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors are once again conducting their annual poster and essay contests to acquaint students with the conservation of our natural resources. This year’s theme for both contests is “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home”. Posters and essays should highlight that a watershed is land that sheds water and that the way we treat the land in our watersheds and our daily habits can have a big impact on the water that we drink.

Any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 3rd through 6th grades of any Maries County school or home-schooled in Maries County may participate in the Poster Contest. Posters should be on poster board measuring 14” x 22” and capable of supporting its weight when leaned against the wall. Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials). Only one individual may work on a poster. The name of the student, address, school, grade and age must be listed on the back of the poster. Some students work on their posters at school but everyone is encouraged to participate even though their teacher may not require it for a grade. Students are not required to be in an art class to enter a poster. Poster board and the complete rules are available at the district office.

Each individual grade countywide will be judged together. From each grade, three posters will be chosen to win cash awards. Grade level prizes will be: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10 and 3rd place - \$5.

From these winners one entry will be declared the grand prize county winner and receive an additional cash award of \$50. The first place poster from each grade will be sent to state competition. All grade winners will be notified and invited to the District’s Annual Meeting in April to receive their awards and to find out what prize they have one.

The district’s Essay Contest is open to any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 7th through 12 grades of any Maries County Junior or High School. Essays should be 400 to 500 words in length. It should be double spaced typed or legibly handwritten. Sources of information must be listed. A separate sheet of paper with the student’s name, address, grade, name of school and teacher’s name should be stapled to the back of the essay. A student may also enter their essay directly to the district office. Only one essay per student is permitted.

The entries will be judged in three groups: 7th and 8th; 9th and 10th; and 11th and 12th. Awards will be given to the top three essays in each group. 1st prize will be \$50. 2nd prize will be \$25. 3rd prize will be \$15.

All contests will end on February 28, 2018. The posters and essays are due in the Soil and Water by the close of business on that date. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna. If there are any questions, you may call the district office at (573) 422-3342.

2018 Forage and Beef conference planned in March

March 12, 2018 will mark the 25th year of providing information to livestock and forage producers at the Forage & Beef Conference. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and University Extension from Phelps, Crawford, Dent, Maries and Gasconade Counties are once again planning for another successful conference for area landowners. Registration starts at 12:30 pm and the first speaker at 1:00 pm.

The event will start off with hearing about programs that are offered through USDA, SWCD and MDC. Wesley Tucker, Agriculture Business Specialist with University Extension, will provide valuable insight on Lease Agreements. Cow/Calf Mineral Nutrition will be the topic of Dr. Eric Bailey, State Beef Extension Specialist with University of Missouri. The Producer Panel this year will focus on Grass Fed Marketing.

The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Jason Salchow, doctor of veterinarian medicine from Missouri State. Dr. Salchow’s topic is “Custom Grazing The Good, The Bad & The Ugly.”

Dr. Jason Salchow, his wife, Sharon, and five children live on Terrell Creek in Christian County, Missouri. His children are the fifth generation to live on this creek. His goal from an early age has been to make a living on these hills. This goal has lead him to attempt numerous crazy schemes; such as guided rabbit hunts, Guernsey cow breeding, veterinary school, and custom grazing, just to name a few. He has a tendency to gravitate to the contrarian approach to most problems. This behavior has flourished in the last sixteen years due to the end of his formal education.

His grazing operation provides custom grazing services to multiple clients, but he also utilizes the services of other custom graziers. Being

on both sides of the transaction gives him a unique perspective on the many ways to screw this up. He is only qualified to speak on this topic because of the large number of mistakes that he has made. He is made aware of these mistakes very quickly by his book keeper who keeps her office in the residence. This loving feedback allows for evaluation and change of direction in a timely manner.

Plan now to attend the conference on March 12th at the Cuba Knights of Columbus Hall. Agriculture vendors will be available to visit prior to the start of the conference and during breaks. All of this valuable information and a delicious meal for only \$10.

Please RSVP by February 23, 2018 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732 ext. 3 or your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Last minute filing for April election in Vienna, Belle

David Long and Mike Kleffner have filed for positions on the Maries R-1 School Board which are up for election in April.

Long filed last Friday afternoon, and Kleffner, an incumbent, filed on Tuesday. Incumbent Dave Garro filed previously so there will be a race for the two positions open on the school board.

The city of Belle had four openings include the marshal, mayor, Board of Alderman Ward 1 and Board of Alderman Ward 2.

Declarations for marshal include candidate Kale Sullinger, Chad Faulkner and incumbent Marshal Joe Turnbough.

Josh Sever declared his intentions to run for mayor on Tuesday against Chris Bray and incumbent Mayor

Steve Vogt who is running for re-election.

Incumbent Alderman Ken Stanfield and John Allen Green have declared their intentions to run for Ward 2 Alderman. Declarations for Ward 1 include candidate Stewart Darrah and incumbent Jeanette Struempfh.

The Maries County R-2 School Board of Education incumbent Thomas Kinsey III has declared his intentions to run for his own chair again. Larry Walters chair is still unopposed.

Jim Carpenter declared his intention to run for re-election to the city of Bland’s board of aldermen. The city has one other aldermen-at-large positions held by recently appointed Josh Jarvis, who is finishing out Gary Lee’s elected position.

The filing periods closed yesterday, January 13.



Winners of the Knights of Columbus free throw contest

Winners in the Knights of Columbus Council #13178 free throw contest are Cash Stricklan, age 12 (left), Karleigh Briscoe, age 12, Brookelynn Mercer, age 11, Nakoma Canuto, age 10, and Troy Wulff, age 9. They will now compete in the District Free Throw contest on Feb. 4 at Vienna.

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MARIES COUNTY MENUS

Maries County R-II Schools

- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
Chicken Patty, Meatloaf, Chicken Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli/Carrot Mix, Pineapple, Rolls
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger Nachos, Cheesy Chicken Pasta/Italian Bread, Taco Salad, Cornbread, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Pears
- Friday, Jan. 19**
Pepperoni Pizza, Fish Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken Salad, Pineapple Muffin, Garden Salad, Roasted Vegetables, Tropical Fruit

- Tuesday, Jan. 23**
BBQ Rib/Bun, Meatball Sub, French Fries, Cobb Salad, Blueberry Muffin, Garden Salad, Banana/Orange Mix
- Wednesday, Jan. 24**
Chicken Patty, Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Chicken Caesar Salad, Glazed Carrots, Peaches, Hot Rolls
- Thursday, Jan. 25**
Chicken Nuggets, Hot Dog Macaroni/Cheese, Italian Bread, Italian Chef Salad, Garden Salad, Texas Pintos, Applesauce
- Friday, Jan. 26**
Cheese Pizza, Parmesan Chicken Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken Salad, Pineapple Muffin, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Pineapple

Maries County R-I Schools

- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
Chicken Quesadilla Pizza, Black Bean/Corn Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Orange
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Grapes

- Friday, Jan. 19**
Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail
- Monday, Jan. 22**
Baked Penne, Corn, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail
- Tuesday, Jan. 23**
Pulled Pork Sandwich, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Apples
- Wednesday, Jan. 24**
Breaded Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Strawberries
- Thursday, Jan. 25**
Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, Orange
- Friday, Jan. 26**
Sausage Pizza, Garden Salad, Peaches

Vienna Senior Center Lunch

210 Ball Park Rd. Vienna
Phone (573) 422-3834

- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
Ham/Beans, Spinach, Cinnamon Pears, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Cookies
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
BBQ Chicken Thighs, Peas, Fruited Jello, Hot Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Spice Cake
- Friday, Jan. 19**
Fish, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Compote, Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Pumpkin Fast/Fancy
- Monday, Jan. 22**
Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Pineapple, Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Pie
- Tuesday, Jan. 23**
Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles, California Blend, Strawberry/Banana, Chicken Enchiladas, Spinach, Pumpkin Spice Blondie’s
- Wednesday, Jan. 24**
Sliced Ham, Roasted Red Potatoes, Cinnamon Applesauce, Chicken Parmesan/Spaghetti, Tuscan Blend, Berry Bars
- Thursday, Jan. 25**

Pepper Steak, Peas/Carrots, Fruited Jello, Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Cheesecake

Friday, Jan. 26
Tuna/Salmon Patty, Green Beans, Warm Pears, Macaroni/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Pudding

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Visitation Inter-Parish Lunch

- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
Chicken Taco, Refried Beans, Peaches, Noodles
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
Chili/Crackers, Carrots, Cherries, Cookies
- Friday, Jan. 19**
Beef/Gravy/Rice, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll
- Monday, Jan. 22**
Noodles/Chicken Sauce, Green Beans, Apricots, Bread
- Tuesday, Jan. 23**
Pizza Rolls, Corn, Celery, Applesauce, Cookie
- Wednesday, Jan. 24**
Tomato Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Pears, Cookie
- Thursday, Jan. 25**
Chicken/Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Apples, Roll
- Friday, Jan. 26**
Chef Salad, Garbonzo Beans, Noodles

Vienna Senior Center Events

Thursday, Jan. 18
10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Check
11:00 a.m. Board Meeting
Monday, Jan. 22
6:45 p.m. BINGO

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0100 Miscellaneous

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The **Maries County R-I School District's Board of Education** is soliciting sealed bids for a BUILT-IN COOLER/FREEZER to be located in the main storage area of the Cafeteria of the Maries R-I School District located in Vienna, Missouri.

Bids are to be received by the District office no later than **3:30PM on January 19, 2018**. Bids will be opened at **3:30PM** in the Superintendent's Office of the Maries County R-I School District and presented to the Maries County R-I Board during the Regular Board meeting **January 22, 2018 at 7:00PM** in the Library of Vienna High School.

Bid proposals are to be submitted to the District office in a sealed envelope, clearly marked **"Cooler/Freezer"** and addressed to:

MARIES COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For bid specification information or any questions, please contact Joseph F. Dunlap, Maries County R-I Superintendent, or access information on the District Website at maries1.k12.mo.us Phone: 573-422-3304 fax: 573-422-3185.

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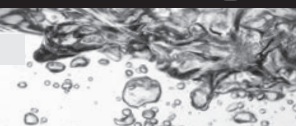


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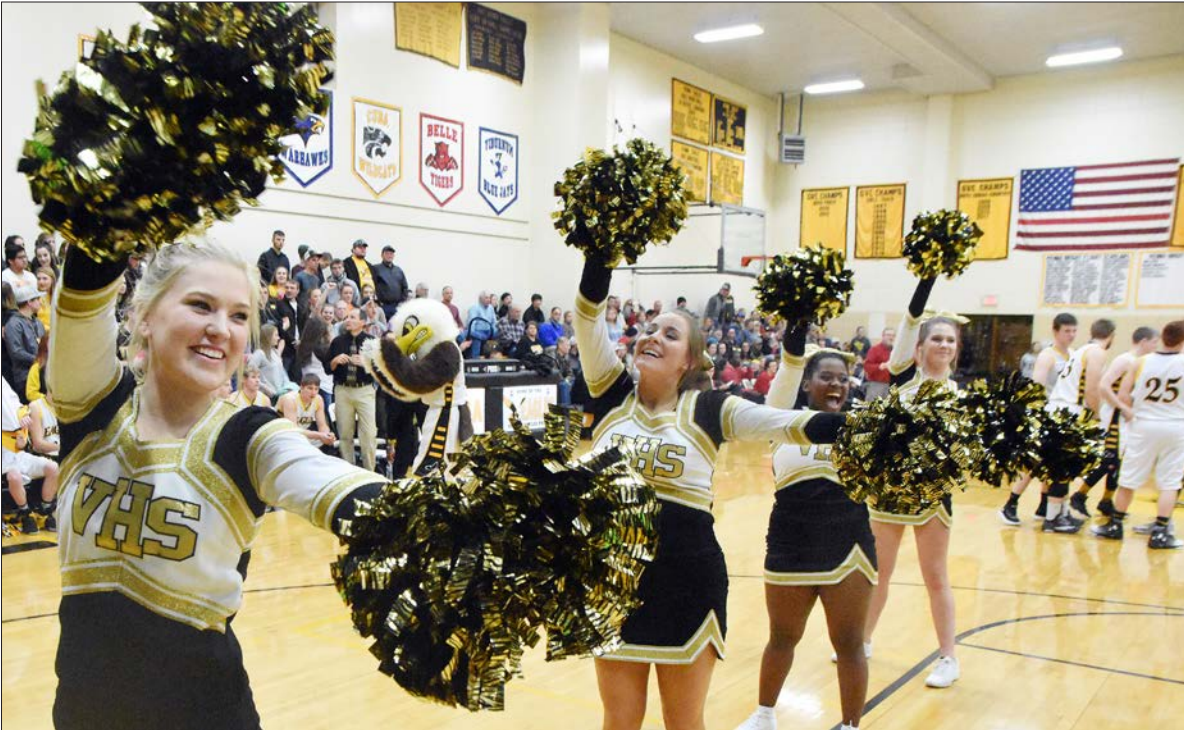
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Homecoming fun

The participants in the VHS Homecoming Coronation ceremony last Friday night in Vienna included (top photo) 2013 King and Queen Conner Backues and Miranda Peterman, senior class candidates Luke McEnnis, Taylour Schoene, Cole Petershagen, Courtney Falter, 2018 Queen Malerie Meier and King Tyler Robertds, Makayla Peterman, Carson Hayes, Kara Harker, Isaac Weider and 2017 Queen Anna Williams and King Brock Feeler. The VHS Cheerleaders (above) were a big hit with their dance performances Friday night at homecoming. They did a great job and the crowd in the gym gave them a big round of applause. The Dance Academy's Roberta Kilmer choreographed the dance for the cheerleaders. The Eagle Pride Band provided a lot of pep to the evening with the spirited songs. VHS Homecoming candidates Luke McEnnis and Taylour Schoene (bottom left) share a moment as they walked to the stage during the coronation ceremonies Friday night. Kara Harker was escorted into the gym by her cousin, Carter Stratman, son of John and Sasha Stratman of Rolla. Last year's homecoming queen, Anna Williams, placed the crown on this year's queen, Malerie Meier, as king Tyler Robertds looked on.

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