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# Franklin County grand jury indicts Owensville man for murder in wife's 2017 death in roll-over traffic crash

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An Owensville man indicted by a Franklin County grand jury in December for allegedly murdering his wife in a 2017 car crash was arrested Friday by Owensville police who were responding to an incident on Trailwood Drive.

Robert Claude Rothermich, 38, was at a residence in the 1900 block of Trailwood when police responded to a separate and unrelated incident there, according to Owensville Police Sgt. Scott Griffith. Police learned Rothermich was wanted on a Franklin County warrant issued following a Dec. 19 session of a standing grand jury.

Rothermich was indicted on one count alleging the class A felony of murder in the second degree of his wife, Jennifer Marie Rothermich, who was 37. The indictment alleges she died in a May 24, 2017, car crash while her husband was in felony possession of the controlled substance heroin. The indictment also charges Rothermich with one count of the class D felony for possession of a controlled substance.



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**JENNIFER ROTHERMICH** was ejected when the car she was riding in went off U.S. 50 and overturned into a creek. She was found beneath the car and pronounced dead May 24 at Mercy Hospital.

A cash only $75,000 bond was set by Presiding Circuit Judge I.I. "Ike" Lamke.

The couple was traveling west on U.S. 50 on the evening of May 24 when the 1999 Ford Contour he was driving went behind a guardrail east of the Highway 47 South junction near Burgandy Drive. The car overturned into a creek bed. She was ejected and found trapped beneath the car.

He was also ejected and received serious injuries, according to Union police who investigated the crash. Police found 34 capsules on him containing a substance which later was determined to be heroin. Jennifer Rothermich, who previously lived in the Gerald community, was pronounced dead that evening at Mercy Hospital Washington. Prosecutor Bob Parks said the case will focus on how Robert Rothermich was high on heroin at the time of the crash.



PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER

**WALK EASY** Manufacturing owner Wayne Dickhaus visits with Ameren Missouri's Lonna Trammell during her visit to the Owensville plant which make boot insoles. Trammell presented Dickhaus with an lighting improvement incentives rebate check for $6,541.

# Manufacturer of insoles upgrades plant lighting using Ameren incentives

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Wayne Dickhaus has spent approximately $7,000 over the past five months on in-house upgrades to lighting fixtures at the Walk Easy Manufacturing plant he leases and will own in the coming months after 21 years at the L&D Drive location.

Dickhaus said his maintenance department has replaced 52 overhead lighting fixtures by converting them to LED units. He saved $1,000 in electricity costs in the first month, according to Walk Easy staff member Kim Milare.

And, through an incentives program offered by Ameren Missouri, Dickhaus on Friday received a rebate check for $6,541.88 from the electric utility's BizSavers program. The program provides cash incentives for energy efficient lighting upgrades in commercial and industrial buildings, according to Lonna Trammell with Ameren's Central District.

Approximately one quarter of a typical commercial facility's energy usage comes from lighting, according to Ameren Missouri. The BizSaver program provides cash incentives for firms which update lighting fixtures which reduce energy costs. Upgrades can include installation of efficient fluorescent lighting, LEDs, induction lighting or "any type of lighting that saves energy and is cost effective."

All commercial buildings are eligible, according to Trammell.

Dickhaus said a company participating in the program can save even more money if they have their own maintenance personnel complete the upgrades.

Workers at the plant assemble the materials in layers to create insoles which are used by boot manufacturers.



PHOTOS BY DAVE MARNER

## A Hermann sweep

Hermann High School basketball fans erupt in celebration Friday after a last-second tip-in by Bearcat junior Rhet Scheidegger gave the visitors a 38-36 victory over the host Dutchmen to spoil Owensville's "Back to the Future" homecoming. Hermann's Lady Bearcats defeated the host Dutchgirls in the first game of the varsity doubleheader. Hermann senior Jessica Rood (right) was named as the recipient of the $10,000 Gasconade County Math and Science Scholarship awarded by county residents Martha and Gerald Ebker. Rood, pictured catching her breath with OHS Principal Cindy Hawkins following the announcement, was one of 20 students between the two high schools to participate in a qualifying test at Missouri S&T in Rolla.




# Owensville man charged with felony resisting arrest in vehicle tampering case

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An Owensville man on Sunday evening led a Maries County Sheriff's deputy on a high speed chase on Highway 28, from Belle into Osage County, where highway conditions were poor due to snow.

Joshua R. Barton, 31, of Owensville, has been charged by the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney with four felonies and one misdemeanor.

The sheriff's office reports the vehicle Barton was driving was stolen from Owensville. When the officer tried to stop Barton, he took the ditch and began to flee. Barton stopped after the vehicle broke down. He continued to flee from law enforcement officers on foot and was apprehended when deputies had to forcefully take him into custody.

Barton resisted arrest and assaulted the deputies including grabbing the genitals of one of the on-scene officers and kicking a deputy. Barton continued his violence in the patrol car, kicking and damaging the vehicle. Sheriff Chris Heitman said the deputies were forced to taser and pepper spray Barton to keep him under control.

Heitman said Barton was impaired and continued his violent behavior at the sheriff's office where he would not stand still for a mug shot. Heitman said two minutes after the mug shot was taken, Barton chest-bumped the sheriff and there was an altercation and Barton was pepper-sprayed a second time.

He had to be isolated and it took him

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MARIES COUNTY SHERIFF'S PHOTO

**JOSHUA R. BARTON**: Tasered and pepper sprayed once already on Sunday evening — two minutes away from being pepper-sprayed a second time after chest-bumping the Maries County Sheriff. Whiskey was the reason for his bad behavior, he told the sheriff.

# Buck agrees to stay on, help with budget

**BY DAVE MARNER**
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Owensville Mayor John Kamler has asked Ward 1 Alderman Karl Buck to remain on the board until fiscal 2017-18 budget preparations are completed.

And, Kamler has announced Kevin McFadden has offered to fill out the remainder of Buck's unexpired term through April 2019. Kamler told aldermen on Monday he wanted to seek approval from the city's attorney to have McFadden sit in with the board on budget discussions as he transitions into Buck's position.

Kamler suggested the board "hold off on Karl's resignation and work him (Kevin) in" as they plan the next budget.

Kamler said he spoke with Buck over the weekend. Buck said he was agreeable to the transitioning process. McFadden has prior budgeting experience as an elected official in the city of Calverton Park in St. Louis County. He is currently on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

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## *Fire damage extensive to home on Shotwell*

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"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." — HAL BORLAND

**A NEW ADVENTURE**

# Be happy with the car your parents provide you, it's not a Vega



by DENNIS WARDEN

I grew up in town within walking distance of the newspaper. From ages 10 to 15 I either walked, ran or rode my bike everywhere I needed to go. This included anywhere in town and four to five miles outside town to go swimming or fishing.

Something happened to those modes of transportation when I turned 16. They were no longer needed because I had use of an automobile.

When I turned 16 in 1975 my parents purchased a 1972 Vega Kammback wagon so my younger sister (when she turned 16) and I could transport ourselves. I believe they paid around $2,000 for it.

The name "vega" derives from the brightest star in the constellation Lyra.

Now that Connie and I have went through the same time in our lives I can understand the relief my parents experienced when they no longer had to shuttle me to school functions.

Produced from 1970 to 1977, the Vega was GM's answer to subcompact cars from the Japanese auto makers. In the beginning the Vega received praise and awards. It's hard to believe but only one year after it was introduced by GM, the Vega was Motor Trend's Car of the Year.

Somehow I don't remember the Vega in the same light as Motor Trend. If you've ever attended local car shows you will notice that no one displays a Vega.

It was NOT a muscle car. The Vega was powered by an inline four-cylinder 140 cubic inch (2.3-liter) engine with a lightweight aluminum alloy cylinder block. That engine pulled an incredible 80 hp at 4,400 rpm. In comparison a new Dodge Hellcat with a supercharged 6.2-liter V8 is good for 707 hp.

Believe me, when you pushed down on the gas peddle, nothing much happened. You may have heard of Sammy Hagar's song "I Can't Drive 55." Dad used to tell me that this car was not meant to be driven over 55. Believe me he was correct. It could barley reach 55 going down hill.

For 1972, the Vega came with a revised exhaust system and driveline to reduce vibration and noise; also revised shock absorbers. Turbo-hydramatic three-speed automatic transmission and custom cloth interior were optional and a glove box was added.

Can you imagine telling your children, be happy with this car, if we would've purchased the 1971 model you wouldn't have a glove box. Cars have come a long way.

Recently Ethan (our second child) was complaining that his first car, passed down to him from our oldest son Jacob, had holes in the floor board. I reminded him — that 1992 Nissan Pathfinder was four-wheel drive. It's the only 4x4 I've ever owned, and the boys got to drive it.

To show how much difference 20 years can make the Pathfinder had a similar size engine, 3-liter, but had 143 hp. Ethan had nothing to complain about.

Back to the Vega.

Born in late November I was one of the oldest in the group I hung around with and one of the first to have a car. So we cruised in the Vega.

It used to snow a lot around here in the winter. In the winter of 1976 we were doing the things that boys do. With weight in the back of the Kammback to help the rear wheel drive navigate in the snow we tried, emphasis on tired, doing donuts.

After several unsuccessful attempts by me to produce the desired results one of my friends, Ray (his real name) said he could do better. My response to him was to prove it. Ray got behind the wheel. On his first attempt he not only did not perform a donut, he hit a fireplug. I know what's going through your mind. But the Vega was not big enough to knock over a fireplug.

The collision did break off a piece of plastic under the front bumper. I told dad that I could glue it back on if he wanted me to.

In another adventure in the Vega too much speed and a bump in town combined to knock a hole in the oil pan. I knew right away that something was amiss and drove it directly to a repair shop.

According to Wikipedia the Vega became "widely known for a range of problems related to its engineering, reliability, safety, propensity to rust, and engine durability. Despite a series of recalls and design upgrades, the Vega's problems tarnished both its own as well as General Motors' reputation" and was discontinued in 1977.

Less than four years after he purchased it dad was lucky to get $500 for that car.

**REPORT FROM THE 62ND DISTRICT**

# Developing Missouri's workforce through legislation supporting educational programs

**BY STATE REP. TOM HURST**
Missouri's 62nd District

This past week, the Missouri House of Representatives approved legislation to help ensure Missouri's system of higher education is working to meet the state's workforce and education needs.

House members passed a bill (HB 1465) that would give institutions greater flexibility to offer degrees that meet the needs of their local communities and businesses. The bill would in effect allow community colleges to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees in certain programs.

The bill is meant to address the lack of skilled workers in certain fields in various parts of the state. To address the workforce shortage, a community college could apply to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education to offer a four-year degree in a field that is underemployed.

All 22 of the state's public universities and colleges have agreed to the language in the bill.

They say the legislation will give students all over the state greater access to educational opportunities, and help to further develop the state's workforce.

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

**Expanding Virtual School Options for Missouri students (HB 1408)**

Members also gave initial approval to a piece of legislation meant to better prepare young people for success in the workforce. The bill approved by the House is meant to expand course options and access for K-12 students.

The Missouri Virtual Instruction Program was established in 2007 to offer online courses to public, private, and home school students. The program allows students to take advanced courses that are not currently offered by their local school districts. However, the existing MOVIP has seen funding dwindle in recent years, which has limited free tuition to students who are unable to attend traditional schools because of health issues. As a result, many students in districts without certain high-level math, science, and advanced placement courses are not able to enroll in these courses online.

The legislation approved this week would change the program so that it does not rely on a direct appropriation, but would instead redirect a portion of the per-pupil funding provided by the state. In order to give students in all parts of the state access to advanced coursework, the legislation would allow students to take online courses that would be paid by the school district or charter school.

The bill now awaits a final vote in the House before moving to the Senate for consideration.

Other bills moving out of the House:

• HB 1287 would specify that commercial insurers are exempt from filing rates and policy forms with respect to certain lines of commercial insurance. Supporters say the bill is necessary to update and modernize the regulations for large premium highly complex insurance policies.

• HB 1381 would establish procedures relating to financial accreditation standards for insurance companies and an insurance group's corporate governance. Supporters say the legislation is a model act from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners that will make reporting consistent across the board. They say it is necessary for company accreditation in Missouri.

• HB 1531 would modify the circumstances in which a party may be joined in a civil action. Supporters say the bill will solve a problem created by case law that would allow an insurance company to be sued for bad faith and be required to pay a sum in excess of its policy limits. The bill would allow an insurance company to use an interpleader to defend the insured and pay its policy limits.

**Lawmakers receive 2018 State of the Judiciary Address**

Members of the House and Senate gathered in the House Chamber last week to listen to the annual State of the Judiciary Address. Delivered by Missouri Chief Justice Zel Fischer, the address provided lawmakers with an overview of the state's court system and the challenges it faces.

Fischer used his speech to highlight the need for expanded drug treatment courts to help fight against the abuse of opioids in Missouri. He noted that drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and that the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids continues to rise.

Fischer said drug courts are more cost-effective than any other criminal justice strategy to address the growing problem.

Fischer also called on legislators to work with the court to develop solutions for the challenges faced by the state's criminal justice system. He explained that Missouri is not seeing a decrease in violent crimes as has been the trend nationally.

Fischer also pointed out that Missouri is spending more than ever before on corrections as the incarceration rate continues to be well above the national average.

Fischer highlighted the efforts of a task force that is focused broadly on criminal justice. He said the group will recommend risk-assessment tools for determining a defendant's suitability for pre-trial release, and recommend ways to improve how courts impose fines, fees, and costs.

"It seems obvious and important that — before a trial is held and guilt or innocence is determined —we reserve our jail space for those who pose the most danger to the community for risk of fleeing the jurisdiction, and not those who simply may be too poor to post bail," said Fischer.

**GUEST COMMENTARY**

# Trump's State of the Union has mostly good news for rural America

**BY ERIC BOHL**
Missouri farm Bureau

Rural America's priorities have been on Washington, D.C.'s, back burner for what feels like ages. Over the past year, we have begun to see a realization from Washington that the area coastal elites call "flyover country" is actually what binds our nation together.

In his first State of the Union address, President Trump highlighted his efforts to roll back overreaching regulations. Regulatory reform has been among the least-noticed actions of the past year, but for farmers and ranchers it has probably been the most impactful. From the completely irrational Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule to overreaching and unnecessary rules on farm labor practices, the Obama administration made little effort to hide its lack of compassion and understanding for Middle America.

The Trump administration has certainly changed the assumption — no longer

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**HOMETOWN BOY**

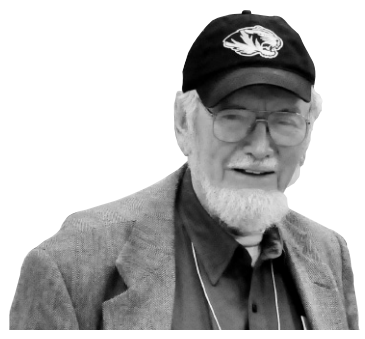
# New count finds more cows and even more live calves

The cow counters did their job in January. The USDA found more cows than expected in Missouri. The state returned to second place, above Oklahoma, in the nation's cow numbers. That's our spot, as we'll never catch No. 1 Texas.

Officially Missouri has 2,250,000 cows. That's 5 percent more cows than last count. It's near the biggest percent growth of any state. Our state deserves to be up there. We are cattle country with land suited for pastures. Rolling hills should be kept in grass to help retain what topsoil we have left.

Too many places suffer scandalous erosion. Soil washes away even when we know the cost. It's our future. Forages slow run off and soil loss.

Belatedly, we're attending to the soil. Not only soil loss, but also what we now call "soil health."



by DUANE DAILEY

We lost ground, more ways than one, in a surge of crop planting when corn and bean prices skyrocketed after the 2012 drought. That was a fluke.

The last couple of years, livestock have kept the rural economy healthy. Some who plowed pastures surely have second thoughts.

We've learned to manage grass to make more beef per acre. That's a biggie. Management intensive grazing makes better use of forages. Missouri is a crop state, on some ground. We're great for soybeans and we're the edge of the Corn Belt. But we can both add cows and grow high-yield crops if we use land best suited for each.

We're on the cusp of using cows on grassland to make more genetically superior calves. High-price calves boost returns to forages.

One of the best ways will be to seed novel-endophyte fescue to replace toxic Kentucky 31 tall fescue. That makes a big boost in meat and milk production. Toxins hurt in so many ways, with most losses invisible until calf- selling time.

In March MU Extension livestock specialists will hold ReproGene classes. These tell how to add genomics, still unknown to many herd owners, to what we know about reliable AI breeding. The Show-Me state came a long way in modern breeding by using artificial insemination.

That brings more calves worth more genetically. It's not that complicated, just unknown. The MU Extension Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer program leads the nation in better conceptions and higher birth rates.

That gets us back to cow counting.

We've well over two million cows. More of them must be of better genetics, if we stay in the beef business.

Let's tease the numbers. U.S. cow numbers were up one percent. The calf crop this time was up two percent. Begin to think profits. If we can make more calves with fewer cows. If we put more cows on fewer forage acres what does that mean in dollars?

Some Missourians figured that out already.

Now look at another number. This tells a story, I think. The cattle on feed for slaughter are up 7 percent. We're keeping more calves alive and getting them fed to make beef. That's where owners collect profits.

Here's what I see. More calves processed are grading higher. Those bring higher prices.

Daniel Madison, MU economist, gave me the numbers from the last week of January: The boxed beef price for USDA Prime was $225 per hundred while Choice grade beef was $204. If $21 doesn't sound like much, apply that to one 900-pound carcass. It adds up. That premium is low this time of year.

Pencil pushing is in order. There are ways for herd owners to add value to their calves. Reproduction and genetics offer big boosts. Better management of grass can boost production by a third.

Then, there's the other factor. What do consumers want? They want quality and are willing to pay more. Farmers can't afford to ignore the signals that buyers are sending. In economics, price is a signal. Heed it.

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# GCHS quarterly meeting features early county newspaper humor

Chuckles "brought on" by reading early Gasconade County newspapers will be the topic of a talk given at the Gasconade County Historical Society's quarterly membership meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the courthouse in Hermann.

The meeting will be held in the Rotunda of the courthouse, which is handicap accessible on the river side of the building. The public is invited to attend the historical society's membership meetings and programs. There is no admission charge.

Lois Kruse, director of the GCHS Archives & Records Center from 2001 through 2016, will give the talk following the short business meeting. Her daily exposure to the old county newspapers, not only through her own reading of the papers but also through volunteers indexing the newspapers and bringing the humor to her attention, provides the background and material for her presentation.

Kruse says that newspaper editors long ago "salt and peppered" their publications with humor. She noted that newspaper editors apparently knew long ago what the medical profession knows today about the value of humor and laughter to human health.

For the Gasconade County newspapers, she points out, much of the humor originated in the pages of state and national coverage that the local papers purchased from syndicates. Often, however, the humor was at the expense of or, more often than not, with the knowledge and understanding of local individuals whose names appeared in jest or in fun.

Items she has chosen to share from the *Gasconade County Republican*, the *Bland Courier*, and the *Hermann Advertiser-Courier* from the period 1895 to 1925 when the kind of humor you'll hear seems to be most prevalent in the newspapers.



## Cutting cambrell

Walk Easy Manufacturing employees Kathy Kurrellmeyer (left) and Maria Thomas cut and assemble a stack of cambrell material which will be used in creating boot insoles. The sheets are stacked and then trimmed into smaller sections. Once cut into smaller pieces, this material will be combined with additional layers of thicker materials which are pressed together using a heat process. Those pieces can then be trimmed out by boot manufactures to create between six to eight sets of insoles depending on shoe size, according to Wayne Dickhaus, owner of the local company. Dickhaus recently received $6,541 in rebates through Ameren Missouri's BizSavers incentives program to upgrade the lighting fixtures in his plant. He saved $1,000 on his electric bill during the first month after installing new LED fixtures.

**PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER**

## *Felony arrest • From page 1*

some time to calm down. Heitman said Barton told him he was going to Belle to see a girl when the chase began. He told them whiskey was the reason he was acting this way. Heitman said Barton, who is a convicted rapist, made terrible statements to him and his deputies about raping women and girls they know.

He has been charged with the class D felony of tampering with a motor vehicle, the class E felony of resisting/interfering with arrest for a felony, the class E felony of resisting arrest/detention/stop by fleeing, the class E felony of first degree property damage, and a misdemeanor for exceeding the posted speed limit.

He is being held in the Maries County Jail with no bond until his court appearance.

Heitman said the Maries County Sheriff's Office will continue to pursue persons who do crimes in the county and flee from law enforcement.

**Owensville police report felony charges filed against Barton**

Owensville police on Monday obtained felony charges against Barton through Gasconade County Circuit Court.

Barton is charged here with stealing a motor vehicle and tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree. Bond was set at $10,000 cash or surety.

Sgt. Scott Griffith and patrolman Stephen Bryant investigated two vehicle thefts including one which was returned undamaged to a parking area behind the local Moose lodge. The other, taken from an alley in the 200 block of West Madison Avenue, was involved in the pursuit Sunday which ended with Barton's arrest near Belle, according to Griffith. Both thefts were reported Sunday.

**Felony warrant arrest made Monday by OPD**

Owensville police made a felony warrant arrest Monday on Jeremiah Hotujac in the 400 block of South First Street. Hotujac had an outstanding capias (no bond) warrant out against him alleging a parole violation, according to Griffith.

Owensville police are also seeking charges against Hotujac for violent threats he made during a peace disturbance at a local restaurant on Feb. 3. OPD patrolmen Stephens, Josh Smith and Brenn Finley made the arrest.

*(With additional reporting by Dave Marner of The Republican's staff).*

# Greitens' plan cuts taxes for most Missourians

**BY MISSOURI DIGITAL NEWS**

MACON — Kicking off a statewide tax tour on Jan. 29, Gov. Eric Greitens told factory workers in Macon that the state budget "is your money" and that his "common sense" plan would roll back taxes for 97 percent of residents, close tax loopholes and attract businesses to the state.

"You talk to farmers, you talk to ranchers, you talk to people who are trying to get by, and they tell you over and over again, 'Get the government off of my back,'" he said.

The governor wants to reduce the corporate tax rate from 6.25 percent to 4.25 percent, making Missouri's corporate tax rate the second-lowest among states that have a corporate tax. It would cut the top income bracket rate from 5.9 percent to 5.3 percent.

Greitens proposed eliminating state taxes for 380,000 low-income Missouri workers via a state tax credit. He also noted his budget plan protects public safety, K-12 education and programs for vulnerable children.

To make the cuts revenue-neutral, Greitens has proposed the elimination of several tax breaks such as the timely-filing discount, which gives tax discounts to businesses that file their state taxes on time. Another tax break that he proposes ending is the use of state money to match a $140 million federal low-income housing tax credit.

With several other tax bills floating around the Capitol, it is uncertain which lawmaker or lawmakers will carry the water for Greitens' tax proposal, as the governor will need help and support from the Missouri General Assembly.

In Jefferson City that same day, several lawmakers expressed support for the governor's plan, but others said they are skeptical of some of the provisions that would be made and question whether the plan would be "revenue-neutral."

One Republican lawmaker criticized the plan for the way it would, in part, replace tax cuts that already were passed in previous legislation and are scheduled to take effect over the next several years.

The governor's office and the state Department of Revenue did not release specific details on the total costs of the individual provisions in Greitens' proposal to show how it

Amy Blouin, executive director of the Missouri Budget Project, addressed the tax plan in a statement saying the plan provides positive provisions for Missourians. The Missouri Budget Project is a non-profit organization that provides analysis of public policy in the state.

"As the legislature faces cutting another $240 million from the budget this year, it's critical that we address our tax policy recognizing the structural tax and budget problems we've created in Missouri," Blouin said in the statement.

Blouin said the Missouri Budget Project is looking forward to working with lawmakers and the governor to create a tax reform bill that "truly benefits hard-working Missourians."

**Senators express doubt**

Greitens started the week touring the state, touting his "revenue neutral" tax cut plan. But at a press conference Thursday, some top Republican state senators voiced doubts about the proposal.

Greitens has been reporting that under his plan, any revenue lost through tax cuts will be made up in other areas, so that it won't have a negative impact on the budget.

"I don't believe it's revenue neutral," Sen. Ron Richard, R-Joplin, said at the press conference. Richard is the president pro tem of the Senate. "I think we're gonna have to rework it to some extent."

Sen. Dan Brown, R-Rolla, said he questions that the plan saves enough money to offset the cuts included in it, meaning it wouldn't be revenue neutral. "Honestly, we're not getting a lot of information from Budget and Planning on how to proceed," Brown said.

Few concrete fiscal details about the plan are available. On the evening on Jan. 30, the Missouri Department of Revenue released a one-page document outlining the "preliminary fiscal impact" of Senate Bill 939, which outlines some financial details of the plan.

The document indicates that there may be discrepancies between what the Department of Revenue and the Division of Budget and Planning believe the tax bill will cost, as different estimates are included for some categories by the two departments.

"They have put some figures out there. I just question a little bit how they got to those figures, and I'm sure they'll be willing to explain that to me as we go along," Brown said.

Brown stressed that any tax plan that isn't revenue neutral could be problematic, because cutting services could be difficult.

Brown, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said, "I certainly don't want to see a tax increase, but I also know, and you know, that we're a low-tax state, we're a low-service state."

## Slagle places 3rd in Missouri VFW essay contest

Owensville High School junior T.J. Slagle placed third in Missouri's VFW Voice of Democracy oral essay contest. Slagle was presented his $1,000 award Saturday during the Missouri VFW's annual scholarship banquet held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Slagle won the local and District 9 competitions to advance to the Department of Missouri VFW contest.

"His family was ecstatic," said Robert Depperman, a coordinator of the Post 6133 contest. "You can see the feeling in him. He (T.J.) does it so well when he presents his essay. We had a great time at the banquet."

Depperman and VFW members Mike Stillman (commander), Peggy Emde (Auxiliary president), and Darrin Fuchs attended the presentation. Slagle will give his speech Thursday (Feb. 8) at the VFW.



## Confirmed

Lisa Schlottach, operations manager of the Gasconade County E-911 Dispatching Center in Rosebud, was confirmed by Missouri's Senate last week as a member of the Missouri 911 Service Board. State Sen. Mike Kehoe handled the confirmation process for Schlottach and other 6th District appointees of Gov. Eric Greitens who were appearing before the Senate.

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are additional rules presumed to be needed; now extra rules are presumed to be unnecessary unless proven otherwise. This is more in line with the ethos that brought America to greatness and allowed her to prosper.

The President also outlined several priorities for the future that would have a huge impact on farmers and ranchers. His push for investment in infrastructure is sorely needed in rural areas, and streamlining the permitting and approval process would be extremely helpful in getting projects rolling.

While he did not specifically address rural infrastructure in his speech, a purported White House document leaked a week beforehand laid out a plan to devote 25 percent of the total package specifically to rural needs, including broadband internet infrastructure. If this becomes part of a final package, it could be a game-changer for rural areas, many of which have been struggling for years to even maintain their existing infrastructure.

A single line in the speech touched on the need for "great vocational schools" where "future workers can learn a craft and realize their full potential." These programs and skills are essential to the rural job market, and presidential support of them is valuable.

President Trump's harsh words for our existing trade deals formed the only part of his speech that raised true concerns in most of farm country. He referred to existing trade deals as "unfair" and said they have "sacrificed our prosperity." While there may be truth to this in other industries, America's farmers and ranchers sell far more to other countries than we import, and our free trade partners buy the vast majority of these products. Let's just hope any trade deal renegotiations don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Most of the policies President Trump outlined in his State of the Union address sounded like music to the ears of American farmers and ranchers, especially after so many years of feeling neglected and unheard. Of course, speeches are not laws, so we must continue to press for these words to be turned into actions. But if this State of the Union address was any indication, things are looking up for rural America.

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

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MAIL BAG

# Thank you, President Donald John Trump

To the Editor:

Tuesday evening I watched an orange-ish haired fellow on a raised stand talk to a large room of people. Most jumped up quite often and clapped loudly, a few sat quietly and pretended they were deaf. Some had glue on their seats and apparently stuck in a rut, others must have had big, hard crumbs on their seat from the obvious pained look on the occupants face.

I thought that fellow spoke good, plain, American English; made near perfect sense, and made it clear that his intentions are to benefit everyone. In spite of his odd colored hair his heart is red, white and blue American.

Thank you President Donald John Trump for telling the people of this big, beautiful country what they desperately needed to be told for many years. Particularly the in pain, deaf, rutter's who can't seem to understand English.

Clyde H. Zelch, Rosebud, Mo.

## Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees for new members

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering new members 10 free Norway Spruce or Eastern Redbud trees as part of their Trees for America campaign during the month of February.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to "Ten free Norway Spruce trees' or 'Ten free Eastern Redbud trees,' Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28, 2018, or visit arborday.org/February.

## COLLEGE CLIPS
### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN HONORS

**Missouri Valley College**

Johannah Thomas of Owensville is a December 2017 graduate of Missouri Valley College.

**Quincy University**

Ross Henson of Hermann has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Quincy University.

**Culver-Stockton College**

Mercedes Spurgeon of Owensville has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Culver-Stockton College.

## February Garden Solutions

**BY SANDI HILLERMANN MCDONALD**
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February is National Bird Feeding Month. Now that we are in the throws of winter, and the coldest month of the year is upon us, it is a good time to assess how the birds are doing. This time of year, is especially difficult for them. If given a little assistance, their chances of survival are greatly increased.

One of the easiest things to provide, and high on the list of needs, is water. Adding a heater or deicer coil to an existing birdbath. Just be sure to keep the birdbath clean.

Providing shelter is another way to help. The use of birdhouses and nesting boxes has helped many species make a comeback. Landscaping that provides shelter can also be a great help. Evergreen trees and shrubs provide a welcome resting place out of the wind, snow or rain. Birds gather in groups towards the inside and huddle together to create more warmth.

The final piece of the puzzle is providing food. Particularly here in Missouri, winter is a difficult time for the bird species that have chosen to overwinter here. There is little to no vegetation, and most of the insects are dead or dormant. Now is an excellent time to purchase a feeder if you do not already have one. Most songbirds feed on insects and spiders during the spring and summer; however, the non-migratory species switch to fruit and seeds in the fall and winter. Black oil sunflower seeds are preferred by the largest number of bird species. Be sure to scatter some seed on the ground and beneath trees and shrubs for birds that prefer to feed in these locations. High-energy food, like suet and peanut butter, are an added benefit for all birds and provide much needed fat. So, with this information, I hope now you will enjoy the antics of our feathered friends.

It is also time to think about starting any garden and flower seeds in the house that you may want to grow this year. The choices are many. Our last frost date is around May 1st, so back up the weeks on the calendar for seed starting so you know when the best time for planting in the house would be. Ample light is very important for this task. Botanical Interest is a wonderful line of garden seeds that offers health and recipe information along with growing information on the packets.

## SCENIC REGIONAL
### LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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| Feb. 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Lil' OWLs Storytime |
| Feb. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Wine Glass Painting |
| Feb. 10 | 11:00 a.m. | Read Build Play (Valentine's theme) |
| Feb. 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Lil' OWLs Storytime |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Knifty Knitters & Crafty Crocheters |

Please call 437-2188 or visit scenicregional.org to register.



## Divas in training

Approximately 50 students from Owensville and Gerald Elementary Schools performed a dance routine they learned during an Owensville High School Dutch Divas Dance Camp the week prior to the basketball games on Monday, Jan. 29 between Owensville and Belle. Helped by Hillary Blasko's Dutch Divas, several students (left) enthusiastically performed their routine between the varsity girl's and boy's basketball games on Monday, Jan. 29.

PHOTO BY DENNIS WARDEN

## PAGES FROM OUR PAST
# Golden wedding celebration ~ '78

**40 years ago - Feb. 8, 1978**
**Golden Wedding celebrants**



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vandergriffe of Owensville celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandergriffe are the parents of 16 children, 15 surviving, and all 15 children with their families including 36 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration.

*This anniversary announcement was published in the Feb. 8, 1978 edition of The Gasconade County Republican. Anniversary announcements published in The Gasconade County Republican are run free of charge and are an elegant way of documenting your memories for lifetimes to come. We also publish birth, wedding and engagement announcements at no cost. To submit your announcement, e-mail news@wardpub.com.*

**30 years ago - Feb. 10, 1988**
**Airman graduates**



Airman 1st Class Timothy E. Gooch graduated from Professional Military Education School Dec. 10. He finished third in his class of 25 and was named Distinguished Graduate.

On Jan. 28 he was promoted to Senior Airman and he also enlisted for four more years in the Air Force.

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**Who, me?**



Owensville senior Rhonda Glaser (left) reacts to the announcement that she was chosen as 1987-1988 basketball homecoming queen as queen hopeful Heather Bartley looks on. Also pictured, from left, are escorts Jeff Schultz, Curtis Julius and Brad Harrison.

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**Alumni association formed**



The first board of directors for the newly-formed Owensville High School District R-2 High School Alumni Association were sworn into office Thursday. The principle goal of the association is to institute a scholarship program for students and to establish a repository for high school memorabilia. Members of the board, who were sworn into office by A.F. Berger (right), class of 1925, are, from left: Gordon R. Huff (class of 1938), president; Ivan R. Schaefferkoetter (1939), vice chairman and chairman of the scholarship committee; Bernard F. Pollock (1938) member; Stanley J. Bulas (1941), parlimentarian; Leoda M. Dunton (1934), member; Roy W. Knehans (1942), second vice president; Herbert W. Havelka (1940), treasurer; and Archie R. Wehmeyer (1937), member. Not shown are Harvey C. Kraftzeck (1936), member; Marseda E. Sherman (1942), recording secretary; and Eugene F. Meyer (1937), member.

**15 years ago - Feb. 12, 2003**
**Local dancers qualify for national championships**



Nicole Ebker (left) and Amber Gruenloh (second from left) have qualified for the National Dance America competition scheduled for July in New York City with top finishes in a Feb. 1 qualifier in St. Louis. Gruenloh, of Owensville, performed a lyrical solo to the theme from the "Bodyguard" and won first place. Ebker, of Gerald, performed a top solo to "Scatman" and placed second. Danielle Sims (right), of Sullivan, performed a lyrical solo to "I'll Fly Away" and received a Ribbon of Merit. They are pictured with Angela Miller, director of the Just For Kixs Dance Center in Gerald, where they work and train.

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# GASCONADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 2018**

The Gasconade County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel, Southern District Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, Northern District Commissioner Jim Holland present at Courthouse beginning with Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRIOR MINUTES**

Commissioner Lairmore made a motion to approve prior Commission minutes dated Jan. 18, 2018. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote:

Commissioner Holland (Yes),
Commissioner Lairmore (Yes),
Commissioner Miskel (Yes).

**ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS**

Commissioner Holland had reported four roads needing to be bladed and they were taken care of; he will meet with Supervisor Wayne Kottwitz and property owner on Boettcher road. Presiding Commissioner Miskel had been contacted by Preston Kramer, MoDOT about some concerns on Highway T bridge.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Correspondence received included: Missouri Hospital Association shared some unfortunate statistics regarding Missouri opioid crisis since Gasconade County has joined Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; MRPC sent a copy of their state legislative priorities which they and Presiding Commissioner Miskel presented in Jefferson City on Tuesday to local Senators and Representatives. They have also passed along their priorities to the federal representatives and US Senator Roy Blunt had responded particularly about the Waters of US rule.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel will attend MOCA meeting this evening in Richland; Commissioner Lairmore had attended meeting in Rolla at S&T University, along with Owensville Chamber and City officials to discuss projects to be worked on, like S&T had done for Gasconade County.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel mentioned that Dent County Presiding Commissioner urged MRPC not to write a letter of support for the Rock Island Rail Line based on his interpretation of it being like eminent domain; Commissioner Lairmore was going to confirm with Bonnie Prigge that the transportation committee did support it, but in targeted areas.

Regarding Courthouse interior work, the Prosecuting Attorney's office is planning to move back in on Friday, Feb. 2 after spending one day next week getting everything cleaned up and files sorted; they were in need of storage tubs for files and a place to put them. Presiding Commissioner Miskel had no problem with those being moved to the Doerr building, but will ask Pros. Weston for a date on when some of what is already stored there will be removed and disposed of. The tubs needed should be paid from Prosecuting Attorney budget, not buildings and grounds. Commission asked when Assessor Paul Schulte would be moving back upstairs and she will find out; later she confirmed they will move the same date and will also clean and sort through everything a day or two in advance. Everyone is reminded anything not moved back into the offices from the hallway, does not remain in the hallway.

Glen Englert had finished closing off the attic stairway; he came into session with Larry Hanks, painter to finalize plans for moving into the Judges' chambers next. Ultimately, they all went upstairs to look and it was decided to only paint and repair as needed in there.

Prosecutor Weston had asked for one of the tall bookcases from the hallway between two Judges' offices, but Commission would rather she take one of the small bookcases not permanently attached to the wall. They had further discussion and looked at the large second floor Courtroom and hallway and rotunda areas and decided to continue on with that portion next since painting crew is here and scaffolding is here; that will be priced at time and material and will be for scraping, priming and painting.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel said Lucas Haines and Andy Littrell of Roofmasters are flying in this afternoon and Mark Schaefer, TREMCO will pick them up; the infrared shoot of the attic this week showed four areas of concern and even though minor, there should be none.

Collector Shawn Schlottach had presented two more tax payments received in January, but postmarked prior to Dec. 31, and Commission agreed to accept without penalties, i.e.: Sally H. Gulick $3,607.14 and AT&T $10,295.75.

Treasurer Mike Feagan had received maturity notice from Peoples Savings Bank on the roof loan and said after first payment made in February, document will be re-drawn as per agreement.

Commission will hold hearing to adopt budget, Wed., Jan. 31 at 9:00 a.m. and will issue paychecks that day; next day is session in Owensville and the following week Commission leaves for their annual conference on Wednesday but will hold a brief session at Courthouse to sign off on all the bills to be paid that have accumulated since Dec. 21.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Lairmore motioned that the Commission adjourn until Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018; Commissioner Holland seconded and meeting adjourned.

# GASCONADE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

## DIVISION IV

HON. JUDGE ADA BREHE-KRUEGER, PRESIDING

**Joseph A. Green,** Tampering with motor vehicle - first degree. 1/4/18 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court.

**Michael Joseph Holland,** Violation of order of protection for adult. 1/17/18 - Case certified to circuit court.

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**Michael Joseph Holland,** Chg 1, 2 - Stalking - first offense; Chg 3 - Violation of order of protection for adult. 1/17/18 - Chg 1, 2 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court; Chg 3 - Case certified to circuit court.

**Michael Joseph Holland,** Chg 1, 2, 3 - Stalking - first offense; Chg 4 - Violation of order of protection for adult. 1/17/18 - Chg 1, 2, 3 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court; Chg 4 - Case certified to circuit court.

**Randall Scott Kloeckner,** Chg 1 - DWI - habitual; Chg 2 - Driving while revoked/suspended; Chg 3 - Car/motorcycle truck under 18,000 lbs followed another vehicle too closely. 1/10/18 - Chg 1, 2 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court; Chg 3 - Case certified to circuit court.

**William Robert Wyrick,** Chg 1 - Burglary - second degree; Chg 2 - Resisting/interfering with arrest for a felony. 1/8/18 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court.

**William Robert Wyrick,** Chg 1 - Stealing - $750.00 or more; Chg 2, 3, 4 - Forgery. 1/8/18 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court.

**Zachary David Albert,** Domestic assault - third degree. 1/10/18 - 60 days jail; SES two years probation; granted credit for 28 days served plus costs.

**Nicholas Michael Bowman,** Non-support. 1/17//18 - SIS two years probation plus costs.

**Rebecca Sue Brickey,** Exceed speed limit by 26 mph or more. 1/10/18 - Fine of $205.50 plus costs.

**Bradley Patrick Burns,** Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/11/18 - Fine of $100.50, plus costs.

**Joshua Lee Burrow,** Take, attempt to take, deer with artificial light. 1/10/18 - Two days jail plus costs.

**Humbert J. Comparato,** No seat belt. 1/10/18 - Fine of $10.

**Christina E. Cureton,** Three counts passing bad checks. 1/31/18 - Probation revoked - 30 days jail concurrent and credit for time served.

**Larry James Pack,** Domestic assault - third degree. 1/31/18 - Waive preliminary hearing bound over to circuit court.

**Zachary Joseph Cates,** Chg 1 - Forgery; Chg 2 - Stealing. 1/31/18 - Chg 1 - Waive preliminary hearing; Chg 2 - Case certified to circuit court.

**Jamie Marie Ehret,** Operate motor vehicle with visibility reducing material applied to windshield excess vision reducing. 1/31/18 - Fine of $50.50, plus costs.

**Jeremiah R. Eschmann,** Exceed speed limit by 20-25 mph. 1/26/18 - Fine of $155.50, plus costs.

**Johanna Emily Fleer,** Chg 1 - DWI; Chg 2 - Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/31/18 - Chg 1 - SIS two years probation plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $100.50.

**Paula A. Frankenberg,** Chg 1 - No insurance; Chg 2 - Failure to register motor vehicle. 1/24/18 - Chg 1 - Fine of $25.50, plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $100.50.

**Louis E. Giedinghagen Jr.,** Defective equipment. 1/16/18 - Fine of $100.50, plus costs.

**Jacob Allen Guthrie,** Driving while revoked/suspended - first offense. 1/10/18 - Fine of $200, plus costs.

**Richard Alan Harland,** Driving while revoked/suspended - first offense. 1/10/18 - Fine of $100, plus costs.

**Gregory Allen Hicks** Jr., Chg 1 - DWI; Chg 2 - Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/31/18 - Chg 1 - SIS two years probation plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $75.50.

**Jarred Wayne Hill,** Chg 1 - Operate vehicle on highway without a valid license - first offense; Chg 2 - No insurance; Chg 3 - Failure to register motor vehicle. 1/17/18 - Chg 1 - Fine of $250.50, plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $50.50; Chg 3 - Fine of $20.50.

**Dale Ray Ingram Jr.,** Chg 1 - Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Chg 2 - Fail to drive on right half of roadway when roadway was of sufficient width. 1/10/18 - Chg 1 - Fine of $100, plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $75.50.

**Grant Edgar Jarvis,** Fail to display plates on motor vehicle/trailer. 1/10/18 - Fine of $20, plus costs.

**Brandon Michael Jones,** DWI. 1/10/18 - SIS two years probation; two days shock with credit, plus costs.

**Michele Kolbasko,** Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/29/18 - Fine of $190.50, plus costs.

**Rachel Ann Lang,** Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/29/18 - Fine of $100.50, plus costs.

**Casey N. Lynn,** Two counts passing bad checks less than $500. 1/17/18 - SIS two years probation plus costs.

**Shane Wesley Manues,** Chg 1 - Driving while revoked/suspended - first offense; Chg 2 - No seat belt. 1/31/18 - Chg 1 - Fine of $200.50, plus costs; Chg 2 - Fine of $10.

**Amy Nicole Maxwell,** Non-support. 1/17/18 - SIS two years probation, plus costs.

**Lester Franklin Missey,** Exceed speed limit by 1-5 mph. 1/5/18 - Fine of $210.50, plus costs.

**Lester Franklin Missey,** No seat belt. 1/5/18 - Fine of $10.

**Derek Holden Moll,** Driving while revoked/suspended - second or subsequent offense. 1/31/18 - Two days jail credit for time served, plus costs.

**Steven R. Neal,** Failure to register motor vehicle. 1/31/18 - Fine of $50.50, plus costs.

**Jennifer Lynn Torrence,** Chg 1 - Possession of marijuana synthetic cannabinoid of 10 grams or less; Chg 2 - Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia - prior drug offense. 1/31/18 - Chg 1 - Two days jail; Chg 2 - Two days jail concurrent with Count I.

**Marty Alan Webb,** Exceed speed liimit by 1-5 mph. 1/12/18 - Fine of $150.50, plus costs.

**Brittney N. Wilcox,** No seat belt. 1/31/18 - Fine of $10.

**Brittney N. Wilcox,** Failure to register. 1/31/18 - Fine of $50.50, plus costs.

**Midland Funding LLC** v. Tera Bockting, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $703.96, plus costs.

**Eli M. Wilson** v. Director of Revenue, Revocation of Petitioner's driving privilege sustained.

**LVNV Funding LLC** v. Stephen Matthew Branson, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $595.62, plus costs.

**Consumer Adjustment Co. Inc.** v. Shannon Dione Helmig, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $967.47, plus costs.

**LVNV Funding LLC** v. Shannon Dione Helmig, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $613.13, plus costs.

**Capital One Bank (USA) N.A.** v. Jennifer A. Lambert, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $4,108.38, plus costs.

**Bank of America** v. Jacob M. Glaser, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $7,082.96, plus costs.

**Midland Funding LLC** v. Keith Patrick Lekey, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $847.04, plus costs.

**Midland Funding LLC** v. Keith Patrick Lekey, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $3,481.72, plus costs.

**LVNV Funding LLC** v. Gary Lee Miller, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $1,202.96, plus costs.

**Conusmer Adjustment Co. Inc.** v. Ronald James Miller, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $979.75, plus costs.

**Wakefield & Associates Inc.** v. Faith M. Murdick, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $9,255.42, plus costs.

**Heights Finance Corp** v. Arial N. Osborne, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $1,859.88, plus costs.

**Midland Funding LLC** v. Arnold Ruecker, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $2,367.93, plus costs.

**Consumer Adjustment Co. Inc.** v. Tiffany Lorriane Rutledge, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $1,156.13, plus costs.

**The Ted & Mae Davis Trust** v. Marie Wockenfuss, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $2,626.70, plus possession of premisis.

**Consumer Adjustment Co. Inc.** v. Kathy Ziegler, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of $800.55, plus costs.

**Jennifer A. Lambert** v. Marc A. Lambert, Judgment of Dissolution.

**Keith R. Heying** v. Casey R. Heying, Judgment and Decree of Dissolution.

**Jordan Thomas Zerr** v. Department of Revenue, Petitioner's driving privilege be reinstated.

**Miller's Salvage & Sales LLC** v. Director of Revenue, Judgment declaring ownership.

**Cecil L. Stancil** v. Director of Revnue, Judgment declaring ownership.

**Harry D. West** v. Michelle D. West, Judgment and Decree of Dissolution.




# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## What's the Investment Outlook for 2018



JASON R. CROWE, AAMS® FINANCIAL ADVISOR
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By most measures, 2017 was a pretty good year for investors. But what can you expect in 2018?

It's difficult to precisely predict the immediate future of the financial markets. However, many signs point to improved global economic growth and rising corporate earnings – both of which are important drivers of stock prices. In the United States, economic growth may be more modest than in other regions, which could result in international stocks outperforming domestic ones.

Here's another consideration: Low interest rates typically benefit the financial markets – and unless inflation jumps sharply, the Federal Reserve will probably remain patient, only raising short-term rates slowly throughout 2018.

Despite these positive signs, there's also reason for caution. Political uncertainty and changes in economic policies may lead to increased market volatility. Another factor is the long-term history of the stock market, which includes a drop of 10% or more – technically called a "correction" – about once a year. We've gone two years since the last correction, so it would not be surprising if we saw one in 2018.

Given this outlook – which could be classified as "moderately optimistic" – what investment moves should you consider this year? Here are a few suggestions:

Rebalance your portfolio – The market's gains may have increased the value of your stocks so much that they now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended – and you may not be comfortable with this increased presence.

So, you may want to rebalance your portfolio to achieve a suitable mix of stocks and bonds, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. As part of this rebalancing, and in an effort to help reduce the impact of market volatility, you may need to add investment-grade bonds and cash investments. (Of course, bonds carry some risks, too, including interest rate risk and credit risk.) The availability of cash will also make it easier for you to purchase stocks during a market downturn, when prices may be lower.

Look beyond U.S. borders – You may want to consider adding some international equity investments to your portfolio, if appropriate. As mentioned above, these stocks may do better than U.S. stocks in 2018, but regardless of performance, the presence of global stocks can help diversify your portfolio – and diversification can help decrease your overall risk level. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) Keep in mind that international investing carries some inherent risks, such as those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

Be aware of "big" versus "little" – If you don't own many stocks of smaller companies, you might consider adding them to your portfolio. Smaller U.S. stocks have traditionally outperformed larger ones and may benefit from stronger economic growth and lower corporate tax rates. Be aware, though that small company stocks tend to be more volatile than those of larger companies. And, as with all stock investments, you may risk losing some or all of your principal.

You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine which of these moves, or any others, are right for you. You can't control the external factors affecting the financial markets, but you can take total charge of your own investment decisions – and in the long run, these decisions can help determine your success as an investor.

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**TIMOTHY HATCHER**, Gerald, was arrested by the Gasconade Count Sheriff's Department on Feb. 3 following a traffic stop on Highway 19 and Roethemeyer Road on an outstanding warrant alleging failure to abide by a court order, Maj. Eric Wilbanks reported. Deputies determined during the stop that Hatcher's license was revoked/suspended. During a search of the 2006 Dodge passenger car, suspected marijuana was discovered. Hatcher was transported to the Crawford County Jail.

**HANNAH FLETCHER**, an Owensville High School Class of 1998 graduate, is also teaching at OHS. The former Hannah Uffmann is in her second year directing the Family and Consumer Science program at OHS along with being the school's FCCLA chapter advisor. She taught previously in the Bland and Belle schools, East Central College and in the Cuba schools. Fletcher, along with a couple of other class members, were inadvertently omitted from a story last week which noted thee were several 1998 OHS graduates in the teaching field including Kris Altmeyer who was named assistant principal. Among those also omitted were Megan (Scego) Hoelscher (middle school music in the Overland Park, Kan., area), Angie Miller, and Bobbi (Stahlman) Schaeperkoetter.






PHOTOS BY DAVE MARNER (ABOVE, ON LEFT) AND JACOB WARDEN (BELOW AND TOP RIGHT)




### Busy week

Owensville Fire Department volunteers helped Gasconade Manor Nursing Home staff extinguish a grease fire Thursday afternoon in the catch pan of an oven unit on the lower level of the rehabilitation facility. Two fire extinguishers were used, according to Jeff Arnold with the OFD. Owensville ambulance and police also responded. No injuries were reported and no one needed to be evacuated, said Arnold. Owensville firemen including Brett Holtmeyer (top) helped extinguish a shed fire off Route EE south of Belle on Saturday. An outdoor wood-burning stove inside a shed caught the building and wood stacked inside on fire. A pickup truck was also destroyed. Also on Feb. 3, county deputies and OFD firemen from Mt. Sterling went to Helds Island Road for a fire which damaged Ruby Harper's 2006 Ford F-150.

## Warrant arrests reported by county sheriff

Gasconade County Sheriff's Maj. Eric Wilbanks reports deputies made several felony arrests during the period Jan. 29 to Feb. 4 among 44 reports taken.

On Jan. 30, Christy Moore, Little Rock, Ark., was arrested on an active Gasconade County warrant alleging third-degree assault and resisting arrest. She was taken to the Crawford County Jail. Bond was $15,000.

On Feb. 1, deputies assisted members of the Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group (LANEG) with the execution of a search warrant at 501 East Apple in Owensville. Joshua Tyree was arrested and placed on a 24 hour hold pending a warrant application for alleged narcotic violations. Tyree was transported to the Crawford County Jail.

On Feb. 2, deputies arrested Zachary Ellis, Brighton, Mo., on a Gasconade County warrant alleging leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, possession of control substance (35 grams or less of marijuana), operating a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, failure to register motor vehicle, failure to stop at stop sign, no seat belt and no seat belt for passenger. Ellis was transported to the Crawford County Jail. Bond was set at $5,000.

On Feb. 2, deputies arrested Daniel Clements, Owensville, on an outstanding warrant related to the original offense of driving while intoxicated. Clements was transported to the Crawford County Jail. Bond was $2,500.




# Mo. Dept. of Health and Senior Services working to increase efforts to prevent heart disease in adults and children

The month of February is American Heart Month and includes National Wear Red Day. Both of these campaigns seek to remind Americans and Missourians to focus on their hearts and work together to build a culture of health in the state.

Dr. Randall Williams, director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), a physician with 30 years of experience in obstetrics and gynecology, notes the importance of heart health in mothers. "I strongly encourage people to see heart health as an integral part of pregnancy-related care," says Williams. "Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in Missouri mothers and congenital heart defect is the leading birth defect in our country. Keeping mothers healthy and screening for potential problems as babies develop are as key to prenatal care as taking vitamins and getting regular checkups."

The American Heart Association is hoping to bring awareness to the issue, by encouraging everyone to "Go Red for Women" on National Wear Red Day, then share photos with friends and colleagues with the social media tag #WearRedandGive.

Chair of the Missouri Women's Health Council and Go Red Ambassador Teri Ackerson is acutely aware of the importance of heart health. "As a congenital heart defect and stroke survivor, as well as a Registered Nurse that specializes in neuroscience, the recognition of heart health for the month of February gives me the opportunity to express my gratitude for all of the positive changes we have made with medications, technologies and therapies to improve my quality of life through research," she says. "It also gives me the opportunity to educate and advocate in the community for prevention. Heart disease is the number one killer in our great state and stroke is the number one cause of long term disability; 80 percent of these issues are preventable.

"We have made great strides, but we need to continue to work to decrease mortality, and increase quality of life," Ackerson continues. "Red is more than a color to me...it inspires, and encourages. It brings promise of hope for a cure."

DHSS' efforts to address cardiovascular disease will extend beyond February thanks to a new collaboration with the National Governors Association. The department and the state of Missouri were selected by the National Governors Association to participate in a learning collaborative called Improving Health in Rural America: Addressing the Leading Causes of Death. Missouri is one of six states selected.

The Missouri delegation, consisting of members from the Governor's Office, Missouri Primary Care Association and DHSS, will develop and implement strategies to address heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in both rural and urban Missouri. As part of the National Governors Association initiative, Missouri will work to address these preventable factors, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity.

Heart disease can lead to heart attack, stroke, heart failure and death. Risk can be reduced or prevented with a few simple lifestyle changes, such as:

- Maintain a normal weight;
- Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables;
- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days;
- Avoid tobacco products and limit alcohol intake;
- Get regular medical check-ups and screenings;
- Follow your doctor's instructions for medications, treatment, and management of chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

More information about heart disease can be found at:http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/chronic/heartdisease/index.php.

For more information about the DHSS Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, please visithttp://health.mo.gov/living/families/ruralhealth/index.php.

About the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: The department seeks to be the leader in protecting health and keeping people safe. More information about DHSS can be found at health.mo.gov.

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# AREA OBITUARIES

## Herbert Benton



Herbert James Benton, 83, Gerald, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at St. James VA Home.

He was born Feb. 26, 1934, to James Leslie and Martha (Bray) Benton, in Gerald.

He was united in marriage to Bernice Lorraine Alleman, May 2, 1955, in Lead, S.D.

Herbert was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Gerald. He served in the U.S. Army receiving the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, two Over Seas Bars and Good Conduct Medal. Herbert served as Gerald fireman, fire chief, and was on the Gerald-Rosebud fire district board. He served as city of Gerald alderman, mayor and municipal judge; vice-president of Franklin County Municipal League; life member of VFW. He was a member of Gerald Lions Club and served as vice-president. Herbert was a Gerald business man for 20 years and also a Gerald Countryside Manor board member.

He was preceded in death by parents, James and Martha; brothers, Earl and Leroy Benton; and sisters, Sylvia and Dorothy Mae Benton.

He is survived by wife, Bernice, of the home; children, Marion Bearden and Mike Hillary of Donovan, Ill. and Herbert James Benton Jr. and wife Abena St. Luce of St. John's, Antiqua; brother, Glenn Benton and wife Wanda of Strain; sister, Ann Seba and husband Clifford of Troy; grandchildren, Michele Brendel and husband Jeffrey of Sullivan, D.J. Eberlin and wife Kimberly of Rosebud and Andrew Benton and Ana Benton both of St. John's, Antiqua; and great-grandchildren, Ty, Abrial and Makayla Brendel and Mallory, Carson and Evan Eberlin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Gerald with Pastor Glenn Hollander officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with full military honors.

Family request memorials to Mo. Veteran's Home in St. James or the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home in Gerald.

## Norma Dunn



Norma Alice Dunn, 87, Rosebud, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at Gasconade Manor in Owensville.

She was born April 21, 1930, to Lawrence and Myrtle (Burke) Baker, in Douglas, Wyo.

She was united in marriage to Louis L. Dunn, July 1, 1962, in Casper, Wyo.

Norma enjoyed sewing, crocheting, painting, fishing and hunting and loved the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by parents, Lawrence and Myrtle; husband, Louis; son, Richard Witt; brothers, William, Larry and Johnnie Baker; and sisters, Faye Harrison and Isabelle Henson.

She is survived by daughter, Linda Cardwell and husband James of Rosebud; sons, Robert Witt and wife Kathy of Rock Springs, Wyo. and David Witt and wife Linda of Casper, Wyo.; brother, Richard Baker and wife Ina of Casper, Wyo.; sister Betty Schenck of Chicago, Ill.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her body was cremated and no services are planned at this time.

## Daniel Green



Daniel Warren "Dan" Green, 72, Iuka, Ill., died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at his home.

He was born June 17, 1945, to William Warren and Edith (Musgrave) Green, in Breese, Ill.

He was united in marriage to Sally Charlton, Aug. 29, 1969, at the Marshall Creek Baptist Church.

Daniel served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War Era. He was a member of the Iuka Beagle Club and a lifetime member of DAV Chapter of St. Louis.

Daniel was of the Christian faith. He was a passionate outdoorsman who enjoyed coon and rabbit hunting, along with training beagle dogs. He loved fishing and sharing his fishing stories. He was an animal lover and spent much time in his garden.

He was preceded in death by parents, William and Edith; and sister, Margret Deadmond.

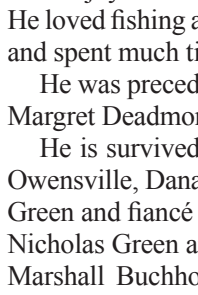
He is survived by wife, Sally, of Iuka, Ill.; children, Dan Green of Owensville, Dana Buchhorn and husband Joseph of Benton, Ark., Tim Green and fiancé Savannah Aker of Crothersville, Ind.; grandchildren, Nicholas Green and wife Katelin, Morgan Todd and husband Tolliver, Marshall Buchhorn, Charles Buchhorn, Bryan Buchhorn, Canarissa Buchhorn and Allayna Green; great-grandchild, Brielle Todd; nieces and nephews, Mitchel Deadmond of Kansas City, Roger Deadmond, Matt Deadmond and Brian Deadmond, all of Odin, Ill. and Carla Deadmond of Indiana; as well as nieces and nephew's of his wife's family.

Visitation will be (today) Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at Irvin Macz Funeral Home, Odin, Ill.

Celebration of life services will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Irvin Macz Funeral Home in Odin, Ill. with Pastor Kyle Emery officiating. Interment will be in the East Lawn Cemetery of Salem, Ill.

Arrangements entrusted to Irvin Macz Funeral Homes, Odin, Ill.

## Arlin Schulte



Arlin Lewis Schulte, 85, Owensville, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City.

He was born April 5, 1932, to Louis and Edna (Witte) Schulte, in Swiss.

He was united in marriage to Vivian Wehmeyer, Oct. 21, 1961, at First Baptist Church in Owensville.

Arlin served in the U.S. Army. He had worked at John Deere for 44 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Owensville and the Bay American Legion.

Arlin enjoyed listening to Cardinal ball games.

He was preceded in death by parents, Louis and Edna Schulte.

He is survived by wife, Vivian, of the home; daughter, Lori Limberg and husband Farren of Owensville; and grandchildren, Jacob Limberg and wife Holli, Amanda Ogunjobi and husband David and Olivia Limberg.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 4, at First Baptist Church in Owensville with Rev. Kevin Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Countryside Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home in Owensville.

## Gerald Thomas



Gerald Joseph Thomas, 81, of St. Charles, MO passed away Thursday, February 1, 2018 in Maryland Heights, MO.

Gerald was born June 20, 1936 in St. Louis, MO to Major Fred Thomas Sr. and Eva Lillian (Mertle) Thomas Withinton. In 1948 the Thomas family moved from Richmond Heights, MO to Owensville, MO. Gerald graduated from Owensville high school in 1954.

In 1955 he began working as a sheet metal worker at McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, beginning a career that would span 40 years. From Sept. 1959 to Sept. 1961 Gerald served in the 105 Howitzer Unit of the U.S. Army in Ft. Bragg, NC. After his discharge, he returned to Missouri and his job at McDonnell Aircraft. Soon after he was promoted to the Production Planning Department, where he worked on a variety of aircraft, writing build orders from engineer drawings. He retired from McDonnell Douglas as an engineer in November 1996.

Gerald married Norma Ruth Picker July 19, 1958 at Leduc Methodist Church near Red Bird, MO. They bought their home in St. Charles in 1962 where they raised their four children: Valerie June, Lynette Gail, Connie Sue and Steven Dean. Together Gerald and Norma raised their family as members of the Methodist Church.

In his free time Gerald loved spending time with his wife Norma, children, sons-in-law, grandchildren, his many other family members and friends. He enjoyed gardening, working on small engines and cars, playing pinochle and games, telling jokes and stories, fishing, swimming, traveling and camping. He especially loved attending the family campouts with his family and cousins every year since 1980. Gerald always loved the country and acquiring the Picker family farm in 1996 provided a great source of joy. There he and Norma gardened, put in crops (with the help of brother Eldred) and made many memories with family and friends.

Gerald was called to his eternal home and a great reunion in Heaven. He was preceded in death by his parents Major Thomas, Sr. and Eva Thomas Withinton, stepfather Thomas (Bud) Withinton, brother Eldred Thomas, brothers-in-law James Shoemaker, Lawrence and Melvin Picker and sisters-in-law Erna Thomas and Jean Picker, nephew Robert Thomas, nieces Angel Thomas, Pam Church, and Sandy Shoemaker.

Gerald is survived by his wife Norma; children Valerie (Ron) Woerndle, Lynette (Craig) Hoffman, Connie (Paul) Ratliff and Steve Thomas; grandchildren Justin Woerndle, Jessica, Abigail and Zachary Hoffman; brother Major F. Thomas Jr., sister Marilyn Shoemaker, sisters-in-law Mary Lou Thomas and Susan Picker. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, step-family, and many friends.

He shared his kind heart and joy with family, friends and strangers. He will be dearly missed and will live forever in the hearts of those who loved him.

Visitation will be held Thursday February 8 (4-7 pm) at Archway Memorial Chapel, 111 Taylor Rd. in Hazelwood, MO and Friday February 9 (4-7 pm) at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home in Owensville, MO.

Services will be held Saturday February 10 at 10:30 am at the Gottenstroeter Chapel in Owensville. Burial will follow at Leduc Methodist Cemetery near Red Bird.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested Memorial Contributions in Memory of Gerald Thomas be made to the Leduc Cemetery Association, 3700 Dogwood Lane, Owensville, Missouri 65066.

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## *Pep assembly fun at OHS*

Owensville High School homecoming court members (top left, middle left and above photos) competed in a relay race involving plungers and hula hoops. OHS Homecoming King Sean Irwin used plungers to pull himself across the gym floor. Queen Grace Toelke, senior Kory Bauer and Irwin formed a human chain through hula hoops. Outgoing OHS Assistant Principal John Fortney (top right and middle right photos) gets wet after losing hands of the card game war to OHS Principal Cindy Hawkins. OHS Cheerleaders and the band also performed during the pep assembly held Friday afternoon.

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**THE OWENSVILLE LICENSE** fee office will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day.

**THE MISSOURI STATE** Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on Monday, Feb. 12, in observance of Lincoln Day (normal operations resume on Tuesday, Feb. 13), and Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Washington's birthday (normal operations resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20).

**OWENSVILLE HIGH** School's vocal music department is hosting a concert performance by the Four Rivers Conference's All-Conference Choir at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the school's large gym. The public is invited to attend this free concert featuring All-Conference Choir members from the Four Rivers schools.

**OWENSVILLE GUN** Club holds its annual membership meeting beginning with a meal at noon on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the clubhouse. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. The OGC's M1s for Vets Project will be selling chances on a 1942 M1 Garand CMP Special and OGC clothing will also be sold. All OGC members are invited to attend.

**OWENSVILLE PARK** Board members are scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Owensville Golf Course clubhouse. The meeting is open to the public.

**GASCONADE COUNTY** R-2 School District's Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Administrative Building. The meeting is moved back one day due to the President's Day holiday on Feb. 19.

**R-2 SCHOOLS ARE NOT** in session on Friday, Feb. 16, due to scheduled professional development workshops for faculty. Schools will be in session on Monday, Feb. 19, since classes were cancelled yesterday (Tuesday) due to icy road conditions. Schools had been scheduled to be out of session for President's Day (Feb. 19) but it was scheduled as a "snow day" to make up for the first day of missed classes. Any additional day of missed classes due to the weather will be made up during the period of May 17 to 25. The last day of the school year currently stands at May 16.

**OWENSVILLE CITY HALL** is closed on Monday, Feb. 19, for President's Day and reopens on Tuesday.





PHOTOS BY DAVE MARNER (ABOVE) AND WILL JOHNSON (BELOW AND LEFT)

## *Winter royalty at OHS*

Senior Kory Bauer (far left) reacts after classmates Grace Toelke (center) and Sean Irwin (right) were named 2018 Owensville High School Winter Homecoming Queen and King. Members of the court pictured as a group (below, from left) include Kate Angell, Bryor Bogle, Caitlyn Linders, Brendan Smith, Mackenzie Armstrong, Ohm Pawit, Kelsey Ryerson, Nick Hinch, Taylor Ahring (2017 Winter Homecoming Queen), Wyatt Ellis (standing in for 2017 Winter Homecoming King Logan Moritz), Toelke, Irwin, Alli Dintelman, Kory Bauer, Abby Koepke, Gage Belloir, Gracie McGee, Cason Gray (standing in for Tighe Bombach), Taylor McClure and Tristan Liebi. Back to the Future was this year's homecoming theme.




## 25th Forage & Beef Conference schedule Feb. 23 at Cuba K.C. Hall

University Extension, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts from Phelps, Crawford, Dent, Maries and Gasconade counties are planning their 25th Forage and Beef Conference on Monday, March 12, at the Cuba Knights of Columbus Hall.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the first speaker is at 1 p.m.

This is 25th year of providing information to livestock and forage producers. The event will start off with programs that are offered through USDA, SWCD and MDC.

Wesley Tucker, agriculture business Specialist with University Extension, will provide valuable insight on lease agreements. Cow/calf mineral nutrition will be the topic of Dr. Eric Bailey, a University Extension beef specialist. The producer's panel discussion this year will focus on grass fed marketing.

The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Jason Salchow, a doctor of veterinarian medicine from Missouri State. Salchow's topic is "Custom Grazing: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly."

Salchow, his wife, Sharon, and five children live on Terrell Creek in Christian County, Mo. His children are the fifth generation to live on this creek. His goal from an early age has been to make a living on those hills.

This goal has lead him to attempt numerous crazy schemes such as guided rabbit hunts, Guernsey cow breeding, veterinary school, and custom grazing, just to name a few. He has a tendency to gravitate to the contrarian approach to most problems. This behavior has flourished in the last 16 years due to the end of his formal education, he told organizers of the event.

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

Being on both sides of the transaction gives him a unique perspective on the many ways to screw this up, he noted. He is only qualified to speak on this topic because of the large number of mistakes that he has made.

He is made aware of these mistakes very quickly by his book keeper who keeps her office in the residence. This loving feedback allows for evaluation and change of direction in a timely manner, the speaker will relate during his presentation next month.

Agriculture vendors will be available to visit prior to the start of the conference and during breaks. All of this valuable information and a delicious meal will cost only $10, organizers said.

Reservations are requested by Friday, Feb. 23, by calling the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732 extension 3, or your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Immanuel Lutheran School plans 16th benefit dinner, auctions March 3 at LVL

Immanuel Lutheran School in Rosebud will host its 16th dinner auction on March 3 at Lost Valley Lake's Gentry Hall.

This year's theme is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Gentry Hall will be set up like the inside of Willy Wonka's Factory. Casey Fisher will provide the entertainment for the evening.

"We are looking forward to bringing Wonka's Factory to reality right here in Owensville and using our pure imagination," said Kyla Walters, event chairman. "Each year we have a different theme, and it's always fun getting creative."

The evening, which includes both silent and oral auctions, will feature appetizers and a menu including beef brisket in au jus and stuffed pork loin.

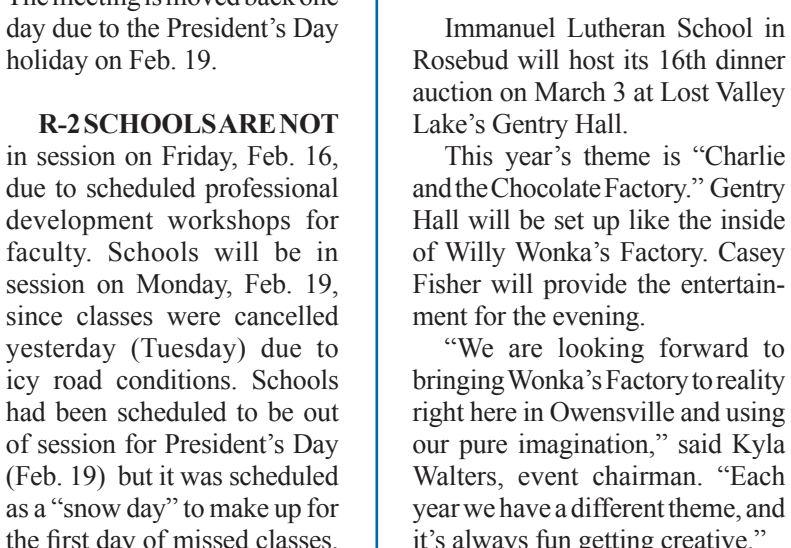
A set of Cardinal tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, gift certificates to local businesses, and a wide variety of baskets have already been collected. Over 100 items auctioned off last year. A dessert auction is also planned.

Anyone wishing to donate for the auction is asked to call Walters at 573-680-9742 or email her at kwalters@citizensbankmo.com. Anything is greatly appreciated.

These auctions raise funds for Immanuel Lutheran School to provides a Christian education to area children. Last year, through the generosity of the donors, the PTL was able to replace the computers for the teachers, bring in a Theatrical Group presentation, Lutheran Schools Week Fellowship Party and pay the salaries of the PE, archery, and music teachers. Other PTL projects included a new secure electronic front door with security system and new lighting throughout the school.

The goal for 2018 is to make technology updates throughout the classrooms, install a commercial grade dishwasher in to help with school lunches and fellowship events, and adding new lockers.

The 16th dinner auction is open to the public but reservations are required. This year tickets are available by calling Walters at 573-680-9742. The cost is $25 per person.




## GASCONADE MANOR NURSING HOME NEWS

# Trained LCC K-9 comfort dog visit the Manor

**BY PATTY KING**
Gasconade Manor Activities Director

Hello everyone! As I sit down to pen this article, I have just learned on Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction…it seems he thinks there is more winter in our future! So keep the hot cocoa warm and the board games handy as we finish up with Old Man Winter.

Earlier this week, we hosted a special visitor named Sheba. She is a trained LCC K-9 comfort dog at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Washington. She is a 3 year old Golden Retriever and has completed over 2000 hours of training. Sheba visits the local hospitals, churches, care centers, events and schools. There are also calls from as far away as Kentucky when a need arises in disaster response situations for calming and supportive measures. She and her handler Rick stopped in Tuesday morning to spread some love and cheer throughout the home.

Many of the people she stopped to see reminisced about their pets and shared fond memories of them.

Pet therapy has many benefits including physical, emotional and psychological well-being of a person. The chance to touch or pet an animal has been known to help lower blood pressure, regulate heart rate and reduce stress. They can also be beneficial in lowering anxiety and depression in many.

What I noticed during our rounds with Sheba were the spontaneous smiles that occurred as well as the promotion of conversation. A big "thank you" to Sheba and Rick for stopping in for a visit!

With February upon us, the Valentine's King and Queen candidates have been selected and the voting process has begun. To cast your votes, stop by the front desk and have your pennies ready. This year's candidates are as follows: Ida Tappmeyer, Juanita Pyatt, Maxine Scheel and June Creason for the ladies and Jim Gauzy, Rick Foriester, George Bentlage and Lenard Schnieder for the gents. Good luck everyone and God Bless!



**MAXINE SCHAEFFERKOETTER** enjoys her visit from Sheba, a trained LCC K-9 comfort dog.

## CHURCH NOTES ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor David Roth of Zion Lutheran Church will officiate Ash Wednesday services, including ashes for those who desire, at Owensville care centers on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Services will be held at Gasconade Manor at 9:30 a.m., Frene Valley at 1 p.m. and Victorian Place at 2 p.m. and will include the hymns *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me," "Just as I Am,"* and *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be."*

Large print bulletins will be provided.

## DISTRICT R-2 SCHOOL MENUS

***Menu is subject to change without notice due to availability. Variety Milk choices-1% White, Chocolate, Strawberry, Skim. Lactose Free is available on request. Extra Milk .40.***

### OES / GES School Lunches

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**
Scrambled Egg/Cheese/Sausage Biscuit, Potato Smiles, Mandarin Oranges

**Thursday, Feb. 8**
Cheesy Beefy Rotini, Garden Salad, Breadstick, Apple

**Friday, Feb. 9**
Cheesy Ravioli, California Blend Vegetables, Mixed Fruit

**Monday, Feb. 12**
Sloppy Joes, Tater Puffs, Carrot Sticks, Cinnamon Applesauce

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Bosco Sticks, Steamed Broccoli, Orange Wedge

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Beef Taco Pie, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Graham Cracker

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Hot Dog/Bun, Reduced Fat Chips, Celery, Mixed Fruit

**Friday, Feb. 16**
No School

### OMS School Lunches

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**
Scrambled Egg/Cheese/Sausage Biscuit, Potato Smiles, Mandarin Oranges

**Thursday, Feb. 8**
Cheesy Beefy Rotini, Garden Salad, Breadstick, Apple

**Friday, Feb. 9**
Cheesy Ravioli, California Blend Vegetables, Mixed Fruit

**Monday, Feb. 12**
Sloppy Joes, Tater Puffs, Carrot Sticks, Cinnamon Applesauce

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Bosco Sticks, Steamed Broccoli, Orange Wedge

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Build Your Own Wrap, Reduced Fat Chips, Fruit Cup

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Hot Dog/Bun, Reduced Fat Chips, Carrots, Mixed Fruit

**Friday, Feb. 16**
No School

### OHS School Lunches

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**
Build Your Own Wrap, Reduced Fat Chips, Fruit Cup

**Thursday, Feb. 8**
Cheesy Beefy Rotini, Garden Salad, Breadstick, Apple

**Friday, Feb. 9**
Toasted Ravioli, California Blend Vegetables

**Monday, Feb. 12**
Sloppy Joes, Tater Puffs, Carrot Sticks, Cinnamon Applesauce

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Bosco Sticks, Steamed Broccoli, Orange

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Beef Taco Pie, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Graham Cracker

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Hot Dog/Bun, Reduced Fat Chips, Celery, Mixed Fruit

**Friday, Feb. 16**
No School

*Menus subject to change without notice due to availability. Garden Salad Bar available Mon., through Fri., as alternative Entree. Pizza with fruit and veggies offered daily, as alternative Entree.*

## SENIOR SERVICES

### Owensville Senior Menu

*214 N. First St.*
*Phone 437-3096*

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**
Beef/Cabbage Casserole, Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Chicken Tenders, Brussels Sprouts, Cookies

**Thursday, Feb. 8**
Baked Pork Chop, Broccoli, Fruited Jello, Beef Stew, AuGratin Potatoes, Fruit Crumble

**Friday, Feb. 9**
Fish, Roasted Mediterranean Blend, Peaches, Chicken Pot Pie, Corn Flaky Potatoes, No Bake Cookie

**Monday, Feb. 12**
Hamburger/Grilled Onion, Green Beans, Peaches, Honey Bourbon Pork Chop, Sweet Potato Fries, Pineapple Upside/Down Cake

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Breaded Fish, Carrots, Coleslaw, Cool Mint Crumble Bars

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Pork Loin, Mashed Potato, Sonoma Vegetables, Strawberry/Banana, Beef Parmigiana Patty, Hot Rolls, Cake

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Pears, Chicken Broccoli Casserole, Roasted Vegetables, Fruit Crisp

**Friday, Feb. 16**
Easy Parmesan Crust Chicken, Baked Sweet Potato, Brown Betty Apples, Tuna Noodle Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Brownies

### Owensville Senior Events

Wednesday, Feb. 7
12:30 p.m. ..... Pinochle
Thursday, Feb. 8
12:30 p.m. .....Free BINGO
..... Frene Valley
Friday, Feb. 9
12:30 p.m. ..... Pinochle
Saturday, Feb. 10
6:00 p.m. ..... Pinochle
Monday, Feb. 12
12:30 p.m. .....BINGO
Tuesday, Feb. 13
.....Mardi Gras
Wednesday, Feb. 14
.....Valentine's Day
12:30 p.m. ..... Pinochle
Thursday, Feb. 15
12:30 p.m. ..... Board Meeting
Friday, Feb. 16
12:30 p.m. .....Pinochle

### Gerald Senior Menu

*140 W. Industrial Drive*
*Phone (573) 764-2256*
**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 10:30 A.M. DAILY**
**ALSO SERVING LESLIE AND BEAUFORT**

**Thursday, Feb. 8**
Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Egg Rolls, Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Chinese Slaw

**Thursday, Feb. 15**
Ham/Beans, Cornbread, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce

### OATS Schedule

*For reservations*
***call (573) 437-5539***

Feb. 13.....Swiss
Feb. 14.....Amish Stores
Feb. 16..... Washington
Feb. 19.....Jefferson City

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Awareness to Action
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**Saturday, Feb. 10**

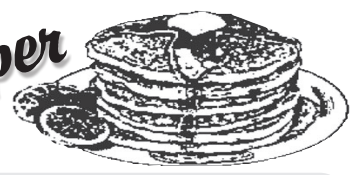
From 7:00-11:00PM

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**Tuesday, Feb. 13**

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**Sunday, Feb. 18TH**

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**Rosebud Immanuel Lutheran School Basement**

MENU: Sausage & Sauerkraut, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Applesauce, Salad, Beverage & Desserts.



With Bake Sale & Country Store!!

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**FEB. 9, 10, 11, 13 &14**

*Valentine* 5 DAYS

❷ 10 oz Ribeye Steaks $34.99

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Includes Choice of Potato & Salad…

❷ Crableg Dinners $30.99

Includes Choice of Potato …

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| FRI–SAT | 12:45 | 4:00 | 7:20 | 9:30 |
| SUN–THURS | 12:45 | 4:00 | 7:20 | — |

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| FRI–SAT | 1:30 | 4:20 | 7:10 | 9:45 |
| SUN–THURS | 1:30 | 4:20 | 7:10 | — |

**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** PG13

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| FRI–SAT | 1:00 | 4:00 | 7:00 | 9:40 |
| SUN–WED | 1:00 | 4:00 | 7:00 | — |
| THURS | 1:00 | 4:00 | — | — |

*Limited Time Only ~*

*All Tickets All Day:* $6.50 ~ 3D $8.50

**Maze Runner: Death Cure** PG13

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRI–SAT | 12:45 | 3:45 | 6:50 | 9:45 |
| SUN–THURS | 12:45 | 3:45 | 6:50 | — |

**Peter Rabbit** PG

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRI–SAT | 1:15 | 4:15 | 6:40 | 8:50 |
| SUN–THURS | 1:15 | 4:15 | 6:40 | — |

*and* Starting Thurs., 02/15/18:

**BLACK PANTHER** PG13

THURS, 02/15/18 … • 7:00PM ONLY

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**FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11 & 14**

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Owensville, MO ~ North of Hwy 50 between Drake & Rosebud

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

• Dinner Will Be Served at 6:00PM

Keynote Speaker: **Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer**

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**RESERVATIONS:**

| ADVANCE: | AFTER FEB. 15: | AT DOOR: |
|---|---|---|
| $20.00 | $25.00 | $25.00 |

*(Wheelchair accessible)*

Pre-register by mailing a check in the amount of $20.00/per guest to:

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## Valentine's Day

Bring your Sweetheart to the

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**Friday, Feb. 9** (5:30PM–8:30PM)

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Appetizers and Desserts will be available

~ Music by "Indian Joe"

**Saturday, Feb. 10** (5:30PM–8:30PM)

Prime Rib, Italian Cheesy Chicken, or Shrimp; Special desserts included

~ Music by "Looking Back"



**Wednesday, Feb. 14** (5:30PM–8:30PM)

Prime Rib, Salmon, or Shrimp

Shrimp Cocktail Appetizer and Special Valentine's Dessert will be included

~ Music by "Tobey Fisher"

~ CALL FOR RESERVATIONS ~

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**SHOW TIMES FOR WEEK OF 02/09/18 TO 02/15/18**

**■ 50 SHADES FREED**

R • 1 hr. 46 min. • **Opens 02/09/18**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thurs., Feb. 8 … | — | — | 7:00 | — |
| Fri. | — | 3:30 | 6:20 | 8:45 |
| Sat. | 12:30 | 3:30 | 6:20 | 8:45 |
| Sun. | 12:30 | 3:30 | 6:20 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 3:30 | 6:20 | — |

**■ PETER RABBIT**

PG • 1 hr. 38 min. • **Opens 02/09/18**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri. | — | 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40 | |
| Sat. | 12:00 | 2:10 | 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40 |
| Sun. | 12:00 | 2:10 | 4:20 | 6:30 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | **3:50** | **6:15** | — | |

**■ THE 15:17 TO PARIS**

PG-13 • 1 hr. 39 min. • **Opens 02/09/18**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri. | — | 3:40 | 6:30 | 9:10 |
| Sat. | 12:40 | 3:40 | 6:30 | 9:10 |
| Sun. | 12:40 | 3:40 | 6:30 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 3:40 | 6:30 | — |

**HOSTILES**

R • 2 hrs. 18 min. • Held Over

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| Fri. | — | 3:10 | 6:10 | 9:00 |
| Sat. | 12:10 | 3:10 | 6:10 | 9:00 |
| Sun. | 12:10 | 3:10 | 6:10 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 3:10 | 6:10 | — |

**MAZE RUNNER**

PG-13 • 2 hrs. 26 min. • Held Over

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri. | — | 3:00 | 6:00 | 8:50 |
| Sat. | 12:00 | 3:00 | 6:00 | 8:50 |
| Sun. | 12:00 | 3:00 | 6:00 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 3:00 | 6:00 | — |

**JUMANJI**

PG13 • 2 hrs. 3 min. • Held Over

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri. | — | 3:20 | 6:00 | 8:30 |
| Sat. | 12:20 | 3:20 | 6:00 | 8:30 |
| Sun. | 12:20 | 3:20 | 6:00 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 3:20 | 6:00 | — |

LAST CHANCE • ENDING 02/08/18 **"FERDINAND," "3 BILLBOARDS" & "12 STRONG"**

COMING SOON • OPENING 2/16/18 **"BLACK PANTHER" & "EARLY MAN"**

**"50 SHADE FREED" TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

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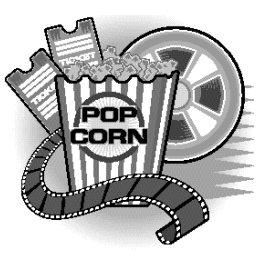
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***PLEASE NOTE:*** If a movie is scheduled to play at 3:20 then the movie itself will start at 3:25. At most, there will only be 5 minutes of previews before actual movie begins. ***Doors open 30 minutes before first movie starts. Large backpacks and bags must be left at front counter or in your vehicle.***

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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**✔ FIFTY SHADES FREED**

R • 1 Hr. 41 min. • **Starts 2/09/18**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:50 | 5:00 | 7:20 | 9:40 |
| Sun. | 1:50 | 5:00 | 7:20 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 5:00 | 7:20 | — |

**✔ PETER RABBIT**

PG • 1 Hr. 33 min. • **Starts 2/09/18**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:00 | 4:00 | 6:20 | 8:30 |
| Sun. | 1:00 | 4:00 | 6:20 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:00 | 6:20 | — |

**✔ THE 15:17 TO PARIS**

PG-13 • 1 Hr. 34 min. • **Starts 2/09/18**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:30 | 4:40 | 6:50 | 9:10 |
| Sun. | 1:30 | 4:40 | 6:50 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:40 | 6:50 | — |

**3 BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE OF EBBING**

R • 1 Hr. 55 min. • Held Over

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:40 | 4:30 | 7:20 | 10:00 |
| Sun. | 1:40 | 4:30 | 7:20 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:30 | 7:20 | — |

**HOSTILES**

R • 2 Hrs. 13 min. • Held Over

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:10 | 4:20 | 7:10 | 9:50 |
| Sun. | 1:10 | 4:20 | 7:10 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:20 | 7:10 | — |

**MAZE RUNNER: The Death Cure**

PG-13 • 2 Hrs. 21 min. • Held Over

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:00 | 4:00 | 7:00 | 10:00 |
| Sun. | 1:00 | 4:00 | 7:00 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:00 | 7:00 | — |

**JUMANJI**

PG13 • 1 Hr. 58 min. • Held Over

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:10 | 4:10 | 6:50 | 9:20 |
| Sun. | 1:10 | 4:10 | 6:50 | — |
| Mon.–Thurs. | — | 4:10 | 6:50 | — |

**12 STRONG**

R • 2 Hrs. 10 min. • Held Over

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri.–Sat. | 1:20 | 4:10 | 7:00 | 9:50 |
| Sun. | 1:20 | 4:10 | 7:00 | — |
| Mon.–Wed. | — | 4:10 | 7:00 | — |
| Thurs. | — | 4:10 | only | — |

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✔ **BLACK PANTHER** • *PG-13* • *2 Hrs. 14 Min.* • *Starts Thurs. 2/15/18*

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## Owensville • Troop 22










### Troop 22 activities

Last year was a great year for the scouts of Troop 22. Six of our scouts advance in rank. Connor Lang advanced to Life Scout, one level away from the coveted Eagle Scout rank. Tanner Brown will earn his Life Scout badge this month.

Seven of our scouts earned a collective total of 24 merit badges. They acquired this impressive total by attending the Jefferson City Troop 2 Merit Badge University in April, scout camp at Camp Hohn-Lake of the Ozarks in July, Linn Merit Badge University in July, and the Mizzou Merit Badge University in October.

This year, Connor Lang was inducted into Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. Nominated and elected by his peers, this organization recognizes those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in everyday life and conduct cheerful service to others.

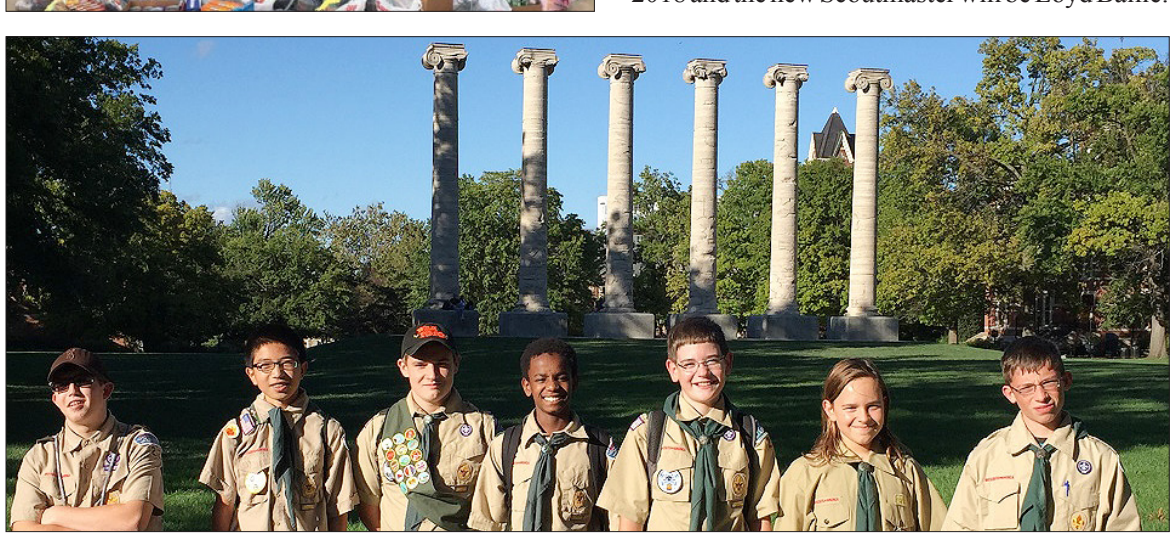
Our troop assisted the community with 10 service projects totaling 208 hours. This included Adopt-a-Highway, Color Guard, and annual food drive activities for Helping Hands Outreach Center, to name a few.

We assisted our chartered organization, VFW Post 6133, by posting flags on the graves of veterans at local cemeteries for Memorial Day week, handed out programs and helped set up the Memorial Day service at the post, and in May, we helped to ceremoniously retire 300 worn/torn US, Missouri, and POW flags.

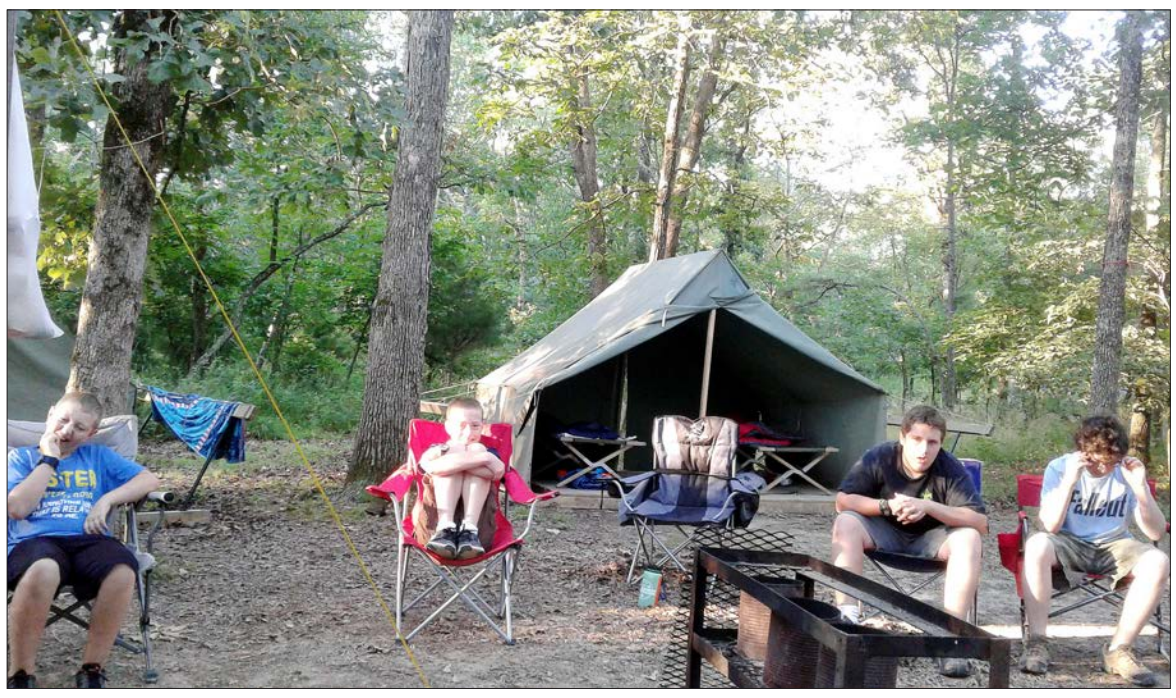
Troop 22 would like to thank everyone that supported us throughout the year with our Rada cutlery fundraiser, national annual popcorn/sausage fundraiser, and our annual Spaghetti Supper/Silent Auction last April. A special thank you goes to VFW Post 6133 and Auxiliary for your continued assistance.

Your son can be a Scout if he is at least 10 years old and has completed the fifth grade but has not reached age 18. Parents are welcome as well. If interested in joining Troop 22 in Owensville, please contact Scoutmaster Darin Fuchs at 573-680-9064.

Scoutmaster Darin Fuchs will resign on 5-21-2018 and the new Scoutmaster will be Loyd Bailie.



## Gerald • Troop 448



### Troop 448 activities

In 2016 Gerald Boy Scout Troop 448 was active.

We have had a Great year overall. As a Troop we have helped the community

- Leading parades
- Honoring Veterans
- Assisting Rosebud American Legion Post with Flag retirement Ceremonies
- Color Guard duties
- Helping out at the County Fair

Our Scouts are achieving merit badges and experience as leaders as they continue on their journey to Eagle Scout.

We had 2 Scouts complete the NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) as well as being active in our scouting community.

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**DUSTIN JAHNSEN** (above, orange singlet), gets behind Southern Boone wrestler Ty Varvil for two points on his way to a win by fall in 2:53 during senior night wrestling at Owensville High School last Tuesday night. **BRYCE MISTLER** (below, top) breaks down Eagle heavyweight Charlie Smith before pinning him in 4:22.

# SENIOR NIGHT SWEEP

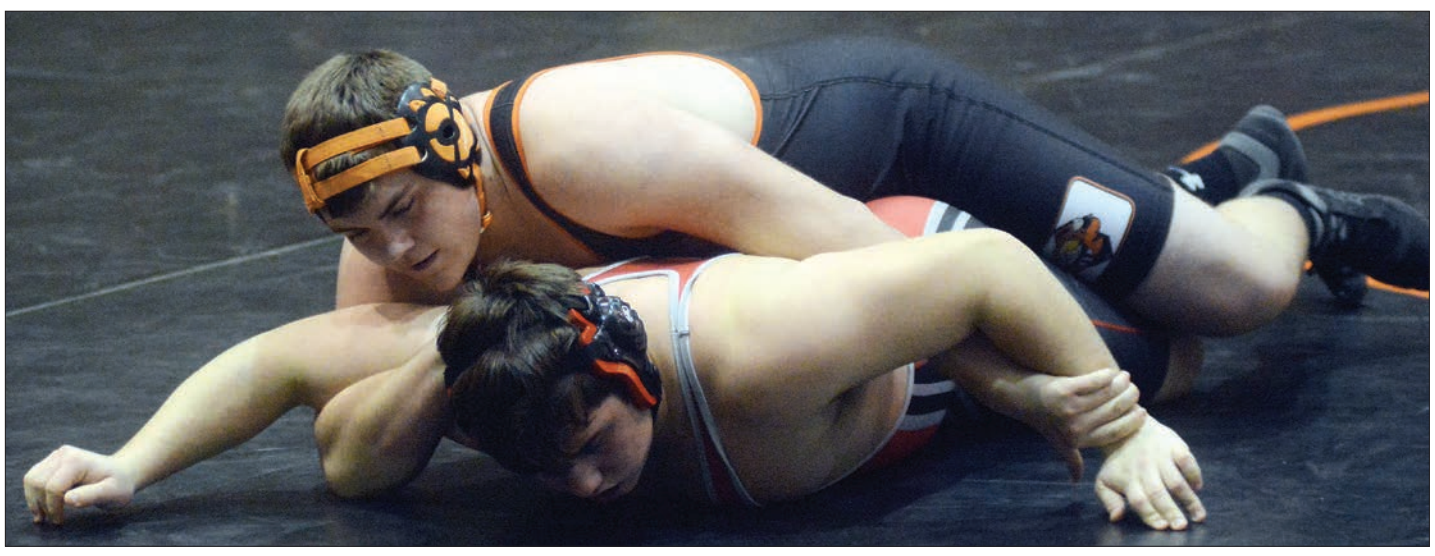
**BY WILL JOHNSON**
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Welcoming Southern Boone's Eagles and Fatima's Comets to Owensville High School last Tuesday night, Rod Barndollar's Dutchmen wrestlers looked to end the month of January on a winning note.

Taking on Southern Boone in the first of three duals, sophomore Tighe Bombach started things off for OHS at 132 pounds.

Trailing 10-1 through two periods, the younger Bombach was pinned in 5:34 by

See **Senior** on Page 20



## 'WILL'FUL THINKING



**by WILL JOHNSON**

## February fever at OHS

From Dutchmen and Dutchgirl basketball against New Haven along with fourth-grade basketball at Owensville High School and district wrestling down in Ste. Genevieve, there will be plenty for everyone to satisfy their sports cravings over the next week before the Valentine's Day holiday next Wednesday.

Tomorrow night (Thursday), Owensville Dutchgirl basketball will host New Haven's Lady Shamrocks beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the junior varsity contest and the varsity game to follow at OHS.

Friday night, it will be the boy's turn as the host Dutchmen welcome New Haven for a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) basketball showdown. Junior varsity action will start things off at 5:30 p.m., as well Friday with varsity basketball to follow.

Also beginning Friday night down in Dragon country at Ste. Genevieve High School, Rod Barndollar's Owensville Dutchmen wrestlers will compete in the

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# *Last-second shot denies Dutchmen homecoming victory*

**BY WILL JOHNSON**
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Poised to deny Hermann a sweep of both the junior varsity and varsity doubleheaders last week, Todd Rehmert's Owensville varsity Dutchmen basketball team picked the wrong time to go cold on offense during their homecoming showdown Friday night with the visiting Bearcats.

Leading by as much as nine in the second half, OHS was held to four fourth-quarter points before Hermann's Rhet Scheidegger put back his own miss at the buzzer spoiling Owensville's homecoming, 38-36.

"We just didn't have enough offense in the fourth quarter," Rehmert said. "This was a tough one for us to not win. We'll look to get back in the win column next week."

Falling behind 4-0 in the opening minutes of the game, Wyatt Ellis and Michael Lahmeyer each scored in the span of a minute to tie the game at 4-4 with 4:35 for the first quarter.

Down 7-4 seconds later, Ellis scored Owensville next four points giving them their first lead of the game at 8-7.

Another Ellis free throw and two from Brady Smith helped the Dutchmen to an 11-10 lead after eight minutes of basketball.

Trailing 16-14 with 6:15 until halftime, senior Sean Irwin made his presence felt after he was crowned 2018 Winter Homecoming King.

Drilling a 3-pointer at the 5:11 mark of

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**WYATT ELLIS** (above, center) feeds the ball to a cutting Kory Bauer during Owensville's 38-36 homecoming and Gasconade County bragging rights basketball loss to Hermann Friday night.
**PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

# Dutchgirls unable to overcome slow second quarter

**BY WILL JOHNSON**
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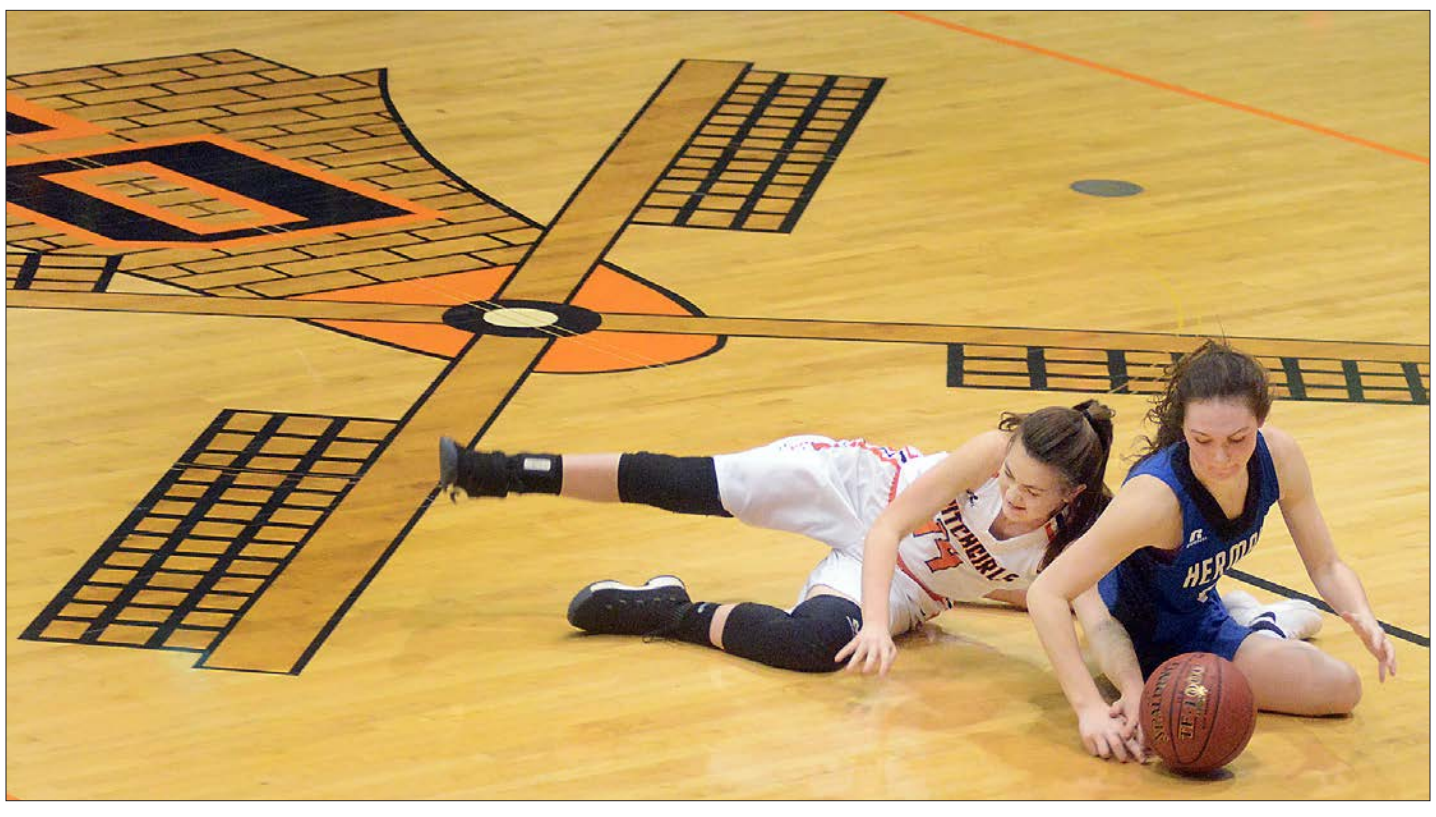
Leading 8-7 on a Katelyn Landolt basket midway through the first quarter, Owensville's Dutchgirls were doing their collective best to stay with a very good Hermann Lady Bearcat basketball team.

Outscored 36-14 the rest of the first half, OHS fell to the visiting Lady Bearcats by a final score of 66-36 in game one of a homecoming and Gasconade County basketball doubleheader Friday night.

Trailing 19-14 after one quarter,

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**DESTINEE BUSENHART** (above, left) battles for a loose ball against Hermann's Lady Bearcats Friday night during Owensville's 66-36 loss in homecoming basketball action.
**PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER**

## OHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

**V/JV Dutchmen Basketball**
**2/7-10** Bourbon JV Tournament
**(See bracket on page 16)**
**2/9 OHS vs. New Haven 5:30 p.m.**
**2/13 OHS vs. Pacific 5:30 p.m.**
**(Senior Night)**

**V/JV Dutchgirl Basketball**
**2/8 OHS vs. New Haven 5:30 p.m.**
**2/12 OHS vs. Pacific 5:30 p.m.**

**OHS Dutchmen Wrestling**
**2/9-10** MSHSAA Class 2, District 1 Tourn. at Ste. Genevieve HS.
**Friday wrestling will start at 5:30 p.m. with first-round matches. Saturday wrestling will begin at 10 a.m., with second-round wrestlebacks.**

**Unless noted otherwise, all Dutchmen and Dutchgirl basketball games will be V/JV doubleheaders.**

## Owensville 4th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament
**February 10, 2018 at Owensville High School**

**St. James** 8:00 a.m. Big Gym **New Haven**
**Cuba** 8:00 a.m. Small Gym **Bourbon**
10:00 a.m. Small Gym
10:00 a.m. Big Gym
**Consolation** 4:00 p.m. Small Gym
**Championship** 5:00 p.m. Big Gym
**Owensville** 9:00 a.m. Big Gym **Union**
**St. Clair** 9:00 a.m. Small Gym **Belle**
11:00 a.m. Small Gym
11:00 a.m. Big Gym
**Third Place** 4:00 p.m. Big Gym

## Owensville 4th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament
**February 10, 2018 at Owensville High School**

**St. James** 12:00 p.m. Big Gym **Strain-Japan**
**Cuba** 12:00 p.m. Small Gym **New Haven**
2:00 p.m. Small Gym
2:00 p.m. Big Gym
**Consolation** 6:00 p.m. Small Gym
**Championship** 6:00 p.m. Big Gym
**Steelville** 1:00 p.m. Big Gym **Owensville Grayson**
**Union** 1:00 p.m. Small Gym **Owensville Glaser**
3:00 p.m. Small Gym
3:00 p.m. Big Gym
**Third Place** 5:00 p.m. Small Gym

## 2018 Bourbon Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament
**February 7 - 10, 2018**

**(1) Steelville** **Bye**
**(4) Cuba** Wed., Feb. 7 5:00 p.m. **(5) Salem**
Bye
Sat., Feb. 10 11:30 a.m.
**Consolation** Sat., Feb. 10 12:45 p.m.
**Championship** Sat., Feb. 10 3:15 p.m.
**(2) Sullivan** Wed., Feb. 7 6:15 p.m. **(7) Bourbon**
**(3) Belle** Wed., Feb. 7 7:30 p.m. **(6) Owensville**
Sat., Feb. 10 9:00 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 10 10:15 a.m.
**Third Place** Sat., Feb. 10 2:00 p.m.

## *Third-grade Dutchmen basketball team wins fourth-grade tourney at Bland Middle School*

Competing Saturday in a fourth-grade basketball tournament at Bland Middle School in Bland, a team of third-grade basketball players from Owensville won the tournament title playing against kids older than them. Team members (right, from left) pictured after their victory in the championship game are Brady Watson, Kylen Menz, Chase Crosby, Bryce Kramme, Colton Echols, Keigan Glaser and Wyatt Lewis. They are coached by Keith Glaser, Brent Crosby and Chad Watson. **PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLEN CROSBY**







## *Sixth-grade Dutchmen basketball takes second place at OHS*

Falling to Steelville in the championship game Saturday at Owensville High School, the sixth-grade Dutchmen basketball team settled for second place in their home tournament. Team members (above, in front, from left) with their medals include Tanner Meyer, Aryon Fisher, Tyler Davison, Layne Evans and Landon Ely; and in back, Glenn Ely (coach), Blake Elliott, Austin Mades, Garrett Crosby, Tyler Scheer, Cody Perkins and Kara Meyer (coach).

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

**KORY BAUER** was incorrectly identified as his older brother Kyle Bauer in last week's *Republican* in a story on Owensville's victory over Belle in varsity boys basketball action. *The Republican* apologizes for the error.

**DUE TO LOW** numbers, Owensville junior varsity Dutchgirl basketball will not compete in the Pacific JV Girls Basketball Tournament this week.

**DUTCHMEN** basketball scheduled for last night (Tuesday) at St. James was canceled due to winter weather in the area. The varsity game will be made up tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. The junior varsity game will not be made up due to Owensville's JV Dutchmen competing in the Bourbon JV Boys Basketball Tournament.

**RYAN FLANAGAN'S** varsity Dutchgirl basketball team needed overtime Saturday afternoon during the Central Bank Shootout at Helias High School in Jefferson City to post a 57-52 victory over the Jefferson City JV Lady Jays. Monday night in St. James, Owensville fell 50-34 to the host Lady Tigers. Further information from both games was not available by press time.

**JV DUTCHGIRL** basketball suffered losses to Monroe City at the Central Bank Shootout Saturday in Jefferson City and on the road Monday night in St. James. Scores from both games were not available at press time.

**FOURTH GRADE** Dutchgirl basketball players coached by Joe Breedlove and Curtis Julius captured first place in the St. Clair Tournament over the weekend to add to their tournament title in Union the previous weekend. McKenzie Risse, Olivia Crull, Rachel Koepke, Carly Julius, Victoria Wright, Ashley Reed, Clara Julius, Mylee Curtis, Jenna Breedlove, Jordin Garner and Hailey Lissner will play at OHS on Saturday, Feb. 10.




**DUTCHGIRL DEFENDERS** (above, from left) Destinee Busenhart, Anna Skornia, Breanna Diestelkamp, Morgan Lairmore and Katelyn Landolt swarm Hermann's Caraline Brune during homecoming basketball action Friday night.
**PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

## Slow • *from page 13*

Landolt and Breanna Diestelkamp combined to account for all 14 of Owensville's first-quarter points.

Seeing Hermann open the second quarter on a 14-1 run, OHS could only muster seven more first-half points to go into halftime trailing 43-22.

Diestelkamp paced the Dutchgirl offense with 14 first-half points.

Allison Stiers and Quincy Erickson both led Hermann with 13 first-half points each.

Held scoreless the first 4:40 of the third quarter, Owensville got four points from Diestelkamp to enter the fourth quarter trailing the Lady Bearcats 57-26.

Able to stop the running clock twice in the first minute of the fourth quarter on buckets from Anna Skornia and Destinee Busenhart, OHS fell in their Highway 19 showdown with Hermann after claiming Highway 28 bragging rights days earlier in the their win over Belle.

Diestelkamp led Owensville with 18 points, 11 rebounds, five blocked shots and three steals.

Landolt scored all seven of her points in the first half followed by Busenhart scoring all four of her points in the fourth quarter.

Morgan Lairmore added a second-quarter 3-pointer while Julie Wright and Skornia rounded the Dutchgirl scoring against Hermann with two points each.

Stiers led three Lady Bearcats in double figures matching Diestelkamp for game-high scoring honors with 18 points. Erickson added 15 points while Emma Godat chipped in 11 points.

OHS will return to action tomorrow night (Thursday) hosting New Haven's Lady Shamrocks with the junior varsity contest starting at 5:30 p.m., and varsity action to follow.

Thursday night in JV action, Owensville also fell to Hermann, 49-34. Skornia (13) and Busenhart (11) both reached double figures for Hannah Wehar's JV Dutchgirls.

## Shot • *from page 13*

the second quarter, Irwin gave the Dutchmen a 16-14 lead.

Playing through two ties later in the quarter, a Tony Terry Jr., put back at the first-half buzzer gave Owensville a 23-19 halftime lead over the visitors from Hermann.

Ellis paced the Dutchmen offense with nine first-half points.

Scoring the final four points of the first half, OHS picked up right where they left off to start the second half.

Behind points from Ellis (2), Irwin (2) and Lahmeyer (1), Owensville opened the second half on a 5-0 run giving them their biggest lead of the game by nine points at 28-19 with 5:20 for the third quarter.

Trading buckets with Hermann the rest of the quarter, OHS found themselves eight minutes from homecoming victory with a 32-27 lead after three quarters.

Only able to get baskets from Trevor Abernathy and Terry in the final eight minutes, Owensville saw their homecoming victory hopes dashed on a last-second put back at the buzzer.

Held to two second-half points, Ellis paced the Dutchmen with a team-high 11 points. Irwin followed with seven points followed by six markers from Smith.

Chet Moeckli led Hermann and all scorers with 16 points. Trent Anderson also found double figures for the Bearcats with 12 points.

Thursday night in the junior varsity contest, Danny Mundwiller's JV Dutchmen fell to Hermann, 47-20. Austin Terry led the JV Dutchmen with eight points.

Last Tuesday night on the road in Bourbon, Owensville made it two wins in two nights against Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) foes.

Breaking open a 16-14 halftime lead, the JV Dutchmen went on to defeat Bourbon 53-34 behind 13 points from Macen Blankenship.

In varsity action from Warhawk country, extra basketball was needed to decide a winner.

Pushed to double overtime, OHS held on for a 69-67 victory in varsity action from Bourbon.

Irwin led three Dutchmen in double figures with 17 points. Abernathy (16) and Lahmeyer (15) also reached double figures for Owensville.

## Will • *from page 13*

Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 2, District 1 Wrestling Tournament.

Competing along OHS over the weekend will be the host Dragons, Affton, Bishop DuBourg, Central (Park Hills), Dexter, Kennett, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lutheran South, Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau), Potosi, St. Clair, St. Francis Borgia, St. James and Sullivan. Bishop DuBourg took Roosevelt's place this year as they did not field a wrestling team this year.

Wrestling on Friday, Feb. 10 will begin at 5:30 p.m., with first-round matches in Ste. Genevieve. Saturday wrestling will kick off at 10 a.m., with second-round wrestleback matches.

Fourth-grade basketball will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday morning with the girls tournament followed by boys action kicking off at noon.

Games will conclude with title games at 5 and 6 p.m., at OHS.

Basketball fever will continue on Monday, Feb. 12 when Pacific's Lady Indians pay a visit to Gasconade County to face the Dutchgirls in another FRC showdown. Junior varsity action will start at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.

Capping a busy week of basketball and wrestling on Tuesday, Feb. 13, John VanLeer's Pacific Indians will visit OHS to face Todd Rehmert's Dutchmen basketball teams with junior varsity action starting at 5:30 p.m.

Also on Tuesday, Feb. 13, senior Dutchmen basketball players, cheerleaders and dance team members will be recognized between the junior varsity and varsity games.



## Fifth-grade Dutchmen hoop it up

Luke Reed (above, left) guards a Montgomery County fifth-grade basketball player during Owensville's fifth and sixth-grade boy's basketball tournament Saturday at Owensville High School. More fifth and sixth-grade boys basketball photos can be seen in coming issues of *The Republican*.
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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI**
Division No. 2
Case No: 17GA-CC00044

**FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,** Plaintiff,
**vs. ROSE MAE HURST, LINDA SCOTT, RONALD HURST,** Defendants.

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**The State of Missouri to Defendant, LINDA SCOTT:**

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for Gasconade County, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to rescind the foreclose sale that occurred on January 15, 2016 and Quiet Title as to the property secured by a deed of trust dated February 6, 2014, and which action affects the following described property to wit:

**TRACT 1:** PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., IN GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7 AND RUNNING EAST 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING EAST 300 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 450 FEET; THENCE WEST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 450 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO ANY PART IN ROADS.

**TRACT II:** PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., IN GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7 AND RUNNING EAST 156 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST 144 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 302.5 FEET; THENCE WEST 144 FEET; THENCE NORTH 302.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO ANY PART IN ROADS.

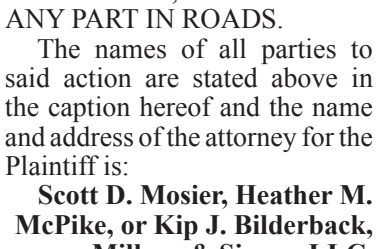
The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is:

**Scott D. Mosier, Heather M. McPike, or Kip J. Bilderback, Millsap & Singer, LLC,**
612 Spirit Dr.,
St. Louis, MO 63005,
(636) 537-0110.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 24th day of January, 2018, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 16th day of January, 2018.

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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**IN RE: RALPH E. BASS, a single person**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of a certain Promissory Note described in and secured by a Deed of Trust dated May 11, 2007, executed by RALPH E. BASS a/k/a RALPH EVERETT BASS, a single person, and recorded on May 15, 2007 as Document No. 2007-1817, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Gasconade, State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, Patrick J. Boyle, the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note, will on

**Thursday, February 22, 2018,**

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (12:00 noon), at the South Front Door of Gasconade County Courthouse, in the County of Gasconade, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate described in said Deed of Trust and situated in the County of Gasconade, State of Missouri, to-wit:

PART OF THE N-1/2 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST LYING SOUTH OF THE RAILROAD AND NORTH OF BLOCK 16 OF JACKISH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GASCONADE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 16 OF JACKISH ADDITION TO GASCONADE AND RUNNING NORTH 52°30' WEST 150 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BLOCK 16 OF JACKISH ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 54°44'09" EAST 56.62 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72°28'03" EAST 60.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48°13'26" EAST 76.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37°30' WEST 68.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING .22 ACRE AS PER DOPUCH SURVEY.

ALSO CONVEYING A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY OVER THE EXISTING DRIVEWAY AS THE SAME IS LOCATED OVER LOT 13 IN BLOCK 16 OF JACKISH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GASCONADE AND OVER THE N-1/2 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST LYING WEST OF ABOVE DESCRIBED .22 ACRE PARCEL.

PARCEL NO.: 04-1.0-11-1-09-002-020

for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

PATRICK J. BOYLE
Successor Trustee
St. Louis County, Missouri
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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

DIVISION 4
CASE NO. 07E2-AC00297
**UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, ASSIGNEE OF PALISADES COLLECTION**
Plaintiff,
VS.
**BETTY A BOWERS**
Defendant.
Date, Time and Location of Hearing:
**February 21, 2018 at 11:00AM**
Gasconade County Courthouse,
119 E. 1st Street,
Hermann, MO 65041

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**The State of Missouri to: BETTY A BOWERS**, 206 Springfield Rd., Owensville, MO 65066.

Upon application of Plaintiff filed in this cause it is hereby,

ORDERED: that you, Defendant, appear before the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, Division IV, on the 21st day of February, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and show cause why the judgment in said cause should not be revived.

SO ORDERED:
(seal)
Ada Brehe-Krueger, Judge,
January 16, 2018
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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE`S SALE**

**IN RE: Erynn Passig a single woman Trustee's Sale:**

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Erynn Passig a single woman dated January 30, 2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Gasconade County, Missouri as Document Number: 2009-0312 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 12:00 PM), at the South Front Door of the Courthouse, City of Hermann, County of Gasconade, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Gasconade County, State of Missouri, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE, STATE OF MISSOURI, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 7 & 8 IN BLOCK 20 IN THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI, AS PER PLAT THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH THAT PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY LOCATED ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS LYING BETWEEN MADISON AVENUE AND JEFERSON AVENUE IN BLOCK 20 IN THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS PER PLAT THEREOF.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

**MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,**
**Successor Trustee**
612 Spirit Drive
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(636) 537-0110
File No: 186349.021618.380786 FC

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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No: 18GA-PR00004

**In the Estate of RANDY D WARNER, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
(Small Estate)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RANDY D WARNER, Decedent.**

On January 16, 2018 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMO, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on March 29, 2017, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year afier the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may jaossibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. Date of first publication is February 7, 2018.

Pamela R. Greunke, Circuit Clerk
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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE, STATE OF MISSOURI**

DIVISION: PROBATE
Estate No: 15GA-PR00037
In the Estate of **JEANNINE M. STOLLMEYER,**
Deceased,

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION**

To all persons interested in the Estate of: **JEANNINE M. STOLLMEYER,** Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and/or real property of the decedent, and of the extent and character of their interest therein, and for distribution of such property, will be filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, by the undersigned on the 26th day of February, 2018, or as may be continued by the court. Any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition, or any item thereof, must be in writing and filed within twenty (20) days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

The name, address and phone number of the personal representative for the estate is:

**FAY OWSLEY,**
Gasconade County Public Administrator
*Attorneys for Personal Representative*
Grayson & Grayson, LLC,
Stormy J. Couchman,
915 Southwest Blvd., Suite N,
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Tel: 573-635-0308

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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE, STATE OF MISSOURI**

DIVISION: PROBATE
Estate No: 13GA-PR00069
In the Estate of **KEVIN SULLENTRUP,**
Deceased,

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION**

To all persons interested in the Estate of: **KEVIN SULLENTRUP,** Deceased.

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### 1 Administrator's Notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE`S SALE**

**IN RE: David R Ashner and Jean Ashner Trustee's Sale:**

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by David R Ashner and Jean Ashner dated December 29, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Gasconade County, Missouri as Document No.: 2000 000211 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Friday, March 2, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 12:00 PM), at the South Front Door of the Courthouse, City of Hermann, County of Gasconade, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Gasconade County, State of Missouri, to wit:

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., EXCEPTING, HOWEVER, THAT TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO WALTER SPAULDING AS PER DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 59 PAGE 618 AND BOOK 59 PAGE 317, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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**MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,**
**Successor Trustee**
612 Spirit Drive
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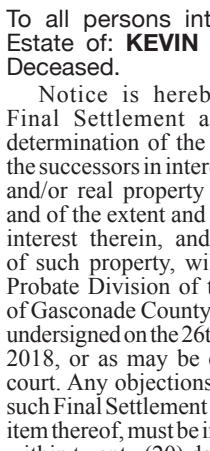
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**Gasconade County R-2 School District Administration**
Request to vacate an Alley running East & West in Block 82 of the Poppenhouse Addition Owensville Missouri.

**SUBJECT TO:** All easements of record, if any.

The Hearing will be held at **7:00PM, on Monday, February 26, 2018**, at City Hall, 107 West Sears Avenue, Owensville, Missouri.

At this Public Hearing any interest person, corporation, or political subdivision may present evidence regarding the proposed request to vacate the above street or alley. Furthermore, any objections to the proposed request to vacate street or alley should be filed, in writing, with the City Clerk.

Nathan Schauf,
City Administrator

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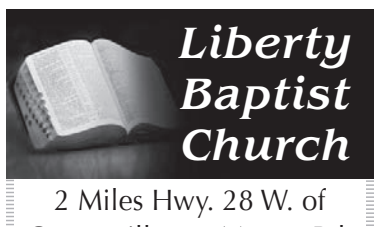
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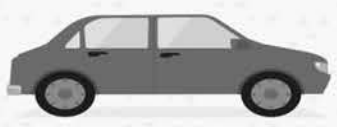
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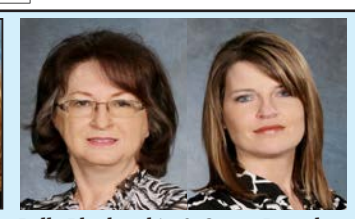
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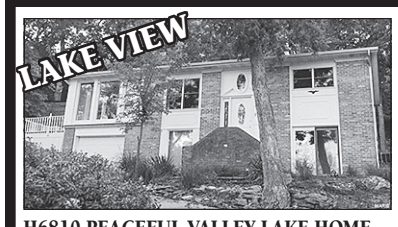


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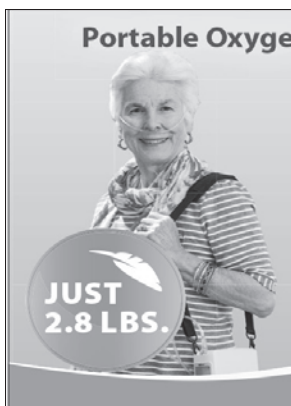
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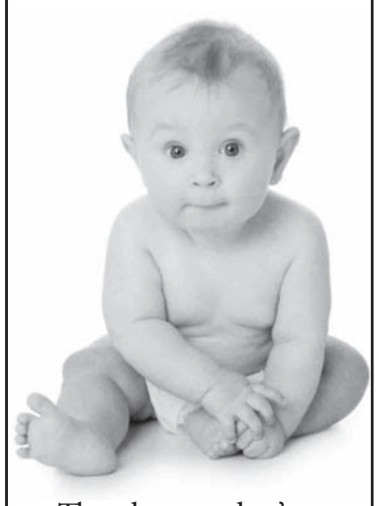
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## Senior • *from page 13*

Eagle grappler Tyler Lutz.

Recently making his varsity debut, freshman Boston Belk suited up for Owensville at 138 pounds against Austin Skaggs.

Down 10-4 midway through the second period, Belk was pinned in 3:41.

On senior night, OHS' first senior to see the mats was Dustin Jahnsen at 145 pounds.

Leading 4-1 after one period, Jahnsen went on to win the match by fall in 2:53.

Two more seniors picked up victories just by showing up.

With the Eagles open at 152 and 160 pounds, Dutchmen seniors Cooper Bombach and Tanner Rector both earned walkover wins.

In the next contested match, fellow senior Caleb Gray faced Southern Boone wrestler Parker Boyce at 170 pounds.

Scoring a quick takedown, Gray turned it into a win by fall in :50.

Sophomore Cody Linders (182) and senior Colton Moore (195) were both also unopposed in their respective weight classes.

Joe Bauer was next on the mats for OHS at 220 pounds against Eagle grappler Charlie Smith.

Scoreless after one period, Bauer scored five second-period points to win the match by a score of 5-1.

At 285 pounds, Bryce Mistler was the latest Dutchmen senior to hit the mats against Southern Boone's Charlie Smith.

Tied at 7-7 after two periods, Mistler grabbed the momentum in the third period going on to win the match by fall in 4:22

With Owensville open at 106 and 113 pounds, the next match for the Dutchmen was senior Austin Angell at 120 pounds against Eagle wrestler Konnor Turner.

Down 4-1 after one period, Angell was pinned in 3:39.

In the last match of the dual, freshman Caden Moss took on Southern Boone's Zach Varvil at 126 pounds.

Moss turned a takedown at the 1:34 mark of the first period into a win by fall in 1:21.

OHS defeated Southern Boone by a team score of 51-24.

Before the Dutchmen took on Fatima, senior wrestlers Cooper Bombach, Jahnsen, Rector, Gray, Moore, Mistler and Angell were recognized for their hard work in a Dutchmen wrestling uniform.

In the final dual of senior night, OHS took on Fatima's Comets.

Looking for a 2-0 night, Jahnsen pinned Comet grappler Andrew Mengwasser in :27. Jahnsen also went 5-1 over the weekend between action at Willard and Marshfield.

Cooper Bombach earned his second walkover win of the night with Fatima also being open at 152 pounds.

In the Springfield area Friday and Saturday, Blaine Schoenfeld returned to the mats at 152 pounds after letting the elder Bombach have two wins on senior night.

During his six matches, Schoenfeld went 3-3.

Rector wrestled unopposed against Fatima leading to him going 6-0 in matches at Willard and Marshfield.

Gray pinned Fatima's Jason Woodruff in 2:21 before also going 6-0 in the Springfield area.

Linders was also unopposed against Fatima before going winless in Springfield over the weekend.

Moore earned his second walkover win on senior night before winning all six of his matches Friday and Saturday.

Bauer dropped a 6-2 decision to Fatima's Connor Temmen at 220 pounds before posting a 4-2 record in the Springfield area.

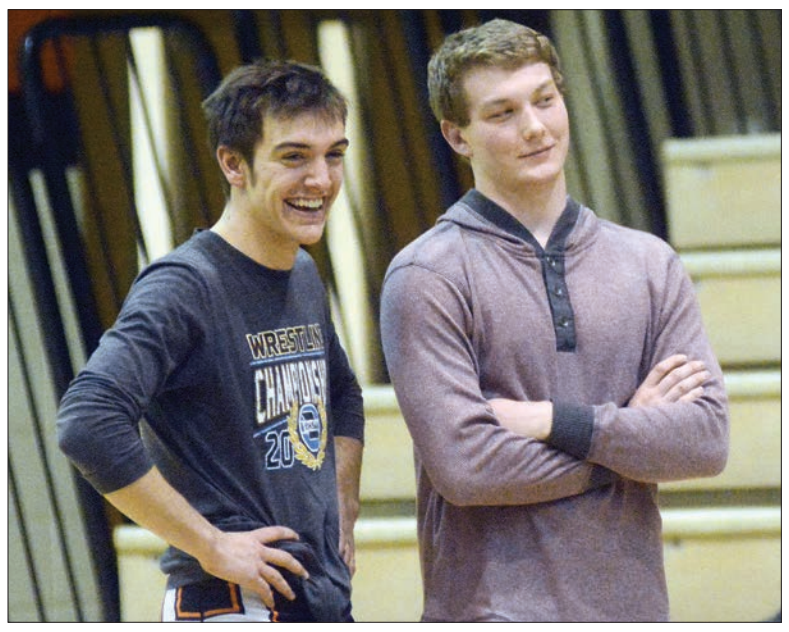
Mistler earned a walkover victory against Fatima before going 5-1 at Willard and Marshfield.

Angell and Moss both wrestled unopposed against Fatima helping the Dutchmen to a 54-27 dual win.

Angell did not wrestle over the weekend due to sickness while Moss was 1-5 in the Springfield area.

Pinned in their respective matches against Fatima, both Tighe Bombach and Belk picked up one win during wrestling in Willard and Marshfield over the weekend.

Thursday night against Potosi's Trojans and Sullivan's Eagles, OHS defeated Potosi 36-30 before falling to the Eagles 53-25 in wrestling action at the small gym due to a JV hoops twin bill in the big gym.





**OHS SENIOR** wrestlers and their family members (above) took time for a group photo before Owensville took on Fatima during their senior-night tri-meet last Tuesday night. **COOPER BOMBACH** and Colton Moore (left, from left) react to the result of a match during senior-night festivities at OHS. **CALEB GRAY** (below, top) controls Fatima wrestler Jason Woodruff before pinning him in 2:21 during their match at 170 pounds. Other senior wrestlers recognized were Austin Angell, Dustin Jahnsen, Bryce Mistler and Tanner Rector. OHS wrestling will compete this weekend in district tournament action at Ste. Genevieve.

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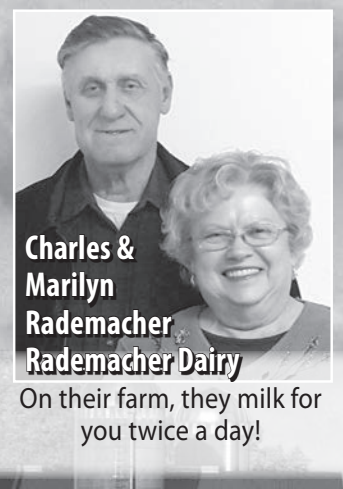




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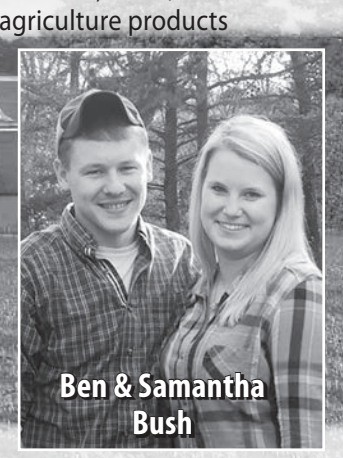

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# Fire destroys home on Shotwell Road

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Gerald-Rosebud firemen were called to a structure fire at 11 a.m. Sunday morning. The fire was already fully engaged in the home in the 4200 block of Shotwell Road.

"Heavy fire was showing throughout the building" Deputy Chief Warren C Weiss noted.

The home had a wood stove in use in the basement. Home owners heard noises from the basement. When they checked, they found a flue fire that was spreading into the walls, according the Weiss.

The homeowners attempted to put the fire out with extinguishers, but the heavy smoke drove them from the basement.

Crews from Beaufort-Leslie, Union, Sullivan and Owensville responded to provide assistance in fighting the flames. Tankers were brought in to provide additional water.

The fire heavily damaged the home which Weiss believes will be a total loss.

The cause of the fire seems "pretty cut and dried," according to Weiss.

Fire crews cleared the scene at 1:47 p.m.

The home sits just east of the Gerald city limits.



**THIS HOME** is expected to be declared a total loss after a Sunday morning flue fire. The home is located just east of the old lagoon on Shotwell Road.
**PHOTO BY LINDA TREST**

# Former Gerald mayor dies

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Herbert Benton,who served as the mayor of Gerald from 1973 to 1976, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the St. James Veterans Home in St. James.

Benton was born and reared in Gerald. He left town to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, receiving several commendations for his service. He came back to Gerald and this is where he stayed.

When he returned to his hometown, he began a life of service to his community. Not only was he the mayor, he also served as an alderman and the municipal judge. He was elected vice-president of Franklin County Municipal League. He was a member of the Gerald fire department, also serving there as fire chief. Later, he was elected to the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District Board of Directors. He was a life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Gerald Lions Club, also serving as vice-president of that organization. He was a board member for the Gerald Countryside Manor.

As a business man, he took over ownership of Benton's Garage from his father James and brother Leroy. Later, he and his wife, Lorraine, owned and operated Benton's Dairy Kreme.

Herb and Lorraine also raised two children, Marion and J.R.

Benton served as mayor in a different era. He believed that everyone should step forward and serve where they could. No matter how busy he was, he made time to be involved in his community.

This year, no one signed up to run for two of the aldermanic seats in town. It is indeed a different era.

His obituary can be found on page 7.

Benton's lifelong service to his community will be missed.

## Planting daffodils

Weather permitting, on Sunday, Feb. 11, the Gasconade County Master Gardeners, led by Cindy Haeffner, will be planting more daffodil bulbs in Gerald. Volunteers are needed. Planting will begin about 1:30 p.m. and finish by 5 p.m. The location is the eastern city limits of Gerald on Highway 50. Bulbs and planting equipment will be provided.

## We Love to Read community and family event planned at St. Paul's

St. Paul's United Church of Christ is preparing for their second annual reading event on Sunday, Feb. 18. Families and community members are invited to attend this free event from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at St Paul's UCC, Fifth and Main, Gerald.

Activities include read aloud with members of our community, drawing for new book sets, craft station, free pizza and refreshments, and everyone leaves with a free, gently used book. The members of St. Paul's UCC are proud to support their community families. Promoting and celebrating the importance of reading is one mission of the church's Christian Education Committee.

## Weather cancels WYSE event at ECC

Due to expected, inclement weather, the regional Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Competition scheduled for today, Feb. 7, has been canceled. The event was scheduled to be held from 3– 7 p.m. in the East Central College gymnasium.

It has been rescheduled to February 13.

More than 175 high school students compete in the event each year from area high schools, some as far as 100 miles away.

## *Gerner charged with stalking*



Michael Ryan Gerner

Michael Ryan Gerner, 27, Union, was arrested Monday, Jan. 29, and charged with first degree stalking.

Earlier that day, a woman reported that her husband, Gerner, violated a court order when he entered her home and removed property. While in the home, Gerner also made verbal contact with the woman, according to a report from Franklin County Sheriff Steve Pelton.

Deputies responded to the woman's home in the 2900 block of Highway 100 in Villa Ridge. They learned there was a full order of protection restricting Gerner from communicating with the victim and entering her home.

Later that day, Gerner was located at a gas station in Villa Ridge. He admitted entering the home. He was arrested and a warrant application was filed with the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Bond was set at $7,500.

## Shop With a Deputy fund-raiser

On March 10, The Franklin County Deputy Sheriff's Association will be hosting a trivia night to raise funds for their Shop with a Deputy Program.

The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Union. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event gets underway at 7 p.m.

There will be a $10 admission charge per person with a limit of eight to a table. Mulligans will sell for $1 each.

Prizes will be given to the team with the best score and to best-dressed themed table.

A silent auction and a 50/50 raffle will also be held. Donations are being sought for the silent auction. Items should be delivered by March 1.

All proceeds from the events will benefit Shop with a Deputy next December. Law enforcement officers throughout the county are invited to shop with a child for Christmas gifts that their own family may not be able to provide. Each child is also treated to a donated lunch and an ice cream cone.

Most of the funds for shopping come directly from the trivia night.

Cpl. Andrew Rosenkoetter is the deputy coordinator for the shopping event. For more information, or to make a donation, contact him at 636-485-9852, or his wife, Danielle at 636-234-8598.

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**THE GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN** meet for their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**THE GERALD LIBRARY** will hold their Second Saturday Sale, Feb. 10, at the library, 357. S. Main. Thousands of used books are available. Take what you want and donate what you can.

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## Senior Expo & Health Fair at East Central College

The Annual Senior Expo & Health Fair will be held at East Central College from 9 a.m.–noon, May 18, in the ECC Gymnasium.

Each year, the free event features more than 40 businesses and service providers who focus on the needs of adults aged 55 and above. There will be door prizes, giveaways, health screenings and guest speakers.

Vendor and sponsorship applications are being accepted for the expo, which will promote health awareness via education/prevention to hundreds of local residents.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Hannah.Domino@EastCentral.edu or 636-584-6742 before, April 6.






## *Local families in need to receive grand prize*

During their annual Christmas in Rosebud the Rosebud Enrichment Association held a drawing for a grand prize worth $2,400. The winner, Pet Peterson donated the prize back to the Rosebud Community. Association president Angie Clancy (center) and vice-president Tonya Zelch-Wagner recently presented the prize to Rosebud Assistant Chief of Police Mason Griffith. He will disburse the items, over a period of time to local families in need.

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## *Fire damages Indian Bend Road home at Rosebud*

A fire south of Rosebud was reported as a vehicle fire that was spreading to a house and field Friday, Feb. 2, at 9:06 a.m. The Sullivan Fire Department responded to the scene in the 8600 block of Indian Bend Road. They found a single story home with heavy fire showing from the rear of the house. A large mobile home and a pick up truck were also involved at the back of the home. One crew worked on knocking down the fire in the main structure. Another concentrated on the pick up truck and mobile home. A third worked on containing the brush fire that was spreading away from the residence. The home owner told fire fighters that no one was home when the blaze began, but they had been burning a small pile of brush about 200 feet from the house. It had been left unattended. The fire was deemed unintentional/accidental by command staff at the scene. The photo at right shows the charred remains of an outdoor structure by a patio near the home. The report completed by the department notes 8,000 gallons of water were used in fighting the fires. 10 personnel worked the fire and four pieces of equipment were used. The report also estimates about one acre of land was burned. The department cleared the scene shortly after 5 p.m.

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# ECC alumna using art therapy to help patients

When she was a senior in high school, Morgaine Denison was awarded an art scholarship to East Central College. She didn't know it at the time, but it started the St. James native down a path to helping people in need.

"Creating art has always provided a space where I feel confident that my voice is heard and understood," she explained. "It has always been my voice and sanctuary."

After her time at ECC, Denison transferred to Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville.

"While I was finishing my bachelor's degree, I had the opportunity to shadow an art therapist at a community mental and behavioral health facility," she explained.

It was an eye-opening experience for Denison. She soon decided to pursue a master's degree in art therapy,encouraging free expression through different art outlets as a therapeutic technique and bringing together the fields of art and psychology.

"A common misconception is that art therapy only suited for children," she said, "but art therapy has been proven effective among a variety of populations!"

When trauma occurs, the brain stores information from the event on both sides of our brain. Complications from trauma arise, Denison explained, when people are unable to access the verbal processes in the brain. This is where art therapy is so useful.

"If we cannot speak about the experience, it makes traditional talk-therapy difficult to engage in. Art has the ability to move information from the 'feelings part' of our brain to the 'speaking part' of our brain. I feel this makes art therapy such a viable treatment modality for many," she said.

Denison's artwork is currently on display in the East Central College Art Gallery. Titled Art Therapy Expanded, the exhibit gives the community an inside look into art therapy. All works were created by the art therapy graduate students from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville, as well as a few faculty members.

A reception will be held for the exhibit Feb. 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hansen Hall, 1964 Prairie Dell Road in Union. It will give the community a chance to interact with the artists.

# ECC Theatre presents "Little Shop of Horrors"

One of the world's most popular musicals, East Central College Theatre is proud to present "Little Shop of Horrors"by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. This monster hit follows the story of Seymour, a meek floral assistant who finds a strange plant that propels him to glory. The problem is…the plant eats blood and it is hungry!

Directed by Grace Austin with music direction by Colin Healy and choreography by Chris Page, "Little Shop of Horors" stars Jacob Schmidt as Seymour, Allison Franzen as Audrey, Lukus Demet as Mushnik, Chad Greife-Wetenhall as Orin the Dentist and Brittany Losh, Tara Steffens and Joy Schickler as Audrey II. Other performers include Kylie Martin, Fiona Martin, Victor Landon, Ethan Kleekamp, Isaac Corum, Xavier Gobble, Aidan Gildehaus, Angela Farson, Lucy McReynolds, Sean Condon, Ariana Stokes, Amy Jackson, Gabe Loazia, Anna Eastman, Caroline Heimos, Ethan Fields, Logan Head, Emily Borgerding, Sammy Sims, Briley Howell, Alan Peterson, Katherine Bolte, Andrew Klemme, Abbey Fury and Maddy Crews.

With technical direction by Chris Swanson, lighting design by Kevin Shaw and costume design by Marci Franklin, "Little Shop of Horrors" will be performed Feb. 15-17, at 8 p.m. and Feb.18 at 2 p.m.. Tickets are available at ecctheatre.com or by calling 636 584 6693.

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# KALI: A Polar Bear's Tale

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## Chapter Five:

A few days later, Kali was put on a plane for the second time in his short life. He was headed for the Alaska Zoo. When Kali arrived at the Alaska Zoo he was greeted by zookeepers, who knew just what a baby polar bear needed. The keepers created a space for Kali, complete with a big, fluffy pile of straw where he could stay cozy and warm, and a box full of toys and blankets so that he would have something to play with in his new home. The keepers fell in love with the bright-eyed baby, but they knew Kali would not be staying forever. The Alaska Zoo already had two full grown polar bears living there, and did not have enough room for a third. Still, they all looked forward to the task of raising the cub for a little while and felt lucky to play an important role in Kali's life.

Raising a baby polar bear means much more than getting him to eat. The keeper team at the Alaska Zoo would become Kali's surrogate mothers. They not only had to provide food for him every few hours, but they also had to be sure he was getting enough water, gaining enough weight, and learning the "bear" necessities.

Like any young animal, Kali learned through play. The keepers would take Kali out into his snowy yard and give him balls or stuffed toys. They gave him a big tub of water so that he could learn how to swim. Boxes were placed to encourage him to climb in and out of things, building strength in his legs. With so much play time, Kali took lots of naps. Solid foods like salmon and bear chow, a kibble made specifically for bears, were added to his diet. He grew bigger, stronger, and more confident every day.

The keepers treasured their play sessions with the cub but knew it could not last forever. Soon, Kali would be too big and powerful to share a space with people. And there's only so much a polar bear cub can learn from humans. It is best to learn how to be a polar bear from another polar bear.

Three months after his arrival at the Alaska Zoo, Kali prepared for another journey. This time, he'd go even farther from his original home in the village of Point Lay.

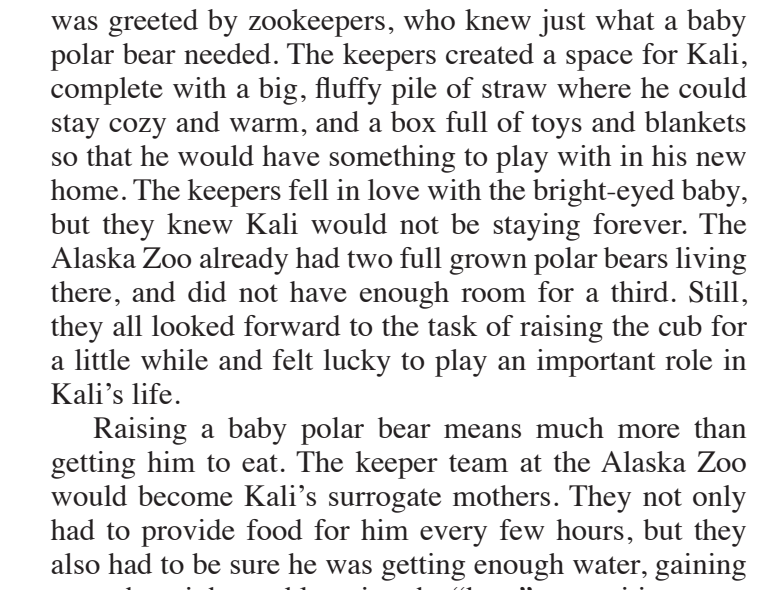


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## Ask Zoo Keeper Julie

### How fast are polar bears?

They can swim at speeds up to 6 mph and run up to 25 mph.

### Fun Fact:

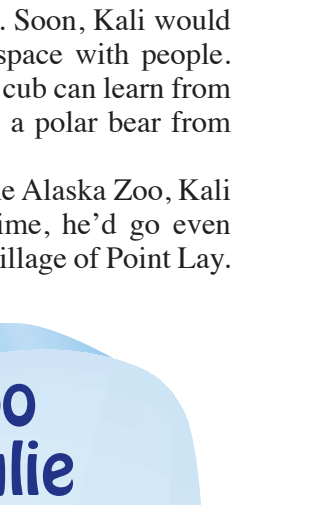
The polar bear was the mascot for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

### Newspaper Connections

There are many stories about Kali in newspapers and from television stations across the country. Research, then read and watch several of each and answer the following questions.

**What are the key similarities and differences between print and television journalism?**

**Does either have an apparent advantage or disadvantage when giving the news?**



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# BASKETBALL IS GREAT STUFF

## DUTCHMEN

**OHS Dutchmen vs. New Haven**
FEB. 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

**OHS Dutchmen vs. Pacific**
SENIOR NIGHT
FEB. 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

## DUTCHGIRLS

**OHS Dutchgirls vs. New Haven**
FEB. 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

**OHS Dutchgirls vs. Pacific**
FEB. 12 @ 5:30 p.m.

## DUTCHMEN BASKETBALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ★ | Nov. 21 | Newburg |
| | Nov. 27-Dec. 2 | New Haven JV Tourn |
| | Nov. 27-Dec. 2 | Eugene Varsity Tourn |
| ★ | Dec. 1 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Belle |
| | Dec. 4 | Missouri Military Academy |
| | Dec. 8 | Linn |
| | Dec. 11 | Cuba |
| ★ | Dec. 12 | St. Clair |
| ★ | Dec. 18 | Fulton |
| ★ | Jan. 2-6 | Owensville Varsity Tourn |
| | Jan. 9 | Steelville |
| | Jan. 15-20 | Belle Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 29 (Boys & Girls, Varsity) | Belle |
| | Jan. 30 | Bourbon |
| ★ | Feb. 1 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Hermann |
| ★ | Feb. 2 (Boys & Girls, Varsity Only) (HC) | Hermann |
| | Feb. 6 | St. James |
| | Feb. 7-10 | Bourbon JV Tournament |
| ★ | Feb. 9 | New Haven |
| ★ | Feb. 13 (Senior Night) | Pacific |
| | Feb. 16 | Union |
| | Feb. 20 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Sullivan |
| ★ | Feb. 22 (Boys & Girls, Varsity) | Sullivan |
| | Feb. 26 - March 2 | Districts |

★ Home Games
All reg. home games start at 5:30 p.m.



## DUTCHGIRL BASKETBALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 17 | Jamboree |
| | Nov. 27 | Fatima |
| | Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 | Hermann JV Tournament |
| | Nov. 30 | Salem |
| ★ | Dec. 1 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Belle |
| | Dec. 4 | Steelville |
| ★ | Dec. 5 | Father Tolton Reg. Catholic |
| | Dec. 11-15 | Sullivan Varsity Tournament |
| ★ | Dec. 18 | Fulton |
| ★ | Dec. 19 | Bourbon |
| ★ | Jan. 2 | Cuba |
| | Jan. 8-13 | South Callaway Varsity Tourn |
| ★ | Jan. 16 | St. Clair |
| | Jan. 22-26 | Hermann Varsity Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 29 (Boys & Girls, Varsity) | Belle |
| ★ | Feb. 1 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Hermann |
| ★ | Feb. 2 (Boys & Girls, Varsity Only) (HC) | Hermann |
| | Feb. 3 | Helias Shootout |
| | Feb. 5 | St. James |
| | Feb. 7-10 | Pacific JV Tournament |
| ★ | Feb. 8 | New Haven |
| ★ | Feb. 12 | Pacific |
| | Feb. 15 | Union |
| | Feb. 20 (Boys & Girls, JV Only) | Sullivan |
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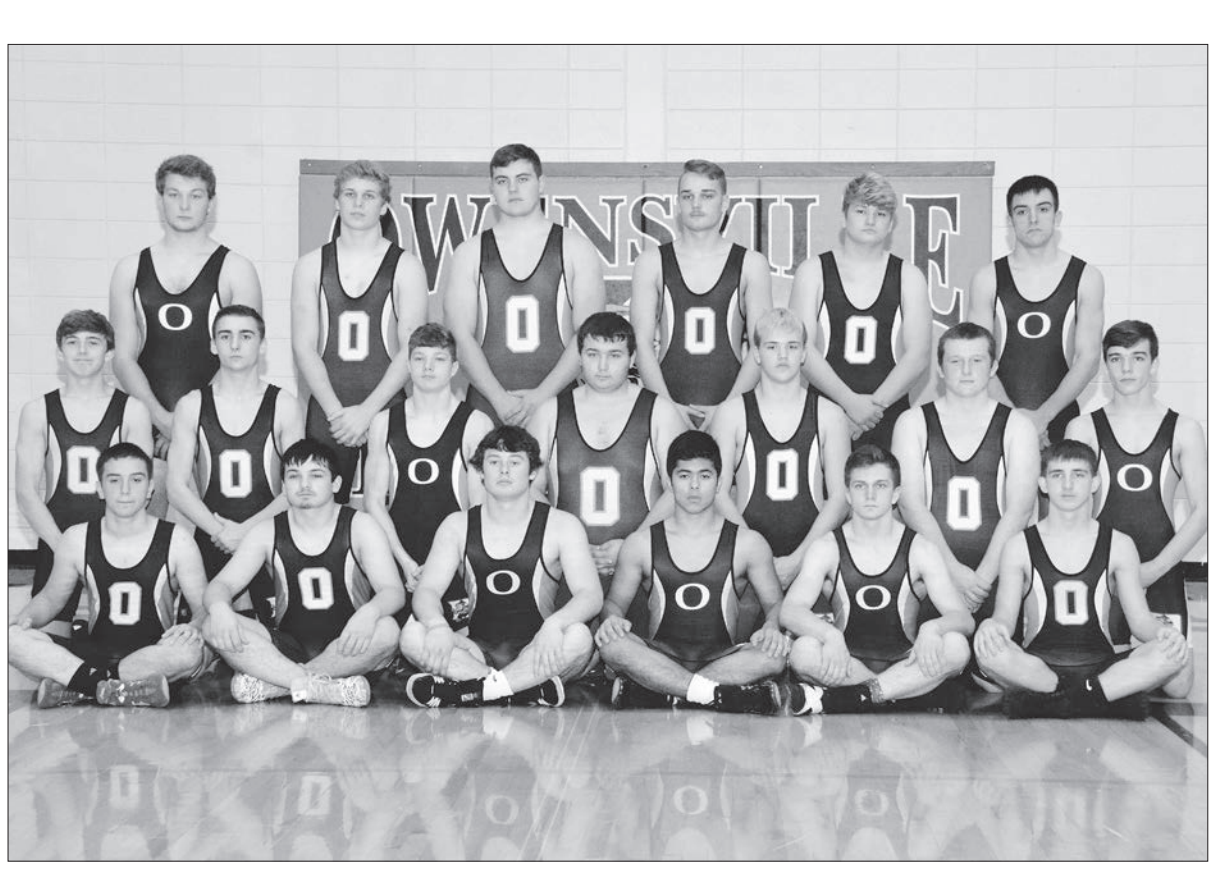
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## Wrestling Schedule

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| | Nov. 28 | Rolla / Washington Triangle |
| | Dec. 1-2 | Pleasant Hill Varsity Tournament |
| | Dec. 8-9 | Missouri Duals - Helias |
| | Dec. 9 | Rolla JV Tournament |
| | Dec. 12 | St. Clair / Union Triangle |
| | Jan. 6 | Pacific JV Tournament |
| | Jan. 6 | Ste. Genevieve Varsity Tournament |
| | Jan. 13 | Moberly JV Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 13 | Owensville Varsity Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 18 | Blair Oaks/MMA |
| | Jan. 20 | Fr. Zumwalt South Varsity Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 23 | Park Hills Central/St. James |
| | Jan. 25 | St. James / Pacific Triangle |
| ★ | Jan. 26 | Owensville JV Tournament |
| ★ | Jan. 30 (Senior Night) | Faitma/S. Boone |
| ★ | Feb. 1 | Sullivan/Potosi |
| | Feb. 2 | Willard |
| | Feb. 3. | Marshfield Varsity Tournament |
| | Feb. 9-10 | Districts |
| | Feb. 15-17 | State Wrestling |

★ Home Meet



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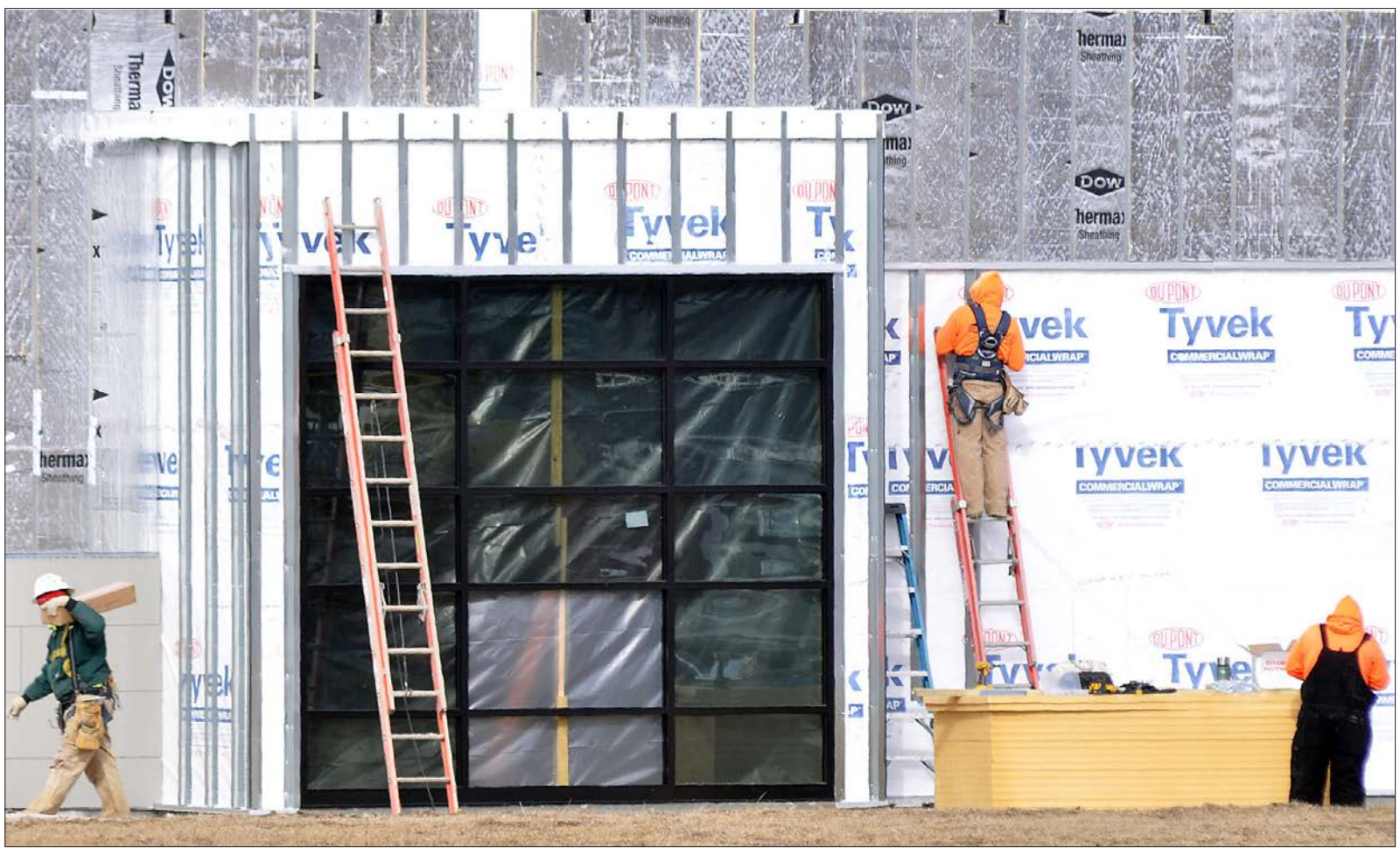
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## Exterior work

Window frames and windows continue to be installed on the new Scenic Regional Library facility in Owensville. Presley Glass out of Pacific was installing window units on Jan. 26 (above). Work on the south side on Jan. 29 (right) shows a large bank of window frames set and progress on insulating and installing exterior siding panels.




# Special services residents offered chance to dive with cops March 4

SCUBA and Adventure Dive Shop, along with the Mid-Missouri Sheriff's Dive Team, are hosting Diving with Disabilities (Dive with a Cop) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the YMCA at 424 Stadium Boulevard in Jefferson City.

Certified diving partners from law enforcement, EMS, and fire services will lead participants in an underwater experience at no cost. If their skill levels allow, participants will be able to see what it feels like to be weightless in the water and swim like a fish, according to Maries County Sheriff Chris Heitman who is helping organize the event. Friendly competitions and awards are planned.

Email Heitman at sheriffchrisheitman@gmail.com if you know of anyone who would be interested. He will forward you a sign up form.

# MoDOT director offers blunt assessment on poor employee morale, strained resources

**BY JOE SIESS**
**MISSOURI DIGITAL NEWS**

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Transportation has a morale problem, said MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna. The department spends more than $25 million a year on employee turnover costs alone.

The problem is magnified considering the department's chronic lack of resources, which partially is why the turnover rate is so high. That creates a vicious cycle, McKenna said in his annual report presented Jan. 31 to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight.

"Turnover comes at a cost, a cost that policymakers should be aware of," said McKenna.

Although McKenna repeatedly assured the committee that MoDOT isn't facing a crisis, he painted a picture of a department that is strained for funding.

Last October, a committee of lawmakers and private citizens recommended raising Missouri's gas tax, the lowest in the nation, to fund infrastructure. About $655 million is needed to address high-priority repairs, according to the "Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri," a document created by the department that lays out the financial problems MoDOT faces.

After McKenna's report, Rep. Glen Kolkmeyer, R-Odessa, asked him to clarify how funds are allocated to different parts of the state. Other lawmakers echoed his sentiment, bringing up infrastructure problems in their own districts.

"I don't see anything that comes past Wentzville," said Rep. Karla May, D-St. Louis.

"We have huge limitations on funding," McKenna said, referring May and Kolkmeyer to the Citizen's Guide on Transportation Funding in Missouri. McKenna said allocating funds is based on safety needs, preservation of the existing transportation system and the distribution of discretionary funding.

"We objectively and fairly distribute dissatisfaction throughout the entire state with transportation," McKenna said, prompting laughter from committee members.

"I hate to say it. I'd rather be spreading satisfaction, but because of the limitation of funding, we are more spreading dissatisfaction. What different regions of the state believe is that their level of dissatisfaction is unique," McKenna said.

McKenna referenced President Donald Trump's $1.5 trillion infrastructure plan as another possible solution. In his first State of the Union speech a week ago Tuesday, Trump stressed the importance of revitalizing the nation's "crumbling" infrastructure, indicating his intent to goad Congress to approve an infrastructure plan.

"We're really pleased to hear, at the national level, concern and support for additional investments in transportation," said McKenna, cautioning the plan may require high-cost matches from state and local governments."

McKenna said MoDOT works closely with its planning partners and an upcoming meeting will determine which projects retain priority based on statewide feedback.

The oversight committee also recommended putting a fuel tax increase on the November general election ballot.

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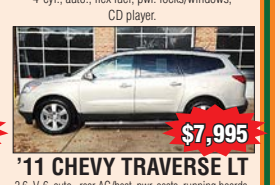

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