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A Rosebud tradition

Volunteers staging the fireworks display at Rosebud Community Park on Saturday gather before the show for a group prayer following a safety meeting. The show included an estimated \$8,000 worth of consumer fireworks purchased through local donations. Area residents put on the show, continuing a tradition which began with friends launching displays at the edge of town. Several thousand viewers have gathered at the community park in recent years for the show. Area residents will have the chance to view another fireworks display on Friday when the Owensville Fire Department hosts their annual Firemen's Picnic at Memorial Park. Children's games including turtle races (6 p.m. on Memorial Field) and kiddie tractor pulls (6:30 p.m.) are planned.



City awards \$101,766 paving bid

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A city paving contract worth \$101,766 was awarded Monday and the two lowest bids were separated by just \$476.

The winning bid was actually \$476 more than the lowest bid overall. However, it was the firm submitting the lowest base bid which was awarded the contract.

Jeff Kuhne, the city's public works director, told Owensville aldermen the city's practice has been to award winning bids to the firm which submits the lowest base bid and mobilization fee.

West Contracting's base bid was \$75,610 with a \$2,080 mobilization charge. The city also sought price quotes for two options.

West bid option A for \$20,467 and option B for \$3,609 for a

total of \$101,766.

Pierce Asphalt's base bid of \$82,650 was higher than one submitted by West Contracting. Pierce quoted a mobilization cost of \$2,000. Pierce's overall bid with two options was \$476 less than the West quote. Pierce's bid for the entire project was \$101,290 with a base bid of \$82,650. Pierce's bid on option A was \$14,570 and option B was quoted for \$2,070.

Ward 2 Alderman Rob Borgmann made the motion to award the bid to West Contracting. The city had budgeted \$100,000 for paving work this summer.

City Administrator Nathan Schauf noted the city's street fund was projected to end the fiscal year next June 30 with a budget surplus of \$8,000 — plenty to cover the \$1,766 the bid came in

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Adoptee rights expanded with governor's signature on HB 1713

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In a Friday ceremony in Gov. Mike Parson's Capitol office in Jefferson City, members of the Missouri Adoptee Rights group celebrated the signing of House Bill 1713 which allows lineal descendants of deceased adoptees to obtain the that adoptee's original birth certificate (OBC).

Among the participants in the ceremony where Deborah Donatti and her adopted daughter, Danika, 21. Both testified during House and Senate hearings in 2016 for HB 1599 which became the Missouri Adoptee Rights Act.

"Some of the changes made in the process of passing HB 1599 were things we hoped to later address," said Donatti on Monday. "One such issue was that the original bill did not allow for lineal descendants of a deceased adoptee, to obtain a copy of that adoptee's sealed OBC."

HB 1733 signed on Friday by Parson does that.

"We have been working for several years on important legislation that would open sealed original birth certificates for adult adoptees," said Donatti, whose family

includes three adopted children, Danika, Cierrea, 16, and Carson, 14.

Her children have birth-parent information in their possession. Danika, for example, met her birth father before he died and is in contact with her birth mother.

"She knows her birth mother and met her birth father and had the chance to share some special occasions with him before he died," said Donatti about her oldest daughter's experiences.

For some adoptees, however, Donatti said records were not provided to the adoptive parents. Some, she said, remain sealed.

In recent years, more and more Missourians are seeking information about their birth parents in efforts to learn their family lineage — or research family medical histories. Some have located siblings.

Since Jan. 1, 2018, over 5,000 Missouri adoptees have applied for their original birth certificate, said Donatti.

State Rep. Don Phillips (Republican from Kimberling City,) himself an adoptee, who has been reunited with his birth parents, worked on this legislation since 2014. "This was his signature piece of legislation," said Donatti of Phillips who is termed out at the end of the year.

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DEBORAH AND DANIKA DONATTI (far left) attended the June 29 ceremonial bill signing for House Bill 1713 which will allow for lineal descendants of deceased adoptees to obtain that adoptee's sealed original birth certificate. Gov. Mike Parson (seated) and State Rep. Don Phillips (standing to the governor's left) was the bill's sponsor. Danika, a 2015 Owensville High School graduate and rural Owensville resident, is adopted and testified in support of Missouri's Adoptee Rights Act (HB 1599) which became law in 2016.

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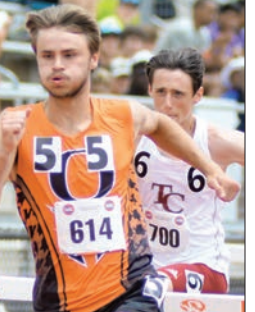
Rate increases set to begin in September

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SPORTS

Irwin to run track at MSSU

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A NEW ADVENTURE

How patriotic are you?

A couple of weeks ago I was cooking some hamburgers on our George Foreman grill for dinner when the phone rang.

To stop unwanted solicitors I broke down a couple of years ago and paid the phone company to add caller ID on our line — something I highly recommend. We use it to screen calls at home. At the newspaper we answer all incoming calls.

About once a week we get a call at the newspaper wanting me to invest in oil wells. I politely explain to them that the only business I invest in is my own. Then I hang up.

Anyway, when the phone rang that evening I didn't recognize the number from Pennsylvania. Don't ask me why but I answered it.

The nice lady on the other end assured me she was not going to try and sell me anything, she represented a "reputable" polling company and wanted to just ask me a few questions.

She assured me it wouldn't take long.

Twenty-six minutes later Connie and I finished dinner, and the phone conversation at the same time.

To tell you the truth the call would have probably taken less than 20 minutes, but I kept bantering back and forth with the caller.

I set the phone down on the counter and put it

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



on speaker phone. I was interested in what type of questions she was going to ask, and since it wouldn't take long I could finish fixing dinner at the same time. No problem.

Many of the questions she asked I was expecting:

- What did I think of the economy?
- What did I think about Trump's visit with Kim Jon-un in Singapore?

- Did I vote in the last election?
- Was I a registered Democrat or Republican?
- What was my level of education?

• There were a couple questions on abortion and on the rights of homosexuals.

The last time I received a call from a pollster they asked If I worked in the media. When I said yes it ended the conversation. She never asked me that.

About half way through Connie came into the kitchen and we sat down to eat dinner, all while the questions kept coming.

Every few minutes she would say "we're almost done" and then she would ask me a question that was totally unexpected.

- Would I rather have ice cream, pie or pie and ice cream? That was a no brainer — pie and ice cream.

- Who would I rather have lunch with, Hillary Clinton, President Trump or Oprah?

- She also asked if we were planning to take a vacation this year.

- Was I a sports fan and on a scale of one to 10 how much of a fan. Many questions I had to answer on a scale of one to 10.

I think those odd questions were just to break it up and make me feel more comfortable.

A few of the questions centered around how patriotic I considered myself.

Was I patriotic?

Was I very patriotic, somewhat patriotic, a little patriotic or not at all? Those questions got me thinking about just how patriotic am I.

One question was — "Did I fly the American flag?" I had to answer no. I then asked myself why? Now I have a flag to fly on my home during holidays.

I asked her if it counted that I am the caretaker of a large flag for our community, doing that job now for over 12 years.

Being an Eagle Scout and raising two Eagle Scouts, the Boy Scouts helped me teach my two sons to be patriotic. When the stars and stripes are raised, and when the star spangled banner is sung or played at a sporting event it has always been my honor to place my hand over my heart, or salute the flag when I wore the scout uniform.

As a scout we often participated in flag retirements with the VFW. A serious and solemn ceremony.

During this fourth of July, the 242nd birthday of the United States, we need to understand that as Americans we live in the greatest country in the world.

On a scale of one to 10 how patriotic am I — a nine.

How patriotic are you?

If you want to meet some patriots that I would rate a 10 then see our salute to soldiers and sailors on pages 10 and 11 in today's *Republican*.

"When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice. The Bible tells us, 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.'" — Donald Trump

A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ROCK ISLAND TRAIL

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy members tour Missouri cycling sites, proposed development

JEFFERSON CITY — As Missouri State Parks continues to debate the future of the 144-mile Rock Island Railroad corridor between Windsor and Beaufort, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) and its partners in the state, including Missouri Rock Island Trail, Inc., and the Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation, are committed to building support for the future trail and elevating the incredible value that it could deliver to the state.

"Missouri is an important leader in the rail-trail movement and an example of the power that trails have to deliver new economies to states across the country," said Keith Laughlin, president of RTC. "We brought our annual Trailblazer Society ride to Missouri this year so that our most committed and influential members could see firsthand the role the Katy Trail has had in growing Missouri's outdoor tourism economy — and the potential of the Rock Island Trail to significantly extend those economic benefits to more communities

in the state."

Since 2014, RTC has been working with partners on the ground to, first, encourage Ameren Corporation — the corridor's owner — to railbank the 144-mile segment between Windsor and Beaufort for rail-trail conversion, and now to encourage the state of Missouri to accept the corridor from Ameren.

The Surface Transportation Board has extended the deadline for a decision through February 2019. This undertaking to ensure the future of the Rock Island Trail is an important next step for the state's trails movement, building upon decades of political advocacy and grassroots organizing in the name of trails, walking and biking across Missouri.

During the Trailblazer Society tour, which was held June 24–28, RTC showcased important milestones that have contributed to the state's successful track record for trails. On June 28, riders gathered in Columbia for lunch with Mayor Brian

Treece, City Council member Ian Thomas and former mayor and rail-trail champion Darwin Hindman.

Hindman was a pivotal player in helping RTC secure more than \$25 million in federal funds for the city to implement a biking and walking pilot program that resulted in a 63-percent increase in biking and a 46-percent increase in walking over a four-year period. Later that day, bike riders toured a portion of the Rock Island corridor in Eugene with permission from Ameren.

"Missouri has been out front in the trails movement time and again; the Katy Trail was the first in the country to be railbanked, preserving the former railroad corridor as a recreational trail and an economic engine for the state," said Laughlin. "The state is known for proving what is possible in building a world-class state parks system and epic trails that draw international acclaim while also connecting people within

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HOMETOWN BOY

Digital robots keep tabs on people, may be used to guide grazing cows

The digital age arrived and I wasn't ready. I can't recall my password to read about it.

I've spent most of my life with printed pages. I still prefer ink on paper for reading. My grandson can't understand why I don't read e-books. "You can carry 50 books with you," he said. But, could I find the book I want to read as I settle in for my daily learning session,

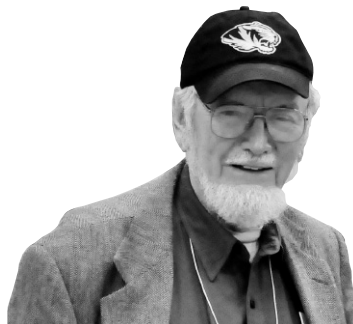
Just now opening my laptop to write, my fingers faltered. I typed a start of the last passcode it took me so long to learn. MU requires us to change passwords at least once a year. They insist on difficult-to-remember mixed upper and lower case letters, numerals and characters. If I use a word that's in a dictionary the robot will stop me to start over.

Right now I can't gain full access to Twitter. What is my password?

It was on Twitter that I learned that robots will do so much of what I spent a lifetime learning to do. Some newspapers use robots to write small everyday stories.

My background interferes with my advance. When I read the latest on what artificial intelligence (AI) can do, I get sidetracked from AI (artificial insemination). I'm still thinking of that old familiar AI known to cattle breeders. Quite different.

Maybe the bovine bulls promote all of this



by **DUANE DAILEY**

new AI for me to learn.

Just a day ago, I read that robots can now be programmed to write computer code. I leap forward to think that robots can create code to make baby robots. AI is getting mixed up with AI seems to me.

I've seen up close a use of AI robots in patrolling the University parking lots I am assigned. Until recently, MU hired students to patrol the lots, checking numbers on hangtags on review mirrors. That number should match the lot number. If not, you got a ticket. Parking fines have become a new source for revenue generation.

Student patrols are gone. Now campus security cars go up and down rows of cars. A digital camera reads license plate numbers. No more looking at hangtags. But, that robot program is common on many city police cars. You've likely been scanned.

And, a recent flush of photos sent by e-mail from campus police ask for help in identifying people. They get ID's quickly. I didn't know there were so many security cameras on campus. But, they help nab wrongdoers.

The shooter at the Annapolis newspaper wouldn't give his name. But, police ran his mug shot through the file of state driver's license photos on file. Soon, the robot had his name. Face recognition has become common. You see it on Facebook.

Back to those digital books. I may soon wish I was in the digital age.

A common trend among friends my age is to downsize their holdings.

Both the read and unread overflow bookcases. I rarely throw away a book. And, I save too many *New Yorkers* and *Missouri Ruralists*.

Now, I did see this week a photo on Twitter of a hearse with a U-Haul trailer in tow. I suspect that is a fake-news joke. No U-Haul for me.

The digital age has come to farm fields. Precision agriculture refines treatment to the many different soil zones in any given field.

This spring I attended a series of MU seminars on new data collection tools. At the Forage System Research Center, MU scientists study different ways to measure grass growth. This may be useful in planning rotations in management-intensive grazing. Robots may guide cows to fresh new grazing paddocks.

The robot measures grass faster than a farmer with a grazing stick. The digital tool may be on a four-wheeler, a drone, or a satellite in space. Digits are gathered many ways.

Farmers will be adapting tools the government uses to keep tabs on people.

Send digits to duanedailey7@gmail.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Guardians provide undivided attention to veterans on Honor Flights

BY **DON MERRITT**

The primary mission of Franklin County Honor Flight is to fly America's veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the war memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices.

In conducting these flights, Franklin County Honor Flight has developed many procedures to facilitate an orderly, expeditious and comfortable flight that the veterans who have been on these flights are so grateful for.

One of those procedures deals with the use of "guardians."

As defined by Webster's New World Dictionary, a guardian is "one who guards or protects; a custodian."

As such, the Honor Flight guardian acts in the same manner that these veterans did when, on active duty, they guarded our freedom and protected us from those that would do us harm. These veterans acted as the custodians of our God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As Honor Flight guardians, these volunteers pay their own way to Washington, D.C., at a cost to them of \$500, as their way of expressing their gratitude for the service so gallantly provided by these veterans.

While guardians serve their heroes three meals during the long day, and provide any necessary assistance by way of making them comfortable, the thing that sparks

smiles on the veterans faces and brings tears to their eyes is the continuous show of appreciation from those they encounter at every turn and stop along the way.

As Jerry Baker, a Korean War veteran and VFW Post 6133 member, put it, "It was a day never to be forgotten, excellent, perfect. The drive from Washington to Lambert, St. Louis, was fantastic with the police escort and all the people at the airport to see us off. The reception in Baltimore was over the top, with the fire trucks and the colored water spray. On the way home I especially appreciated the mail call with all the letters from people thanking us for our service and saying they were proud of us."

A Vietnam veteran and a American Legion Post 587 member, Charles Wehmeyer, recalls, "I was taken by the sincere response of the people we met that thanked us for our service. I had the great experience to be able, at the Vietnam War Memorial, to take an etching off the wall of the names of two local men that didn't make it back, Dick Quick and Samuel Robinson. I also had a great time with my niece who was on the flight doing a segment for KRCG-TV 13, from Jefferson City. Having mail call on the way home was also a highlight of the trip as I received many letters from family and friends."

To Randy Esphorst, a Vietnam veteran and VFW Post 6133 member, "It was a

humbling experience unlike anything I have ever experienced before that was associated with Vietnam. I felt honored by all the people at the airports on both ends of the flight. To me it was the experience of a life time."

The guardians got the veterans there and back as the veterans guarded and protected the citizens of these United States when they wore the uniform of the military branch in which they served.

The motivation that guides this fusion of service and the support Americans show for it, is the same thought found on many a veteran's t-shirt: If you can read this... thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a veteran.

The up-coming fund-raiser for Honor Flight on July 7 at the White Mule Winery provides an excellent opportunity to show your support to this great effort.

Franklin County Honor Flight Network, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. Honor Flight receives no government funding. It is, however, recognized by the government as provided in Public Law No: 113-221 (12/16/2014).

(Don Merritt is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who served in combat in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot).

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Celebrate your community on Independence Day

BY QUINT STUDER

As I go about my work of helping communities revitalize and reinvent themselves, I often get to see the best of America and I'm reminded that the foundations that built this country are still just as important today.

It's long been said that America is all about rugged individualism, and that is true to some extent. Yes, being as self-sufficient as you can be is an admirable trait, but it only takes one so far. People need people in order to really live and nowhere is that more true than in communities.

Back when our ancestors landed on our shores, they didn't head off into the woods to build a log cabin singlehandedly. No, they banded together in small communities. They worked together, struggled together, cried together, and celebrated together. They shared what they had when they could — and expected others to do the same for them when they needed help.

Early Americans had to live this way. Otherwise, they would never have survived in this unfamiliar, unforgiving land.

Today, something very similar is happening. We're in the middle of a massive community revitalization movement. Across America, cities and towns of all sizes are looking to reinvent themselves after a long, hard recession and several chaotic decades that turned their world upside down.

For many communities, globalization and technology reshuffled the deck. Much like our forefathers and foremothers, people found themselves lost in uncharted territory. Jobs disappeared. Unemployment skyrocketed. Infrastructure crumbled. Once-bustling downtowns deteriorated. Young people moved away in search of better lives (and who can blame them).

Now, we've collectively decided to look homeward. We've decided to bring our communities back from

the brink. And we're not doing it as a nation of rugged individuals. We're doing it in small, tight-knit groups as we embrace the spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and partnership.

Community leaders, business owners, and citizens are deeply engaged and working together to breathe new life into our downtowns. We're encouraging entrepreneurs to start new ventures. We're choosing to eat, drink, play, and shop locally. We're showing up at street festivals, volunteering, and supporting the institutions that feed, educate, and heal our community.

As I look to communities that are thriving, one thing is for certain. We are still the land of opportunity. People are finding they can still start a business, make a living, and provide jobs to others. While a strong local government is part of every vibrant community, in most cases private industry is the backbone. Thriving local business communities lead to long-term prosperity.

So here's what I believe: Real independence is about working hard, playing hard, building strong relationships with family and friends, and being happy in the place we've put down our roots. It's about choosing the kind of life we want to live. For the most part, this can exist only in the context of community.

This Independence Day, I hope you'll take a moment to be grateful for your community and reflect on what you might do to make it better. Get involved. Find a cause that speaks to you. Share your ideas. Join together with like-minded neighbors and work to make something happen.

The spirit of community is the spirit that built America. And it's what will rebuild us as we work together to create our future.

(Quint Studer is author of "Building a Vibrant Community: How Citizen-Powered Change Is Reshaping America.")

MAIL BAG

Small business owner or farmer?

To the Editor:

Our current government is doing a lot for small business but if you are a farmer, it is unlikely you will receive the same benefits as other small businesses.

You will be classified as a small farmer if you make less than \$750,000 in a year and there is no limit on the number of employees you may have.

If you are a contractor you can make \$15,000,000 and be a small business.

Retail small business stores can make \$7,500,000.

An online auction or a hospital can still be considered a small business when making \$38,000,000.

Manufacturing classification as a small business is by number of employees and varies depending on what is manufactured. On the low end there are the made-by-hand goods that max out at 100 employees if they are to be called a small business but on the upper end some kinds of vehicle manufacturing can have 1,500 employees and still be considered small business.

Different types of wholesale trades have different standards but all will be classified as a small business if they have fewer than 100 employees. Most small business wholesalers get to have up to 200 employees and a few wholesalers

are allowed 250 employees.

A financial institution is a small business if it has less than \$550 million in assets.

https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/files/Size_Standards_Table.pdf is an SBA chart listing these things and much more.

Here is a paraphrase from an article by Steve Cooper that appeared in *Forbes* on Sept. 20, 2012:

According to the United States Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Advocacy, 99.7 percent of all U.S. firms are small businesses. This classification is important because loans, government contracts and many other tools are put in place to help small businesses compete with large corporations. Of course these tools are also in place to spur growth and innovation.

To put government classifications in context, *The Huffington Post* is estimated to have over 200 employees and is considered a small business.

So, if a small business with just 10 or 20 employees bids for a job, or needed to acquire a small business loan and has to compete with a behemoth like *HuffPost* when finite resources are available, is the SBA really doing the little guy a favor with their current definitions?

M. Frahm

Gasconade Timing Association has leading role in Honor Flight fund-raiser July 7 at White Mule

BY DON MERRITT

Many men and women that have an affinity for, or are caught up in nostalgia for, the things of the past are seeped in history and show a love of country and a patriotic fervor that expresses itself in their hobbies and avocations.

The love of cars, old and new, is to some an expression of a desire to return to the past while embracing new technology in automotive engineering. From Saturday night cruising around the town square to flat out muscle car drag racing, the American spirit manifests itself in a belief that centers around God, duty and country.

These same Americans have shown a respect and admiration for the men and women that defend their ability to enjoy the pursuit of their happiness.

The Gasconade Timing Association (GTA) is the continuation of an

activity that for years has brought happiness to people of all social levels and ethnic backgrounds.

Hosting the Honor Flight Benefit "Cruise In" on July 7 at the White Mule Winery on U.S. Highway 50, north of Rosebud, is a confirmation that the spirit of supporting those in uniform is very much alive in the organization as it is joined by Owensville VFW Post 6133, Rosebud American Legion Post 587, and the White Mule Winery in a fund-raising activity to support a program that has meant so much to so many local veterans.

Legionnaire Jerry Lowe, a 2016 Honor Flight participant, recalled his experience.

"Franklin County Honor Flight had it well organized," said Lowe. "From the gathering at the bus to go to St. Louis airport to the Baltimore welcome, where we were the only aircraft on the runway and the water hose welcome. I felt like people

really cared what we had done."

Legionnaire Gerald Bunting, whose son went as his guardian, shared a similar experience.

"It was fantastic," said Bunting. "My son was able to be with me as we visited the memorials and he had a chance to talk to the people who welcomed us at every turn. He saw how grateful they were for our service."

For John Tayloe, VFW member and Vietnam veteran, "It was a great day to remember. I will never forget it. For the first time I felt respected for my service. There appeared to be genuine appreciation for what we had sacrificed."

Harlan Limberg, VFW member, said, "It was a wonderful experience. I got to talk to other vets and many great people that thanked me for my service. I sensed more respect than I had previously experienced from everyone we talked to along the way."

Caring, respecting and confirmation of sacrifice were recurring themes in a majority of the remarks made by vets upon their return from the Honor Flight. It is Important that we, as citizens, of this great nation that is the United States of America, continue to affirm our support for the service and sacrifice offered up by the members of our armed forces.

Join with these veterans on July 7 for a great time at the Honor Flight benefit as we enjoy a poker run for the car enthusiasts, a BB gun shoot with meat and cash prizes, a silent auction and washer tournament.

There will be two weapons you can buy chances on — must be present to win. There will be a closing ceremony with a color guard and a missing man ceremony following the end of the silent auction.

The GTA and the service organizations invite everyone to attend.

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Donatti said her daughter's testimony before legislators appears to have helped change some minds.

"I'm really proud of her," she said. "She testified to the House and Senate on the first and second versions of the bill. They were floored to see an 18-year-old reframe it for them. To see a young person, kind of put it into a different perspective, was good for them to hear."

When she was testifying before House and Senate committees, Danika already had her birth records, according to Deborah. She was, essentially, testifying on behalf of legislation granting access to records she already had. Those, her mother said, were available to her all along since their family obtained them during the adoption process.

For some, however, a 1941 law which allowed records of birth parents to be closed, prohibited adoptees from obtaining information if

a birth parent, or parents, chose to keep their identities private.

House Bill 1599, which was passed into law in 2016, allowed those who were born before 1941 to obtain their sealed records. Those born after 1941 and currently over age 18 would have to wait a year before requesting their records.

The law, said Donatti, allowed those over 18 "to obtain an information only copy of their original birth certificate," she said. "It was a tiered system to obtain. There was a year waiting period."

Donatti, who also has two adopted brothers of her own, said HB 1713 repeals the restrictions on obtaining the OBC of a lineal descendant who was adopted.

Donatti said it appears legislators finally understand why so many people wanted access to these records.

"It's a record of a person being

born," she said.

She said she was pleased to participate in what she called a "bipartisan" effort to get the new legislation into law. She said the project goes back to the 2014-15 session when another House Bill, 647, was first proposed.

"I just feel excited," Donatti said. "If it can connect with somebody, 'how do I get that information,' the effort was worth it."

Justin Alferman, the former state representative from Hermann who supported the legislation, stopped by the ceremony, said Donatti. He's now on Parson's staff as the liaison to the legislature and stepped down from his 61st District seat in June.

"He was real super excited for us," said Donatti. "We kind of achieved the bipartisan support this finally needed for approval. We had support from both sides. It was a terrific experience."



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RTC tour • From page 2

and between communities. It is time for Missouri to live up to its reputation and build the Rock Island Trail, connecting to the Katy to create more than 450 miles of trail between Kansas City and St. Louis."

In addition to a focus on the 144-mile corridor between Windsor and Beaufort, RTC also supports the Rock Island Trail connection into Kansas City.

In May, RTC announced that the Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority would receive a \$25,000 Doppelt

Family Trail Development Fund (Doppelt Fund) grant for the 8-mile Greenwood Connector, which will help to complete the final western trail segment to connect the Katy to Kansas City via the Rock Island.

In 2015, MORIT received a \$15,000 Doppelt Fund grant to support trail development on the Rock Island Line. The Doppelt Fund is part of RTC's grant program designed to move forward critical projects that enhance health and transportation connectivity in their

regions.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is the nation's largest trails organization — with a grassroots community more than 1 million strong — dedicated to connecting people and communities by creating a nationwide network of public trails, many from former rail lines.

(Want to learn more about the RTC...connect with RTC at railstotrails.org and @railstotrails on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

State Fire Marshall urges caution with fireworks as July Fourth holiday approaches

Public fireworks shows provide the best sights and are safest

Ask Missourians for examples of potentially dangerous fireworks and sparklers would not rank high on the list. But sparklers – which burn at over 1,200 degrees and are often handled by children – are one of the leading causes of fireworks injuries and serve as a strong reminder of the dangers consumer fireworks can pose.

Across the U.S., an average of 250 people a day go to emergency rooms with fire-works related injuries in the month around Independence Day, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

“Public fireworks shows are the safest way to enjoy fireworks and they provide the most dramatic sights,” State Fire Marshal Tim Bean said. “If you are thinking about using consumer fireworks, it is essential that you consider how to eliminate the many risks they present – from dangerous burns and other injuries to house fires. Also, find out whether fireworks are even

legal to use where you live.”

Fire Marshal Bean said across the nation Independence Day is the busiest day of the year for fires and that almost one-half of fires that day are caused by fireworks.

Missourians who choose to use consumer fireworks should follow these safety tips:

- Confirm fireworks are legal where you live; purchase fireworks only from a properly licensed retailer.
- Only use fireworks in a large open space that has been cleared of flammable materials.
- Always keep young children away from fireworks; if teens are permitted to handle fireworks, they should be closely supervised by an adult; always wear eye protection.
- Make sure to have a garden hose or a bucket of water nearby in case of a fire.

- Only light fireworks one at a time; never try to re-light fireworks that have malfunctioned
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and leaving them in a trash can.
- Never shoot fireworks off from a glass jar or container.
- Never use fireworks while consuming alcohol.
- Never store fireworks from season to season.

According to the National Fire Protection Association:

- Fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires. These fires caused an average of \$43 million in direct property damage.
- In 2015, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,900 people for fireworks related injuries; 51 percent of those injuries were to the extremities

and 41 percent were to the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 26 percent of the estimated 2015 injuries.

• Fireworks sales at licensed seasonal retailers are legal in Missouri from June 20 to July 10. Through June 25, the Division of Fire Safety has issued 1,250 permits to seasonal retailers. DFS conducts safety inspections at fireworks retailers, including checking to make sure they sell only legally-permitted consumer fireworks, that they have at least two exits, are equipped with fire extinguishers, and that fireworks tents have been treated with fire retardant chemicals.

For questions or concerns about firework safety, firework rules, or firework dealers can contact the Division of Fire Safety at (573) 751-2930. More fireworks safety tips are available at <https://dfs.dps.mo.gov/safetytips/fireworks-safety.php>.

Summer’s perfect companion

ERIN MCGRAW, RD, LD
NUTRITION EDUCATOR
St. Louis Dairy Council

July was declared National Ice Cream Month in 1984 with President Ronald Regan stating that ice cream is “the perfect dessert.” Thirty-four years later, that statement has stood the test of time. Nothing says summer quite like ice cream does. The sound of the ice cream truck driving through the neighborhood brings excitement to kids of all ages. Whether it’s a scoop of your favorite flavor melting down the side of a cone, a hot fudge sundae, or a classic root beer float, ice cream has become the perfect companion for hot summer days.

Not only does this frozen dairy treat pair well with the season, it also fits into a healthy eating plan. Because ice cream is made from milk, it contains calcium, high-quality protein and other essential vitamins and minerals found in milk and milk products. Nutrition Educator, Erin McGraw, notes, “Although these nutrients are less concentrated in ice cream than in milk, yogurt, and cheese, they still make ice cream a nutritious option when compared to other dessert items.”

Ice cream and frozen dairy desserts come in many different flavors, making it hard to choose just one. If you’ve ever wondered about the difference between the choices of frozen treats, here’s a breakdown:

Ice cream is made from milk or cream, sugar, flavorings and stabilizers and must contain at least 10 percent milk fat. Eggs are an optional ingredient in ice cream.

Frozen custard is similar to ice cream but always contains eggs, which provide the required 1.4 percent egg yolk solids and give it a thick creamy texture.

Gelato is an Italian-style ice cream made from milk, sugar and flavorings. Gelato contains more sugar than ice cream (16-24 percent versus 12-16 percent for ice cream), but may contain less fat. Gelato melts faster than ice cream because of its semi-frozen consistency.

Sherbet is made from milk, sugar and flavorings and is classified as a “frozen dairy dessert” because it contains less than the 10 percent milk fat required for ice cream. Sherbet is usually a low-fat product, containing one to two percent milk fat, but is higher in sugar than ice cream.

Frozen yogurt is a mixture of pasteurized milk, flavorings and stabilizers. Because there is no standard definition of frozen yogurt, the content will vary. Milk used to make frozen yogurt is pasteurized, so it does not usually contain the live, active cultures found in conventional yogurt. Frozen yogurt can be found in low-fat or non-fat varieties.

“Luckily, there are 92 days of summer, which is plenty of time to enjoy the tried and true flavors as well as try something new,” says McGraw. Freezing ice cream with liquid nitrogen right in front of the customer is one new way that local shops are serving ice cream. This new approach to the freezing process allows the customer to have their ice cream made-to-order.

Whether you grab a novelty bar from the ice cream truck, enjoy a bowl of frozen yogurt sprinkled with berries, or try a customized frozen treat from a local store, be sure to follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook @STLDairyCouncil. We’ll be sharing scoops of fun information about ice cream throughout July to help celebrate the special month.

SCENIC REGIONAL

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

July 4		Closed
July 5	7:00 p.m.	Rockin the Clock (adult program)
July 6	7:00 p.m.	First Friday Movie Night - Jail House Rock
July 10	2:00 p.m.	Computer Skills (adult program)
July 11	10:30 a.m.	Lil’ OWLs Storytime
	1:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	3:00 p.m.	Teen Club
	6:30 p.m.	Knifty Knitters & Crafty Crocheters
July 12	2:00 p.m.	Meet the Author @ the Gasconade Manor Activity Room
July 14	11:00 a.m.	Read Build Play
		Libraries Rock featuring Barely Covered

COLLEGE CLIPS

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN HONORS

Drury University

Ronald Metts, Bourbon, Carrie Skouby, Cuba, and Tiffany Rademacher, Owensville, have been named to the Spring 2018 Dean’s List at Drury University.

PAGES FROM OUR PAST

By the dawn’s early light ~ 1998

20 years ago - July 8, 1998
By the dawn’s early light



Members of Owensville Mosse Lodge were up at dawn Saturday to place over 300 American flags for the July 4th weekend. The lodge’s flag committee assumed the civic project recently and will display the banners for every national holiday and parades. Part of the early work detail included, left to right: Lodge Gov. Chuck Lewis, Bill Nowack and Mike Smith (in rear), Bill Clements, committee chairman, Gavin Groff and Charles Ammerman.

35 years ago - July 6, 1983
Gerald girl to participate in Miss Universe



A six-year-old Geraldine girl will participate in the Miss Universe Pageant July 11 at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis.

Kari Altemeyer, the daughter of Bob and Sue Altemeyer, will not be a contestant in the pageant, but she was selected as a “little sister” in England’s entry in the contest, Karen Lesley Moore.

As Miss England’s little sister for the pageant, Kari will accompany her on stage for part of the ceremonies and will join 79 other “little sisters” for a musical number during the CBS television broadcast of the pageant.

Plowshares Pilgrimage march



A group marching for the Plowshares Pilgrimage passed through Owensville last Wednesday.

Homemade Orange Creamsicles

The following recipe was submitted by the St. Louis Dairy Council.

Enjoy these creamy, refreshing treats all summer long! With only three ingredients and a couple of supplies you can whip these up any day of the week. Makes six servings.

- 2 c vanilla ice cream, softened
- 6 oz. frozen orange juice concentrate
- 6 oz. low-fat orange yogurt
- 6 paper cups
- 6 wooden sticks

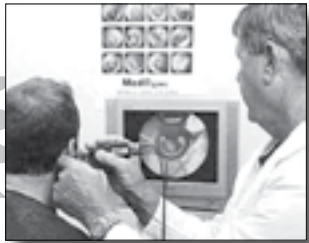
Directions: In a large bowl, mix softened ice cream, juice concentrate and yogurt, stirring until thoroughly blended. Pour into paper cups. Cover each cup with foil. Make a slit in foil with knife and insert stick into orange mixture. Freeze until hard (about six hours). Remove foil and paper cups to serve.

Nutrition Info: 175 calories, five grams fat, 10% DV calcium, five grams protein



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Paddle MO 2018 exploring the last 100 miles of the Missouri River will be September 19-23

Stream Teams United announces the final registration day of July 15 for this year's Paddle MO trip, which will be held Sept. 19-23. This great river adventure begins in Hermann, Wednesday, Sept. 19, and concludes at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area in St. Louis, Sunday, Sept. 23. Participants travel by canoe or kayak down the last 100 miles of the Missouri River over five days and get to float through the confluence with the Mississippi River during the last mile of the trip. Registration is open to the public, until July 15, at www.paddlemo.org.

Paddle MO is not a race and it is much more than just a float trip. The route covers between 12 to 27 miles each day during only daylight hours, floating from mid-morning into late afternoon. With a river current of about three miles per hour, this allows for time to relax and enjoy the trip. Lead river guides include professional canoe instructors and educators from Earth's Classroom. Participants are also accompanied by a motorized safety boat provided by Missouri River Relief.

Participants travel together and stop at islands along the route where river scientists and professional educators provide presentations about the ecology and history of the river. Meals are catered by local restaurants with a focus on locally sourced food. Participants are shuttled at the end of each day to group campgrounds where we enjoy campfires and live music. Evening stops also include time to explore historic downtown New Haven and visit a picturesque winery for dinner.

Paddle MO is a great opportunity for people that have never paddled on the Missouri River to experience the river in a supported, group atmosphere. It is also a great opportunity for experienced paddlers to enjoy this part of the river with delicious food and educational stops along the way.

Five-day registration is \$650. This cost includes all food, camping, shuttling, guiding, live music and education from the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 19, through the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 23. The weekend only trip is \$300 and includes dinner and live music from Friday, Sept. 21, and all trip expenses through the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 23. These costs assume that paddlers will be bringing their own canoe or kayak and can provide their own transportation to the starting point in Hermann (or St. Charles for the weekend trip) and arrange for pick-up at the end of the trip.

If boat rental or additional transportation is needed, these arrangements will be coordinated with Stream Teams United prior to the trip. An optional shuttle will be provided from St. Charles Tuesday, Sept. 18, for individuals that choose to camp the evening before the trip.

This is the third annual Paddle MO trip and is hosted by Stream Teams United, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1999 that promotes the stewardship of streams in Missouri and supports 19 volunteer Stream Team Associations across the state. Proceeds from this event support the general operations of Stream Teams United to provide education, advocacy, and stewardship of Missouri streams.

Sponsors of the event currently include Missouri American Water, the Conservation Foundation of Missouri Charitable Trust, and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation. Paddlers will also receive special event promotional items from REI Co-op.

Stream Teams United welcomes sponsorship contributions from organizations, businesses, and individuals that support river conservation. Anyone interested in providing general event sponsorship or scholarships for the event can contact Stream Teams United at marty@streamteamsunited.org or 573-586-0747.

To register or learn more, visit www.paddlemo.org. For more information about Stream Teams United, visit www.streamteam-united.org or the public may contact Mary Culler at info@streamteamsunited.org or 573-586-0747.

GASCONADE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Cloyce James Light, parcels in Subdivision: Vogelsang Addition - Gasconade, Block: 17, Lot: 27, to Anthony M. Webb.

Beverly J. Streed, parcels in Section: 28, Township: 45, Range: 5, Government Lot: SW-SW; Section: 33, Township: 45, Range: 5, Government Lot: NW-NW, to Billie J. Seamon, Matthew D. Seamon.

Jo L. Matzes, parcels in Subdivision: Frene Subdivision - Hermann, Lot: 24, to Darline M. Crabtree.

Willard F. Kotthoff (trustee), B. A. Wagner Living Trust Agreement, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46, Range: 4, Government Lot: NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, to Laverne E. Wagner (trustee), Laverne E. Wagner Living Trust Agreement.

Burnett A. Wagner (deceased), Laverne E. Wagner, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46, Range: 4, Government Lot: NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, SE-SW, to Laverne E. Wagner (trustee), Laverne E. Wagner Living Trust Agreement.

Laverne E. Wagner (trustee), Laverne E. Wagner Living Trust Agreement, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46, Range: 4, Government Lot: NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, NE-SW, SE-SW, SE-SW, to Kirby C. Kotthoff, Michelle L. Kotthoff.

Heidi J. Lewis, Lawrence W. Lewis Jr., parcels in Section: 5, Township: 42, Range: 4, Government Lot: NW-SW; Section: 6, Township: 42, Range: 4, Government Lot: NE-SE, NE, to Dawn R. Fisher (trustee), Dawn R. Fisher Living Trust, Tessa Marie Fisher (trustee).

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Dawn R. Fisher (trustee), Dawn R. Fisher Living Trust, Tessa Marie Fisher (trustee), parcels in Section: 5, Township: 42, Range: 4, Government Lot: NE-SW, NW-SW, NE-SE, to Heidi J. Lewis, Lawrence W. Lewis Jr.

Karen Eva Day, Gary G. Frankenberg, parcels in Subdivision: Stolpe Town Estates, Lot: 9, to Adam Frederick Frankenberg, Brittney Stapel Frankenberg.

Beverly A. Lanzafame, Sare A. Lanzafame, parcels in Subdivision: Lake Northwoods Estate, Lot: 8, to Beverly A. and Sare A. Lanzafame Trust, Beverly A. Lanzafame (trustee), Sare A. and Beverly A. Lanzafame Trust, Sare A. Lanzafame (trustee).

Kelley L. Angell (member), Kady Investments LLC, Dale Limberg, parcels in Section: 9, Township: 42, Range: 4, Government Lot: SE-SE, to Dale Limberg.

The Old Factory LLC, Thomas J. Wright (managing member), parcels in Subdivision: City of Rosebud, Block: 11, Lot: 3, 4, 5, 6, to T Wright Rentals LLC.

Samuel W. Voss, parcels in Subdivision: Vogelsang Addition - Gasconade, Block: 17, Lot: 29, 31, to Lloyd R. Davidson.

Dennis Shoemaker, parcels in Subdivision: Hillcrest Owensville, Block: 8, Lot: 18, 19, to Donald L. Shoemaker.

Gary T. Braun, parcels in Subdivision: Port Mardi Gras No. 1, Block: 6, Lot: 33, to Cynthia S. Scheel, Joshua L. Scheel.

Larry Fleischmann (attorney in fact), Norman M. Fleischmann, parcels in Section: 20, Township: 42, Range: 5, Government Lot: SE-NW, NE-NW, NW-NW; Subdivision: Deer Run Estates, Lot: 1, to Alan W. Angell Sr., Mary E. Angell.

Steven R. Lenger, Susan K. Lenger, parcels in Subdivision: East Twelfth Street - Hermann,

Lot: 6, to The Lenger Family Revocable Trust, Steven Ray Lenger (trustee), Susan Kay Lenger (trustee), Lenger Family Revocable Trust The.

Elizabeth Teson, Mark Teson, parcels in Subdivision: River Front Addition, Lot: 5, to Bryan Spahn.

Ryan Limberg, Tiffany Limberg, parcels in Subdivision: North Hills Estate Plat III - Peaceful Valley Lake, Lot: 715, to Trevor Davis, Jessica Foree.

Lisa Schlottach, parcels in Subdivision: North Hills Estate - Plat VI-A - Peaceful Valley, Lot: 45, to Claire D. Peters, Neriman Schreiber, Robert K. Schreiber.

Breanna Eiler, Scott Eiler, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 42, Range: 5, Government Lot: NE-NW, to Anthony Reams, Sarah Reams.

Kirby C. Kotthoff, Michelle L. Kotthoff, parcels in Subdivision: Black Forest Subdivision, Lot: L-10, to Amanda M. Smith, Scott A. Smith.

Mary Ann Kossmeyer (deceased), Robert N. Kossmeyer, parcels in Section: 12, Township: 40, Range: 5, Government Lot: SE, to Catherine E. Dale (undivided 1/3 interest), Christopher Mark Kossmeyer (undivided 1/3 interest), Keith Andrew Kossmeyer (undivided 1/3 interest).

Amy Jung, Darrell Jung, parcels in Subdivision: West Third Street - Hermann, Lot: 33, to Hilary Hays, Ryan Hays.

Sue Sassmann, parcels in Section: 17, Township: 41, Range: 6, Government Lot: NE-SE, SE-NE; Subdivision: B & K Estates; Subdivision: B & K Estates, to Julie M. McFadden, David Scott Sassmann.

Debbie Reed, Neil Reed, parcels in Section: 34, Township: 42, Range: 5, Government Lot: NE-SW, SW-NE, NW-SE, SW-SE, to Christopher L. Hill, Rachelle L. Hill.

Lindsey Shanor.

Clayton Stockton, Katie Ann Stockton, parcels in Subdivision: Tall Oaks Subdivision, Lot: 7, to Britani L. Struempf.

Darrin F. Danuser, Sonya L. Danuser, parcels in Subdivision: Black Forest Subdivision, to Kenneth W. Koenig, Lorinda M. Koenig.

Jessica L. Bridwell, Justin H. Bridwell, parcels in Subdivision: Country Meadows Subdivision, Lot: 4, to Donald W. Gauzy, Holly Hazi.

Amy Grannemann, Blake Grannemann (deceased), Brian Grannemann, parcels in Subdivision: Starks Subdivision - Hermann, Block: 3, Lot: 14, to Matthew L. Malinski.

City of Hermann, City of Hermann The, Hermann City of, The City of Hermann, parcels in Subdivision: Market Street - Hermann, Lot: 79, to Geneva H. and Herbert A. Kuebler Property Trust, Herbert A. and Geneva H. Kuebler Property Trust.

Daryl Miller, Linda Miller, parcels in Subdivision: Walthers Second Addition - Gasconade, Lot: 98, 100, to Jennifer Miller, Travis Miller.

JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, parcels in Subdivision: East Sixth Street - Hermann, Lot: 32, 34, to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington.

Jeff Harrison, Sheri Harrison, parcels in Subdivision: West Fourth Street - Hermann, Lot: 3, to Lynnette H. Watts, Michael R. Watts.

Anthony Boone, (also known as) Anthony D. Boone, Melissa Boone, (also known as) Melissa A. Boone, parcels in Section: 22, Township: 44, Range: 6, Government Lot: NW-SW, NW-SE, SW-SE, NW-SE, NW-SE, to Christopher L. Hill, Rachelle L. Hill.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Questions to ask your financial advisor

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You should always be able to ask as many questions as you'd like when working with your financial advisor. So, before you have your annual review, think carefully about what you'd like to ask. Here are a few suggestions:

Are my goals still realistic? When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated a number of financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college educations, or that you wanted to retire at a certain age, or that you wanted to travel for two months each year during your retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask if you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them.

Am I taking on too much – or too little – risk? The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. If you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments, you may find yourself fretting considerably over your investments' value and wondering if you are taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if you think that during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important that you know your own risk tolerance and use it as a guideline

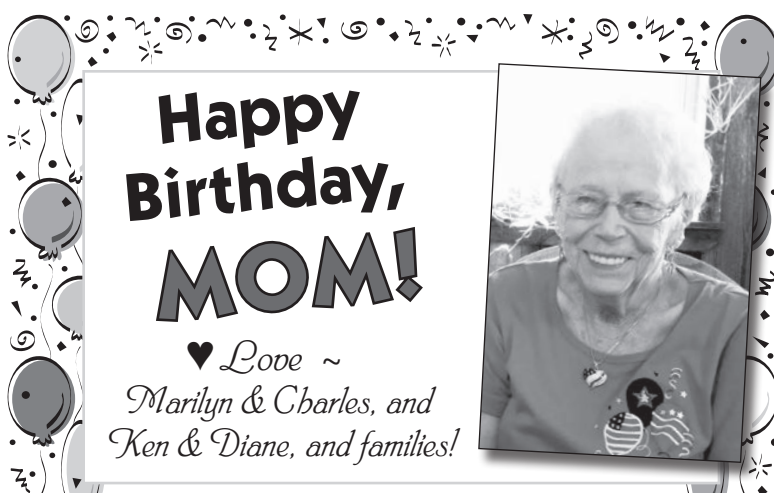
for making investment choices – so it's definitely an issue to discuss with your financial advisor.

How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy? Your life is not static. Over time, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, children, new jobs and so on. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and, consequently, your investment decisions.

How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio? Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy that's based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned above, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, new legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio is not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed on your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable expertise – so take full advantage of it.

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July 4, 2018

The Commissioning...

Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority. ~ Mark 6:7a NIV

Was there ever a time in your life that you lacked confidence? Maybe you were on a sports team and you just felt like you weren't doing as well as you should or could? Or your grade in a certain subject at school wasn't what you thought it should be or could be? Oh, you were trying, but you just couldn't put it all together. And along came a different coach or a different teacher; you may have learned a new technique or used a different angle and this new coach or teacher brought out confidence in you. Their faith in you changed your perception of yourself, and you started to excel at what you just couldn't do earlier.

I think that something like that was going on with the disciples. Jesus had come to a turning point in his ministry. He knew that it was time for the disciples to get started. So, he sent them out on their first mission. They may have been lacking self-confidence. After all, they had just come from where Jesus' hometown where he had been totally rejected. So, what did Jesus do? Well, he didn't sit down with his followers and complain about the narrow-minded people of Nazareth. Instead, he gave them his authority and sent them out to do the miracles of healing that he had been doing. What he did was to transfer his power and authority to them. He trusted them. He sent them out to heal the sick and they actually did it.

I don't know about you, but if that happened to me, I'd be in a state of shock. I might say, "Who, me?" I don't know if I would have enough self-confidence. But then again, if Jesus himself, the very Son of God would look me in the eyes, touch me with his hands, and pray for me, I might not be much smarter, but I would certainly be braver and I would feel very, very blessed. I'd have a new self-confidence because Jesus believed in me and gave me his authority. I might begin to think that maybe I can do this, after all.

But, you may say, "It doesn't happen that way here in church." When you think about it though, it does happen. Every Sunday, you are challenged and sent to do God's will. At the end of the worship service, you are commissioned to do God's will and you are given the blessings of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

That is what he said to the disciples and that is what he says to you. He believes in each one of you. He sends you out into the world with his message of love, peace, joy, hope and salvation. He knows that you can do more good in the kingdom than you can ever imagine! Take him up on his request. God's Blessings, Glenn

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AREA OBITUARIES

Duane Caldwell



Duane Eugene Caldwell, 89, Owensville, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at Frene Valley Healthcare of Owensville.

He was born Sept. 17, 1928, to Hiram "Mack" and Ollie (McKane) Caldwell, in Washington.

He was united in marriage to Betty Lee Collier, Aug. 21, 1953, at Mountain View, Calif.

Duane had served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was the Deputy Sheriff for Gasconade County from 1957-1958; Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal from 1959-1979; graduated from the FBI National Academy June 20, 1974; and served eight years as Owensville Chief of Police. He, along with others, was awarded a medallion by Attorney General, John Ashcroft, during a ceremony in Washington D.C. July 15, 2003, for his service during the integration of the University of Mississippi in 1962. The tribute to them reads in part: This symposium and ceremony commemorates the extraordinary efforts of the brave Americans who defended Mr. James Meredith's educational choice on the night of the riots. The professionalism and courage of the U.S. Marshals, conducted in the face of mass violence, will never be forgotten.

He was a life long member of First Baptist Church in Owensville, a member of Gasconade County Historical Society, New Salem Cemetery Association, Owensville Gun Club, Owensville Alumni Association, Owensville Lions Club, Owensville VFW and Owensville Threshers Association for 46 years.

He was preceded in death by parents, Hiram "Mack" and Ollie; and wife, Betty.

He is survived by daughters, Beth Walker and husband Steve and Nancy Caldwell, all of Owensville; grandchildren, Joshua Caldwell and Allison Walker, both of Owensville, and Megan Walker of Jefferson City.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, at Gottenstroeter Chapel with Pastor Stephanie DeLong and Pastor Kevin Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Owensville City Cemetery with full military honors.

Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

John Weinrich



SFC John Stafford Weinrich, 69, Ozark, died June 20, 2018, at his home.

He was born Aug. 21, 1948, to the August John Ernst and Irma Beverly Siebel Weinrich, in Owensville.

SFC Weinrich was raised in Rosebud. He was retired from the U.S. Army 23rd Infantry Division with two tours in Vietnam. His hobbies included woodworking and leather crafting.

He was preceded in death by parents, August and Irma.

He is survived by son, Christopher Weinrich and wife Teresa of the state of Alabama; daughter, Samantha Pickett and husband Clinton of Enterprise, Ala.; siblings, Beverly Gunn of Fort Wayne, Ind., Vivian Rogers and husband Keith of Rosebud, Marti Schach and husband Roland of Leewood, Kan., George Weinrich of Rosebud and Steve Weinrich and wife Charla of Robertsville; grandchildren, Austin, Kristal, Brooke and Jacob Weinrich, Megan McConvery and husband Tanner, Bayleigh and Kaylee Pickett; great-grandson, Hudson Culp; great-granddaughter, Natalie McConvery; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 30, at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala. with Rev. Scott Thompson officiating. Full military honors followed. Memorial contributions suggested to Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Bayleigh Pickett Mission to Canada Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Holman Funeral Home and Cremations, Ozark, Ala.

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Gasconade County Fair entertainers for 2018

Scotty McCreery, right song writer and country recording artist, will take the main stage Saturday at the 71st annual Gasconade County Fair. Show time is Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. After winning Season Ten of American Idol in 2011,

McCreery made history when he became the youngest male artist of any genre, and the first country music artist ever, to have his debut album "Clear as Day" enter at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 chart. Clear as Day was certified platinum for sales of one million units in just 13 weeks and became the best-selling solo album released by a country artist in 2011. The singles "I Love You This Big" and "The Trouble with Girls" were also certified platinum. A year later, Christmas with Scotty McCreery debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top Holiday Albums chart and was quickly certified gold.

His next album, 2013's See You Tonight, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Country Albums chart, and "See You Tonight" and "Feelin' It" both reached the Top 10 and were certified platinum and gold respectively. The greatest breakthrough, however, may have come in February 2015, when he co-wrote "Five More Minutes".

Friday night The world-famous Oak Ridge Boys, middle, right, take the stage at 8:30 p.m. The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of country hits and a number one pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades.

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Their string of hits includes the country-pop chart-topper Elvira, as well as Bobbie Sue, Dream On, Thank God For Kids, American Made, I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes, Fancy Free, Gonna Take A Lot Of River and many others.

The group has scored 12 gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album—plus one double platinum single—and had more than a dozen national number one singles and over 30 top ten hits.

The Norm Ruebling Band, lower right, from Columbia Mo., takes the main stage Thursday night at the fair bringing their big band music of R&B, Blues, Rock, Jazz & Soul. The six-member band was recently voted as Columbia's Best Band.

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FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018

1:00 PM Goat Show
Following Goat Show Sheep Show
3:00 PM Poultry Show
Following Poultry Show Rabbit Show
6:00 PM Bucket Calf Show
6:00 PM Swine Show

7:00 PM Queen Contest

LOWER ARENA - MAIN EVENTS

8:00 PM Pig Scramble

PIG SCRAMBLE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Entries must be postmarked by July 2nd. See website for more details.

12 PM Check In - Goat, Sheep 2 PM Check In - Poultry, Rabbit 4 PM Check In - Swine, Bucket Calf

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018

All Livestock must be on the Fair Grounds by 8 AM. All Home Economic Exhibits and Farm Mechanics Accepted at Legion Building from 8 to 10 AM

5K Walk/Run .. 6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Registration
T-Shirts available to those preregistered
8 AM - Noon Register for Car Show
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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

9 AM Beef Breeding Show
following Dairy
..... Market Steers

10 AM-12 PM .. Home Economics Judging
10-2 PM 4H Archery Shoot
NOON Kiddie Tractor Pull
NOON - 3 PM Car Show Judging
2 - 3 PM ... Washer Tourney Registration
\$200 Added Cash
3 PM Bring Your Own Partner Washer Tourney

2 PM Dog Show
(West of Upper Beer Garden)

2-4 PM Kids Zone (near Upper Food Stands)

3 PM Car Show Awards

4-5 PM Home Ec. Exhibits Released

LOWER ARENA - MAIN EVENT - Double Track Pull

11 AM - 3 PM Tractor/Truck Pull Sign-Up and Weigh In at Fairgrounds (lower arena)

3 PM Farm Tractor Pull
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6 PM Street Stock Truck Pull
7 PM Xcaliber Pulling

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Fri. - Thurs. 1:10 5:00 7:30 9:50

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Fri. - Thurs. 1:20 4:20 7:00 9:40

JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM • PG13 • 2 Hrs. 8 Min. • Held Over
Fri. - Thurs. 1:00 4:00 6:50 9:40

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Fri. - Thurs. 12:40 3:40 6:30 9:10

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Fri. - Wed. 1:30 4:30 7:10 9:30
Thurs. 1:30 — — —

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SENIOR	62 yrs & older \$5.75	\$7.75	\$5.75	\$7.75
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➤ Fri., July 27 - Steak/Pork Loin Roast/Shrimp Skewers

Dinners include Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Roll, & Tea or Water

• **Events 7:00PM-11:00PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)**

➤ Sat., July 7 - Live Music by "Willow Creek" Serving PIZZA ~ WINGS ~ HAMBURGERS
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➤ Sat., July 14 - Serving PIZZA ~ WINGS ~ HAMBURGERS
➤ Friday, July 20 - Music by "Joe Fry"
➤ Sat., July 21 - Closing @ 5:30PM (private event)

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Crowd enjoys fireworks show

A large crowd gathered at Rosebud Community Park and throughout Rosebud on Saturday for the annual all volunteer fireworks show. Kurt Green of Commerce City, Colo., (top) holds his ears during a noisy section in the show. He is visiting his grandma, Alice Frecka of Japan. Before the fireworks, children were treated to candy shot from a special cannon (bottom left). Landry Williams (below) loads a rocket into a specially made launcher. Eric Kurtz (right, center photo) tries unsuccessfully to launch a lantern. A good breeze, which kept the crowd comfortable, prevented the launch. Watching him are fellow volunteers Sam (left) and Riley Guerrero (hidden). The volunteers reportedly spent \$8,000 on consumer fireworks for the event. A burnt byproduct was all that remained afterwards (middle right).



News Briefs

2018 NEW HAVEN Youth Fair dates will be July 6-7. For more information visit www.nheycf.com.

OWENSVILLE PARK Board members are scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Owensville Lions Club Den on Krausetown Road.

AMERICAN RED CROSS 15th annual St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, July 10, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Owensville, in the Parish Center. All presenting donors will receive a specially designed St. Louis Cardinals t-shirt while supplies last. The Lions Club and the Woollam United Methodist Church ladies will provide refreshments.

OWENSVILLE LIBRARY will host “Meet the Author — A Fiddler’s Dream,” Thursday, July 12, at 2 p.m. at the Gasconade Manor activity room. There will be traditional fiddle music. Dr. Howard Wight Marshall will discuss fiddling in the early 20th century. RSVP by calling 573-371-1090 or online at scenicregional.org.

ALOYSIUS L. GRUNZINGER, 38, Frontenac, Mo., was arrested in Gasconade County by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 8:48 a.m. Sunday on allegations of driving while intoxicated. He was released on a summons to appear in court.

JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES hold two conventions at St. Charles Family Arena, 2002 Arena Parkway, on consecutive weekends in July. The first three-day event begins on Friday, July 20; the second begins on Friday, July 27. Attendees of Jehovah’s Witnesses, entitled “Be Courageous!” will learn practical ways to face present and future challenges with courage. Featured will be talks, interviews and multimedia so that all in attendance can observe what real people — and even animals — can teach about courage. A highlight of the program, the public Bible discourse on Sunday at 11:20 a.m. will feature the theme: “The Resurrection Hope Imparts Courage — How?” All sessions are free and no collection plates are passed. For a program view the link: <https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/conventions/>.

GASCONADE COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies and Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group personnel on June 19 executed a search warrant in the 3500 block of Marie Lane, taking two women into custody for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Formal charges are pending.

DEPUTIES AND LANE G executed a second search warrant June 19 in the 3300 block of Highway 19 at a residence near Owensville. Michelle R. Bradley, 25, was charged in a Gasconade County warrant alleging three felonies including the class C delivery of a controlled substance and two class D counts of drug possession. She was also charged with a class A misdemeanor count of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. She was arraigned June 20 and pleaded not guilty. A preliminary hearing was set for July 18. Her bond was set at \$15,000 cash or surety. Jonathan J. Wright, Union, was charged with a class D felony count alleging possession of a controlled substance. He pleaded not guilty June 20 and faces a July 11 preliminary. Bond was \$5,000 cash or surety.

Paddle MO 2018 explores final 100 miles of Missouri River

Stream Teams United announces the final registration day of July 15 for this year’s Paddle MO trip, scheduled Sept. 19-23.

This great river adventure begins in Hermann on Wednesday, Sept. 19, and concludes at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area north of St. Louis on Sunday, Sept. 23. Participants travel by canoe or kayak down the last 100 miles of the Missouri River over five days and get to float through the confluence with the Mississippi River during the last mile of the trip. Registration is open to the public until July 15 at www.paddlemo.org.

Paddle MO is not a race and it is much more than just a float trip. The route covers between 12 to 27 miles each day during only daylight hours, floating from mid-morning into late afternoon. With a river current of about 3 mph, this allows for time to relax and enjoy

Earth’s Classroom instructors lead guided 5-day float from Hermann to Missouri’s confluence with Mississippi

the trip. Lead river guides include professional canoe instructors and educators from Earth’s Classroom.

Participants are also accompanied by a motorized safety boat provided by Missouri River Relief.

Participants travel together and stop at islands along the route where river scientists and professional educators provide presentations about the ecology and history of the river. Meals are catered by local restaurants with a focus on locally sourced food.

Participants are shuttled at the end of each day to group campgrounds where they enjoy campfires and live music. Evening stops also include time to explore historic downtown New Haven and visit a picturesque winery for dinner.

Paddle MO is a great opportunity for people that have never paddled on the Missouri River to experience the river in a supported, group atmosphere. It is also a great opportunity for experienced paddlers to enjoy this part of the river with delicious food and educational stops along the way.

Five-day registration is \$650. This cost includes all food, camping, shuttling, guiding, live music and education from Wednesday morning Sept. 19 through the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 23.

The weekend only trip is \$300 and includes dinner and live music from Friday Sept. 21, and all trip expenses through the afternoon of Sunday Sept. 23. These costs assume that paddlers will be bringing

their own canoe or kayak and can provide their own transportation to the starting point in Hermann (or St. Charles for the weekend trip) and arrange for pick-up at the end of the trip.

If boat rental or additional transportation is needed, these arrangements will be coordinated with Stream Teams United prior to the trip. An optional shuttle will be provided from St. Charles on Tuesday, Sept. 18, for individuals that choose to camp the evening before the trip.

This is the third annual Paddle MO trip and is hosted by Stream Teams United, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1999 that promotes the stewardship of streams in Missouri. Stream Teams

United supports 19 volunteer Stream Team Associations across the state.

Proceeds from this event support the general operations of Stream Teams United to provide education, advocacy, and stewardship of Missouri streams.

Sponsors of the event currently include Missouri American Water, the Conservation Foundation of Missouri Charitable Trust, and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation. Paddlers will also receive special event promotional items from REI Co-op.

To register or learn more, visit www.paddlemo.org.

For more information about Stream Teams United, visit www.streamteamsunited.org or the public may contact Mary Culler at info@streamteamsunited.org or by calling her at 573-586-0747.



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AREA HIGH school students (from left) Faith Skaggs of Bourbon, Ella Wright of Owensville, and Faith Bair of Steelville visit the U.S. Capitol as Crawford Electric Cooperative’s delegates on Missouri’s 55th annual Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Local students represent Crawford Electric on Youth Tour

Three local students sponsored by Crawford Electric Cooperative have returned from a unique educational and leadership experience in the nation’s capital this summer. All three will enter their senior year in high school this fall.

Faith Skaggs of Bourbon, Ella Wright of Owensville, and Faith Bair of Steelville were Crawford Electric’s delegates on Missouri’s 55th annual Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

They were among the 106 high school students from across the state who participated in the tour on June 8-14.

“The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students, and we’re proud to send some outstanding young leaders to Washington, D.C., each year to participate,” said Lori Rego, the Youth Tour coordinator at Crawford Electric.

The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what

it is like to be involved in politics, community service and today’s pressing issues.

Highlights included the young people visiting with representatives from their congressional districts and touring famous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution’s museums and Arlington National Cemetery. The group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with delegates from other states.

Other events of the week included participating in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together more than 1,800 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States.

The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

Ag economist surveys farmers for 2018 cash-rent guide

Landowners and land renters can help their neighbors by filling out a survey on their cash-rent rates.

Ray Massey, University of Missouri Extension economist, Columbia, seeks responses to an online survey. This is something new for the MU guide, which is updated every three years. Respondents should go to crops.missouri.edu and click on “Take the 2018 Cash Rent Survey.”

Massey asks farmers to go online by desktop computer, laptop or tablet. The survey can be done by cellphone, but that’s not easy. “So far, most who start the survey by cellphone drop out,” Massey says. “People answer the first questions but quit. It’s difficult on a small screen.”

Survey results help landlords and tenants. Land agreements include crops, pastures and hay ground. The survey includes a section on rent for grain bins, machine sheds and recreation land.

“Individual answers will not be revealed,” Massey says. “We

publish only averages.”

Massey says he’s making one last blast to ask for results to improve accuracy. “The more answers we get make a better guide.”

“The MU guide is simply that,” he adds. “It’s a guide. Both sides in negotiations see what others do. It’s a starting point.”

Those not online can get a paper copy by calling 573-884-7788. However, deadline is July 13.

Other states use similar surveys, usually on an annual basis. In Missouri the three-year survey keeps costs down. The survey covers only cash rent. It’s not for crop-share or other lease agreements.

Results of the 2018 Cash Rent Survey will be posted at missouri.edu, or you can ask your local extension center to print a copy.

“We ask that more take part, now,” Massey says.

Massey is in the Division of Applied Social Sciences in the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Christopher elected to lead Masons as worshipful master

Shaune Christopher was elected worshipful master Thursday of Owensville Masonic Lodge No. 624, A.F. & A.M. during the group’s annual election of officers.

Christopher, who served as senior warden last year, will begin his new duties Sept. 1

Evan Hane, who occupied the junior warden’s chair last year, was named senior warden replacing Christopher. Named junior warden was Charles Curtis, formerly secretary of the lodge. Adam Krupp was elected to take over the secretary’s duties ceded by Curtis. Mike Hinson was re-elected treasurer. Appointed officers will be announced later.

The new office holders will be installed in August.

The local Masonic Lodge now meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. From September through June each year lodge members sponsor an all-you-can-eat breakfast on the first Saturday each month.

Proceeds from those breakfasts help fund the lodge’s many charitable events including support for Operation Christmas. The lodge also has a program which donates new winter coats for school children in the Gasconade County R-2 School District.

Owensville man hurt in Osage County crash

Dibby R. Ditto, 59, Owensville was seriously injured June 19 in an Osage County crash on Highway 89, a half mile north of road 803.

Ditto was northbound in a 2007 GMC Yukon at 9:35 a.m. when he went off the left side of the road and struck a tree, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol report by Cpl. Clint R. Mistler. Ditto was transported by Osage ambulance to University Hospital in Columbia. He was not wearing a seat belt.



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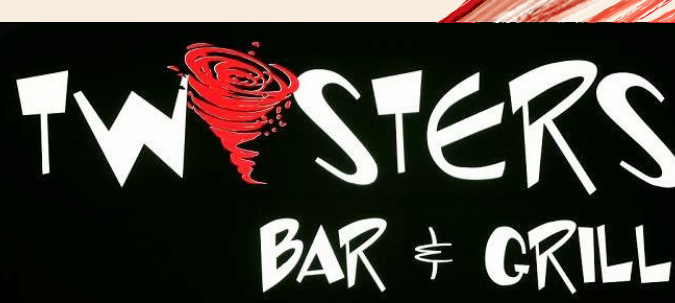


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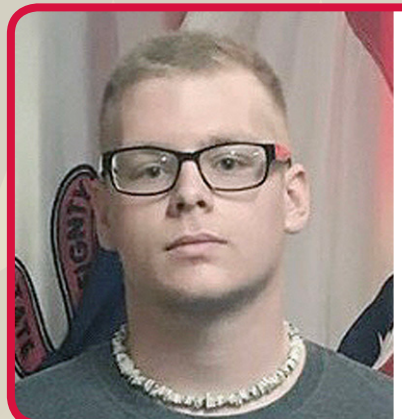
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Military Branch: US Army Reserves
Years of Service: in basic training
Rank: Private
Stationed: Fort Leonardwood, Mo.
Son of: Lisa Zelch-Eckert and Mike Eckert

**Bryan Cox**

Military Branch: Air Force
Years of Service: 16 years
Rank: Master Sergeant, Nuclear Weapons Specialist
Stationed: Minot AFB, North Dakota
Husband of: Amber Cox
Son of: Cindy Cox

**Ethan Klausner**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 5 years
Rank: Captain
Stationed: Fort Bragg, NC
Son of: Beverly Klausner and Jim & Cindy Klausner

**Scott Stranghoener**

Military Branch: US Army Reserves
Years of Service: 11 years
Rank: Sergeant
Son of: the late Kenny Stranghoener, and Jim & Cindy Klausner

**Toni M. Rieke**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 21 years
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
Stationed: Ford McNair, Washington D.C.
Daughter of: Donald & Dorothy Rieke

**Keith Wehmeyer II**

Military Branch: Navy
Years of Service: 1 year, 4 months
Rank: Constructionmen Apprentice
Stationed: Gulfport, Mississippi
Husband of: Grace Wehmeyer
Son of: Crystal Wehmeyer and Keith Wehmeyer

**Ashley Barnhill**

Military Branch: Army Reserves
Years of Service: 14 years
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Stationed: St. Louis, Missouri
Sister of: Tangelia Ketcherside

**Justin Isom**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 3 years
Rank: Specialist
Stationed: St. Clair, Missouri
Son of: Justin Isom and Tara Ayers

**Alex Richards**

Military Branch: US Army Reserves
Years of Service: Enlisted 2018
Rank: Private
Stationed: Ford Jackson, SC
Grandson of: Wayne & Sherri Biermann

**Patrick Nelson**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 23 years
Rank: Lt. Colonel, Special Forces
Served: 8 tours Afghanistan
Son of: Sheila Nelson-Russell and Gary Nelson
Grandson of: Della Bergman

**David Schaefferkoetter**

Military Branch: US Air Force
Years of Service: 20, Retiring 8-1-18
Rank: Tech Sergeant
Stationed: Luke USAF Base, Phoenix, Az.
Served: 1 tour Afghanistan, 3 tours South Korea
Son of: Debra Dowler & Kenny Schaefferkoetter

**Cassandra R. Jones**

Military Branch: US Air Force
Years of Service: 9.5 years
Rank: Tech. Sergeant, NCOIC, Retirement & Separations
Stationed: Elmendorf-Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska
Served: 1 tour in Afghanistan
Daughter of: Harold & Barbara Strait

**Catherine J. Pruitt**

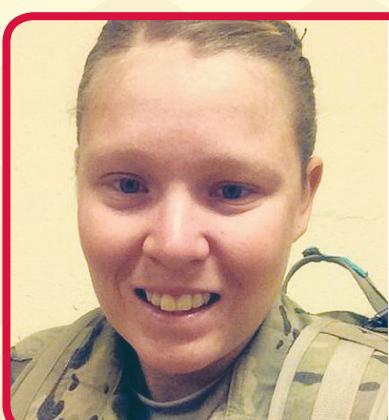
Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 4.5 Years
Rank: Sergeant, Petroleum Specialist
Stationed: Fort Carson, Colorado
Served: 1 tour Afghanistan
Deployed: Germany
Daughter of: Brian Pruitt
Granddaughter of: John & Myrona Pruitt

**Randy Lee Hedrick**

Military Branch: US Air Force
Years of Service: 6 Years
Rank: First Lieutenant
Stationed: Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Son of: Jan & Randy Crowe and

**David Michael Marler**

Military Branch: US Navy, 12 years
Rank: Petty Officer, First Class
Stationed: Port Hueneme, California
Deployments: Iraq, Japan, Afghanistan, Cambodia
Son of: Deana Marler
Grandson of: Bonnie King

**Rachel Ringeisen**

Military Branch: Mo. National Guard
Years of Service: 11 Years
Rank: Sergeant
Stationed: Monett, Missouri
Daughter of: Steve & Joann Ringeisen and Jon & Lynn Crull
Granddaughter of: Shirley Landweher

**Taylor Breann Garland**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 4.5 years
Rank: Army Reserve, SPC
Stationed: Grand Prairie, Texas
Daughter of: Hope Garland & Carl Garland
Granddaughter of: Brenda & Ron Miller

**Evan Scott Branson**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 11 Years
Rank: E-6 Staff Sergeant
Stationed: Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Served: 2 tours Iraq
Son of: Lisa and Bob Rackers
Grandson of: Barbara Branson

**Tyler Stillman**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 7 years
Rank: Sergeant
Stationed: Anchorage Alaska
Served: 1 tour Afghanistan, 1 tour Iraq
Son of: Paul & Karen Stillman
Grandson of: Richard & Jalna Stillman

**Bradley A. Smith**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 2 years
Rank: Specialist
Stationed: Fort Hood, Texas
Son of: Dennis and Pat Smith

**Nikolas Tanner**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 2 years
Rank: Specialist
Stationed: Schofield, Hawaii
Son of: Ken and Rae Ann Figge-meier

**Blake Harrell**

Military Branch: US Army
Years of Service: 5 years
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Stationed: Fort Drum, New York
Served: 1 tour Afghanistan, and 1 tour Iraq
Son of: Jeff & Paula Harrell

**Devin W. Floyd**

Military Branch: US Air Force
Years of Service: 8 years
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Stationed: England
Son of: Daniel & Kathryn Floyd
Grandson of: Bruce & Phyllis Davidson

**Jacob Michael Kohrmann**

Military Branch: US Marines
Years of Service: 6.5 years
Rank: Sergeant, Amphibious Assault Crew Chief
Stationed: Camp Pendleton, California
Served: 2 tours, South Korea, Japan, MEU
Son of: Tom and Nancy Kohrmann
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Repair & Recycle event, open house held at Heartland ILC

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Heartland Independent Living Center in Owensville marked 16 years of providing services in the area with an open house and luncheon on Friday (above). On Thursday, Ken Green (right), a technician with Numotion on Earth City, Mo., was on hand to repair adaptive equipment. Green and co-worker Joel Little offered their repair and cleaning services for wheelchairs. They also accepted donations of use equipment. Green “cannibalized” parts from several heavily used HILC wheelchairs to make a serviceable unit.



State’s FY19 budget includes \$99 million increase for education

Gov. Mike Parson on Friday signed Missouri’s FY2019 budget bills passed by the General Assembly in May which highlighted priorities of improving infrastructure, increasing workforce development, curbing opioid abuse, fully funding K-12, and stabilizing higher education budgets.

“One of the biggest responsibilities the legislature holds every year is allocating our taxpayers’ hard-earned money responsibly and efficiently,” said Parson in a statement. “We applaud the General

Assembly for their efforts to fund critical functions of government including infrastructure, workforce development, and education funding.”

Parson highlighted several areas of the budget, including fully funding the education foundation formula for the second time in history with a \$99 million funding increase, prioritizing higher education, providing a needed step in lifting state employee pay, allocating \$2.6 million to support faith-based initiatives to curb opioid

abuse, and allotting \$70 million for key infrastructure and workforce development projects.

The total state budget is \$28.6 billion. The governor issued 21 line-item vetoes, totaling more than \$12 million.

“Government budgets are no different than our own at home,” said Parson. “We must operate within our means, make fiscally responsible decisions, and invest wisely to ensure our next generation is given the same opportunities to succeed.”

Parson completed the week signing the budget after traveling to parts of the state for key budget announcements. Those included:

- \$12 million in increased available school transportation funding, which is especially important for rural school districts;
- \$250,000 to a new K-3 reading assessment program for dyslexia diagnosis;
- \$8.4 million for Early Childhood Special Education;
- \$8.2 million for river port expansion and capital improvements;

- \$2 million investment to expand access at the Ft. Leonard Wood airport;
- \$4.8 million restored funding for the Tourism CO-OP Program;
- \$1 million for the Jobs for America’s Graduates program, assisting high school youth to be college and career ready; and,
- \$2 million for community college workforce development, offering food stamp recipients the opportunity to gain skills, train, and promote employability and self-sufficiency.

“We’d like to extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women who help year-round craft a fiscally-responsible, balanced budget,” said Parson.

All FY18 restrictions have been released.

The governor on Friday signed into law HB 1350, HB 1388, HB 1713, HB 1268, SB 652, SB 659, SB 687, SB 871, and SB 954.

A story about HB 1713, which allows for greater access to adoption records including original birth certificates, appears on page 1.

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night.’ Are you really going to be excelling at what you are doing?”

He said it is not about what is convenient for him, Glenn (Ely), Bill (Seamon) or him and his wife.

“These kids have worked their whole life and this is their whole life,” he continued. “They deserve to be part of Project Graduation. They deserve to be part of the graduation itself and they deserve to go to these track meets — just like anyone else would.”

He reminded the board that no matter what day they set it on, people were going to be grumpy, they aren’t going to like it.

“But that’s not the point. The point is these kids are part of the school too and deserve to go to these events too,” Rasmussen continued.

Garner asked the board what they would like to do. “The quicker that gets set, the easier it is on folks to start ordering announcements and start making all those arrangements. We have set it anywhere from March to October,” he said.

The board asked for a calendar of events and tabled the discussion until the Monday, July 23, meeting.

Directors also renewed profes-

sional contracts and employed several members of their support staff at the June 25 meeting.

Renewed professional contracts for the 2018-19 school year with 6-0 votes included the Franklin County Special Education Co-op; Parents as Teachers Coordinator Services to Cindy Edwards; physical therapist contract for Diana Brandt; physical therapy assistant agreement with Andrea Hane; Therapy Lifetime Consultants, LLC agreement; speech and language therapy services from Paige Hammer; contract for the blind and visually impaired services teacher Alexandria Dawson; occupational therapist agreement with Maries County R-2; counseling service through Crider Health Services; and Integrity Home Care, Inc., for a nurse to attend to a student at school.

The board approved the employment of Melody Greenwalt, high school paraprofessional; Erin Kramme; middle school paraprofessional; Randy Joe Powell (pending clear background check) as an OMS custodian; Gregory Carpenter as substitute custodian; and Dayla Gruenloh, summer painter.



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Trail proponents tour Rock Island tunnel at Eugene

Members of Missouri Rock Island Trail, Inc., hosted members of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy for a tour of the Eugene tunnel on Thursday and a visit to the KATY Trail in Columbia with people who spearheaded that project. The group was joined by a top Ameren Missouri official, Warren Wood, who has attended public meetings across the 144-mile railbed corridor from Beaufort to Windsor over the past three years as the proposed trail project has developed. MORIT officials are encouraging Missourians with an interest in seeing the trail developed into a state park to continue writing letters of support to elected officials including new Gov. Mike Parson.

City bid • From page 1

over their budgeted spending for the work. Borgmann’s motion was approved 4-0 following a second from Cathy Lahmeyer of Ward 1.

Capital Paving and Construction was the highest bidder of the three firms seeking the city’s summer paving project. Capital bid the entire project for \$117,205 which included a base bid of \$87,000, a \$5,275 mobilization fee, \$21,850 for option A, and \$3,080 for B.

Aldermen earlier in the meeting agreed the city would look into selling the old ambulance building on Second Street which has been used for the past 14 years by the Helping Hands Outreach Center. The HHOC is seeking cost estimates to add up to 1,000 square feet of space into the 2,500-square foot building. Andrew Michel spoke on behalf of HHOC.

HHOC leases the building for \$1 a year and is in its third five-year lease cycle. Aldermen agreed to check with the city’s attorney about selling it to HHOC, possibly for \$1. Aldermen told Michel they would have more firm details by Aug. 6.

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Irwin set to roar on the track in Joplin

BY WILL JOHNSON
SPORTS EDITOR
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Whether he was on the football field or on the track, 2018 Owensville High School graduate Sean Irwin gave it everything he had in the field of competition.

Earning All-State honors in both football and track during his senior year, the now former Dutchmen will trade his OHS orange and black for Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) green and yellow in Joplin.

As a Lion during the upcoming academic year, Irwin will focus on track for the NCAA Division II school located in Joplin.

MSSU is also a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA).

Leaving OHS as the school record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, Sean finished in first or second place in every 100-meter hurdle race he competed in as an OHS senior track and field athlete.

He won his first five races of the season at Blair Oaks, Washington, OHS, Montgomery County and Union.

Irwin suffered his first defeat of the spring at the Corey Sierbert Relays on the Rockwood Summit High School campus in St. Louis finishing second to Rock Bridge's (Columbia) Martez Manuel.

Placing second to St. James Tiger junior Grant Conway from the OHS Relays to the MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 track meet at St. James, their last meeting in Class 3 sectional action at Carthage High School was bittersweet for both athletes.

Falling three hurdles into the race, Conway settled for eighth place while Irwin captured a sectional title in a winning time of 15.19.

Winning his preliminary heat over Memorial Day weekend at state, Sean settled for second place in the Class 3 110-meter hurdle finals to Chillicothe's Brett Schaffer setting a new OHS school record time of 14.62.

That was not all the state medals for the Dutchmen senior as Irwin went on to place fifth in the 300-meter hurdles, sixth in the long jump and eighth in the high jump earning All-State honors in four events.

"It was pretty awesome to earn All-State in four events to cap my high school track career," Irwin said. "I'm anxious to see what I can do in college as a lion in Joplin."

See **Irwin** on Page 15



SEAN IRWIN (above) clears a hurdle during his Class 3 110-meter hurdle preliminary race over Memorial Day weekend at the 2018 MSHSAA Track and Field Championships in Jefferson City.

PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON

'WILL'FUL THINKING



by **WILL JOHNSON**

Coach Ahring has area legion baseball back on the rise

Combine a young Owensville High School baseball coach and a group of players hungry to play the game and you have the ingredients to get American Legion baseball back on the rise in Owensville and the surrounding area.

Below is a recent *Facebook* post from Thursday, June 28 by Owensville Dutchmen and Rosebud American Legion Post 587 head baseball coach Tyler Ahring.

Proud Coaching Moment

Two years ago there was no summer program for high school Dutchmen baseball players in Owensville whatsoever. With the group of guys that I grew up with, there was never a question or doubt if we were playing ball together in the summer. We ALWAYS played TOGETHER, and I firmly believe that us playing TOGETHER was a huge reason to why we shared so much success together.

Rewind to two summers ago now. I tried to start an American Legion summer team here in town for high school kids. I wasn't even a teacher at all yet, but I knew I wanted to get back to Owensville and be involved with baseball. I had the interest of about 12 kids. In the end, a handful said they were going to go play for a different town, which stung, because it left us without a team yet again due to

See **Will** on Page 14



Keep your eyes on the ball at the plate and in the field

In a battle of red-shirted T-ball teams at the Owensville Lions Sports Complex last Monday night, Faith Walters (left, far right) keeps both eyes on the baseball before swinging at it for her Rosebud General Store sponsored team. Bo Nowack-Schlottog and Peyton Sells (above, from left) both chase a batted ball on defense against Maciejewski's Plumbing and Heating of Owensville. Both teams wrapped up their respective Owensville Athletic Association (OAA) T-ball seasons last week.

PHOTOS BY WILL JOHNSON

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not having enough to play.

Last summer, I tried again with the help of Glenn Ely and Garret Abernathy. They had put together a Legion team for their kids when they were in the 8th grade. It was the first Legion team in town for as long as I can remember. I was coming off a season coaching high school baseball in Belle, but I was trying to come to Owensville the following year. We took a group of almost entirely Freshman, and a couple sophomores to play up in AA Legion ball. Last summer was the first time there had been a Owensville summer team made up of Owensville High School students since I was in high school to my knowledge. We took our licks because we still had kids that went to play for other towns and we had to play up to double AA even though most of our kids were single A age. We had to do this because we needed more kids to have a team and a few kids weren't young enough to play single A. It was a hard fought summer, and we finished 3-9 in district play causing us to miss the playoffs. A HUGE thanks to Glenn and Garret both for helping me out getting it started and trusting me with it that summer. Also, I spent the entire summer coaching with my best friend and teammate Kyle Bauer. That is something I will always cherish. I also had the help of another great friend Jacob King that summer.

Now fast forward to this summer. We now have not only one team, but two teams for Owensville High School kids to play together with THEIR team mates on in the summer. We have a Single A and a Double AA team. It is tough, very tough setting this up as a high school coach because I have to work within a certain amount of contact days with the kids. BUT, we make it work by playing double headers with A and AA on the same nights when we can so both teams play but it only counts as 1 contact day. We went from nothing at all for our high schoolers, to two teams and 25 kids involved with baseball in the summer time in a matter of 3 years. Last, fast forward to last night.

Our AA team has played great this summer. In all reality, we are a really young AA team still as it is mostly comprised of Freshman. We have played tough in every single game this summer and have had a chance to win. Our record going into last night was 5-6 and that's with 3 tough one run losses. To make it to the district playoffs we HAD to beat Wentzville last night. I could write an essay about last night's game, but I will refrain by saying we won that game 13-3. Believe me, the game was a lot closer than 13-3, but we were able to open it up late in the game.

We had 4 AA kids gone last night due to vacations, or obligations to other sports. Three of those kids were Sophomores, which left us with a team of 2 sophomores, a bunch of freshman, and middle school kids (the grade they were in last year). So, we definitely were not at full strength, but the guys rose to the challenge and played a smart solid baseball game to bring us to 6-6 in district play and secure the last playoff spot.

We went from no team, to a 3-9 double AA team, to a 6-6 double AA team that made the playoffs this year. Our Single A team was VERY young this summer, and we finished 2-9 missing Single A playoffs. I'm very proud of these kids for sticking together and having some fun playing good baseball together. Though some days I want to pull my hair out with scheduling, jerseys, working within MSHSAA rules, etc. I consider myself very lucky to get to be around these players, and it's something I do not take for granted.

Huge thanks to the Rosebud Legion as well. They not only support us financially, but they also travel to MANY of our baseball games. It is so awesome to look into the stands and see those people supporting us. If you ever want to have an AWESOME meal, stop by the Legion Hall in Rosebud on Thursday nights for tacos. VERY affordable and very good. If you love fried catfish, they have catfish sandwiches also that are absolutely to die for!



Dutchmen 12U baseball team places third at tournament in Salem

Back on Wednesday, June 13, a 12-and-under baseball team made up of Owensville area kids took third place in a tournament at Salem as a part of the Cuba Traveling Baseball League. Team members (above, kneeling) pictured with their third-place medals include Landon Ely, Cody Perkins, Owen Binkhoelter, Jaden Gerlemann and Zayden Gates; and standing in back, Seth Valley, Layne Evans, Garrett Crosby, Tyler Davison, Isaiah Gates and Aaryon Fisher. Not pictured are coaches Scott Evans, Jeremy Perkins and Dusten Binkhoelter.

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See the ball, hit the ball

Jolie Vandegriffe (above) keeps her eye on the ball before hitting it for her Schneider's Excavating, LLC sponsored T-ball team Friday night at the Owensville Lions Sports Complex.

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SEAN IRWIN (above, center, seated) signs a National Letter of Intent to run collegiate track for the Lions of Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) in Joplin during the upcoming 2018-19 academic year. Seated with Sean are his parents LeGena and Sean Sr. Standing behind them are former OHS assistant track coach Barry Johnston and current OHS head track and field coach Matt Candrl.

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Irwin • from page 13

As a junior on the track, Irwin also no worse than third place competing in the 110-meter hurdles. Settling for runner-up during the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) meet that year, Sean redeemed on his home track during the MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 meet at Dutchmen Field. Winning a district title in the 110-meter hurdles and as a part of

the 4x200-meter relay team, Irwin helped Owensville win their third straight district title as a junior before helping them capture a fourth consecutive district championship as a senior during the district track meet in St. James. Two weeks earlier at New Haven, Irwin helped his Dutchmen teammates keep their stranglehold on the FRC title.

Winning FRC crowns in the long jump and high jump, Sean also took second in both the 110 and 300-meter hurdles helping OHS claim their fifth consecutive FRC championship on the track. "Sean was a big part in us winning conference, district and sectional championships this year," OHS head track coach Matt Candrl said. "He will be one of those

athletes that will be hard to replace next spring." Irwin showed his versatility throughout high school as a three-sport athlete excelling in football, basketball and track. "Sean was one of those kids that would do anything you asked him to do on the field or in the classroom," OHS head football coach and Activities Director Dale Long said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

A MEETING for all Owensville Middle and High School student athletes and their families will be held on Sunday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m., in the OHS large gym prior to the first official day of fall sports practices on Monday, Aug. 6.

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- Parade - 5:30PM
- Steer Show - 7:00PM
- Demolition Derby - 8:00PM (lower field)
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- Pedal Tractor Pull - 6:00PM ages 3-10, sign up at 5:30PM (small pavilion north of upper grandstand)
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- ★ Band, 8:00PM, Beer Garden
- ★ Oak Ridge Boys - 8:30PM (main stage)
- Local Farm Tractor Pull - 9:00PM (lower field)

SATURDAY, JULY 28

- GTA Car Show (lower field) - 8:00AM
- 24th Annual BBQ Cookoff - 12:00 Noon
- Kid's Nickel Scramble (sheep barn) - 4:00PM
- Youth Livestock Sale - 3:00PM
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Amanda L. Grellner, Successor Trustee, having been appointed Successor Trustee on the 5th day of June, 2018, of record in Document Number 2018-1643, pages 2, said Gasconade County Recorder's Office, to serve in the place and stead of Stacey Busken, Trustee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amanda L. Grellner, Successor Trustee, pursuant to said Deed of Trust, having been requested by the owner and holder of said indebtedness so to do, and by virtue of the authority and power vested in me by said Deed of Trust will, on

30th day of July 2018,
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Amanda L. Grellner, Successor Trustee

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For some Friday night at the Owensville Lions Sports Complex, one would've thought they were at a T-ball game featuring a pair of New Haven teams. That is because both teams sponsored by Schneider's Excavating, LLC., and Awards for All Stars both had green on them. Playing defense at second base, Liam Knight (left) reaches to bare hand the ball just next to the second-base bag. Myah Angell (below, left) gets ready to swing at a pitch for her Awards for All Stars sponsored Owensville Athletic Association (OAA) T-ball team. Matthew Allen (below, right) lines his bat up with the ball on the tee before swinging away in their final game of the season Friday night.

PHOTOS BY WILL JOHNSON





70th Annual Belle Fair

Oh, the Places You'll Go...

Wednesday–Thursday–Friday–Saturday, July 18–19–20–21, 2018

City Park, Hwy. M • Belle, Missouri

New This Year: BEER GARDEN!

New Carnival This Year: "Sonshine Amusements"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

6:00 PM – Belle Fair Parade "Oh The Places You'll Go"

6–10 PM – Sonshine Amusements

6:30 PM – Antique Classic Tractor Pull

7:00 PM – BINGO

8:00 PM – Toddler Contest; Little Mister & Miss Contest; Princess Contest; Belle Fair Queen Coronation

8:30 PM – Belle Dance Teams

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

12:00–4:00 PM – Kingsford Annual Cook-off

2:00 PM – 4-H, FFA Steer, Replacement Heifer Hog, Goat, Lamb & Ham Sale

4:00 PM – Sonshine Amusements

5:00 PM – Mid-Missouri Off-Roaders Mud Bog

6:00 PM – Kiddie Tractor Pull, \$1.00 Entry Fee

7:00 PM – BINGO

7:30 PM – Cricket Alley

9:30 PM – Resurrection (A Journey Tribute Band)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

12:00PM – Livestock Judging

4:00 PM – Lamb/Goat Show

6:00 PM – Sonshine Amusements

7:00 PM – BINGO

7:00 PM – Hog Show

7:30 PM – Central Missouri Farmers Tractor Pullers Assoc.

8:00 PM – Greased Pig Contest

8:00 PM – Mistaken Creek Revival Band

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RESURRECTION



A Journey Tribute Band

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

1:00 PM – Open Cattle Show

4:00 PM – Youth Egg Spoon Race

6:00 PM – Sonshine Amusements

7:00 PM – BINGO

7:00 PM – Figure 8 Scrambler Derby & Compact Car Derby

8:00 PM – The Cherry Pistols Band



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Higher rates expected to go into effect in September

BY LINDA TREST
REPUBLICAN STAFF WRITER
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In a special meeting held Wednesday, June 27, aldermen voted to proceed with raising water rates and planning and zoning fees in the city of Gerald.

City Clerk Jane Hungler said the board expects to introduce the new ordinances raising both sets of rates at their July meeting. In August, the board will vote on the passage of the ordinances. In September, the new rates will be implemented.

At the aldermen's request, the Planning and Zoning Board studied each fee charged

in that department. They then made recommendations for changes. In most cases this involved raising the fees to cover costs incurred by the city.

The board approved of the recommendations made by the zoning board, with the exception of a telecommunications fee. Planning and zoning recommended

lowering the fee to \$250, while the aldermen determined to keep the rate at \$500.

In addition, the fees will be moved into scheduled rates, rather than be listed as zoning fees. This will eliminate the need and cost of public hearings.

Landwehr appeals federal ruling

BY LINDA TREST
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Brad Landwehr has filed an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from the final judgment entered by the court into record in February.

For nearly two years, a lawsuit claiming Landwehr lost employment with the city due to a violation of his civil rights had dragged through the federal court system.

Landwehr named the City of Gerald, Keith Wehmeyer, Hillary Ward and Stephen Grgurich as defendants. A jury ruled in the defendants' favor.

Landwehr then asked for a new trial and was denied by U. S. District Judge John A. Ross in April.

An appeal was immediately filed by Landwehr's attorney:

Notice is hereby given that Bradley Landwehr, plaintiff in the above-named case, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from the final judgment entered in this action on the 21st day of February 2018 and the memorandum and order ruling entered in this action on April 25, 2018 on Plaintiff's Motion for a New Trial Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 59(a)(1)(A).

Landwehr had served as the Public Works Director for the city. When Keith Wehmeyer was elected mayor in April 2015, he did not reappoint Landwehr. Landwehr claims the reason he was not reappointed was because he backed his brother who was also running for mayor. The jury did not find that claim to be supported.

The city will again be represented by Marshall Wilson with the Jefferson City law firm of Barry Wilson, L.L.C.

Lynette Petrushka with Pleban & Petrushka Law L.L.C. of St. Louis will continue to represent Landwehr.



Volunteer efforts still bearing fruit (or flowers)

Shortly after being elected mayor in 2015, Keith Wehmeyer along with Tina Bauguess, spearheaded an effort to landscape City Hall. They purchased all materials needed and recruited a labor force of friends. What was once an eyesore, is now an easy to maintain improvement for all to enjoy. After a meeting at City Hall last month, the lilies showed the results of a storm that passed through just minutes earlier (above) yet still provide a pop of color to the municipal building.

PHOTO BY LINDA TREST

City uses social media to get word out on variety of issues

BY LINDA TREST
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The City of Gerald has recently created a new website. They have also updated their Facebook page.

At either place residents can obtain a variety of information on city activities and the community in general.

City Clerk Jane Hungler says Gerald's newest employee, Shelley Smythe, has already begun getting both online sites current.

The new website in particular still has much information that needs to be added.

Already, residents can sign up for alerts, either through email or text messages on their phone, when something new is posted on the website.

The website contains lots of important information on new city activity as well as upcoming events in the community.

A comprehensible explanation of the new yard waste drop off (see photo right) is one example of information on the Facebook page.

Hungler says she hopes people will find it easier to go the website or Facebook page to gain information than to call City Hall.

The website address is: <http://www.geraldmo.com> and the Facebook page is titled City of Gerald.



Yard Waste Drop Off

The First Friday of Each Month

(Weather permitting)

Starting Friday, July 6, 2018

The disposal site is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **(1st Friday of month only)**

Resident must be present and show a valid ID showing residency within City limits of Gerald. Site is limited to residential use only, no contractors or commercial customers will be granted access to the site.

A drop off facility at E. Springfield, approximately ¼ mile east of Bernhardt Ave (Hwy H), the old lagoon site. This is for residential green waste -- grass clippings, leaves, branches, shrubs, tree debris and other yard waste ONLY.

THIS YARD waste notice was a recent post on the city of Gerald's Facebook page.

News Briefs

CITY HALL will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

THE PARK COMMISSION meets next Tuesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at Old City Hall in Legion Park.

THE GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN meet Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

A ROARING TWENTIES tea and fashion show will be presented Saturday, July 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. by the Gerald Historical Society. Funds raised will be used for the renovation of the historic old school building. Reservations may be made by calling 573-578-8342.

THE SECOND SATURDAY SALE at the Gerald Library will be held July 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A huge selection of used books will be available. Take what you would like and donate what you would like. The library is located at 357 S. Main Street.

ECC hosts RegFest, July 17

East Central College will host RegFest once again in 2018. RegFest is a chance for potential students to talk with admissions representatives about programs, start the enrollment process, learn how to pay for college and register for fall classes. This is an open event for the community — no appointment is required.

Join ECC on July 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Union, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, or Rolla, 500 Forum Drive, for free Jimmy John's, door prizes and concert ticket giveaways. KSHE-95 and New Country 92.3 will be on hand in Union and Superstation KZNN 105.3 will set up a live remote in Rolla.

While the Fall Semester is quickly approaching, students still have plenty of time to sign up for classes. Potential students should bring a valid picture I.D. along with high school and college transcripts. To help with the financial aid process, 2016 tax information is also helpful.

Questions can be directed to admissions@EastCentral.edu.

Two people injured in accident on Highway 100

Samantha L. Wideman, 21, and Drake J. Yates, 19, both suffered serious injuries in a rear-end collision, Thursday, June 28.

Wideman was stopped in westbound traffic in a 2008 Chevrolet Malibu on U. S. Highway 100 west of Route KK.

Yates, in a 2007 Pontiac G6, failed to stop and struck the rear of Wideman's vehicle.

Both drivers are from New Haven and were

transported to Mercy Hospital by Washington ambulance. Wideman was using her seat belt. Yates was unrestrained.

Both vehicles were totalled and towed from the scene.

The accident occurred at 4:40 p.m. according to a corrected report filed by Tpr. J. M. Langley with Troop C of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

Lake Taneycomo fishing guide knows trout

Being in Branson, Lake Taneycomo receives a lot of interest from tourists. People travel to the Ozarks in search of entertainment while also looking to soak up much of the surrounding natural splendor. A guided fishing trip on



by **BRANDON BUTLER**

Lake Taneycomo allows visitors to achieve both at once, and no one is more equipped to show you a great time while putting a limit of trout in the boat than Duane Doty. Doty guides out of Lilleys' Landing Resort and Marina, which is Missouri's premier trout fishing resort. He keeps his finger on the

pulse of Taneycomo by monitoring the anglers and guides who fish out of the trout dock. He knows what the fish are biting on and where you need to go to catch them.

"I know the most productive areas to fish. We usually don't have to go far before wetting the lines. I talk to my guests about what has been the best way to present the lure we will be fishing, how to retrieve the lure and what to expect as far as the bite. As the guests are fishing, I watch their lines, indicators and rods letting them know when they are getting bites that they may not be detecting. It usually does not take long before they catch on and start catching fish," Doty said.

The Missouri Department of Conservation stocks approximately 750,000 trout in Taneycomo each year. These stocked fish allow for a Taneycomo to actively serve trout anglers who want to keep their fish for eating. A lot of wild trout fishing is heavily catch and

release, but because of the aggressive stocking program, anglers regularly keep fish, but not all of them are caught and kept early on. Some Taneycomo trout grow to impressive size. In fact, the state record brown trout, weighing 27 pounds, 10 ounces, came out of Taneycomo on in 2005.

There are both brown trout and rainbow trout in Taneycomo. The daily limit per angler is four trout. Of your four, only one may be a brown and it must have a minimum length of 20 inches. In the "trophy zone," which runs from below Table Rock Dam to the mouth of Fall Creek, there is a slot limit on rainbows. You must release any fish between 12 and 20 inches. Also in the trophy zone, you can only use flies and artificial lures. To fish anywhere between Table Rock Dam and the Highway 65 bridge, you must have trout permit, as well as a fishing license. Regulations like these can be tricky to newcomers. A guide will keep you straight on the rules.

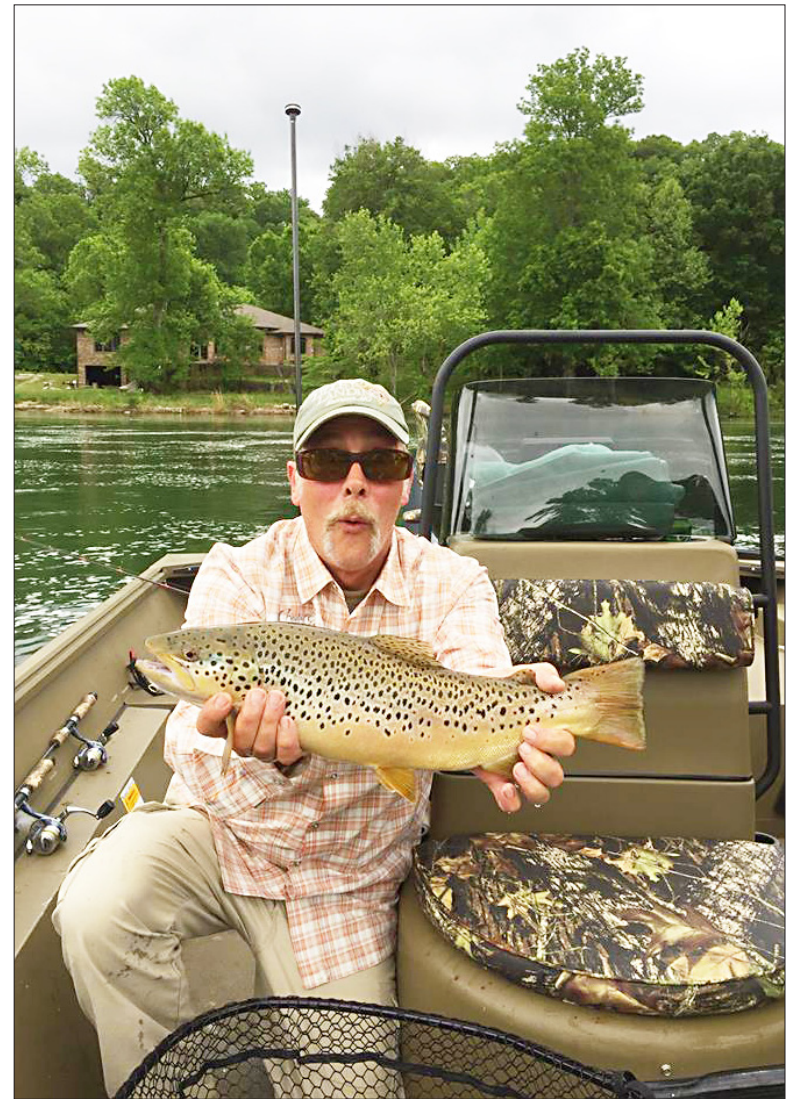
"I provide all the equipment necessary and all levels of instruction. I have taken 3-year-olds out

to catch their first fish, taught seasoned spin fishers new techniques, introduced the world of fly fishing to people by teaching them to cast a fly rod, and taken the most advanced fly fishers to the next level by teaching them about streamer fishing at night for big trout," Doty said.

If you're traveling to Branson and want to give trout fishing on Lake Taneycomo a try, Duane Doty will do his best to ensure you have a fun and successful fishing trip that fits your schedule.

"I can take most of the learning curve out of trout fishing. I spend almost everyday fishing and talking to others about fishing Lake Taneycomo. I want my guests to catch as many fish of the best quality possible while fishing with me and to teach them the proper skills so they're successful the next time they are out on their own," Doty said.

To book a trip with Duane Doty, contact him through his website, www.ozarktroutrunners.com, or give him a call at (417) 294-8672. See you down the trail...



SUBMITTED PHOTO

DUANE DOTY guides for trout out of Lilleys' Landing and Resort on Lake Taneycomo in Branson.

OUTDOORS IN THE OZARKS

Crooked Creek, the best smallmouth stream I have ever cast a lure into

On my way to speak to a group in Mt. Home a few nights ago, I crossed Crooked Creek near Yellville. For some reason it cause my heart to ache a little for another time. I lived in north Arkansas for about 25 years, and Crooked Creek was a special place, the little river

all that scenic. The bluffs weren't high and the Missouri Big Piney I had grown up on put it to shame in beauty and volume of water. But it didn't compare to Crooked Creek when it came to catchable, hard fighting smallmouth. And when it was bank full it was something of a rodeo ride because of the gradient, or amount of fall on the shoals.

I looked through old black and white photos the other day showing my dad and I and other friends from those days, and that has a lot to do with the longing for those earlier times. As I wrote about it, and the populations of north Arkansas grew in Harrison and Mt. Home, the fishing began to fade. The

gravel companies helped to fill many of the deep holes, and habitat for the big bass began to disappear. A railroad runs alongside much of Crooked Creek, and I think it was in the 1980's that a derailment emptied a chemical into the river and killed thousands of fish.

I have learned not to go home again. The upper Big Piney I knew is a wisp of what it was, and Crooked Creek, still a good stream to fish, doesn't have the deep holes and 4 to 5 pound smallmouth I saw and caught in the seventies.

My Uncle Norton floated it in the 1950's, usually guiding other fishermen. In his book, "Ridge-Runner" he talks about an old man he grew to love, who considered Norton to be his personal fishing guide. If you haven't read

his book, you need to get it. The old fisherman he spent so many years guiding had never caught a bon-fide 5-pound smallmouth. On his last fishing trip he caught one late in the day, and died shortly afterward.

Uncle Norton and I guided fishermen together on most all of those Arkansas streams, the Kings, War Eagle, Illinois and Buffalo, to name a few. They were all exceptional streams back then in the seventies and eighties, but when it came to big smallmouth, none equaled Crooked Creek. I think I caught several 5-pound bass from the stream, but who knows? I never kept any and never weighed any. But I'll bet, over the years and a hundred fishing trips, I caught a hundred bass twenty inches or longer, and 3 that were more than 22 inches.

One old photo I found from 1975, I think, was of Norton and me and country music legend Grandpa Jones. That day is a story in itself, as quite often Grandpa Jones sang as he fished and big tears rolled down his face. He was having a hard time getting over the death of his old-time fishing buddy from the Hee-Haw television show, known as 'String-Bean, who, along with his wife, had been murdered at their home outside Nashville.

I hesitate to float the streams from the day when we used those wooden johnboats and the very first Grumman square-sterned canoes we obtained in the late seventies. After Don Tyson and his chicken-gut plants ruined the Kings and War Eagle and after the water levels began to drop on

most all of them, it has been a hard thing to go back and be depressed by what they have become.

But I have an old friend from Harrison who fished the Creek with me often, and I intend to make perhaps one last trip down Crooked Creek with him, stop on a gravel bar and talk about the good ol' days. And maybe we won't catch as many big smallmouth as we did back then, but I will bet a dollar I land just one that is 3 pounds or better! Just one will be enough.

You can read a bunch of great old time fishing stories in Uncle Norton's book. Of the ten I have published, his outsells them all. Much of it is about his time at Bastogne, as a 101st Airborne Paratrooper who was a war hero,

in my book.

In 2001 as I recall, he was given a commendation by Major General David Petraeus, who invited us to Ft. Campbell Kentucky just before he and his troops went to Iraq. Petraeus also put Uncle Norton's photo on what they call the Wall of Fame for the 101st Airborne's World War Two 327th division, actually nearly wiped out at Bastogne Belgium.

Significant...? There are only 26 paratroopers on that wall. Norton was the 26th one.

But the book covers nearly 70 years of guiding float-fishermen in the Ozarks, and the great stories that go with that. It is filled with laughter! He started when he was 11 years old on the Big Piney and made his last trip on the Niangua

River when he was 88. He was in great health at that age and could have had more years on the river but for a state agency known as Social Services, who helped his wife and his own brother put him away and claim his bank account.

But that is another story too, to be told in another book sometime perhaps. If you want to read a book you can't put down, call me and I will tell you how to obtain a copy of 'Ridge-Runner', 324 pages recording an unbelievable life ... another time in History. I still have several that are numbered and signed by my Uncle, before he died in 2013. That phone number is 417-777-5227. My email is lightninridge47@gmail.com... mailing address Box 22, Bolivar, Mo. 65613



by **LARRY DABLEMONT**

where I spent hours and hours, the best smallmouth stream I have ever cast a lure into.

I first floated it in 1970-I think, or maybe it was '71. My dad came down from my hometown of Houston, Missouri and brought one of his wooden johnboats. We put in where the highway crosses the creek east of Yellville. It was in April and the water was higher than normal and not at all clear—a green, wild little river that was full of brown bass, and shoals that required a floater to be efficient and careful.

I had just taken the job of outdoor editor for the Arkansas Democrat newspaper in Little Rock, and eventually I would float all the streams of north and west Arkansas. Crooked Creek wasn't

Apply online now for MDC managed deer hunts

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- As of July 1, deer hunters can apply online through the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) website for a shot at more than 100 managed deer hunts throughout the state for archery, muzzleloading, and modern firearms from mid-September through mid-January at conservation areas, state and other parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public areas. Some managed hunts are held specifically for youth or for people with disabilities.

The managed deer hunt application period is July 1 - 31. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing. Draw results will be available Sept. 1 through Jan. 15. Applicants who are drawn will receive area maps and other hunt information by mail.

Get more information on managed deer hunts, preview hunt details, and apply starting July 1 at mdc.mo.gov/managedhunt.

Details about managed hunts can also be found in MDC's "2018 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklet available starting in early July at MDC offices and nature centers, from permit vendors in the state, and online at mdc.mo.gov.



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Kids In Ads

Coming July 11

Abigail Warden (from 2003) Daughter of Dennis & Connie Warden

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FRENE VALLEY OWENSVILLE, A STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY NURSING HOME NEWS

Dog show a marked a first for Frene Valley

BY HEATHER HOLLAND
Frene Valley Activities Director

Good morning, Hope everyone enjoyed their weekend. Who let the dogs out? That’s what we were wondering the week before last. Frene Valley held our first ever dog show. We had an amazing turn out for the first time.

All the dogs were very cute but we had to judge them and hand out prizes. I’m glad I didn’t have to be a judge because they had many cute dogs to choose from.

The Cutest dog award went to Thea, she is a Beagle and she brought five puppies along with

her to show off.

The best trick award went to Izzie who is a Lab and Shephard mix.

Best dressed went to Chance who is a two year old boxer. And last but not least the award for all-over cuteness went to Willow, a chihuahua.

The residents really appreciated everyone bringing in their dogs so they could see them. We definitely will be doing another one next year. Special thanks to Amy at Tri-County Veterinarian Clinic for donating treat bags for all of the participants.



BECKY WALSH, her best-dressed boxer Chance, and niece Scarlet.

GASCONADE MANOR NURSING HOME NEWS

Annual trip to Mennonite Community

BY PATTY KING
Gasconade Manor Activities Director

Good day to everyone. Well, it was that time of year when we make the annual trek to the Mennonite Community to shop for fresh produce, spices and plants.

We also enjoy the unique life-style of the Mennonite population around Versailles. Transportation is by horse and buggy or bicycle and there are bountiful gardens and lines of freshly laundered clothes stretched throughout the countryside.

Tim Turner, who volunteered to accompany us on the trip, experienced firsthand the manual labor involved when technology is not. Due to a slight malfunction of the van lift, Tim graciously assisted and manually raised and lowered our lift for those requiring its use. Kudos to Tim for filling in while the lift controls took a brief break from their duties. It brought to mind the old saying, “When in Rome....do as the Romans do!”

Among the many stops were Weavers Store, the Ken-Mar Restaurant, Zimmermann’s Road-side Produce Market and Shirk’s

Market. We also visited Burgers Smokehouse in California during the Trip for some excellent beef sticks, BBQ Brisket and Bacon. Many of the ladies took the tour through the museum within the store.

With full coolers and the smell of cantaloupe and tomatoes wafting through the van, we headed home after an all-day trip to put our feet up in our recliners preparing for the next great adventure aboard the Van.

Until next week, God Bless and safe travels to all.

Helping Hands Outreach distributes free food to low income households

The Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County distributes food to low income and unemployed households in the county.

The center is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 604 S. Second Street in Owensville. Their phone number is 573-437-8880.

They are an equal opportunity provider

SENIOR SERVICES

Owensville Senior Menu

214 N. First St.
Phone 437-3096

Wednesday, July 4
Closed

Thursday, July 5
Meatloaf, California Blend, Fruited Jello, Crispy Herb Baked Chicken, Potato, Peach Crisp

Friday, July 6
Tuna Salad, Broccoli Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Cookies

Monday, July 9
Cajun Chicken, Carrots, Fresh Melon, Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Bean Salad, French Silk Mousse

Tuesday, July 10
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage or Ham, Potatoes O’Brien, Fruit Juice, Baked Pineapple, Chef Choice Entrée, Biscuits/Gravy, Whole Grain Toast

Wednesday, July 11
Taco Bar, Refried Beans, Fruited Jello, Chicken Sunshine Roll-Up, Mexican Corn, Cinnamon Tortilla Chips

Thursday, July 12
Chicken Slugger, Steak Fries, Applesauce, Hot Dog, Spinach Strawberry Salad, Cherry Pie Bar

Friday, July 13
Battered Pub, Catalina Blend, Baked Pineapple, Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich, Coleslaw, No Bake Cookies

Owensville Senior Events

Wednesday, July 4
..... Closed

Friday, July 6
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Monday, July 9
12:30 p.m. BINGO

Tuesday, July 10
9:30 a.m. Hoops
10:00 a.m. Tech Day
..... Wii

Wednesday, July 11
10:00 a.m. Keep Your Keys
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Thursday, July 12
12:30 p.m. Fun Free Bingo
Friday, July 13
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Saturday, July 14
6:00 p.m. Pinochle

Gerald Senior Menu

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Tuesday, July 10
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Thursday, July 12
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OATS Schedule

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July 5 Rolla
July 10 Swiss
July 11 Amish Stores
July 16 Jefferson City
July 20 Washington

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For reservations
for the To Go Bus
call 437-8646.



TOUR GROUP members from right to left back row, Patty King , Sheila Wehmeyer , Tim Turner, Middle Row, Debbie Cantlon, Tiffany Limberg, Betty Sweeza, Debbie Shockley, Ida Tappmeyer, Sherry Ebker, Front Row Genevive Bullock, Helen Epple, Margaret Stone, Nadine Hesemann, and taking the picture was Tina Kramme also accompanying the group.

78th John F. Walker reunion held June 24

The 78th John F. Walker reunion was held at the Lions Park at Rolla June 24.

In attendance were: James and Delores Walker; Reggie Walker; Steve Walker; Megan Allison; Tina (Walker) Hlavaty; Ethan Lestarge; Betty Meyer; David and Wilma Drapp; Diane (Walker) Tackett; Kenneth Hayes; Ray and Lucille Wann; Carl and Nadine Jarvis; Charlene Stuart; Eric Rehmert; Ada Lewis; Barbra Macormic; Bill and Bonnie Koch; Ronnie and Joyce Medlock; Danny Lewis; Travis Lewis; Brad and Vicki Hayes; Dena and Ron Houston; Chason and Carson Satterfield; Virginia Medlock; Randy Medlock; Greg and Tina Stratman; Weston, Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Grace Stratman; Rick and Sandy Winotoerfer; Roger Jarvis and friend; Lee Medlock and Brenda Conway.

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Dutchgirl volleyball squads compete at Licking team camp in Rolla

Olivia Vandegriffe (left) watches the ball come down before serving it to the other side of the net in Licking Team Camp tournament action Friday morning at Rolla High School. Dutchgirl volleyball players (above, from left) Amber Nelms, Abby Finley, Madison Steever and Emily McKinney follow a volleyball with their eyes set by Emma Jahnsen.

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ATV Rodeo 7:00AM
Queen Coronation 9:00PM

Thurs., July 12
Prince/Princess Contest 7:00PM
Truck/Tractor Pulls 7:00PM
Youth Pageant 8:30PM

Fri., July 13
Poultry/Rabbit Shows 9:00PM
Flower Show 11:00AM-8:00PM
Youth Tractor Pull 4:30PM
Pedal Tractor Pull 5:30PM
Antique Tractor Show 5:30PM
Truck/Tractor Pulls 7:00PM

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