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Argyle trustees discuss options for sewer operator

BY LINDA ADKINS
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ARGYLE — Argyle trustees on Jan. 21 in their first official meeting since September primarily discussed delinquent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports and the need for a village sewer operator.

Trustee Ryan Davis reported on his talks with Gary Weber with the Missouri Rural Water Association and DNR. Davis took a sample to Ozark Testing along with reports prepared by the previous sewer operator, J.D. Fritchey. Some of the reports were missing but Keith Fork with DNR said they could work with averages. Weber used the old reports to calculate averages, with reports signed by Davis and sent to Fork.

Davis reports he has not heard back, adding, “As long as I haven’t heard back, I assume everything is good.”

Fork reiterated to Davis that Argyle needs a sewer operator, and acknowledged that many other smaller towns are in the same position, unable to find operators.

“We left it at that,” said Davis.

Weber did give Davis some names to contact. Davis presented trustees with estimated costs from LO Environmental LLC in Osage Beach. For approximately \$776 per month, LO Environmental will provide a Certified “C” Operator, sample analysis, sample collection, DNR reporting, and maintenance.

“Pretty pricey I know,” said Davis.

Davis explained for their permit now, the village would still have to do the daily monitoring. Once the permit is straightened out, that daily monitoring could drop to twice or three times a week. The price would include LO Environmental coming down and doing the testing, quarterly cleaning of the pumps and pump filters. Argyle would be responsible only for reading the meters, which Davis has been doing anyway.

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Linn aldermen greenlight all-inclusive park moving to City Park

BY THERESA BRANDT
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LINN — Linn aldermen at a special meeting held last Tuesday night gave Mayor Dwight Massey the green light to sign a resolution to move the all-inclusive park to the Linn City Park. Community and park board members met with the board to discuss replacing the existing playground.

Massey was enthusiastic about the opportunity. “Our job is to build a community,” he said. “A place where we all want to live, and to me, that is parks. That is a pool. That is the streets. That is sewer and water and clean properties. As soon as we stop growing, we go backward. We should do it because we need to move forward.”

About \$200,000 has been raised in the 18 months to build the all-inclusive playground that has a total budget of \$350,000.

“Our current location, where we were looking to

build, because of the ease and convenience and location, was at the Linn Lions Park, and we still have that as an option,” Tracy Winslow explained. “But it is privately owned, and even though it is a not-for-profit, it limits us on the grants that are available.”

Winslow and other community members have their eyes on a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$250,000 to \$500,000, which requires that the structure be built on public lands.

The playground currently at Linn City Park is about 20 years old and will need to be replaced within the next several years.

“You have a structure that is out of date and you don’t have the funds to replace it,” Winslow said. “Let’s put our ideas together and put in a playground that will take care of both needs.”

Community and Park Board members spent some time at the City Park on Tuesday and initially laid out the new play structure in the space. At least five trees would have

to be removed from the park for the new playground.

“Ouch,” Massey winced. “Losing those big oak trees is always hard.”

“One of them already appears to be dead and the smaller trees could be replanted,” said Osage County Special Services Director Megan Reichart.

“If we take out five trees,” Winslow said. “We can replant five trees.”

Skylar Miller, a member of the Park Board, is against the city taking on such a big project.

“I think the idea of an inclusive playground is great and I want to be respectful of the time and resources that people have put into this,” Miller said. “But I would like to take a more objective look at this because it is a very emotionally charged issue because you are dealing with something that’s going to benefit kids so it’s hard to think about the primary issue, which is the financial

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PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON

OSAGE COUNTY Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin and Eastern District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes receive a Moderna COVID-19 vaccination Monday during a special clinic by Osage County Health Department Nurse Katelyn Peters. A total of 226 people were given the Moderna vaccine, with a second dose to be provided in 28 days. Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin in her first day in that role said most vaccinations were provided to those in Phase 1B, with a few from Tier 1 though most were from Tier 2. Sallin said future clinics will be held on Mondays when she is able to secure the vaccine. Clinics will be by appointment only and those who wish to be vaccinated may call the department at 573-897-3103, send a FB message, or email osagecountyhealthdepartment@gmail.com to get their name on the list to be called when clinics are scheduled. OCHD is only taking information for those who meet qualifications for Phase 1B, Tier 1 and 2. Also helping with the clinic on Monday were Chelsea Smith, Elisha Rogers, Katy Gallagher, Krista Welschmeyer.



County sees lower active COVID numbers

BY NEAL A. JOHNSON
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LINN — Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin isn’t sure exactly why but current positive COVID numbers are lower, with just 38 active as of Tuesday. Overall, there have been 1,569 positive cases, which is 30 higher than last week.

“We’ve had people ask us if it’s okay to just wait it out if they’re sick instead of having a COVID test done,” said Sallin, who assumed the administrator’s role on Monday. “I know that some testing sites have seen fewer people come in. I hope the numbers are lower because they aren’t sick. Our numbers were higher over the holidays because of larger gatherings, and we’re not seeing as many now.”

On Monday, a total of 226

people were given the Moderna vaccine, with a second dose to be provided in 28 days. Sallin said many told her they were keeping their bubble small, with limited interaction, which may also account for fewer active cases.

However, Sallin noted there have been changes in the virus. “We’re seeing more contacts turn up with positive test results,” she said. “We’re also seeing changes in the symptoms. For a while, the main complaint was headache, and then we saw people with a sore throat and burning nose. I’m not saying the strains are changing, necessarily, but it does appear to be more contagious.”

For now, Sallin urges everyone to remain cautious, with a focus now on administering the vaccine.

“We need people to understand we’re following strict guidelines for who can get the virus and

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Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Susan Long gave her last briefing in that capacity to the commission on Thursday. As of Monday, she is a part-time employee. OCHD Nurse Kim Sallin officially assumed administrator’s duties Monday. Long’s report appears in this week’s commission news.

State Tech assets increase by \$5.5 million, net position up over 2019

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LINN — State Technical College of Missouri Regents at their Jan. 22 meeting learned during a review of an audit by Evers and Company, CPAs that there were no issues, and that all financial statements were fairly presented.

“That’s as good as it gets from an auditor’s standpoint,” said CPA Jo Moore, who is a partner with the Evers and Company.

The coronavirus did not affect the firm’s ability to do the audit in person. “We like to see the whites of their eyes, their facial expressions and we like to see body language because sometimes that tells us a lot,” said Moore. “It was good to be able to do it on-site.”

In 2020, total assets increased by \$5.5 million. Current Assets, cash, and accounts receivable increased by \$1.6 million due to actual enrollment growth and tuition revenue exceeding budgeted expectations. Non-current assets, capital assets net

of depreciation increased by \$3.9 million due to significant assets placed in service in the current year offset by depreciation expense and \$3.6 million in construction and projects in progress capitalized.

For the year ending June 30, 2020, the college finished with a net position, including all assets (at cost or depreciated cost) less liabilities, of \$28,935,900, up from the previous year’s net position of \$26,924,451.

The school had operating revenues of \$18,293,930, non-operating revenues of \$14,267,222 and other revenues of \$6,870,344 million, and operating expenses of \$37,420,047.

According to the audit, operating revenues increased by \$2.7 million in both fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Fiscal year 2020 saw a 16% increase in credit-hour production that resulted in \$1.8 million more in tuition and fee revenues. The remaining \$.9 million increase was the result of increased federal grant revenue related to the State Tech

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McKim finds comfort with Molly

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St. George students win essay contest

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Gentges & Reinkemeyer honored Graduates



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Linn boys second at Hermann

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Fatima wins Eldon tourney

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“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” — JIMMY DEAN

OBITUARIES

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

Jennifer Poulson

1971-2021



Jennifer Lynn (Ruppel) Poulson, 49, Round Rock, Texas, passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, in St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas.

She was born June 8, 1971, to Ronald and Lois Elaine (Warnol) Ruppel in St. Louis.

She was united in marriage to Kent Alan Poulson March 9, 1996, in Boca Raton, Fla.

Jennifer was a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Information Management Systems and was a sorority member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) where her sons attended school, a volunteer at their school and baseball activities, and had served as the president of their neighborhood homeowners association.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Cecil Louis and Lou Fern (Hughes) Warnol and her paternal grandparents, Robert and Thelma (Dawson) Ruppel.

She is survived by husband, Kent; sons, Trevor, Carter, Riley, Morgan and Sawyer, all of Round Rock, Texas; parents, Ronald and Elaine; brother, Craig Ruppel and wife Corrie; sister, Terri Ann Gore and husband Tim; father and mother-in-law, Richard and Carol Poulson; and nieces, nephews; aunts and uncles.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Birmingham-Martin Chapel in Dixon with the Rev. Jack Caple, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Dixon, officiating. Interment was in the Pisgah Cemetery, near Dixon.

Memorial contributions suggested to MD Anderson Cancer Center or to the Point High School Baseball Booster Club (sptigerbaseball.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Arthur Sinden

1949-2021



Arthur E. Sinden, Sr., 71, Iberia, passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in UMMC, Columbia.

He was born Sept. 28, 1949, to Roy and Dora (Thompson) Sinden in Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his companion; parents, Roy and Dora; one son; and seven siblings.

Arthur is survived by son, Arthur, Jr. of Holts Summit; daughter, Anna Schnieders of Iberia; two grandchildren; siblings, Beulah, Mabel Jane, Elva, Richard, John, Charles, Mary, Alice, Curtis, Shirley, and Rocky; and mother of his children, Nancy.

Visitation will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., followed by the funeral service Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Patricia Hendee

1952-2021



Patricia Ann Hendee, 68, Iberia, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, at her residence in Iberia.

She was born March 31, 1952, to Edward and Mildred (Nunn) Hendee in Kansas City, Kan.

Pat was preceded in death by parents, Edward and Mildred; and companion, Arthur.

She is survived by sister, Sharon Landess and husband John; companion, Arthur Sinden, Sr.; two step-children; and two step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by the funeral service Saturday, Feb. 6, in Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Gerry Schreimann

1931-2021



Gerry Schreimann, 89, Jefferson City, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Jefferson City Manor Nursing Facility with family by her side.

She was born Jan. 25, 1931, to Fred and Agnes "Mamie" (Pack) Wolfe in Linn.

She was united in marriage to Donald Schreimann Feb. 17, 1948.

Gerry attended school in Osage County. She was a homemaker throughout her life. Gerry was one of Jehovah's Witness from May 1952 until her death and served in both the California and Jefferson City congregations. Gerry loved spreading the word of Jesus and the bible, and was a faithful servant to God. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Gerry loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed family reunions and listening to them karaoke. Gerry was an excellent cook, she enjoyed chasing garage sales, playing cards and traveling the country with her husband, sister and brother-in-law. She enjoyed sitting on the front porch getting her day started with a cup of coffee and the love of her life, Don.

Gerry was preceded in death by parents, Fred and Agnes; children, Arnold and Pamela Schreimann; brother, Clyde Wolfe; and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Wolfe.

She is survived by son, Shannon Schreimann and wife Debbie of Jefferson City; brother, Clifford Wolfe of Linn; sister, Margaret "Tootie" (Ray) Abbott of Jefferson City; sister-in-law, Barb Wolfe of Linn; brother-in-law, Kenny Schreimann of Linn; grandson, Brandon Schreimann and great-grandson, Hunter Schreimann, both of Taos; and many nieces and nephews.

A webcast with slide presentation of the funeral service was held Jan. 30. Private interment will be in the Lane Cemetery in Linn.

Memorial contributions suggested to the worldwide preaching work of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Arrangements entrusted to Houser-Millard Funeral Directors in Jefferson City.

Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

Rita Weiser

1930-2021

Rita Mae Weiser, 90, Hermann, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at her home.

She was born in Bradford, Ind. May 1, 1930, to the late William and Zita (Bir) Gettelfinger.

She was united in marriage to Virgil Leo Weiser Aug. 24, 1948, at St. Michael's Church in Bradford, Ind.

Rita was a member of St. George Church in Hermann, a member of the church choir, the ladies sodality and a member of the Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

She worked for both International and Florsheim Shoe Companies and also Handi-Pac in Hermann.

Rita is preceded in death by husband, Virgil; parents, William and Zita; brothers, George and B.J. Gettelfinger; and sisters, Marie Garrison, Loretta Robertson, Ruth Ollis and Mary Katherine Gettelfinger.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Blankenship and husband David of Owensville, Patricia Lawton and Mary Weiser, both of Hermann, Rose Luttrell and husband Johnny of Brumley, Lisa Beul and husband Dale of Pershing, Angela Penserum of Berger; sons, Rev. Virgil (Bud) Weiser and wife Patricia of Wellsville, Rev. Tim Weiser and wife Katherine of Rosebud, James Weiser and wife Judy of Washington, Rev. Allen Weiser and wife Carla of St. Joseph, Mich., Leo Weiser and wife Kelly of Peru, Ind., David Weiser and wife Donna of Morrison and Steve Weiser of Stony Hill; brother, Cletus Gettelfinger and wife Priscilla of Bradford, Ind.; sisters, Sister Mary Andre Gettelfinger of Ferdinand, Ind.; Martha Oakes of Milltown, Ind.; and Margaret Baylor of Palmyra, Ind.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 1, at St. George Church in Hermann, with Rev. Msgr. Gregory Higley officiating. Interment was in St. George Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to St. George Church, St. George School or St. George Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home in Hermann.

Clarence Haller



1931-2021



Clarence Henry Haller, 89, Taos, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Adams Street Place.

He was born Sept. 29, 1931, to the late John and Caroline (Boehm) Haller in Rich Fountain.

He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Lage June 28, 1958, in Taos.

Clarence served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He worked as a plumber for various companies in the area for over 38 years and was well-known in the community for his strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Clarence was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Taos and served as a volunteer for church activities.

Following retirement, he enjoyed helping his son on the farm and going fishing.

Clarence was preceded in death by wife, Mary Ann; parents, John and Caroline; sisters, Annie Reichel, Barbara Ruder, Delphine Bauer; and brothers, Frank, Ted, Leo, and Alphonse Haller.

He is survived by children, Michael Haller of Rich Fountain; Nicole Prentis and husband Matt of Charlottesville, Va.; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. followed by the funeral service (today) Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home in Jefferson City with the Rev. Michael Penn officiating.

The service will be live streamed for those who wish to watch from home. The link can be found on Clarence's obituary page under Tribute Wall at www.dulletrimble.com.

The general public is welcome to attend the services while following social distancing guidelines. Facial coverings are suggested while in attendance.

Entombment with military honors will be in Resurrection Mausoleum in Jefferson City.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Central Missouri Honor Flight.

Arrangements entrusted to Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home in Jefferson City.

Those wishing to send condolences to the family may do so at the www.dulletrimble.com website.

Gregor Korenini

1942-2021



Gregor Korenini, 79, Linn, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 23, 1942, to the late Karel and Leo Poldina (Ferditsch) Korenini in Slovenia.

He came to the United States at the age of 17 from Slovenia.

Gregor was a graduate of Oppenheim High School in Oppenheim, N.Y.

He enjoyed building model airplanes and riding motorcycles when he was younger.

Gregor is survived by daughters, LaDonna Jobe of Linn, Mara Korenini, Vickie Korenini, Alicia Korenini and Amanda Korenini; son, Gregor Korenini; brother, Karel Korenini; sister, Natilie Berg, all from the state of New York; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and long-time friends, Clay and Christina Laughlin of Linn.

Private family service and inurnment will be held at a later date in New York.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

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Court Records



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Porter A. Allmeroth, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (26 or over); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 50 hours community service.

Eric S. Belmar, Arnold, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

Tyler L. Brooks, O'Fallon, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of MADD and DWI portal.

Roper W. Calvert, Hermann, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Starlite C. Darnell, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Todd A. Dudenhofer, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Austin M. Davis, New London, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Oluwanifemi O. Hassan, Columbia, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid of 10 grams or less and one count of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and restitution of \$350 to Law Enforcement Restitution Fund on each count.

Oluwanifemi O. Hassan, Columbia, pleaded

guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Caleb R. Hock, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to failure to drive on right half of roadway when roadway was of sufficient width, resulting in an accident; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and restitution to be determined.

John L. Igleheart, Columbia, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Daniel F. Jagers, Jr., Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid; fined \$350.

Jamie M. Kempker, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

Joshua R. Moore, Loose Creek, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Lauren J. Morrow, Eugene, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and court approves driver improvement program.

Kenneth F. Rost, Jr., Chamois, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of MADD program.

Tony W. Schmidt, High Hill, pleaded guilty to failure to register motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Richard D. Schnarr, Linn, probation revoca-

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tion hearing; defendant admits violation of probation, which is revoked; Schnarr sentenced to 90 days jail (SES) with two years unsupervised probation and child support of \$300 per month.

Hunter J. Schuler, Chamois, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Benjamin J. Terwelp, Quincy, Ill., pleaded guilty to speeding (26 or more); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of Community Service.

Brian D. Wagner, Vienna, pleaded guilty to one count of domestic assault in the fourth degree (June 24, 2020); sentenced to 90 days jail (SES) with two years unsupervised probation and special conditions.

Brian D. Wagner, Vienna, pleaded guilty to domestic assault in the fourth degree (Nov. 7, 2020);

sentenced to 90 days jail (SES) with two years unsupervised probation with special conditions.

Danielle S. Wiegand, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to excessive tint; fined \$50.50.

CIVIL CASES
Discover Bank v. Nicholas J. Lansford, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$5,262.93.

Richard A. Schmitt v. Mo Director of Revenue, Jefferson City, suit on file; court finds petitioner is the lawful owner of boat upon payment of all fees and taxes.

Michael A. Berry v. Michele D. Ruengert, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered in the amount of \$1,900 and possession of the premises.

DISSOLUTION
Jordan A. Deeken v. Bradley S. Deeken, Linn, dissolution with children; marriage is dissolved, with

no maintenance to either party and each to retain their own property; parties awarded joint physical and legal custody of minor children with husband to pay \$743 per month in child support.

CITY OF LINN V. Emily E. Bailey, Piedmont, pleaded guilty to speeding (6-10 over); fined \$60.50.

Travis W. Greer, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Noah R. McIntire, Eminence, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Seth J. Mitchem, Chamois, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Dennis E. Sallin, Linn, pleaded guilty to parking violation; fined \$15.50.

Warren R. Yutzy, Sparta, Wisc., pleaded guilty to defective equipment; fined \$200.

County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Monday, Jan. 25** and **Monday, Feb. 1**:

Tracy Lewis Stephens, 55, of Owensville, was taken into custody Monday, Jan. 25, to serve shock-time; released Saturday, Jan. 30.

Matthew Ryan Maxwell, 37, of Freeburg, was arrested Monday, Jan. 25, on two Osage County warrants and one warrant from another jurisdiction; released the following day.

David Quentin Berry, 39, of Linn, was taken into custody Monday, Jan. 25, on a 12-hour protective custody hold; released the following day.

Brandon Michael Solter, 21, of Washington, was taken into custody Tuesday, Jan. 26, on allegations of DWI and operating a motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner; released the same day.

Erica Leeanne Smith, 30, of Vichy, was taken into custody Tuesday, Jan. 26, to serve shock-time.

Amy Le Del Strophe, 48, of Linn, was taken into custody Tuesday, Jan. 26, on allegations of Driving while revoked/suspended, second or subsequent offense; released the same day.

Stephanie Nicole Worley, 35, of Bonnots Mill, was arrested Wednesday, Jan.

27, on a warrant from another jurisdiction; released the same day.

Roxanne Mebruer, 40, of Linn, was taken into custody Thursday, Jan. 28, to serve shock-time; released Saturday, Jan. 30.

Tessa Diane Parks, 31, of Linn, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 28, on an Osage County warrant; released the following day.

Eric Shawn Krock, 40, of Linn, was taken into custody Thursday, Jan. 28, on a 12-hour protective custody hold; released the following day.

Brittney Racann Herron, 31, of Belle, was taken into custody Friday, Jan. 29, to serve shock-time; released Sunday, Jan. 31.

Jeffrey J. Cook, 57, of Owensville, was taken into custody Friday, Jan. 29, to serve shock-time; released Sunday, Jan. 31.

Johnson Sylvester, 54, of St. Louis, was arrested Friday, Jan. 29, on an Osage County warrant.

Mary Elizabeth Limberg, 33, of Owensville, was arrested Friday, Jan. 29, on warrant from another jurisdiction.

William Jason Boughton, 40, New Haven, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 31, on an Osage County warrant.

Matthew Lee Ray, 25, of Chamois, was taken into custody Sunday, Jan. 31, on allegations of Driving while revoked/suspended, first offense; released the same day.

County Commission News

BY HB DODDS
UD STAFF WRITER

LONG GIVES LAST BRIEFING AS OCHD ADMINISTRATOR

Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Susan Long gave her last briefing in that capacity to the commission Thursday, Jan. 28. Beginning Monday, Feb. 1, she will be a part-time, although still very valuable, employee. OCHD Nurse Kim Sallin will officially assume administrator's duties that day.

Long announced COVID-19 case and contact investigations are ongoing. "Hopefully, we'll start seeing [vaccine supply coming soon]," she said.

Her main project in that regard right now is to get Sallin out of these investigations. Long wants Sallin to tackle the larger mainstream of the OCHD office's work. She expects the transition to go on for "quite some time."

The coronavirus contraction rate has slowed slightly. This is primarily because the calendar has advanced beyond the holiday season. She asks citizens, though, to maintain their vigilance: mask-wearing, hand-wash-

ing, and social-distancing.

"It's still really important we keep up the safety measures," she emphasized.

Flu cases have been way down so far this year. It's probably because of the effectiveness of coronavirus mitigation. What works against one airborne communicable disease works as well against others. "I'm being cautiously optimistic with this," said Long, although pointing out the flu season is still just getting started.

Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin was curious about citizens from Osage County getting their COVID-19 shots in Cole County. He has heard of many who successfully attended clinics at Capital Region Medical Center and Jefferson City Medical Group (JCMG) facilities in Jefferson City.

"They're not checking driver's licenses," said Long.

Neither will she when the vaccine becomes available here. When giving any vaccination, like flu for

instance, "We're not sitting there carding people," she said. "We are taking people at their word." People must meet vulnerability criteria. Otherwise, there's only one hard and fast restriction on the COVID-19 vaccine: the second dose must match the first. If the first dose is a Pfizer shot, the second one must be as well. There is to be no mixing and matching Pfizer with Moderna. Nobody knows how that would turn out.

She also emphasized there are no fetal cells involved with any of the vaccines. This is true of all products available or in the pipeline. She and Sallin both insist, with clarity, rumors to the contrary are false.

"We're also not micro-chipping people either," added Long.

Coming soon is the draft of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Region F updated Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). It is being composed by an emergency operations specialist of another county but Long is

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working closely with the writer.

“I’ll still be overseeing that,” on behalf of Osage County, she said.

Osage County then awarded Long with a cake to express gratitude for her years of service in the OCHD office. “We sure appreciate your leadership over the years,” said Griffin. “You’ve built up an excellent department.”

Long’s OCHD stewardship began with instituting a full-time health department. “Before that, we were a two-county part-time health department,” said Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, who feels the service of providing birth and death certificates has helped to connect the county’s citizens with the department. Many have and do appreciate the convenience of being able to obtain those forms so easily.

For her part, Long appreciated the groundwork laid by the administration prior to hers. It was split between Gasconade and Osage counties, and only part-time at that. She feels their work helped her make a smooth transition to operating a full-time office. Gasconade County remains “a very good partner to work with,” she said.

Now, there’s a long-range dream of the OCHD having its own building some day. Long would be on board with the idea. The crowding in an office trying to preach social-distancing during a pandemic has been tough. This is not new with COVID-19.

“We’ve always had to juggle where to put people,” she explained.

Long did, however, express a great deal of gratitude for the new air purification system recently installed in the Osage County Administration Building (Annex) and the Osage County Jail. Her office and the jail are both susceptible to airborne communicable diseases. She touts the new system as better protection for the future. She also appreciated laptop computers, enabling her larger staff to work a lot from home.

Circumstances causing Long’s decision to leave full-time work have been difficult. However, “Everything happens for a reason,” she insisted.

“We’re sure glad you decided to stay on a part-time basis,” said Griffin. “We just want to thank you and make best wishes for the future.”

“It’s a phenomenal place to work,” responded Long. “I’m so thankful I’ve been here. I feel like we’ve made a big difference in the lives and the health and safety of the people who live here.”

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker continues to struggle with manpower related issues. There remains, for months now, a full time opening on his crew. Additionally, he has a crew member who will be unavailable until March 9. The medical absence is not a work-related illness or injury.

Griffin visited a department safety meeting recently. While there, he heard crew members talking about once-per-month pay. It’s detrimental to recruiting efforts. He left with the impression the last two candidates offered a position turned it down because of it.

“We’ve heard that before,” said Griffin. “I think that’s something we really need to look at.”

Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw concurred, saying, “I’ve heard where the sheriff actually borrowed money for the new deputies to maintain them until they got their first check.”

A new employee may go more than 40 days before getting paid, depending

on the day of the cycle he or she begins work.

“It’s something to think about,” Griffin concluded.

He intends to survey other county governments to get an idea of how their employees are paid. Kliethermes suggested searching online through the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM).

Kempker invited the commissioners to watch the new combination gravel hauler in action. They were all impressed with the new rig’s capabilities. The driver currently assigned has had no trouble getting over the county roads. He’s had no problem making turns to get out of any situation he’s been in so far.

“There will be some dead-end roads,” Kempker commented. The county will always need some straight tandem-axle dump trucks for total coverage. However, “He hasn’t hit any bad spots he knows of so far.”

“I was amazed how fast he was able to drop that load,” said Griffin. The trailer empties as fast as any dump truck in the fleet and hauls several tons more material. Kliethermes measured the coverage from one load, noting it stretches 300 yards down a regular gravel road. Plus, it leaves a track 12-feet wide, where a regular dump truck’s trail is eight feet. The material is released lower to the road grade, so less rock bounces into the ditch. As a rule, a fresh load is more likely to be drivable immediately.

However, heavy rains recently fell soon after gravel was hauled. It exposed how hungry the roads are for the material. The new loads were completely invisible after the rainfall.

“It’s like that a lot this time of year,” Kempker commented.

“It’s going to take a lot of rock to fix these roads,” added Kliethermes.

In addition, the heavy rain produced flooding on the Maries River near Westphalia. A bridge on CR 521 had water well over its deck. Crews spent hours after the weekend of Jan. 25 clearing brush and debris from on and around it.

Griffin recently attended a meeting in Houston. The group is still trying to form an alliance to promote work on US 63 from Jefferson City to the Arkansas border. Nothing is yet confirmed and there remains effort ongoing to build consensus.

“I think it would be a hard sell in Osage County until we get something accomplished on Highway 50,” said Griffin, referring specifically to the problem at Rt. CC near Missouri State Technical College and Linn R-2.

The department hauled rock on CRs 201, 232, 233, 236, 241, 244, 263, 273, 274B, 522, 604, and 609; crewmembers performed service on Grader #01; crews patched a low water slab on CR 236; brush mowers worked on CRs 272 and 273; and grader operators worked on CRs 201, 236, 274A, 274B, 411, 412, 413, 414, 506, 612, 727, 731, 733, and 734. They also cleaned ditches and culverts.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE AVAILABLE

Computer Information Concepts (CIC), of Greeley, Colo., sent a sales team to pitch software designed for county governments. They offer programs for everything from public works to payroll. Eleven counties in Missouri already use CIC products, including some in the same class as Osage, and many larger ones.

The CIC team consisted of two individuals very experienced in Central Missouri county government. Cathy Daniels of Versailles recently completed

a 16-year run as Morgan County Clerk. Tracey Graham of Mexico is currently the Audrain County Western District Commissioner. He also serves on the Executive Board of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

One feature the commissioners found attractive is CIC’s commitment to ongoing enhancement. There is no planned obsolescence. The company gathers input every year from county officials as to how to upgrade the product. Other software will crank for a few years. Then the company announces an expensive upgrade.

CIC, instead, commits a portion of annual service fees to “enhancements.” They make improvements each year to avoid the periodic major “upgrade.” Planned obsolescence, leading to five-figure fees, has irritated the commissioners several times recently. They often come from the same company that initially installed an electronic system.

Also, all call-in help centers are in America. Service calls are forwarded to a local technician who can schedule a prompt visit. All responders work from home and should be close enough to schedule a personal visit if necessary.

Osage County Clerk Nicci Kammerich has expressed interest in CIC’s service. Daniels concluded by committing to scheduling a demonstration that Kammerich could attend.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

An agreement has been reached with Kuster Real Estate and Management, the owner of a vacant lot northeast of the Annex between Lincoln and Benton streets. The county will lease the lot for five years, with no rent being due for the first three. Instead, the county will clean and maintain it. After that, it will cost \$500 per year. The commission approved and signed a proposed contract. They intend to gain the owner’s signature soon.

The next step will be to clear trees from the property. “I expect that to be the major amount,” said Trenshaw, who predicts the \$1,500 in saved lease payments will not exceed the cost of getting the property into shape. It is to be used as additional parking for county employees. Power lines are close to every tree on the lot. Professional tree-removal expertise will be necessary.

“I would think Ameren would be the first choice,” said Kliethermes.

The power company should be most interested in making sure the job would be safe and efficient. Commissioners agreed to contact them first.

“Cutting trees down can be pretty dangerous,” Griffin observed.

PENTECOSTAL BRIDGE

Kliethermes has been monitoring the wreck of the Pentecostal Bridge, the destroyed span on the Maries River on CR 611 east of Westphalia. Collapsed on Aug. 17, it’s still in the water. He has been in touch recently with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and they are not concerned with the situation. They warned Kliethermes, though. If complaints come, environmental or otherwise, all actions would be against the county. Therefore, “it’s all more important we get something done against the [trucking] company [whose driver caused the accident],” he said.

Osage County Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Grellner agrees. Kliethermes said she would be in contact with the company again. She will allow two weeks for them to respond. Lacking that response, she may file a lawsuit.

“I appreciate you pursuing that,” said Griffin to Kliethermes.

FORM W-4 FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Kammerich complained to the commissioners about the alleged treatment her staff has received. She said it has come from other county employees. By law, the United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Employee’s Withholding Certificate Form W-4 must be kept up to date. Kammerich has requested all employees update this form before filing their 2020 tax returns. Some have requested assistance from the clerk’s office employees. This Kammerich refuses to allow. “Legally, we can’t tell them how to fill them out,” she said. “We are not tax people.”

The refusal to grant the prohibited assistance has met with some behavior she calls rude.

“We are being treated poorly,” she said, emphasizing the vituperative is exhibited by a small, but vocal, minority. Most workers are polite and take responsibility for themselves in a cooperative spirit. The exceptions, though, have caused some bad moments.

“You can’t tell them how to do it,” agreed Kliethermes.

Griffin promised to address the issue with individuals identified by Kammerich.

“They’ve got to figure out what their tax liability is,” said Griffin.

Kammerich said the forms have been coming in at a satisfactory pace but the process is still in its beginning stages. She emphasized her position has not been taken without plenty of advance notice.

“We sent [the instructions] out prior to anybody filing their taxes,” she asserted. “We don’t deserve to be treated like that.”

MISCELLANEOUS

The commissioners signed grant applications written by and for the OCHD. They also signed service contracts with Mitel Corporation, Chesterfield, and Remote Computer Services (RSC), Westphalia.

Commissioners confirmed money from the recent sale of vehicles retired by the Osage County Assessor’s Office goes to general revenue, rather than into the assessor’s fund.

MRPC has committed to file and deliver all the 1099-G forms incurred by the CARES Act funds administered through the county. “We don’t have much time to do those,” commented Kliethermes. They were due to contractors by Jan. 31.

MRPC has received a retirement announcement from an Osage County member of the board of directors. Candidates for replacement are wanted.

Commissioners approved paying bills from Jan. 16 through Jan. 27 as follows by department: 911/EMA (\$3,932.27), Building & Grounds (\$358.52), Circuit Clerk (\$293.41), Coroner (\$3,099.89), Health Department (\$72.82), Miscellaneous (\$8,956.46), Professional Organization Fees (\$128.90), Prosecuting Attorney (\$155.29), Road & Bridge (\$1,132.20), and Sheriff-Jail (\$16,105.08), Treasurer (\$144.99), for a total of \$34,380.13.

Commissioners reviewed and approved county employee timesheets and signed outgoing checks.

County Offices will be closed Friday, Feb. 12, for Lincoln’s Birthday, and Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents’ Day.

Griffin announced that Friday, Jan. 29, was Osage County’s 180th birthday.

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The company would also be doing all the Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (EDMR), which had not been done regularly. Davis said the reason Fritchey wanted out was that reporting was going electronic and he did not want to deal with it. “To me,” Davis said, “that seems like the biggest headache.”

Village Clerk Kym Brunnert has been talking to Mayor Tammy Massman in Westphalia, which is also looking for an operator.

“If they find one, we may be able to share one,” said Mayor Chris Brundick, adding that LO Environmental may be willing to “cut them a deal” if they had two clients in the area.

“Why are (operators) so hard to find?” Trustee Felicia Wieberg asked. “Are there not that many?”

“They are just very busy,” Mayor Brundick responded. “A lot of people who are considered to be operators can operate and do everything that needs to be done but only if they are operating under the authority of someone who has the proper authority. The problem is finding somebody that isn’t too busy already to do it here. There is a boatload of regulations and not enough people to do them.”

Companies like LO Environmental have sprung up to hire people to work under their authority and charge “pretty pricey” rates. The company has the authority and their employees can legally perform the work but only because they are covered by the umbrella of the company who has the proper authority.

Davis said Forck told him that multiple towns were having the same struggle finding operators. Vienna’s operator, Shon Westart, is listed as Argyle’s operator, but according to Davis, “he isn’t able to do anything.”

“Hasn’t been,” Mayor Brundick added. “The problem we are into is that we didn’t know he quit doing it.”

Westart did respond to a call from Davis on Jan. 29. Davis had read the meters and took samples at 11 a.m. At that time, all three pumps were running, which he knew should not be happening. At 4 p.m., he returned and noted that all three pumps had run for five straight hours. Westart told Davis the tanks needed to be cleaned out. Fritchey used to pressure-wash them out, according to Davis.

“That’s not the problem,” interjected Mayor Brundick. “It’s because of the amount of precipitation on the sand filtration. We’ve always had that issue.”

In other business, smoke-testing will be scheduled for a date in the spring. Smoke-testing is a sewer inspection method in which non-toxic smoke is blown into manholes. The smoke makes its way through the connected pipes in the sewer and helps to locate leaks, broken manholes, cracks, uncapped lines, etc.

Brundick suggested April or May so anyone whose house is filled with smoke can open the windows. Public notices will be published prior to the event.

* At their next meeting, trustees will decide verbiage for their notice for bids for grass-cutting for the next contract period. Additional duties for the bid were discussed, including mowing at the lift station, weed-eating, and pulling weeds at the plant. This was previously handled by Fritchey when he was the village operator.

* Trustees chose to set up the village cell phone on autopay after a suggestion by Brunnert. They also voted to keep the insurance on the phone at a cost of \$8.99 per month.

* Trustees discussed the replacement and repair of signs that had been destroyed by a truck driver. The two stop signs were replaced by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Davis straightened and reattached the street sign that had been damaged.

* Davis reported speaking with Jeff Stricklan about concrete to set the “Welcome to Argyle” signs. Stricklan will provide a bid as soon as he can get there.

* Brunnert passed along information from Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Susan Long. Water workers, sewer people, and board members are next in line for the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone interested should notify the Osage County Health Department. Long stepped down as administrator as of Feb. 1 but will continue to work for the OCHD in a part-time capacity.

* In financial news, the following balances were reported: sewer payment account (\$5472.08), sewer reserve account (\$29,989.81), money market account (\$63,846.95), sewer account \$22,314, and the regular business account (\$40,219.63).

* Wieberg brought a question from a resident who asked her whether Argyle had a leash ordinance. Ordinance 05-06 covers vaccination requirements, restraint requirements for all pets, additional requirements for dangerous dogs, provisions for impoundment, and penalties for violation. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism to enforce the ordinance in Argyle.



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future of the city. “My main concern is when you put in a playground like this (is) they are quite expensive,” Miller continued. “If it is on public land, the city will be responsible for maintaining it.”

“But there has been a discussion about setting up a foundation to help maintain the playground,” Massey interrupted. “That alleviates a lot of the city’s responsibility. And on the other hand, we are here to provide services, and if you think about it, it is kinda like the city pool. We have to put in about \$10,000 per year to keep it available to the people of the community. We want to provide a place where people want to live because we have things to offer.”

Massey went on to point out all that the board has done over the last several years to improve the city’s water, sewer, and streets.

“To me, that is essential infrastructure,” Miller said. “That is what I am most concerned about. I see us entering really hard financial times and I don’t know if a city this size really needs this level of a playground.”

“But will something like this bring people into this area?” Alderman Rick Niewald asked.

“I think this will be a destination for people,” Reichart said. “People have to drive over an hour to find a similar playground.”

Reichart went on to point out that the playground is not just for kids but for parents with disabilities that may not be able to take their children to a regular playground to play with them. There has been quite a bit of enthusiasm in the community from disabled adult residents who are excited about the prospect of a chance to swing and play again themselves.

“This is a wonderful thing,” Massey said. “I think, personally, as a large community, a big-picture community, our community doesn’t stop at the city limits. Our community goes throughout the county and goes throughout the region. If we try to isolate ourselves to ‘this is what we need inside the city limits,’ we are in trouble.”

“The city would not be incurring any cost for the initial construction,” Winslow added. “And we already had it in our minds to establish a ‘legacy’ fund and committee for ongoing maintenance.”

“If we can get established with perpetual care, which I’m confident we can, then I’m confident we can leave something to our community as a board, as a council, that will benefit people down the road,” Massey said. “It’s got to be more than dollars and cents.”

“My plan is to continue to fundraise because to me this is very personal,” Reichart added. “It’s something we are going to have to continue to work on for years to come.”

Right now, moving forward on the project required a commitment from the city and the grant application that is due by Feb. 17. The DNR grant would be awarded in early summer but funds would not be released until October. If the grant is awarded, construction would not be completed on the playground until 2022. If the grant is not awarded, there is a plan to move forward with the project in phases but this is not the first choice of community members.

There are questions still pending about the cost of maintenance to the structure, especially the interlocking, rubber tiles that make up the surface of the playground, as well as specific on the legacy fund that would be set up to maintain the structure.

“My biggest fear with this is that your fundraising goals are not going to be met and it is going to be saddled on the city to take care of it,” Miller said. “No one is going to be the one that wants to say we don’t want to funnel more resources into the inclusive playground so we are going to be funneling resources away from essential infrastructure for this playground and it’s going to become a large financial burden. There is financial sense and I don’t see it.”

“Please don’t talk to me about financial sense,” Massey shot back. “We’ve been able to build our reserves, increase our parks, increase our delivery of resources and have projects on the side. We do understand the financial side of



things. These guys sit here every month and work on the financial side of things. I’m telling you there is more to a community than money. If you do not have a community and provide services then what are we doing? We do have to watch what we spend and how we spend it. And we also have to grow the city.”

“Do you think this playground is good for our community?” Alderman Steve Boeckman asked Miller.

“Of course, it is, as long as it is financially stable,” Miller answered.

“Our pool is not financially stable,” Massey replied.

“Our parks are not financially stable.”

“I understand where you are coming from, I really do,”

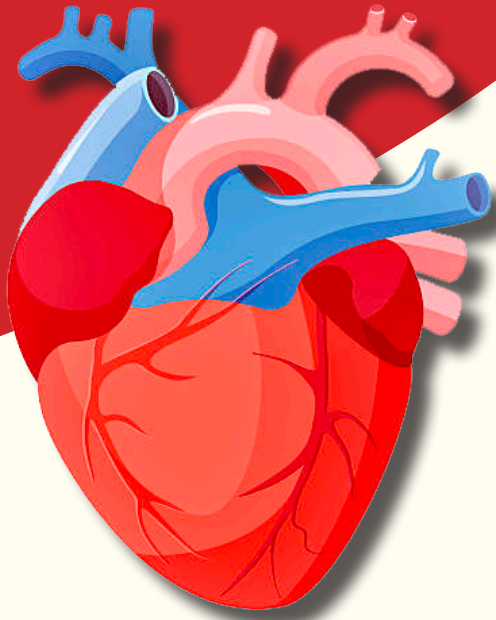
Boeckman said addressing Miller’s concerns. “I don’t understand how we can turn this down when it is going to be good for the community.”

“I want to see the details,” Miller continued. “I want to see the money.”

“I appreciate your statements and you being the devil’s advocate,” Massey said. “But I have a council in favor of moving forward and I have the majority of the members of the park board in favor of moving forward.”

The first step will be drafting the resolution from the city that aldermen authorized Massey to sign and community members will move forward on applying for the DNR grant.

February is Heart Health Month



Heart disease: Controlling your risk

You can protect yourself from heart attack and stroke. Two steps can help you avoid heart disease, our nation’s leading killer.

STEP 1: LEARN YOUR RISK FACTORS

The more risk factors you have, the greater your risk for heart disease.

Major risk factors for heart disease include:

Heredity. If one or both of your parents have had heart disease, you are more likely to develop it too. Heart disease rates are also higher among African Americans, Mexican Americans, American Indians, Native Hawaiians and some Asian Americans.

Gender. More men than women have heart attacks, and they have them at an earlier age.

Age. Most people who die of heart disease are older than 65. Men’s risk starts climbing after age 45. Women’s risk starts climbing after age 55.

Smoking. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), people who smoke greatly increase their risk of heart disease.

Smoking promotes deposits of cholesterol in the arteries and may damage artery walls. It also reduces the level of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) in your blood. HDL is the good cholesterol, which researchers believe clears the bad low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol from blood vessels.

High blood pressure. According to the AHA, nearly half of American adults have high blood pressure. But many don’t even realize they have it.

High blood pressure is called a silent killer because it usually has no specific symptoms or early warning signs.

Also known as hypertension, this condition forces the heart to work harder than normal to pump blood. This causes the heart to enlarge and weaken over time.

Hypertension also increases the risk of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure and congestive heart failure, according to the AHA.

A blood pressure reading of 130 or greater systolic (heart-pumping) pressure or 80 or greater diastolic (heart-resting) pressure for extended periods indicates hypertension. Ideal blood pressure is less than 120 systolic and less than 80 diastolic.

People whose blood pressure is between 120 and 129 systolic and under 80 diastolic have what’s called elevated blood pressure. These people should talk with their doctors about making lifestyle changes to help prevent hypertension.

High blood cholesterol. High levels of LDL cholesterol can increase your risk for heart disease. Cholesterol can damage and thicken the walls of the arteries, making it more difficult for blood to reach the heart.

Healthy blood cholesterol levels vary by age and sex. And your cholesterol levels should be considered in context with your other risk factors.

Physical inactivity. Being inactive increases your risk for heart disease and contributes to other heart disease risk factors such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure

and low blood levels of HDL cholesterol.

Extra body weight. Being overweight or obese puts extra strain on the heart. Even if you have no other risk factors for heart disease, extra body fat increases your risk.

Diabetes. At least 68% of people 65 or older with diabetes die from some form of heart disease, and 16% die of stroke, according to the AHA. If you have diabetes, good disease management can reduce damage to your heart and arteries.

STEP 2: REDUCE YOUR RISK

Once you know your risk factors for heart disease, take steps to eliminate them:

Stop smoking. Your risk for heart disease begins to decrease as soon as you quit smoking.

One year after quitting, an ex-smoker’s excess risk of developing heart disease is reduced by half, according to the AHA.

Quitting also dramatically reduces the risk of a heart attack, and it reduces the risk of a second heart attack in people who already had one.

Your doctor can help you quit.

Fight high blood pressure. To lower your blood pressure, reduce the amount of salt (sodium) in your diet, avoid alcohol, lose weight if you’re overweight and increase your physical activity level.

Your doctor may also prescribe medication to help control your blood pressure.

Control your cholesterol. Work with your doctor to get them to a healthy level. Lifestyle changes and medicines can usually help.

Watch your weight. Balance the calories you eat with your level of physical activity.

Get moving. The health benefits of regular exercise include:

Lower blood pressure.

Greater success at cutting down on or stopping smoking.

Weight loss.

A lower risk of diabetes.

Higher HDL cholesterol, which has been linked to a decreased risk of heart disease.

The AHA recommends at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise on most days of the week to promote heart fitness.

Examples of aerobic exercise include moderate-to-brisk walking; jogging; running; swimming; and sports such as tennis, racquetball, soccer and basketball.

Even modest levels of low-intensity physical activity, such as gardening, walking and brisk housework, can help if you do them regularly over a long period of time.

See your doctor before you begin an exercise program if you have a heart condition, have had a stroke or have another medical condition that might require special attention. Also talk to your doctor if you are middle-aged, haven’t been physically active and plan a vigorous exercise program.



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McKim takes comfort from emotional support animal

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LINN — Faith McKim, a sophomore at Linn High School, has always loved animals but until five years ago, she never realized how much she needed Molly, who joined the family as a pup and has been a constant companion.

Diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD, McKim has long suffered anxiety attacks, usually several times a day, but there was little relief until the Collie-Lab mix came along. Molly was part of a litter offered to the McKims by Taylor Scheulen.

“I was having a really bad day and Molly started jumping on me until I sat down,” said McKim. “I sat there crying but I started to feel better with Molly there. She senses when I’m struggling and tackles me. It helps me settle down.”

With this unknown resource, McKim began to feel a little more control over her life.

“I have trouble reading because of dyslexia and it’s hard to concentrate, so I get very frustrated,” she said. “School is a big stressor. Most of my anxiety attacks happen there.”

“We didn’t know that Molly would have that kind of impact,” said Faith’s mother, Karla. “She loves Faith and is always looking after her. Collies need a job and Molly is really focused on doing her job.”

There has been no formal training. “Faith wasn’t looking for a service animal,” Karla said. “It just happened to work out that way. We did some research to learn more but we’re just so glad Molly is able to help. We’ve had dogs that were

protective but nothing like what Molly provides.”

Specialized training could be obtained but it’s a very costly undertaking.

Molly’s emotional connection to Faith is unique in that she doesn’t react with the same level of concern for others. “Sometimes if my friends are with me and they’re upset, Molly will try to help but she is mainly focused on me,” Faith said, adding Molly doesn’t usually have issues with other dogs.

LHS guidance counselors suggested having Molly certified as a service animal, though the dog does not need specific training as others do, such as guide dogs.

“The school has tried to give as much support as possible,” Karla said, noting that Faith has a 504 plan. “We wish there was a way to make it work so that Molly could be with her at school but we understand the school is limited by state and federal law.”

However, Molly is not allowed to be on school property, per board policy, which states that, “Under Missouri law, the term ‘service dog’ is defined as a dog that is being or has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Service dogs include but are not limited to guide dogs, hearing dogs, medical alert or response dogs, mobility dogs, and mental health service dogs or psychiatric service dogs. Under Missouri law, ‘mental health service dog’ or ‘psychiatric service dog’ is

defined as a dog individually trained for its owner who is diagnosed with a psychiatric disability, medical condition, or developmental disability recognized in the most recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) to perform tasks that mitigate or assist with difficulties directly related to the owner’s psychiatric disability, medical condition, or developmental disability. Emotional support dog, whose purpose is to provide comfort or companionship, does not meet the definition of a service dog under Missouri or federal law.”

law.”

Faith said some days are better than others but the main theme is trying to get through the school day without a major breakdown.

“When I have anxiety attacks, I go see my cheer coach,” Faith said. “She helps me get into my phone so I can see pictures of Molly and that helps calm me down.”

Faith enjoys being part of the cheerleading team. “I can dance all day long,” she said. “I don’t feel anxiety then. In fact, it’s a good way to relieve stress.”

Molly wears a vest identifying her as an

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Maries-Osage Ambulance District board approves requiring physicals for crew members

BY LAURA SCHIERMEIER
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VIENNA — Maries-Osage Ambulance District (MOAD) board members at their January meeting approved a measure to require newly hired employees to get a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical.

Administrator Brian Opoka told the board that in conversation with a representative of the workers’ compensation office, it was suggested the district require the DOT physical for new hires and have staff get the physical annually. The reason, Opoka explained, is that there are different levels of medical disability. If an employee is injured and participates in a rehabilitation program, because of a medical disability, they may not be able to achieve 100% through rehab. If there is a claim, workers’ comp tries to get those injured back to 100% and it may not be possible. The physical is not required but it is suggested.

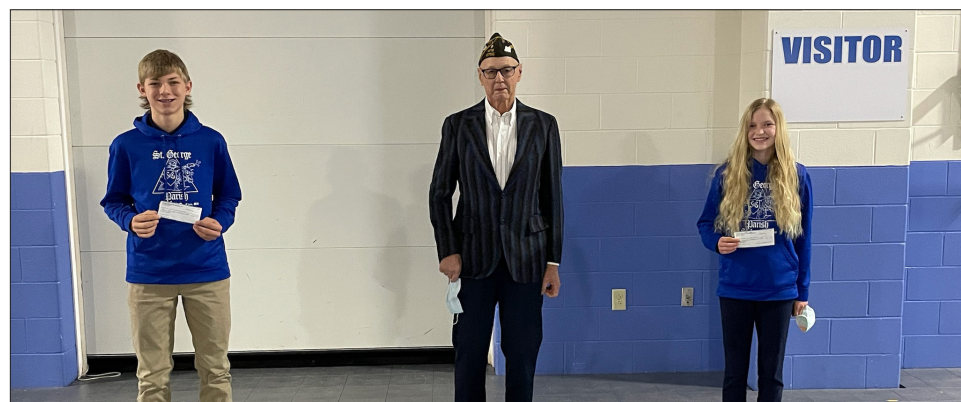
Board member Laura Stratman asked who would pay for the DOT physical. Opoka said if they decide to require the physical, it will cost about \$1,820 a year. The DOT physical is more stringent and may be difficult for people who are on CPAP machines or are overweight. To get the DOT medical card, those getting the physical have to bring a complete list of their medications, including the dosage regimen. Opoka said persons who use a CPAP have to bring it with them to ensure they are wearing it the way they are supposed to. The card will be good for one year, though a healthy young person can get a card to last two years.

Opoka said the advantage of the physical to MOAD is it will help with any workers’ compensation claims. The disadvantage is some of the district’s workers may not be able to pass the physical. Opoka said MOAD does not want big workers’ compensation claims and wants to know if its employees are taking their medication properly and are in good health.

If all of the ambulance crew members get the DOT physical, it will cost \$1,820 annually as the individual physical is \$70 per person. Board member Victor Stratman said if MOAD is going to require it, then the district will have to pay for it.

Board Vice President Steve Maxwell said he thinks

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ST. GEORGE students Austin Dudenhoeffer and Paige Loethen earned second and third place, respectively, in the regional Patriots Pen Essay sponsored by the VFW. Their essays were selected from a field of 1,000 entries. VFW Post 4756 Commander Dan Schafer presented the awards.

St. George students finish strong in regional essay contest

St. George eighth-grader Austin Dudenhoeffer and sixth-grader Paige Loethen earned second and third place, respectively, in the regional Patriots Pen Essay sponsored by the VFW. Their essays were selected from a field of 1,000 entries.

“We are very proud that we had two winners because having two winners from the same school has never been achieved before,” said Principal Lisa Grellner. “Not only is this a testament to our students’ talents, but their teachers as well.”

Both students wrote their essays in response to the question, “What is Patriotism to Me?”

Dudenhoeffer wrote, “Harry S. Truman once said, ‘America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.’ This quote couldn’t be more true. Every single American soldier had courage. Soldiers had an image of what they wanted their country to be like, and they had the determination to do it. Soldiers are fighting for our rights every day because they have the courage to fight for what they want our country to be. They stand up for our country and fight for OUR rights because they have no fear. To me, patriotism isn’t just saying you believe in America or standing up for our country. It’s doing those things.

“A true patriot would believe in America,” Dudenhoeffer’s essay continued. “True

patriots always believe. They would do anything to help their country grow and be an overall better country. George Washington was a great example of believing in America. He led the American Revolution. Washington kept fighting for the country he imagined. He kept fighting and fighting for what he wanted. That’s not just saying you believe but actually showing that you believe. That’s believing in America. That’s what a true Patriot would do, that’s true patriotism.

“A true patriot would also stand up for their country,” Dudenhoeffer continued. “I’m pretty sure every American with true patriotism would do anything they could to stand up for their country. ‘You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it,’ - John Adams. This quote pretty much says the founding fathers of America did anything (even if that meant dying) to stand up for what they believed in ... their country. Fighting for your country isn’t the only way you can show that you will stand up for America. If someone says that America is a bad country, you could tell them how great it actually is. How many countries are free, where the people of our country have your back under any circumstances. In my eyes, that’s true patriotism.

“So what is true patriotism to me? It’s not

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ELIZABETH HOFFMAN Reinkemeyer, of Linn, a 2000 graduate of St. George, was recognized as the St. George School recipient of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award for 2021 as part of Catholic Schools Week. She was presented the award by Principal Lisa Grellner and Father Colin Franklin.

Reinkemeyer earns NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award at St. George

Elizabeth Hoffman Reinkemeyer, of Linn, a 2000 graduate of St. George, was recognized as the St. George School recipient of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award for 2021 as part of Catholic Schools Week.

Reinkemeyer, a second-grade teacher at St. George School, was nominated for this award due to her service and dedication to the school and parish.

“Liz’s dedication to Catholic education is reflected in her commitment to passing our Catholic faith down to all children,” said St. George Principal Lisa Grellner. “Liz has a love for the sacraments that she instills in all of her students. Second grade is a big year for students as they receive both reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time. Liz never lets her students forget that Jesus Christ is really and truly present in the Eucharist — Body, Blood, and Divinity. Liz not only teaches the importance of the sacraments, but she models this in her daily life.”

All teachers have struggled during this time of shut-downs and virtual learning,

ensuring that their students have continued to learn and grow not only academically but spiritually as well.

“The people around her can testify that Liz’s faith during these times has not only inspired students but adults as well,” said Grellner. “This is another example of building the body of Christ as well as her dedication to St. George students.”

While at St. George, Reinkemeyer participated in sports and other school-sponsored activities. Upon completion of high school at Linn R-2, Reinkemeyer obtained her bachelor’s degree in education at Lincoln University. She is the daughter of Ron and Veronica Hoffman. Veronica was the recipient of this award in 2017. Liz is married to Sam Reinkemeyer, and they are the proud parents of Charlie, Maggie, and Daniel.

The NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award honors graduates of Catholic schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic church.

“This award is being given to a well-deserving member of our parish,” said Grellner.



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KAREN GENTGES, a 1982 graduate of St. Joseph - Westphalia - was honored Sunday with the 2021 National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award as part of Catholic Schools Week. She was presented the award by Principal Pat Kirk and Father Anthony Viviano.

Gentges honored with NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award at St. Joseph

As part of Catholic Schools Week, Karen Gentges, a 1982 graduate of St. Joseph - Westphalia - was honored Sunday with the 2021 National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award.

Principal Pat Kirk said the 1986 Fatima graduate gives of her energy and time to education as working in the Parents as Teacher Program for Fatima School District.

Gentges for many years was responsible for the religious education of the students attending PSR classes at St. Joseph as the director of PSR and the high school PSR programs.

For years, even though she did not have any children attending St. Joseph School, she gave of her time in driving art students to various schools for Sketch Days. She has also worked many parish picnics and fall festivals. For the past several years, she has been a substitute teacher for St. Joseph School in all areas of academics.

“Karen continues to live out her Catholic faith by showing all of us what it means to be a disciple of Christ giving of herself in service to others,” said Kirk.

Karen grew up on a farm in Westphalia and was the daughter of Jim and Dorothy Fennewald. She has two sisters and five brothers. She and her husband, Kurt, have four grandchildren, including two that are attending their grandmother’s alma mater elementary school, St. Joseph. Jace and Livia are both in first grade.

The NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award honors graduates of Catholic schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic church.

A NEW ADVENTURE

A different set of rules for the ruling class

Many politicians have become addicted to power that their positions have given them. And it shows. They love to tell the working class what to do. They are the ruling class. They believe they know best, that they are above us in every way. We are treated like young children who must obey their elders. Of course, the ruling class considers themselves above the law. The United States Congress flaunts this by excluding themselves in many of the laws they have passed. Federal laws that do not apply to Congress include Title VI of the 1964 Act prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, or national origin, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Interestingly, while witnesses in congressional hearings who make false statements under oath can be prosecuted for perjury, members of Congress are given an absolute privilege to lie with impunity in the House or Senate, by the Speech or Debate Clause in Article I, Section 6 of the U.S. Constitution.

by DENNIS WARDEN



Case in point, Adam Schiff, D-Calif., lied about the Trump-Russian collusion on the floor of Congress — and to the media — for three years. Nowhere has the ruling class shown their true colors more than their hypocrisy concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is a short list to remind you.

- Denver Mayor Michael Hancock boarded a plane to Mississippi less than an hour after telling his citizens not to travel for the holidays.
- Steve Adler, mayor of Austin, Texas

recorded a video in a timeshare in Cabo, Mexico telling people to stay home because of COVID-19. He flew to Mexico in a private jet.

- California Gov. Gavin Newsom was caught dining at an upscale restaurant with lobbyists the same week he warned against Thanksgiving gatherings.
- The mayor of San Francisco, London Breed attended a birthday party at the same restaurant as Newsom three days before she banned all indoor dining in her city.
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was caught unmasked at a hair salon that was supposed to be closed because of the coronavirus after she chided President Donald Trump for his reluctance to wear a mask.
- Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot had her hair done, while beauty parlors were closed.
- Washington DC's Mayor Muriel Bowser demanded everyone self-quarantine after traveling to high-risk states. The rule apparently didn't apply to her when she traveled to Delaware to celebrate Joe Biden's victory.

- President Biden declared that masks must be worn on all government property. Hours later he and his family broke that rule at the Lincoln Memorial.

Are you seeing a pattern here? They are part of the ruling class who think they are better and that the rules don't apply to them. If you want more The Heritage Foundation has a list of over 50 examples — some of them Republicans. Kansas City's mayor is the lone example from Missouri.

The ruling classes' hypocrisy doesn't end with COVID-19. It has been on display for years when it comes to climate change.

In 2019 Google held a camp at a seaside resort in Sicily on the climate crises which was attended by the rich and famous — including Barack Obama and Leonardo DiCapri. Many arrived in private jets and mega yachts.

President Biden recently chose John Kerry as his Special Envoy for Climate. Former Kerry campaign staffer Zach Friend said Kerry "will 'hit the ground running' as

Climate Czar and Biden's climate plans will send a 'strong message' internationally."

He literally needs to hit the ground and stop traveling in his family's private jet. It is estimated that his jet emitted 116 metric tons of carbon last year. In comparison, a typical passenger vehicle, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon per year.

What are the odds that the Biden Administration eliminates the use of private jets and luxury yachts in the effort to cut carbon emissions?

I wish Biden had asked me for my recommendations for his new Climate Czar. I have two friends who 'practice what they preach.'

One has solar panels on the roof of his house and drives an electric car. The other used to run his diesel car on used oil from McDonald's. Neither of these two Democrats is rich and powerful, nor are they part of the ruling class. But, either would put a better face on climate change than Kerry.

They would be believable.

FOR THE RECORD
By RALPH VOSS

Solzhenitsyn and the Gulag Archipelago

In 1973 most liberals in this country were pro-American, anti-Communist, honorable, truthful and compassionate. That was the year Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn came out with his epic work, the Gulag Archipelago, and liberals were very supportive of his masterpiece.

Time magazine said it was the most important piece of non-fiction in the 20th Century, Harvard invited Solzhenitsyn to give the commencement address at its 1978 graduation exercise and in 2018 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth, The New York Times described him as "The Writer Who Destroyed an Empire," referring to the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

Most liberals have changed dramatically over the last 50 years. Most have become Communists or Communist sympathizers and they no longer like someone who speaks ill of Communism or Communist countries such as China and they certainly do not like a man who can topple a Communist country.

My problem is I've only got hundreds of words to relate the problems with Communism that Solzhenitsyn needed three-volumes and 1,800 pages to explain. Solzhenitsyn gave thousands of examples to explain the horrors of Communism, particularly under Lenin and Stalin.

It's one thing to put a total number to the people who died under Communist rule, just in Russia and the Soviet Union. That figure was something around 66 million. A number like that doesn't seem as attention-grabbing, however, as the fact that in 1929 and 1930 at least 15 million peasants were marched out onto the tundra and taiga — areas that get so cold trees don't grow there — and allowed to die. "This wave poured forth, sank down into the permafrost, and even our most active minds recall hardly a thing about it. It is as if it had not even scarred the Russian conscience," Solzhenitsyn explains. Whether this event scarred the Russian conscience, I can't say, but I can certainly say it has not scarred the conscience of America's Democratic leaders and their allies in the Deep State, Big Tech, big media and big business, all of whom are working overtime to help the Communist Party of China.

This is the perfect time to explain the difference between Russian and Chinese Communism. Of the 66 million who died under Russia and the Soviet Union, most died during the almost-30-year reign of Joseph Stalin. Stalin's successors did not like Stalin's gulags or his tactics. Solzhenitsyn said there was a rumor that Stalin executed Nikita Khrushchev's son-in-law. Mikhail Gorbachev was no fan of the gulags. He had family members who experienced life in those institutions. There have been no gulags in operation in Russia since 1961.

China, on the other hand, in the past few years has built some 400 "reeducation" camps to hold an estimated one million Uighurs and other minorities who are Muslims. The swamp-dwellers want to do the same for the 75 million who voted for Trump.

Our Democratic Party leaders and their allies want us to believe the real threat to the U.S. is Russia and its leader Vladimir Putin. That is a patent lie. China is the threat, not Russia. It's not Russia that has bought the U.S. Presidency. It is not Russia that owns many of this country's leading universities. It is not Russia that has the American media and Big Tech doing its heavy lifting.

Another example from Solzhenitsyn's work explains how Communists lie, misinform and play word games. From the very beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, strong elements within the movement favored abolishment of capital punishment. Lenin, the leader of the Communist element and the man who would lead the country from 1918 to 1924, scoffed at the idea, but went along with the members of his coalition. On Oct. 28, 1917, capital punishment was abolished. At the beginning of 1918, an admiral went on trial for refusing to follow an order to scuttle Russia's Baltic fleet. After a brief trial the judge ordered the admiral "To be shot within twenty-four hours." Some in the courtroom expressed concern, because capital punishment had been abolished. To which, the prosecutor replied: "What are you worrying about? Executions have been abolished. But Shchastny (the admiral) is not being executed; he is being shot." And they did shoot him, Solzhenitsyn added. This is a distinction that would be fully appreciated in D.C.

The author went on to say that in a 16-month period in 1918 and 1919, 16,000 persons were shot. This new era of executions "stunned and froze Russia," Solzhenitsyn said, but not as much as the practice of "sinking barges loaded with uncounted, unregistered hundreds, unidentified even by a roll call."

You can always trust a Communist. He'll always lie or always do anything — however dishonorable — to advance the cause of Communism. Solzhenitsyn reported that in "1937 and 1938 a half-million political prisoners had been shot throughout the Soviet Union, and 480,000 blatnye — habitual thieves — in addition. This was from one source. Another source said the number was 1,700,000. Take your pick.

Let me conclude this column with a few words about Solzhenitsyn. He was born in 1918, was in his early years a committed Communist, won awards for his service in the Soviet Army in World War II, and underwent a life-changing experience in 1945, when in a private letter to a friend he criticized Stalin. This led to five years in solitary confinement and eight years in a gulag. Solzhenitsyn was a trained mathematician, but he wanted to become a writer and he became a great one. In addition to Gulag, he wrote many novels that described life in Stalin's Russia. Solzhenitsyn's books challenged every aspect of the Soviet system. I'm somewhat surprised that the Soviets did not kill him because of his writings. Instead, they exiled him, first inside the Soviet Union and later expelled him from the country. He spent almost two decades in Vermont, before returning to Russia in 1994. He died in his native country in 2008 at the age of 89.

What do you think would have happened to a Chinese citizen who wrote these kinds of books? I don't think he or she would have lived to be 89. Do you?

I hope this column has possibly convinced you that you should look into this matter in greater detail. You could go to your local library and try to check out Gulag Archipelago. If you did that, you'd find yourself in a line of people who are waiting for their turn to get the book. I'd suggest you go to a book store in Jefferson City or Columbia and buy a copy. A paperback version is around \$20. Better yet, I'd like to see members of our local book clubs choose this as the book all of its members read.

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"You know, sis, I like my job just the way it is."

To all my friends and family, no matter your political stances or who you voted for, please read.

I am the sister to a wonderful man who works in a Sheltered Workshop. My older brother, Jake, is employed at Empac Group Inc at the Sullivan facility. After celebrating his 20th work anniversary at Empac in 2020, Jake continues to find value in his work there. Empac has helped Jake learn the importance of quality in his work. I have often asked my brother if he would like to find other employment outside of a Sheltered Workshop, and he always says "You know, sis, I like my job just the way it is." You see, the American Rescue plan, as well as, the upcoming bills — The Time Act & The Transformation Bill - all call for a phasing out of 14c of the Fair Labor Standard Act. While I understand the concept, I do not believe all understand what those bills will do to the future of thousands of individuals with disabilities who are employed in Sheltered Workshops. Jake's employment, like for many, is not just a job. Jake has the opportunity to be active and socialize with many people — people who understand him and truly care about his well-being. The elimination of 14c could close his place of employment — his CHOICE of employment. If the Workshops close, Jake will have good life at home, on the farm with our family, but it is not the life he wants. He thrives on consistency and enjoys keeping his regular work schedule. He is familiar with the tasks he completes at work, and new tasks elsewhere cause him much anxiety. If the government passes the elimination of 14c in any bill, it will have taken away a job from my brother, Jake, who is a son, uncle, brother-in-law, grandson, cousin, church member, restaurant lover, movie goer, and an American citizen who values his work at Empac Group.

I am also a manager of a Sheltered Workshop in Rolla, MO — Phelps County Industrial Solutions. The employees of PCIS love their jobs and many have told me that they have nowhere that will accept them if Sheltered Workshops are forced to close. So while I can write you personally about my brother, I have many more people under my protection who have chosen their employment at PCIS and do not or cannot find other options of employment. I urge you to not only use your power to SAVE 14C, but to also, share this with other legislators to use their power in the same way.

Laura Giebler-Taylor

BLAINE'S BULLETIN

A Record Number of Executive Orders

Well, that didn't take long. After months of promising unity and pledging to be the President for every American in his inaugural address, it only took a few hours for President Biden to issue executive orders to appease the coastal far left at the expense of the middle of the country.

The pursuit of American energy independence has had a massive impact on the U.S., creating good paying jobs, particularly in the upper Midwest, reduced energy costs for every American, and benefitting our national security. Despite that, immediately after President Biden's inauguration he issued an executive order to revoke the Keystone XL Pipeline permit, which was a top demand of the political left. Killing thousands of jobs and potentially raising energy costs when many American households are still struggling with unemployment and paying the bills should be the last thing we would want to do. But when those jobs reside in conservative states and pay the bills of homes that receive the local paper instead of the Washington Post, they seem not to matter as much as others.

Another day one priority that was carried out purely for political purposes put our homeland security at risk by halting construction of the border wall and ending the emergency declaration at our southern border. The crisis at our southern border continues with human trafficking operations, illicit drugs and violence coming into our country. However, the residents of high-rise apartment buildings and gated communities find the security they enjoy daily too unseemly for our citizens living on the border. Despite his responsibility for the safety of every citizen, President Biden appears set on governing like a radical leftist and is catering to their extreme demands like amnesty for illegal immigrants and defunding ICE. Our nation has endured a great deal over the last year and as we

focus on rebuilding and getting back on our feet as a country, we shouldn't be forced to worry whether or not our borders are secure.

One thing we should all agree on is the World Health Organization's (WHO) blatant mismanagement of Covid-19. Instead of working with the civilized world to address the threat,



by Blaine Luetkemeyer
3rd District Congressman

WHO attempted to cover up the spread of the coronavirus after its origins were traced to China. President Trump took decisive action and withdrew from this organization that was not looking out for America's best interest and instead used those resources elsewhere to support recovery efforts. Even so, an executive order was signed on day one of President Biden's presidency stating the United States would rejoin the WHO. Why? Because the left demands that anything accomplished over the last four years be reversed as soon as possible, regardless of merit.

Executive orders are not new. They're not necessarily wrong, and the President is well within his rights to use

the powers of the executive order as many Presidents before him have done. President Trump signed four in his first week in office. President Obama signed five. However, President Biden's 22 executive orders in his first week in office is nothing short of excessive and overreaching considering these are unilateral decisions being made without Congressional oversight. Fortunately, most major policy shifts cannot be done without Congress. Our Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances that gives the Legislative Branch oversight authority and the sole responsibility of writing laws. While President Biden sits in the Oval Office trying to undo President Trump's accomplishments as fast as he can, my Republican colleagues and I will not stand for this top-down style of governance and plan to continue fighting for the things that really matter right now. We need to get every student in America back in school before any more of them fall behind. We need to focus on distributing the vaccine to everyone who wants it throughout our state, and continue to do everything possible to support Missouri small businesses and our state's economic recovery. Those priorities, not political point scoring, is what so many of you tell me you want to see, and it's exactly what I'll keep pursuing.

CONTACTUS: As always, for those of you with Internet access, I encourage you to visit my official website. For those without access to the Internet, I encourage you to call my offices in Jefferson City (573-635-7232) Washington, Mo. (636-239-2276), or Wentzville (636-327-7055) with your questions and concerns. If you want even greater access to what I am working on, please visit my YouTube site, Facebook page, and keep up-to-date with Twitter and Instagram.

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Sheriff, commission issue joint statement preserving 2nd Amendment rights

Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham on Tuesday issued a statement in partnership with Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin, Western District Commissioner John Trenshaw, and Eastern District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes affirming that county officials will uphold their oath to protect 2nd Amendment rights.

“One of the most sacred civil liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution was clearly articulated by our nation’s forefathers in the 2nd Amendment,” said Bonham.

The 2nd Amendment reads: “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Bonham noted that recently, the state of Missouri has witnessed at least one county draft an ordinance geared toward identifying the jurisdiction as a “Sanctuary city/county.”

“The intent of this sort of action is symbolic in nature on a variety of fronts: 1). A firm reminder to the concept of federalism clearly outlined in the 10th Amendment, 2). A statement of non-compliance in the event federal law attempts to supersede existing case law, and 3). The announcement from incorporated and/or unincorporated jurisdictional government bodies that their assets will not be used in any attempt to tread on the rights guaranteed to the citizens of this great country.

“As servants of Osage County, both your duly elected commissioners and duly elected sheriff want to state publicly that those whom we serve shall continue to enjoy constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties without government interference,” said Bonham. “In other words, NO COUNTY ASSETS will be utilized in the enforcement/attempted enforcement of anti-gun legislation passed at the federal, state, or local level. Our oaths are to vehemently defend these guaranteed rights, and we intend to fulfill those oaths throughout our elected terms. At no time will the Osage County Sheriff’s Office or its sworn officials interfere with the legal possession, sale, transfer, or ownership of a firearm. At no time will the Osage County Sheriff’s Office inform the federal government of the identification of citizens with whom have registered firearms or possess carry and conceal permits (CCP) as currently outlined in RSMO 571.101.”

As the governing body of Osage County, commissioners agreed to do the same. “Please rest assured that as your elected county government officials, we will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri,” the joint statement read. “We will not allow your county assets to be a part of any attempted removal of your right to protect your home and your families.”

A more detailed story will be presented next week.

Computers on the Farm meets Feb. 8-9 via Zoom conference

With its virtual format, this year’s Computers on the Farm conference, Feb. 8-9, will vividly underscore the increasingly vital role of computers in agriculture.

“The topics are designed to simulate a hands-on experience for both beginner and advanced farm computer users,” says Kent Shannon, University of Missouri Extension agricultural engineering specialist and MU assistant teaching professor.

The annual event is aimed at users of all levels who are interested in on-farm applications of computer technology, Shannon says.

The opening session will look at the ins and outs of virtual conferencing. Other topics include precision ag and drones, farm taxes, social media and rural broadband.

Thirty-minute sessions will be held via Zoom beginning 6 p.m. on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9. The agenda includes breaks between sessions and time for questions and discussion.

Presenters include MU Extension specialists and representatives from the tech companies SpaceX, FBS Systems and Trilogy Networks. Attendees will also learn from farmers sharing their experiences using computer applications in their operations, Shannon says.

The \$20 registration fee covers access to both evenings as well as recordings of each session. For details and registration, visit agebb.missouri.edu/cottf. For more information, contact Shannon at ShannonD@missouri.edu or 573-882-7510.

Essay Contest from page 7

just saying that you believe or stand up for our country. It’s actively doing those things. To me, Patriotism is demonstrating that you believe and will stand up for America. That’s what patriotism to me is.”

Dudenhoeffer earned \$200 for his entry. Loethen, meanwhile, wrote, “As I sit in the hammock behind my house, I flip through my book about wars in which America has been involved. I reflect on the names of soldiers who have fought worldwide and how they were so passionate about America. American soldiers come from all different places, with their own individual circumstances, from different races, and many nationalities. However, the one thing that they all have in common is their love and loyalty for America, their patriotism.

“When I think of patriotism, I hear the dedication that pounds in every soldier’s heart,” she continued. “Soldiers who wake up in their tent in the morning, ready to

protect this country, not knowing if they will return there that night. I worry about myself in everyday life, but to soldiers, it is about protecting more than themselves. It’s about fighting for all people because they believe that protecting this country, as a whole, is more important than their own lives. If we lose America and our freedom, we lose all that we are. Soldiers make sacrifices because of that truth. They proudly put in the effort needed with great valor to protect that red, white, and blue pattern waving in the sky.

“When I think of patriotism, I think of leaders who showed their patriotism through their actions and their impact on America,” Loethen wrote. “The founding fathers, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are examples of patriots. They sought independence for themselves, this country, and for future generations. Many lives were lost, but they believed in something better for our country.

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it will help protect the district, and Laura Stratman noted it will help establish a baseline. Opoka said the board can choose to do “whatever we want.”

Office Manager Carla Butler said she’s heard other districts have their employees pay for the physical and when they receive the DOT medical card, they are reimbursed by the district.

Board members approved requiring the DOT physical, which will be paid by the district. Opoka suggested all employees currently on the roster have the physical done by the end of the first quarter of the year.

In other business, the board gave its approval for the acquisition of the COVID-19 testing kits from the Bureau of EMS. They contain sanitizer and testing kits. The tests will be used for staff members and results are known within about 15 minutes. Opoka will put together a protocol for the testing. The people who administer the test will need training, and any testing MOAD does needs to be reported within a couple of days. Opoka said he’s in favor of this and thinks it might expand into the larger community.

Victor Stratman asked if people would come to the ambulance base to get tested for COVID-19 and Opoka said it is possible, as he’s “looking down the road.”

Opoka said the tests are 94% accurate. He uses them at his other job and it works well for symptomatic people. There are a lot of

false-negative tests if people are tested too early. He doesn’t think it will cost anything to get a kit. However, the EMS Bureau will pick and choose and that’s why MOAD needs protocols about licensing and training. Opoka talked to two MOAD employees who are willing to be trained to give the tests. The kits have to be secured, there is identification on the kits and everything has to match and it must be well monitored. There is no cost and the training is a very simple process.

* Long-time board member Wilma Stephen has resigned from the MOAD board due to health reasons and a replacement is needed for Subdistrict 1, which is the Dry Creek area. Her term would have ended in 2022, so it would be a two-year term at the beginning.

* Board member Eileen Smith of Subdistrict 3 and Victor Stratman in Subdistrict 6 have filed for another term on the board.

* Opoka said last month there was the treat of bedbugs at the Freeburg base. They sprayed and found one dead bedbug and one live bedbug. He said he thinks the district is okay.

* Opoka reported they had another worker’s compensation claim in December involving a back injury. He should know soon if MOAD received a grant through the Gary Sinise Foundation to purchase power-cot lift systems for the ambulances. The grant request was for \$57,000.

When I think of patriotism, I am reminded of people in my own community who show their love for America. It’s honoring America all the time, speaking in a high regard, respecting our soldiers, and appreciating all they do. Showing patriotism is all of that, and the placement of our hand over our hearts during the National Anthem to show how proud and thankful we are to be living in America.

As I close my book and slide out of the hammock, I marvel at the value of the word patriotism. I would say that it’s full support and love for one’s country. That is what I observe in the hearts of American soldiers, leaders, and civilians who are proud to be living in the land of the free, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. That is patriotism to me.”

Loethen won \$100 for her essay.

* In the financial report, December income was \$99,405.89 and expenses were \$45,396.36 for a net gain of \$54,009.53. Of the income \$17,600.19 was Maries County taxes, \$9,671.30 was Osage County taxes, \$52,418.86 was from service fees, \$19,690.48 was sales tax income, and \$25.06 was interest income.

* Opoka commented about November’s negative net income of \$13,000, saying it was because they missed a deposit by a couple of days due to the holidays.

* In the year-end 2020 financial report, Opoka reported budgeted revenue of \$671,500 and actual revenue of \$707,167 for a positive variance of \$35,667. Budgeted expenses were \$671,500 and actual expenses were \$683,188, for a negative variance of \$11,688. The district showed a net gain of \$23,998.

* Opoka reported response times for the month at an average of 7.8 minutes to get to the scene, 24 minutes on the scene, which he said is a little longer because they had a couple of standbys, and an average arrival time at the hospital with the patient of 43 minutes.

* MOAD reported a total of 45 ambulance responses during December 2020, of which 34 were in the Vienna zone, with 21 urgent emergencies and 13 dry runs, and 11 were in the Freeburg zone, with five urgent emergencies, four dry runs, and two routine non-emergencies.

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Bartlett & West still working to procure easements for the Jaegers Wastewater Regionalization Project

BY THERESA BRANDT
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LINN — Bartlett & West is still working with the city of Linn to procure easements for the Jaegers Wastewater Regionalization Project, and at the Jan. 19 meeting, engineers told aldermen that the temporary, construction easements for the project will be 40 feet and the permanent easements will be 20 feet.

City Clerk Carrie Grellner was waiting on clarification on the easements so that she had the correct information to present to the property owners. She will work up a new list of names to distribute to the board.

Currently, there is no set schedule for completion of this project.

In other business, the Board of Aldermen approved a raise of \$.15 per hour for city employee Patrick Dickenson. The pay raise, approved at the December meeting, reflects that Dickenson has passed his probationary period. This ordinance would be prorated and extend back to Dec. 1, 2020.

Aldermen also approved a raise of \$.15 per hour for city employee Trevor Head, who also has passed his probationary period.

Dickinson and Head would have also received an \$.85 raise as of Jan. 1 because of Missouri’s minimum wage increase, which was not reflected in the ordinance. Mayor Dwight Massey asked that City Attorney Kent Brown look into whether or not these ordinances for routine pay increases of city employees were necessary.

“This is the way it has always been done,” Brown explained.

“To me, this is just a waste of paperwork and time,” Massey said. “It is a hassle to do the ordinance on each wage increase.”

Massey asked Brown to

investigate what was legally required of the city and if it was possible to streamline the mandatory raises for city employees.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

* Grellner noted that City Hall will be closed for President’s Day on Feb. 15.

* Grellner will be participating in a webinar put on by the Missouri Rural Water Association and planned to be in Camdenton, on Jan. 28 for a workshop put on by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for floodplain administrators.

* The city of Linn will be sending a plant for Alice Nilges’ funeral. She was the city clerk for five years.

In the License Fee Office report, it was noted the office will be closed on Feb. 12 and 13 for Lincoln’s Birthday and Feb. 15 for Presidents’ Day.

Utilities Superintendent Larry Fredrich reported that both trucks worked very well during the recent snowfall.

* Fredrich and his crew have started manhole inspections and adding manhole locations to the city map.

“The guys are doing good and we are gaining ground just not as fast as I would like for us to,” Fredrich said. “I’m just a little impatient, I guess but we are still moving forward.”

* Fredrich told aldermen the department had to have an aerator repaired in the lagoon.

* The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) computer has gone down again, according to Fredrich, who has been backing up the computer system every night so that if it crashes again, a limited amount of data would be lost.

Fredrich hoped that aldermen will include a new SCADA computer and system in the budget for the upcoming year.

“This is just a sore subject

for me,” Niewald said. “It is outdated every three years.”

“This one is eight years old so we’re doing pretty good,” Fredrich countered.

Aldermen will be looking at different quotes for a new computer in the upcoming meetings.

Chief Mike Bickell reported that many of the computer monitors and docking stations that were bought with Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) funding have been received. Currently, the police department is waiting on Turn Key Mobile out of Jefferson City to install these systems in mid to late February.

The police department is still waiting for information on several of the grants for which they have applied and Bickell is looking into additional grants to update the older radios.

* Bickell noted that there will be more of a police presence at St. George School in the upcoming weeks. He has initiated walk-throughs at the school.

“We want to be a bigger part of things,” Bickell explained. “We want the students to know we are there for them and what they are seeing happening in big cities and on the news is not happening here.”

* Alderman Montgomery has fielded a complaint from a local business owner who was asked to move her car off of the street before the snow.

Grellner noted that she had only sent police officers down to talk to her after she had been contacted by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

“I told her to park around back and explained to her that a snowplow blade is 14 feet across,” Montgomery said. “I also referred her to call MoDOT for additional information.”

* Niewald suggested the city could upgrade the City Clerk’s office.

“(Grellner) has said she doesn’t need it but I think we

could do a little modernization,” Niewald said.

* Massey noted that when he was driving around town over the weekend, he saw a lot of trash in the streets and around people’s houses.

“Let’s try to think about what we can do to people to clean up around their homes and be proud of what we have,” Massey said.

FINANCIAL NEWS

* Aldermen approved outstanding bills for January totaling \$102,483.87.

* The city of Linn has the following ending balances in their governmental fund accounts: general (\$455,290.73), pool (-\$22,631.70), park (\$71,685.09), police training (\$978.18), general-improvements and equipment (\$8,646.09), park-improvements and equipment (\$20,375.76) and pool-improvement and equipment (\$32,023.14),

* Linn has the following ending balances in their business-type accounts: water (\$415,511.75), water replacement (\$79,437.17), sewer (\$258,496.26), sewer replacement (\$53,485.30), grants (-\$400,030.82).

* The city has nine certificates of deposit with a total value of \$1,078,452.80.

* The next budget meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 5 p.m., and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Feb. 16 at 5 p.m.

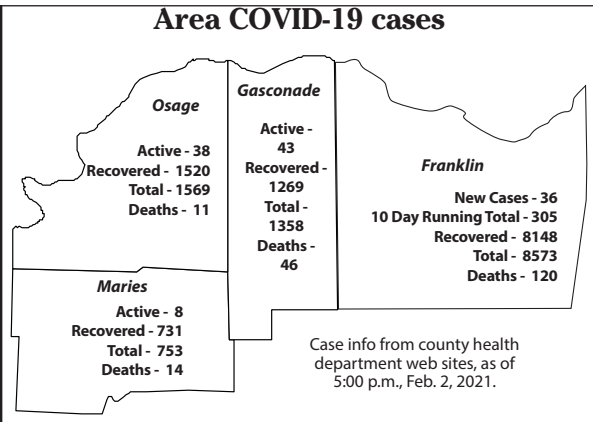
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when,” said Sallin. “We have to adhere to the tier system, and I know that’s tough for some people, but we can’t cut corners or we’ll potentially lose our ability to provide the vaccine.”

“The important thing to remember is that even after you’ve received the injections, it’s still possible to contract the virus and spread it, which means you still need to wear a mask and maintain proper social distance,” said Sallin.

She urges everyone to be cautious, wear a mask, social-distance, and wash hands frequently to help contain the spread.

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MILES & THE MONARCHS

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CHAPTER FOUR

The truck bounced along as Miles and his dad made their way to Philadelphia. Miles was thirsty and washed the sunflower seeds down with a cool drink from his canteen.

“Dad,” Miles said. “What other stars did you and Grandpa see when you were traveling around to watch the Negro League?”

“Well, Miles,” his dad answered. “Have you ever heard of a player named Martin Dihigo?”

“Dihigo?” Miles questioned. “That’s sort of a funny sounding name.”

“It’s a Cuban name,” his dad said. “Dihigo is from Cuba.”

“Oh?” Miles asked. “Cuban players also play in the Negro League?”

“Sure do!” Miles’ dad answered. “The Negro League has lots of players from Cuba and Latin America. In fact, there was a team called the Cuban Stars. Dihigo played for them when he first started, but he eventually played for the Homestead Grays, Hilldale Giants and New York Cubans too. Martin Dihigo is an incredible player and he practices all of the time. They say he plays year-round—summers in the US and winters in the Caribbean!”

“I bet he’s good, with all of that practice!” Miles chimed in.

“Yeah, son, that’s the way to get better, isn’t it?” his dad said. “Practice, practice, practice. In fact, Martin Dihigo is a great example of that. He was always the best at hitting fastballs, but he struggled when pitchers threw him the curve. So, he told his practice pitchers to only throw him curveballs.”

“So, he could practice!”

“Exactly. With all of that practice, he became one of the best curveball hitters in the league.”

“So, he’s the best at hitting fastballs and the best at hitting curveballs?”

“Yes indeed,” his dad answered.

“So, he’s just the best!” Miles said.

“You could say that, for sure,” his dad chortled.

“Dad? Um, do you think we could stop in that town up there?” Miles asked, pointing to a sign that said the next town would be coming along in three miles. “I have to go to the bathroom.” Miles’ dad gripped the wheel and studied the sign, glancing down at his penciled map as he drove. Suddenly, his dad turned off the main road down a side road running through a patch of woods.

“Where are we going?” Miles asked. “Is this a shortcut?”

“No, no, just hang on, “ his dad answered.

After they drove through the woods for a little while, Miles’ dad stopped the truck, pulling to the side of the road. All around them it was silent except for the occasional chatter of birds.

“Ok, Miles,” his dad said. “You can get out here.”

“Here?” Miles asked. “In the woods?”

“Yeah, son, hurry up now. Get on out and just get it done.”

Miles knew his dad knew what was best, so he didn’t hesitate. He slid out of the truck and walked to the side of the road at the edge of the woods. As he jumped back into the cab, he saw his dad look around carefully before slowly making their way back through the wooded path to the main road ahead.

Newspaper Connection: Fast and curve balls are mentioned in this chapter. Search your local newspaper for uses of the word ball and make a list of these.



PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON

LINN SOPHOMORE Faith McKim has always loved animals but until five years ago, she never realized how much she needed Molly, who joined the family as a pup and has been a constant companion, serving as an emotional support dog.

emotional support animal, and federal law protects her as a service dog. “There’s more accessibility for her,” Karla noted. “She is allowed in a lot of places, just like other service animals.”

There have been confrontations from people who don’t understand the need for the animal or what Molly represents. Faith said she does her best to handle those kinds of situations but when it’s too much, she begins to shake, and Molly reacts, often before an attack fully forms.

“Molly alerts to her emotional state very

quickly,” Karla said.

Elders at Community Christian Church agreed to allow Molly to attend youth group and church events, provided it wasn’t a problem.

“We’re very grateful,” Karla said. “We don’t want to create issues for anyone.”

For now, Faith and Molly are as inseparable as possible, and that is helping her cope.

“Mental health is just as important as physical health, and Molly makes it possible for Faith to handle her anxiety,” Karla said.



Fatima R-3 School
News from Westphalia

FCCLA Chapter News

AMBER BERHORST, REPORTER
BRIDGETTE VEIT, PRESIDENT

This month our FCCLA chapter has been planning for our upcoming events. Firstly, our lifesmarts team qualified for state. The team members are Bridgette Veit, Rachel Temmen, Eliana Steinman, Meaghan Frank, and Thomas Libbert. These five members will compete virtually Feb. 10th and 11th in the state competition.

Additionally, we planned FCCLA week which is coming up in February. We have started our "Stand Up" national program. This national program consists of a positivity campaign to help students be more positive and happy in a world that has been flipped upside down from COVID-19.

Students are also finishing up on STAR events which are being held virtually in February.

Even though we are having to innovate with our community service projects, we are still doing our best to better our community.

College Clips
Westminster College

Fall Semester 2020 Dean's List:

BONNOTS MILL
Courtney Wolfe, Junior

FREEBURG
Tiffany Bliss, Junior

LINN
Cameron Gehlert, Senior

LOOSE CREEK
Drew Bax, Senior
Steven Brandt, Senior
Veronica Toeppen, Junior



Troy Ludwig, 17, from Linn won third place at the Missouri Fairs & Festivals State Speech Contest held at the Lake of the Ozarks Friday, Jan. 29. Ludwig is the son of Dale and Rhonda Ludwig and is a senior at Helias Catholic High School.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

“A” HONOR ROLL (3.667 GPA or above):
7th Grade: Couper Bryant, Reese Dawson, Alexandra Gier, Eden LePage, Prosper LePage, Azlyn Luebbert, Kaedyn Rehagen, Sydney Schepers, Heidi Struempfh, Mitchel Winkelman

8th Grade: Taylor Bax, Megan Gabelsberger, Lily Gregory, Leni Hemmel, Brody Kleffner, Matthew Kliethermes, Carly MacLellan, Rory MacLellan, Carissa Mushi, Gavin Poston, Mya Sankey, Madison Wankum, Anabel Weber, Kinzey Woody

9th Grade: Jeana Abbott, Chloe Adamson, Taylor Baumhoer, Cody Berhorst, Kadence Berhorst, Lauren Berhorst, Lucy Berhorst, Graham Boeckmann, Avery Brandt, Chase Buddemeyer, Madeline Carwile, Lucy Crede, Elizabeth Dickneite, Easton Haslag, Hannah Heisler, Tyrick Herzing, Cheyenne Hicks, Faith Jaegers, Hope Jaegers, Cody Kampeter, Kate Kampeter, Megan Kliethermes, Tyler Kloepfel, Cody Koenigsfeld, Ava Laughlin, Maya Libbert, Jacob Luebbering, Noah Luebbering, Ella Massman, Carly Mengwasser, Sophie Pfahl, Breanna Rademan, Lydia Rehagen, Joslyn Roark, Alli Robertson, Levi Robinson, Nadine Schmitz, Skyla Schroeder, Adam Thoenen, Addyson Wilbers, Nevin Wilde, Emerson Williams

10th Grade: Jacob Bailey, Chloe Baumhoer, Samantha Bax, Roselynn Berhorst, Claire Bexten, Cory Bexten, Sophie Bock, Haley Boessen, Natalie Boessen, Megan Borgmeyer, Emma Bowler, Delaney Brandt, Nate Brandt, Ellie Brune, Lydia Brunnett, Emma Buscher, Max Buscher, Curtis Falter, Carley Fechtel, Erin Fick, Tyler Fortson, Blake Gentges, Emma Gregory, Sarah Groene, Matthew Haslag, Taylor Hoelscher, Kaden Holterman, Patrick Holterman, Caleb Huot, Greyson Juergensmeyer, Corinn Karst, Ryan Kesel, Cooper Kleffner, Maci Kloeppel, Michael Kloeppel, Isabella Kremer, Ethan Luebbering, Anna Luebbert, Kaylin Luebbert, Kyle Meyer, Drake Neier, Eliza Nilges, Alayne Oliver, Addisyn Peters, Dawson Rademan, Emmet Redel-Sharisin, Izac Rehagen, Zoe Rehagen, Olivia Reichel, Alexander Reinkemeyer, Jack Robertson, Jacob Rolwes, Jackson Schenewerk, Brandon Schepers, Allison Schwartzze, Mary Schwartz, Jessica Steinman, Victor Struempfh, Ava Stuecken, Katrina Toeppen, Shelby Wankum, Cami Wieberg, Aiden Williams, Angel Woehr, Rachel Woehr,

11th Grade: Jalyn Ahlstrom, Laney Bassett, Jenna Bax, Amber Berhorst, Ava Bock, Madison Borgmeyer, Collin Bridges, Jorja Bruce, Anna Crede, Maggie Deeken, Hailey Dickneite, Morgan Eggleston, Anna Eichholz, Sydney Falter, Meaghan Frank, Eli Froning, Chayce Gier, Allison Haslag, Joseph Hoerschgen, Abigail Kempker, Emma Kleffner, Alexandra Kliethermes, Reagan Kliethermes, Nathan Lehmen, Thomas Libbert, Cameron Luebbering, Chesney Luebbering, Morgan Luebbering, Leah Markway, AnnaBelle Massman, Leo Peters, Scott Sankey, Gavin Satterfield, Ethan Scheulen, Carson Schulte, Eliana Steinman, Lucas Toeppen, Jacob VanderFeltz, Jaidyn Vaughan, Benjamin Verslues, Lee Verslues, Saige Verslues, Ryleigh Wegman, Ella Winkelman

12th Grade: Taylor Bexten, Annabelle Bonnot, Haley Brandt, Jennifer Brendel, Hannah Buechler, Jeffrey Cunningham, Abigail Gentges, Leah Groene, Allison Hale, Allyson Havens, Elizabeth Hilkemeyer, Kennedy Holzschuh, Lydia Hurst, Jaclyn Hutchison, Maranda Jones, Carter Karst, Aubrey Kirsch, Bailey Kirsch, Malory Kloeppel, Claire Koenigsfeld, Connor Kremer, Taylor Kremer, Emma Luebbering, Mason Luebbering, Kaitlyn Luebbert, Jared Markway, Hannah Moeller, Joseph Muenks,

Claire Nilges, Erika Pope, Evey Redel-Sharisin, Abigail Rehagen, Conner Rehagen, Anna Robinson, Allison Samson, Natalie Samson, Jade Schanzmeyer, Benjamin Schroeder, Joseph Schwartz, Danielle Stegeman, Jason Strope, Karli Struempfh, Londyn Stuckenschneider, Rachel Temmen, Natalie Thoenen, Bridgette Veit, Shane Verslues, Abigail Welschmeyer, Kaitlyn Wilbers, Lucy Williams, Cora Winkelman, Dawson Woehr

“B” HONOR ROLL (2.666 - 3.666 GPA):
7th Grade: Mason Bax, Bailey Beaulieu, Kieren Bexten, Ava Buhr, Taylor Hoerschgen, Dakota Jarrett, Nolan Laux, Adelyn Post, Dalton Rademan, Jesse Schroeder, Dalton Scott, Aubrey Wieberg, Conner Willis

8th Grade: Claire Baumhoer, Brayden Bexten, Jonathan Block, Reagan Bock, William Bock, Jace Eisterhold, Hayden Hoffman, Zachary Hoffman, Ashton Kremer, Kila Kremer, Richard Luebbert, Trey Luebbert, Cole MacLellan, Ethan Mengwasser, Gabriel Nilges, Eustis Redel-Sharisin, Karli Reinkemeyer, Avery Rosemann, Isabelle Starke, Alexis Wieberg, Eva Wildhaber, Ava Wingate

9th Grade: Royce Ahlstrom, Malayna Anderson, Conner Bax, Jace Bax, Mason Bax, Luke Brandt, Reese Clarke, Brynn Cremer, Gracie Deeken, Brenden Dudenhoeffer, Miranda Gabelsberger, Isaac Gentges, Alyssa Hoeller, Lance Hoffman, Logan Hoffman, Theodore Holland, Jacey Hoskins, Alexander Howe, Nolan Jaegers, Dawson Jones, Kaleb

Luebbert, Gavin McDonnell, Lauren Otto, Kaitlyn Plasmeyer, Paige Rade-man, Paige Rehagen, Wyatt Reinkemeyer, Emily Robinson, Elijah Schaben, Porter Schaben, Owen Scheulen, Eric Stegeman, Christian Stephens, Cody Strope, Christopher Stuckenschneider, Ethan Wieberg, Joselyn Winkelman

10th Grade: Kelsie Bailey, Parker Bauer, Ava Berhorst, Vanessa Block, Andrew Brandt, Philip Butts, Mitchell Falter, Sarah Holdren, Noah Jaegers, Jaidon Kamler, Olivia Kleffner, Meah Knoll, Shilo Kopp, Chase Kremer, Ravyn Kremer, Raymond Laughlin, Clint Luebbering, Kailee Parker, Katarina Schroer, Jacob Schulte, Jonathan Schulte, Nicole Sieg, Jacob Stuecken, Gavin Wieberg, Gus Wieberg

11th Grade: Wyatt Berhorst, Ian Bexten, Jacob Buhr, Jonathan Dickneite, Isaac Falter, Benjamin Gentges, Jenna Hale, Marissa Haller, Trinity Kempker, Evan Kliethermes, Colby Kremer, Ashlyn Libbert, Michaela McDonnell, Rachel Meyer, Olivia Muenks, Victoria Nivens, Andrew Ochsekey, Chase Plasmeyer, Mariah Reinkmeyer, Luke Schroeder, Anna Schulte, Warren Wilde

12th Grade: Augustus Amptman, Ryan Bexten, Jake Boyce, Luke Boyce, Jayce Broker, Mikayla Deeken, Alex Even, Dalton Gentges, Alani Jaegers, Braden Juergensmeyer, Maria Juergensmeyer, Claire Kampeter, Daniel Kleffner, Lucas Laux, Hayden Massman, Grace Neuner, Elizabeth Plasmeyer, Alexis Poston, Emma Robertson, Hayden Sankey, Nathan

Thank You

from the Family of

Alice Marie (Edwards) Nilges

March 13, 1934 – January 17, 2021

We will never be able to express our appreciation for the many acts of love, prayers of hope and peace, concern and compassion during our mom's illness, and at this difficult time. We especially want to thank her family and friends who were there for her during these past few months; you brought her so much joy and comfort.

A special thank you to the Capital Region Medical Center team along with Dr. Buatsi, Dr. Vogt, Dr. McNelly and Dr. Sanders along with all the other caregivers on staff that cared for our mom. We also want to thank Morton Chapel for their patience and guidance in planning mom's services and Fr. Merz for his ability to honor mom's memory at Mass.

Words cannot express the strength you have given us. Mom's smile and unforgettable kindness lives on in us all.

May God Bless and Keep All of You!

Randy Nilges & Lori Stiefermann & family
Dave & Lisa Burks & family
Robert & Linda Nilges & family
Lori Hughes & family



Remember When... from the pages of our past

100 years ago
Unterrified Democrat
Feb. 3, 1921

To illustrate the difference in the times as reflected in the salaries paid to school teachers 50 years ago and the present, a list of Osage County Schools, their teachers, and their monthly salaries in 1921:

Starke School; Clara Holstin, monthly salary \$70.
Busse; Everett LeFevre, \$95. Glavin, Little Gungoll, \$55; Bode; Leona Laughlin, \$75.
Chamois; E. E. Turner \$155; Ruth Wilks \$115; Minnie Pahmeier \$80; Mrs. E. E. Shobe, \$70; Lucille Hott, \$70; Lillian Sprague \$70; Vivian Nickens (colored), \$55.
Shawnee Creek Rita LeFevre, \$77. Rost; Harry Gungoll, \$80; Wittenbach: Chrissie Nixon, \$75; Dodds: Hada Mantle, \$55; LeHigh, D. F. Keisker, \$85.
Deer Creek: Nina Craig, \$75; St. Aubert, George L. Willis, \$ 80; Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. George L. Willis, \$65; Perriguy, Leona Cordray, \$75.
Bonnots Mill; Bessie Turner, \$85; Cadet Creek; Grace Turner, \$100; Boillot; Amy Turner, \$80; Providence; Buel Ridenhour, \$75.
Luystown, P. F. Donehue, \$70. Flat Rock; Anna Hiner, \$75; Aud; Hugh McGuire, \$100; Plattners; Russell Lamb, \$65; Hope; J. R. Herndon, \$100.
Liberty; Myrtle Groff, \$75; Georgetown; L. A. Baclesse, \$85; Flora; Ruby Hiner, \$80; Boes; Carrie Turner, \$65; Camp Ground; Delmar Wilson, \$85.
Loose Creek; Sister M. Tertia, \$40; Sister M. Cephia, \$40. Linn; L. H. Barrett, \$160; V. G. Jones, \$75; Manilla Carnes, \$60; Harmon Yelton, \$50; Elma Carey, \$50; Dewey Jett, \$50; Theodore Mantle, \$50; Minnie Baker, \$50.
Potts; Benona Mantle, \$75; Wild Cat; Clara Cox, \$75; Ryors; William Miller, \$75; Bend: Rika Leimkiller, \$80.
Possumtown; Ed Kiso, \$90; Miller Grove; Sigel Holland, \$75; Cooper Hill; Charles Backer, \$75; Success; Irvin Leach, \$75; Pointer Creek; Voyd Mason, \$75; Descher; Bernadine Crede, \$55.
Westphalia; Sister M. Herbert, \$60; Sister M. Flairia, \$60; Sister M. Carmelita, \$50.
Eichholz; Amanda Horstaniel, \$70; Folk; Martha Evers, \$80; Castle Rock; Jennie Groner, \$75; Verhoff; Celeste Fechtel, \$70.
Winkelmann; Bernard Schmitz, \$80; Rich Fountain; Sister M. Landelein, \$40; Sister M. Veronica, \$40; Sister M. Marie, \$40.
Mt. Aerial; Fred Duncan, \$85; Victor; Madge Duncan, \$85; College Hill; Troy Smith, \$63; Post Oak; Allen Shock-

ley, \$83; Krueger; Amanda Lehnhoff \$70; Garfield; Dolph Hassler, \$65; Reichel; Elsie Tillman, \$75.
Loehner; Matilda Otto, \$55; Kern; Christine Woestemeyer, \$65; Meta; Mabel Hoskin, \$80; Martha Hoskin, \$70.
Argyle: O. M. Sankey, \$100; Ida Brunert, \$75; Freeburg: Sister M. Josephine \$65; Sister M. Carmelita, \$65.
Koeltztown: Sister M. Forentia, \$60; Sister M. Arnolda, \$40; Buck Elk: Herman Maples \$100; McKinley: Chris Koenig \$100; Mt. Zion: Tollie Jett \$70.

75 years ago
Unterrified Democrat
Feb. 7, 1946

A deal was announced last week whereby the Ozark Central Telephone Company becomes the owner of the Week property on 2nd and Jefferson Streets in Linn - the site of the old Benson Liver barn and the old bakery building. The company will move the telephone exchange into the one-story building now used for storage by the Goff Food Stores, and the Fred Wolfe family, who operate the switchboard, will occupy the residence in which Mrs. Leona Mason now lives.

50 years ago
Unterrified Democrat
Feb. 4, 1971

A telegram from U.S. Senators Symington and Eagleton advised us that President Nixon's budget for fiscal year 1972 includes \$10,000 for general investigations for Gasconade River.

Missouri will launch its 150th birthday party Friday, February 5 in St. Charles, the site of her first state house.

Among those from Kansas City attending the Apollo 14 lift-off Sunday, January 31, were Joe Mosby and his son Joe, son and grandson of Mrs. Evelyn Mosby of Linn. They were two of the 344 invited guests of Mr. Morgan Maxfield, president of Great Mid-West Corporation, who had chartered a Boeing 747 for the trip to Cape Kennedy. They returned to Kansas City the same day. Judge and Mrs. William Clark of Jefferson City were also on the flight.

25 years ago
Unterrified Democrat
Feb. 7, 1996

Irvin and Marilyn Linnenbrink of Westphalia last week won a \$100,000 grand prize - \$10,000 a year for 10 years - in the Missouri Lottery's 10th anniversary "Scratchers" game. Linnenbrink purchased the winning ticket last Wednesday at a Break Time convenience store in Jefferson City. The Linnenbrinks plan to use this year's installment to pay bills and fix up their house.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

GRANDPARENTS

Let Your Love Show!!



CHILD'S NAME _____

Grandchild of _____

Mr. & Mrs. (grandparents name) _____

City/State _____



with a photo(s) of your precious grandchild(ren) in our special Valentine section... This year in FULL COLOR!!

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, your grandchild's photo will appear in the Unterrified Democrat, on a special page with other photos exactly like the photo shown above (actual size). Along side the photo will be the child's name, your name and city. Cost is only \$18.00. for a single child or \$25.00 for a group photo of 2 or more children. (Paid in advance)

HURRY—DEADLINE IS 5 P.M., FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 2021

PICTURE OF ONE CHILD
☐ Enclosed is \$18.00 (paid in advance)

GROUP PHOTO OF 2 TO 5 CHILDREN
☐ Enclosed is \$25.00 (paid in advance)

Child's Name _____ Sex: M/F

Grandparent's Name _____

_____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

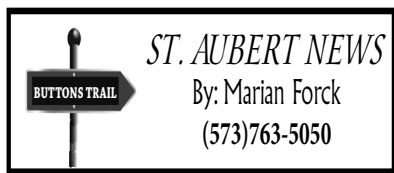
Email Address _____

Please print. Be sure to include photo. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your photo, or one will be provided for you for \$1.00.

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Mail to: P.O. Box 109, Linn, MO 65051
or e-mail photo and information to: clauglin@wardpub.com



Monday was a cold and rainy day. It was a little foggy while driving into work. Bernie's new glasses came and boy was he happy!

Tuesday was my six-year anniversary of working at Lewis and Clark School. I ran some errands after work and went to Menards and picked up some wild bird seed. Bernie loves to feed the birds in the winter and we both enjoy watching them.

Wednesday, I kept getting up to check on the weather. I finally got up and decided that maybe it would be best if Bernie took me to work. Boy was I ever glad I made that decision. Bernie came back to pick me up in the early afternoon and we ran some errands before going home. Bernie had to use four-wheel drive to make it up the driveway.

Thursday, I was able to go to work. I tried four times to get into the driveway. I finally had to go down the road, turn around at the neighbors and make a run for the driveway. I made it but then started to slide and thought I would end up in the woods, but I was able to make it to the house. We spent the evening reading and I did some laundry.

Friday, I had a hard time stopping at the end of the driveway to get onto Highway 100. My only hope was that it would be okay at the end of the day. I came straight home that afternoon and laid down for a while. Bernie and I both watched a series on BBC network called "Seven Worlds One Planet." We watched North America and Europe. If you get a chance to watch this network, be sure and check out these series. They are very interesting.

Saturday, Bernie went to dialysis and I stayed home. Later we watched the movie "The Last Samurai". We saw it a long time ago, but it was good to watch again. Bernie took a much needed nap. After supper, we watched a good Hallmark movie. It was called "Valley of Light". It was a very good show.

Sunday, Bernie and I watched the Catholic Mass on television. I took some books to the Old School Antique Mall and Flea Market in Linn and stopped at Thriftway before heading home. We watched "WindTalkers", it was a very good movie. I did some laundry and fixed supper in my Instapot. I then spent the evening reading in my Bible.

There was no news from the Schollmeyers for this week.

Please continue to pray for Bernie Forck and Jeannie Best, all those on prayer lines and all those affected by COVID-19. Keep the men and women serving in the armed forces in your prayers. Keep our country in your prayers also.

If you want to be included in the St. Aubert News, please contact me at 573-763-5050.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful week and stay safe. Please continue to wear your mask in public.

I have been interested in the history of St. Aubert and I have found out that it was formerly called Medora and Shipley's Landing. People ask me why am I reporting from St. Aubert, if I live in Chamois. I tell them it is because it's just the area that I live in.

I wanted to get the scoop on St. Aubert and this is what I found out. St. Aubert was originally called Medora, and under the latter name was platted in 1855, and named after Medora Morrow, the wife of a first settler. A post office called Medora was established in 1858. The name was changed to St. Aubert in 1893 and the post office closed in 1935. The present name is a transfer from St. Aubert Township, Callaway County, Missouri.

Thomas Smith settled in Callaway County in 1818 and established Smith's Landing, on the North side of the Missouri River, later called St. Aubert, not to be confused with Medora or present day St. Aubert. That town was moved back from the river and the name changed to Mokane. The area is to this day in St. Aubert Township, which causes much confusion to novice genealogists. Apparently the railroad also changed the name from Medora to St. Aubert. It was not uncommon for this to happen.

The post office was moved here in 1893 from Saint Aubert, Callaway County on the north side of the Missouri River which had operated since 1849, thus the change in name.

St. Aubert had postal service from 1849 thru 1935. St. Aubert is in North County between Chamois and Loose Creek station on the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

St. Aubert played an important role in the Civil War. Captain Jonadour K. Kidd formed the First company of Home Guards at Cooper Hill in May 1861. Medora (now St. Aubert) soon became a general rendezvous and Chesley Glover organized companies of the Home Guards there.

Among the Captains of the Home Guards were J.W. Glover, W.W. Price, Felix Bonnot, Josiah McKnight, John Burnett, Henry Burnett and Samuel Miller. The Home Guards and Enrolled militia acted as the state police and protected the families of the Union soldiers. They also protected bridges, homes and railroads from bushwackers and other enemies while regular troops were engaged elsewhere.

Another military organization of Osage County was the Osage County Independent Mounted Rifle Company. It was organized in Medora in August 1861. It proceeded to St. Louis where they were attached to Curtis Cavalry Horse until 1863 when these were organized into the Fifth Iowa Cavalry.

On September 30, 1862, Lt. Col. Brun in command of St. Aubert ordered the entire available force of the Osage County Enrolled Militia to report at St. Aubert at once. Rumors were to be sent all over the county to notify men in the militia and they were to concentrate at St. Aubert. Families were desperate and houses were being burned and their property was destroyed. Many families were murdered. They asked for help and the companies of J. G. McKnight, Hensley, Davis and Hopkins were sent as reinforcements. These companies were made up of unconditional Union men. The Osage boys crossed the Missouri River at St. Aubert Sept. 24, 1917, and were placed under the command of Col. Burns of Jefferson City. He swept through the county north and west for about a week. Rebels objected to his taking supplies for his troops and complained to Governor Gamble.

Scattered bits of information reveal that many men from Osage County died in the Civil War, either in battle, resulting from the battle or from diseases.

On Feb. 9, 1860 Robert C. Crowell purchased Lot 1 in Block 1 from Silas G. Morrow. This is the largest lot shown on the original plat. It is located at the end of Morrow Street and contains one of the few houses left in Medora, being the former home of Pat Daugherty and later his son Ray Daugherty. Robert Crowell was born in 1832 in New York. In June of 1847 he went to St. Louis and worked as a clerk and errand boy. He entered the mercantile business in Callaway County. In 1859 he moved to St. Aubert. He remained until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted. After the war he settled in Kansas City.

In 1876 the population of St. Aubert was 100. George Pratt was the postmaster. Jacob Chapman ran a saloon, Thomas Clary ran the hotel, Stephen Lampkins was a blacksmith, Charles Osterwald had a flour mill and George Pratt and Co. had a general store. In 1879 Medora had a western Union telegraph office and T. J. Mahon was postmaster and Express Agent. J. T. Ferguson was a blacksmith, W. T. Mahon was the physician and Geo. Pratt still had the general store. George C. White was a carpenter and R. S. Thomas station agent.

Silas P. Craig was a merchant in Medora from 1879 until 1882 when he moved his business to Chamois. In 1889, the business men listed in the town were J. Boillot, general storekeeper. "The Brick", as it was called, was the only brick structure in Medora. This building was utilized as a general store and post office. Tom and Laura Benedict, nee Thompson, purchased this building and another large brick structure and many surrounding lots in 1915 from the heirs of Pierre Boillot. Tom was postmaster for 20 years.

Some of the prominent families who were influential over the years in St. Aubert were the Benedicts, Brooks, Dallas, Ferguson, Glavin, Gress, Harrison, Henderson, Langendoerfer, Mitchem, McGeery, McKinney, McKnight, McLaughlin, Orme, Pearl, Penning, Quick, South, Thompson, Walker, Willis and Wilkerson families.

Apparently the land on which the cemetery is located was being used as a cemetery long before there was a deed placed of record as the oldest tombstone to be found is that of Mary Morrow, born March 1, 1785 and died Aug. 24, 1860. The Warranty Deed is dated May 31, 1928, executed by Green Wilhite and Jennie Wilhite, his wife, as per Record Book 63 at page 323. Witnesses to the mark of Jennie were J. R. Thompson and Henry Pearl. If one tries to plat the legal description, it doesn't seem to agree with what is obvious when standing in the cemetery. Seemingly this was an additional strip to the original cemetery and not the first parcel.

Perhaps the log church was located on the same spot as the present church. The deed dated 1896 was executed by James B. Wilson, in favor of William Todd, Fred Meyer, Wiley J. Langendoerfer, Trustees for the use of all protestant denomination for a place of worship as a union church.

That is all that I am going to report on our little community of St. Aubert. It is very interesting after you start looking into the history. I hope you enjoyed reading this information.

Land Transfers

The following land transfers were recorded by Recorder of Deeds Cindy Hoffman from **December 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020.**

Lehmen Properties, LLC to Lehmen Management, LLC. Land in Sec. 26, Twp. 43, Range 10/SW/SW AC 12.66.

Chris B. Massman and Tammy Massman to Erin Boeckmann. Lot #32 Westphalia, Sec. 26, Twp. 43, Range 10/NE/SW

Richard A. Haslag to G & G Quality Construction, LLC. Land in Sec. 12, Twp. 44, Range 10.

Richard A. Haslag to John Bowen and Ruth Bowen. Land in Sec. 12, Twp. 44, Range 10.

Larry Gove to Beth A. Parrish. Lot #26 Klebba Sub Linn.

James Kempker and Valerie Kempker to Victoria Schnieders. Lot #11 Mandan Hill; Sec. 22, Twp. 43, Range 10/SE/SE.

Joseph Ridenhour Co-Trustee, Anita K. Ridenhour Co-Trustee and Joseph J. & Anita K. Ridenhour Living Trust to Anita K. Ridenhour. Land in Sec. 27, Twp. 42, Range 8.

Eloyza Esmeralda Clavijo Balderrama F/K/A Eloyza Dudenhoeffer to Jason J. Dudenhoeffer. Lot #3 Linnwood Sub Part A; Sec. 17, Twp. 43, Range 8.

Christa M. Rhoads to Thomas A. Rhoads. Land in Sec. 3, Twp. 42, Range 8/SW/SW; Sec. 4, Twp. 42, Range 8/SW/SE.

Robert A. Kever and Linda Kever to Lane Sanders and Randis Sanders. Land in Sec. 9, Twp. 41, Range 8.

Kenneth Champion and Deborah Champion to James E. Dudley. Lots #1-6 Bl 8 Chamois Bridges Add.

Allen E. Gradel, Denise L. Gradel and Brenda L. Becker to Shelbi Becker. Lot #3 Bl 5 Freeburg Franke's Add; Sec. 9, Twp. 41, Range 9.

LSC Communications US, LLC to LSC Communications Book, LLC. Land in Sec. 21, Twp. 43, Range 8/NE.

Travis J. Bogle and Diana G. Bogle to Sara Crowe and Dave Hannah. Lots #5&6 Bl 3 Bridges Add Chamois; Sec. 12, Twp. 45, Range 8.

Cody Wieberg and Amanda Keilholz Wieberg to Shane Steinman. Land in Sec. 15, Twp. 41, Range 10/SW/SW.

Kenneth W. Rehagen and Theresa M. Rehagen to Kenneth W. Rehagen Trustee, Theresa M. Rehagen Trustee and Kenneth W. & Theresa M. Rehagen Trust. Land in Sec. 28, Twp. 43, Range 9/NW/NE AC 104.22; Sec. 28, Twp. 43, Range 9/SW/NE AC 18.48; Sec. 28, Twp. 43, Range 9/NE/NW AC 15.42.

Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO, Carla Burton, Gwendolyn Yates, Janice Maynes, Joseph Knudson, Leann Knudson, Linda Earl, Michelle Weakland, Joyce Steed, Zola Bryant and Dorothy R. Knudson to Mary Hammon. Lots #1-13 Final Plat Belle Estates.

Dwayne V. Kempker and Tanya R. Kempker to Kyle W. A. Kempker and Kohri N. Kempker. Lot L Kempker Estates Sub; Lot M Kempker Estates Sub.

Dwayne V. Kempker and Tanya R. Kempker to Evan D. Kempker and Molly R. Kempker. Lot M Kempker Estates Sub.

Matthew Frank and Stacie Verslues Frank to Matthew A. Frank and Stacie L. Frank. Lot #30 Cedar Park Place Baker-Trenshaw Add Sec. II.

Cathy Barrow and Lori Neidel to Lori J. Neidel Trustee, Catherine L. Barrow Trustee and Neidel & Barrow Revocable Trust. Land

in Sec. 12, Twp. 43, Range 7/SE AC 1.

Steven Herman Luebbering and Kathleen Mary Luebbering to Cole J. Neuner and Lindsey N. Neuner. Land in Sec. 17, Twp. 42, Range 9/NE/NE AC 3.3.

Estate of Marjorie Lockwood to James Prater and Deborah Prater. Land in Sec. 15, Twp. 43, Range 7.

Leslie D. Libbert to Joshua D. Libbert. Land in Sec. 19, Twp. 42, Range 11/SE/SE.

Rodney Lee Strope and Colleen Gail Strope to Zachary Strope. Land in Sec. 12, Twp. 45, Range 8/NE/NW.

Kevin W. Kenefick and Gail A. Kenefick to Joshua L. Brook and Lynn A. Brook. Land in Sec. 18, Twp. 45, Range 7.

Gary Pointer A/K/A Gary D. Pointer to Tim Pointer and Carolyn Pointer. Land in Sec. 30 Twp. 43, Range 8/NE/SE AC 35; Sec. 29, Twp. 43, Range 8/SE/SW AC 20.2.

Solumarleo, LLC to Clinton Dwayne Jacobs. Land in Sec. 28, Twp. 42, Range 11/SW/SE.

Solumarleo, LLC to Christopher W. Jacobs and Christa J. Jacobs. Land in Sec. 27, Twp. 42, Range 11/SW/SW.

Kevin B. Deppe to Horton Auto Sales, LLC. Land in Sec. 6, Twp. 44, Range 7/NE/SE.

Willibrand Properties, LLC to Corey D. Nevins and Kayla M. Nevins. Land in Sec. 15, Twp. 41, Range 9/SW/SW.

Ivan Miller and Laura Jean Miller to Shawn Eales and Jessica Eales. Land in Sec. 19, Twp. 43, Range 7/NE/NW AC 3.9.

Catherine W. Kever to Brandon Jaegers. Land in Sec. 32, Twp. 44, Range 9.

Cody Ray Kempker and Jerica Kempker to Cody Ray Kempker and Jerica L. Kempker. Land in Sec. 32, Twp. 44, Range 9/SW/NW.

Allen E. Gradel, Denise L. Gradel and Brenda L. Becker to Allen E. Gradel and Denise L. Gradel. Lots #1-2, 7-11, Bl 5, Freeburg.

Joseph Davis and Kelsey Davis to Dustin A. Strange and Tiffany Strange. Land in Sec. 17, Sec. 43, Range 8/NW.

Evelyn B. Ridenhour Trustee and Evelyn B. Ridenhour Revocable Trust to Bruce Shanks and Trishalana Shanks. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 41, Range 8; Sec. 35, Twp. 42, Range 8.

Mark J. Baker and Julia L. Baker to Mark Baker Trustee, Julia Baker Trustee and Mark & Julia Baker Revocable Living Trust Agreement. Sec. 13, Twp. 43, Range 9/NW/NW AC 5.1.

Mark L. Mehmert, Debra A. Mehmert to Mehmert Farms, LLC. Land in Sec. 21, Twp. 45, Range 8/SW/SE.

Mark L. Mehmert Trustee, Debra A. Mehmert Trustee and Mark & Debra Mehmert Trust to Mehmert Farms, LLC. Land in Sec. 21, Twp. 45, Range 7/SE/NW.

Mark L. Mehmert and Debra A. Mehmert to Mark L. Mehmert Trustee, Debra A. Mehmert Trustee and Mark & Debra Mehmert Trust. Land in Sec. 21, Twp. 45, Range 7/SE/NW.

Thomas Gerard Lamprecht to Thomas Gerard Lamprecht and Michael A. Lindsey. Land in Sec. 29, Twp. 43, Range 7/SE/SE.

Terry Surface, Rosemary Surface A/K/A Rose Surface to Aaron W. Surface Trustee and Terry & Rosemary Surface Irrevocable Trust Agreement. Land in Sec. 11, Twp. 44, Range 8.

Rebecca Buhr Trustee and Rebecca L. Buhr Revocable Trust Agreement to Nathan Buhr. Land in Sec. 32, Twp. 44, Range 9.

Florentine Hagenhoff to Ethan Helton and Samantha Helton. Lots #1-4, 7-8, Bl 25, Linn.

Joseph J. Ridenhour Trustee, Anita K. Ridenhour Trustee and Joseph & Anita K.

Ridenhour Joint Revocable Trust to Jessie Ridenhour Lough and Eric Lough. Land in Sec. 4, Twp. 42, Range 7/SE.

Gary F. Mantle and Deanna M. Mantle to Stephen C. Lebrell II and Linda K. Lebrell. Lot #2, Sec. 1, Twp. 44, Range 7/NE.

Luke Aaron Yutzky and Tanya Yutzky to R. James Yutzky and Leann Yutzky. Land in Sec. 27, Twp. 43, Range 7/SW/NE.

Earl Spurgeon Per Rep and Janice Irene Spurgeon Estate to Spurgeon Trust and Earl Spurgeon. Lots #2 Sec. 13, Twp. 43, Range 7/SE AC 4.61; Lot #1 Sec. 24, Twp. 43, Range 7/NE AC 76.

D & E Storage, LLC to Miller Foundations, LLC. Land in Sec. 19, Twp. 43, Range 7/SW/NE AC 3.42.

Sharon R. Gentges to Kurt Douglas Gentges and Karen Marie Gentges. Land in Sec. 30, Twp. 44, Range 8.

Jason Rost and Ashley Wansing Rost to Jason Kyle Rost and Ashley Jane Rost. Land in Sec. 35, Twp. 45, Range 7/NE/SW.

Michael H. Berhorst, Donna K. Berhorst, William J. Berhorst, Loretta C. Berhorst, Leon J. Berhorst, Carol L. Berhorst, Paul H. Berhorst and Tanya Berhorst to William J. Berhorst and Loretta C. Berhorst. Land in Sec. 27, Twp. 43, Range 10/SW/SE; Sec. 34, Twp. 43, Range 10.

William J. Berhorst and Loretta C. Berhorst to Nicholas W. Berhorst, Amanda M. Berhorst, Lucas P. Berhorst and Elizabeth L. Berhorst. Land in Sec. 27, Twp. 43, Range 10; Sec. 34, Twp. 43, Range 10.

William J. Berhorst and Loretta C. Berhorst to Nicholas W. Berhorst, Amanda M. Berhorst, Lucas P. Berhorst and Elizabeth L. Berhorst. Land in Sec. 36, Twp. 43, Range 10/NE/NE.

James T. O'Connor and Betty J. O'Connor to James T. O'Connor Trustee, Betty J. O'Connor Trustee and James & Betty O'Connor Living Trust. Land in Sec. 23, Twp. 44, Range 7/SE; Sec. 26, Twp. 44, Range 7/NE.

Robert A. Haslag and Pamela S. Haslag to Christopher R. Haslag and Hilary L. Haslag. Land in Sec. 13, Twp. 44, Range 9.

Norbert L. Falter Trustee, Annette C. Falter Trustee and Norbert & Annette Falter Trust to Steve Falter Trustee, Sharon Falter Trustee and Steve & Sharon Falter Trust. Land in Sec. 36, Twp. 42, Range 10/SW; Sec. 1, Twp. 41, Range 10 AC 81.23.

Howard D. Barnes and Donna M. Barnes to Michael Gascon and Kelsey Lauberth. Land in Sec. 2, Twp. 42, Range 8 AC 68; Sec. 2, Twp. 42, Range 8 AC 28.16.

Vonknoll, LLC to Prost Management Co, LLC. Land in Sec. 21, Twp. 43, Range 8/NE/NW AC 9.7.

Javais A. Wolters Trustee and Wolters Living Trust to Robert C. Behnen, Jr. Land in Sec. 9, Twp. 41, Range 7/NW/SE.

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Theresa Temmen to Dennis Temmen and Lisa F. Temmen. Land in Sec. 35, Twp. 43, Range 11.

Randall A. Wright Trustee and Francis A. & Dolores M. Wright Joint Revocable Trust to Paul C. Hager and Samanth Hager. Land in Sec. 10, Twp. 44, Range 8/NE.

Miller Foundation, LLC to Craig M. Rantz and Linda M. Rantz. Land in Sec. 19, Twp. 43, Range 7/SW/NE AC 3.74.

A BIG shout of thanks to the four gentlemen who were kind enough to stop and take the time to help me get back on the road
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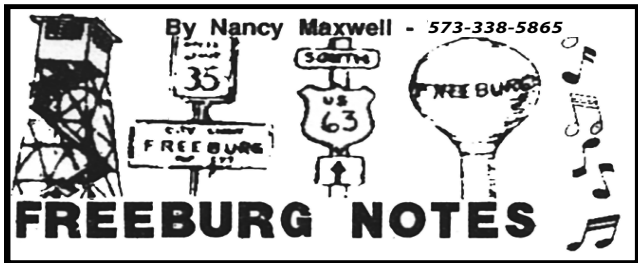
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Good morning. Boy what a cold BLAH weekend! I don't remember a day when it rained all day like it did on Saturday – glad it was rain and not snow – we'd really be in big trouble then. I'll be glad to see some sunshine this week – if the weatherman is right! That snow and ice storm that went through Wednesday was bad enough! We had to go to Jefferson City Thursday and I was surprised to see that we had more snow here than they did in Jefferson City.

Well did you get all the names right of the “kids” from 1992? Here they are left to right, front row: Becky Hoffman, Traci Hoffman, Nyla Haller, Ann Welschmeyer, and Peggy Poettgen. Back row: Jamie Falter, Eric Kloeppel, Shawn Berhorst, Travis Herzing, James Sandbothe and Chad Stuecken.

If anyone has any more pictures from the past let me know – folks seem to love looking at them.

Congratulations to Patrick and Ashlee Schnieders on the birth of their son, Tate Walter, Jan. 20. Little Tate tipped the scales at 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Patty Schnieders. Tate is their second grandchild.

Maternal grandparents are Scott and Kim Kawall of Chicago, Ill.

Our sincere sympathy to George and Dorothy Robertson and Raymond Robertson on the death of their brother, Austin Robertson, 80 of St. Louis who died Jan. 20 at Mercy Hospital South following a car accident three weeks earlier.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 30 at Long-Kloeppel Funeral Chapel in Dixon with interment in the Kenner Cemetery near Dixon.

Cindy Hilkemeyer and daughters, Amy Bruce of Jefferson City, Amanda Rowden and friend, Jaelyn Aguda of Columbia and Allie Jenkins of Westphalia returned home Monday following a fun-filled four days in Las Vegas, Nev. helping Cindy celebrate her 62nd birthday. The ladies tried their luck at the casinos, walked around town looking at all the lights, rented a car and traveled to Meadview, Ariz. and Hoover Dam. They all had a great time.

Happy birthday also to Annette Poettgen who celebrated her 72nd birthday Jan. 28; to Karen Beck who celebrated her 67th birthday Jan. 28; to Aubrey Wieberg who celebrated her 13th birthday Jan. 28; to Rilyn Schottke who celebrated her 6th birthday Jan. 28; to Vincent Troesser who celebrated her 9th birthday Jan. 29; to Holly Krieg who celebrated her 56th birthday Jan. 29; to Travis Herzing who celebrated his 47th birthday Jan. 29; to Rayna Lee who celebrated her 5th birthday Jan. 29; to Don Schmitz who celebrated his 80th birthday Jan. 30; to Taylor Fick who celebrated his 28th birthday Jan. 31; to Austin Schubert who celebrated his 24th birthday Jan. 31; to Georgie Mebruer who celebrated her 81st birthday Jan. 31; to Jordyn Kloeppel who celebrated her 22nd birthday Feb. 1; to Virginia Bax who celebrated her 72nd birthday Feb. 1; to Craig Berhorst who celebrated his birthday Feb. 1; to Jimmy Maasen who celebrated his 57th birthday Feb. 2; to Adam and Aaron Meng-

wasser who celebrated their 38th birthdays Feb. 2; to Linda Light who celebrated her 57th birthday Feb. 2; to John Neuner who celebrated his 66th birthday Feb. 2; to Honey Heiner who celebrated her 48th birthday Feb. 3; to Brianna Haller who celebrated her 21st birthday Feb. 3; to Alexis Rudroff who celebrated her 10th birthday Feb. 3; to Karen Goodenough who celebrated her 71st birthday Feb. 3; to Tudy Debo who celebrated her 79th birthday Feb. 3.

Congratulations to Taylor Allen who recently completed an honor officer class at Ft. Sill, Okla. Taylor received the Outstanding Achievement for Medical Course certificate. Taylor is currently a captain in the National Guard.

Thursday evening the 7 & 8th grade boys basketball team defeated St. Peters Saints Blue 62-48. Parker Berhorst made the key jump shot to secure the win!

Their next games are Thursday, Feb. 4th at 7 p.m. when they host St. Peters Saints Blue at the Community Center in Loose Creek and Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. against Trinity Lutheran Tigers at the Trinity Lutheran School in Jefferson City. Good luck, boys.

Sacred Heart Parish is looking for two chairpersons for the 2021 picnic. If interested, please contact the rectory at 744-5987.

The Fatima Lady Comets basketball team will play at Eugene High School Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 8th they will play at Tusculumbia High School at 6 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 11 they will host South Callaway High School at 6 p.m. Good luck, ladies.

Friday evening Gerhard and Virginia Bax and George and Dorothy Robertson enjoyed supper at BJ's Restaurant in Linn. They were celebrating George and Dorothy's 55th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary also to Noland and Jody Stuecken who celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary Feb. 3.

Bonnie and Brooxie Feeler of Vienna enjoyed Wednesday and Thursday with their great-grandparents, Gerhard and Virginia Bax.

Saturday morning the 5th & 6th grade girls basketball team lost to Immaculate Conception Angles White by the score of 31-12.

Their next game is Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10 a.m. against Immaculate Conception Angels Blue (Jefferson City) at St. Joseph School gym in Westphalia. Good luck, girls.

The 5/6 grade boys' basketball team lost 42-12 to the undefeated Immaculate Conception Angels (Jefferson City) on Saturday afternoon. Charlie Berhorst scored 8 points; Brandyn Stegeman scored 2 points

and Cooper Berhorst scored 2 points.

Their next game will be Saturday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. against Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School Black Tigers at Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia. Good luck.

Fr. Bill will be starting a RCIA class very soon – if you are interested in becoming Catholic you are asked to call him at the rectory at 744-5254 or the school at 744-5200 to register.

Making the “A” honor roll at the Fatima Elementary School are Kinlee Perkins, Benjamin Struemp, Aliza Stratman, Paul Welschmeyer, Sadi Lehmen, Etta Redel-Sharisin, Ryder Herzing and Allison Reichel.

Making the “B” honor roll were Leo Buscher, Jayden Eisterhold, Allis Oliver, Brie Wildhaber, Jaidyn McCann, Mallory Neuner and Quin Winkelman. Congratulations to these hardworking students.

The Fatima Wrestling teams will wrestle at Owensville High School against Owensville and South Callaway Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. They start district play Feb. 12. Good luck.

George and Shirley Luebbering attended the Baptism Sunday of their granddaughter, Evie June DuValeus at St. Joseph Church in Westphalia. Evie's godparents are Ann Reigel and Greg DuValeus. Evie is the daughter of Brian and Ashley DuValeus of Westphalia.

Mrs. Betty Kating is recuperating at home this week following surgery last week. Our prayers are with her for continued improvement.

The Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly dinner and meeting Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Hubby, Steven, received word Friday of the death of his sister-in-law, Mary Maxwell, age 75, of Oceanside, Calif.

Mary is survived by her husband, Allen Maxwell of the home; one daughter, Jonette of the state of California, two sons, Bryon Maxwell of the state of Washington and Eddie Maxwell of the state of Idaho.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary and remember Allen in your prayers too.

Congratulations to the Fatima Comets basketball team who captured first place in the Eldon tournament over the weekend.

Their next games will be at the Charleston Shootout vs Kennet Saturday, Feb. 6th at 3:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Feb. 9 they will play at Eugene High School at 6 p.m. Good luck, guys.

Gerhard and Virginia Bax enjoyed dinner Saturday at the Pizza Haus in Wardsville with their daughter, Cindy and Bryan Luebbering of Taos.

Shelly Brandt and fiancé, Jim Hoover of St. Joseph and Emma and Melissa Becker of Argyle visited Saturday with Don and Cecilia Schmitz.

Congratulations to the Holy Family Knights Archery teams who finished first out of nine teams Saturday at the meet held at St. Joseph School in Westphalia.

Tyler Bexten shot a 282 to rank first in the Middle School boys; Dawson Woodward shot at 280 for 5th place in the 7th grade boys rank; Eli Woodruff shot a 278 to finish 2nd in the 5th grade boys rank; Toby Libbert shot at 272 to finish 3rd in the 5th grade boys rank; Evan Simmons scored a 269 to finish 2nd in 6th grade boys rank; Cody Mosley shot a 267; George Neuner shot a 267; Tyler Rowden shot a 262; Lauren Rowden shot a 259; Ethan Kloeppel shot a 258; Connor Knoll shot a 257; Tyler Reichel shot a 254; Anthony Redel shot a 251; Morgan Murphy shot a 250; Alexis Rudroff shot a 244; Xavier Knoll shot a 242; Jake Rowden shot a 238; Avery Perrey shot a 231; Abe Woodruff shot a 225; Holly Bliss shot a 219; Wyatt Redel shot a 216; Grace Veasman shot a 211; Alexis Curtis shot a 190 and Lily Falter shot a 171.

The team will be off this coming Saturday.

Congratulations to JoAnn Rudroff who received the National Catholic Education Distinguished Award at Sacred Heart Parish Sunday morning to start Catholic Schools Week. JoAnn has helped for many years with the parish PSR and Confirmation classes.

Some of the activities for Sacred Heart School students will be Wednesday, Feb. 3 they will participate in a life-sized Scrabble game with categories of our Catholic Faith and can dress in patriotic clothes.

Thursday, Feb. 4 they will test their academic skills by unlocking the clues to a digital breakout room. They will be in a race against their classmates to solve the puzzles in the quickest time. Students can come to school dressed in jeans and their favorite sports' team jersey

or t-shirt.

Friday, Feb. 5th they will play classroom games as well as participate in grade-level cake walk and can dress as a hillbilly/redneck! They will dismiss early at 12:30 p.m. – there will be no bus service at this time.

Holy Family School began Catholic Schools week with a special Mass Sunday.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 each teacher will have their own escape room! Students will dress in colors of red, white and blue.

Thursday, Feb. 4 they will have a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel and enjoy a game of “To Tell the Truth” in the afternoon. Students can dress in their favorite sports' team jersey or t-shirt.

Friday, Feb. 5th they will enjoy food, a cake walk and bingo. Students will be dressed in Spirit Wear and will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. – there will be no bus service at this time.

Dan Neuner was injured in an accident in December and remains in a coma at a hospital in St. Louis where he can receive specialized care. Please remember Dan in your prayers.

Congratulations to little Max Lee Haslag, son of Cody and Taylor Haslag, who received the sacrament of Baptism Sunday morning at Holy Family Church. His godparents are Justin Haslag and Brittany Stamp.

The Freeburg Knights of Columbus held their annual free throw contest Sunday at Holy Family School gym.

Congratulations to Kinzie Haller (9 year old winner); Anna Struemp and Toby Libbert (11 year old winners); Carmen Falter (12 year old winner); Landon Bassett (13 year old winner) and Sam Struemp (14 year old winner).

Receiving Certificates of Participation were Kaden Haller, Holly Bliss, Kacey Brune, Molly Struemp, Chloe Brune, Kate Struemp and Kacie Haller.

Due to the COVID pandemic the Knights of



Winners in the Knights of Columbus Council #9700 and District #52 free throw contests are left to right, front row: Kinzie Haller (9th grade winner); Toby Libbert and Anna Struemp (11 year old winners). Back row: Carmen Falter (12 year old winner); Landon Bassett (13 year old winner) and Sam Struemp (14 year old winner).

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Columbus have decided to cancel the regional and state free throw contests held in Columbia.

Congratulations to Alese Stratman who made the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester at Lincoln University in Jefferson City.

Scheduled to clean Holy Family Church the first two weeks in Feb. are Cara Dickneite, Nancy Maxwell, Erin Fick and Kayla Nevins. Scheduled to clean the last two weeks in Feb. are Bev Struemp, Jody Stuecken and Marcie Struemp.

Thanks to Sherry Lewis, Brenda Dudenhoeffer, Amy Reinkemeyer, Doris Lehmen, Judy Falter and Ruth Falter who volunteered their time to clean the Lord's house in Jan.

If you have a young child (age 3-14) who is interested in playing soccer they can sign up Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 4– 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Westphalia.

Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 17th and Fr. Bill will

have Mass at Holy Family at 7:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and at Sacred Heart at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The students at Fatima, Holy Family and Sacred Heart will not have classes Friday, Feb. 12 due to the teachers' Professional Day and then again Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents' Day.

Here is a little history – Wednesday, Feb. 3 is Four Chaplains Day. This was established by Congress in 1988, to honor the selfless sacrifice of four Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others during World War II. On Feb. 2, 1943 the crowded Army transport, Dorchester, made its way across the North Atlantic toward Greenland carrying 902 servicemen, merchants seamen and civilian workers. The ship was torpedoed by the Germans and the blast killed scores of men. Only 230 were rescued. According to survivors, four Army chaplains removed their life jackets as the ship sank

and gave the life jackets to four frightened young men. The four chaplains were seen praying aloud as the ship went down. That night they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness. One of the chaplains was a Catholic priest, Lt. John P. Washington.

Well, this coming Sunday we will be glued to the television watching the Kansas Chiefs in the Super bowl – should be a great game.

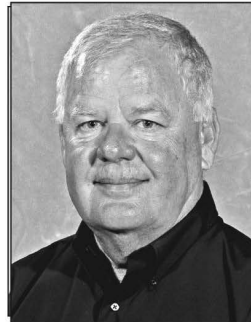
Some folks have been asking me about the American Legion annual Super Bowl Barbecue – due to all the COVID restrictions the Legion has decided to postpone the barbecue till the middle of April - more information to follow.

Guess that will do for this week. Have a good week and remember “The best way to heal a heart is to give all the pieces to God.”

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Pre-Register: For the parent meeting by February 19; please email names of both parents, mailing address and child's full name and birthday to schooloffice@stjosephwestphalia.org. Once an email is received, forms needed for the parent meeting, will be mailed to you.

Child must be 5 years old by July 31st to enter Kindergarten

Please bring copies of:

- “State” Birth Certificate
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- Current Immunization Record
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- A picture of your incoming Kindergarten Student
- Copy of each parent's driver license for identification reasons
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- \$50.00 non-refundable Registration Fee - payable to St. Joseph School Registration Fee

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Chamois' Penny Lane: The Movie Theatre
Thanks to Good Neighbor Barbara Maxwell who has allowed me to share her memory of a show she saw at the Chamois Community Theatre. As a member of a writer's club, Barb was tasked to write about a movie that made an impression on her. In her story, Barb wove many interesting facts about the community theatre. The movie apparently made quite an impression on others, too. I'm certain you will enjoy her story about this Once Upon a Time showing of...

KING KONG
Those big gnarly toes and that huge hairy leg would be enough to scare the bravest adult, so looking back, it certainly makes sense that it scared a little five-year-old girl walking alone in the dark.

The movie was just over at the local Catholic school, which held the town's show hall. Every Wednesday and Saturday night, a movie of some kind was shown. The theater on the third floor of the school was small, held only about 15 rows of seats. The cost to enter was 25 cents if you were over six, but because I was only five, I had a nickel for popcorn.

The ticket booth was at the door at the bottom of the stairs on the first floor. As I walked past the booth each Saturday night, Alice Boss, the usual ticket seller would call out to me, "Barbie Sue, when are you going to be old enough to buy a ticket?"

I walked right on up the steps to the popcorn machine on the second floor landing and proudly spent my nickel. Then I trudged on up to the third floor.

Double doors opened on the side of the theater, so five rows of seats were to the front, then the center aisle, and then the remaining rows where the big kids got to sit. If you were under six, you had to sit in one of the first five rows.

At this point, it may seem strange to you that a five-year-old was going to a movie by herself, but this was a common practice. It was a small town, and we lived about five blocks from the theater. Besides, I wasn't alone; my eight-year-old brother was right behind me with his friends. Even back then, it wasn't cool to let your little sister walk with you and your friends. He got to sit behind the center aisle, so I turned occasionally to make sure he was back there. One time, I even saw him sit with a girl!

That night the movie was King Kong. I was so scared by the end of the movie that I just knew King Kong was going to be looking for me on my way home.

I dawdled outside the school door waiting for my brother and then tried to stay just a few feet in front of him and his friends, but they laughed at me and called me a scaredy-cat and told me to go on home.

So, I walked as bravely as I could muster-up and made it a block and a half up well-lit Main Street, but then I had to turn the corner at Hemplemann's store, a three-story large, long brick building, onto darker Third Street. Drainage vents in the sidewalk along the building always scared me because I just knew something was going to reach up out of them and grab my leg. I walked as slowly as I could past them, hoping each time that nothing was there and that my brother and his friends would soon round the corner.

Slower and slower I walked until I reached the end of the building – and – oh no! There it was!

His toes were huge, bucking up through the sidewalk, and his leg was covered in shaggy dark fur – and went up and up. I didn't look any higher. I bolted out into the

street and raced for home. I ran up the front steps, busted into the living room sobbing, and told Mom that King Kong had almost gotten me.

She laughed and reassured me that I was safe and that he wasn't going to get me. Shortly after, my brother came bursting into the front door. We told Mom about the movie, shared a soda, and went to bed.

The next day, Mom wanted to see where King Kong had been standing when I saw him, so I led her back to the very spot. And sure enough, here were his toes, but now in the sunlight, they just looked like big gnarly tree roots that had broken up through the sidewalk, and that big old hairy leg was now just a massive tree trunk with shaggy dark bark.

Years later, my brother told me that, when he and his friends got to the end of the Hemplemann building, they, too, saw King Kong's foot and leg and took off running.

And funny enough, when I told Bob this story, he said I had it all wrong. He lived on the opposite side of town, and King Kong was standing in Vernon Korman's front yard. He saw two big trees in the yard that resembled Kong's legs, and he took off running, leaving his little brother standing there crying.

So went life in a small town!
Enjoyed it—didn't you? Anyone else with stories to share is welcome to do so.

Now Showing: Movie Memories from George Kishmar

In a recent article you wrote about the Catholic Theater that used to exist in Chamois. Here are some of my memories regarding that. "My first memory of going to the Catholic Theatre in Chamois was when Mom and Dad took me and my sisters to see Walt Disney's movie Bambi, which was released in 1942. This was the first movie I'd ever seen and I would have been only three or four years old. But I still remember sitting with my family near the screen and watching this beautiful movie in color. I probably teared up like most kids but still remember it as a wonderful movie, as do my children.

I attended many more movies as I grew up, especially Tarzan with my good friend Gus Dudenhoefler, Jr. We both loved Tarzan movies and had several tree stands and grape vines/ropes to swing on. Thankfully we never fell and got hurt.

I also recall one time when a movie had just started and there was a loud bang. Someone shouted "fire" and people began fleeing out. I hung on as no fire was visible and later learned that someone had knocked a fire extinguisher off the wall, which had made the "bang". Shortly thereafter the movie resumed and all was well."

The 1949 MFA Fire – Memories of Nine-Year-Old George Kishmar

In your Jan 13 article, you included info about what is now the Chamois MFA. Also included was a photo of their elevator on fire with a question of whether anyone could confirm that this was the 1949 fire. Since nothing more was published, I will send you my memories, which pretty much confirm the photo.

"I remember hearing the siren going off and seeing smoke in the sky, so I either ran or rode my bike uptown to see what was happening. Although I was only 9 years old, I recall seeing the elevator on fire with smoke coming out the top. I ended up on the street on the south side of the building while watching. I recall that Chamois did not have a fire truck back then but only a trailer with a bunch of hoses, which they hooked up to a fire hydrant. Obviously, the water pressure wasn't sufficient to fight a fire at this height, but about an hour later a fire truck from Linn arrived to assist. I don't recall how long I stayed around or when I left. But I do seem to remember that Donald Crowe, Jr. had been far up in the elevator when it caught fire and had to scramble to get out alive."

Holocaust Remembrance Day
International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27. It's a day to remember the six million Jews and eleven million others killed by Hitler, his Nazi regime,

and their collaborators during World War II. Designated by the United Nations in 2005, this Remembrance Day marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of the Holocaust.

Good neighbor Patti Leddy (I taught with her at Linn) shared that her daughter-in-law's grandmother has written the book My Survival: A Girl on Shindler's List by Rena Finder and Joshua M. Greene. Rena, as an eleven-year-old girl, was sent to Auschwitz and the book tells her story of being sent there, her eye-witness account of being there, and her escape because of Oskar Schindler of Schindler's List fame. The book is a Scholastic Book and is an important read for both older children and adults.

Remembering Santa Claus

For Auld Lang Syne, or For Old Time's Sake, we remember Santa Claus in Chamois. The recent passing of Denny Lamb has brought out stories of something he is often remembered for by many of the children of Chamois. Barbara Boss Huse shared this story. On Christmas Eve, when all the grandchildren were at Grandma Florence Boss's house, Santa would knock at the door. In he'd come with a big sack of gifts. Sitting down in a chair, he would reach into his sack, and to the amazement of the children, he would pull out the presents one by one, calling each child by name. The wide-eyed believers just knew that Santa is real.

Apparently, Santa visited several different families. And in later years, Mrs. Claus came with him. Some people just know how to keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

The big evening concluded with attending Midnight Mass.

Thanks, good neighbor Barb, and good neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Denny Lamb, a.k.a. Santa and Mrs. Claus. Small towns can be really great places in which to live. Missouri's Bicentennial Quilt

The travelling Missouri Bicentennial Quilt will be on display at the Osage County Historical Society in Linn March 17 – 20. The quilt squares were made by contributors from all across Missouri. Osage County Historical Society member Linda Roberts made one of the blocks.

Other quilts will also be on display as well as crafts made by Juanita Helming Schuster. Sounds like a great cure for cabin fever!

The Osage County Historical Society's Cultural Heritage Center is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lectionary for Feb. 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading and Psalm: Isaiah 40: 21 – 31 and Psalm 147: 1 – 11, 20c; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23; Gospel: Mark 1: 29 – 39

Upcoming Events

Jan. 21 through March 4 – Water/Ways Exhibit at St. Technical College of Missouri sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of Main Street. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Free

Feb. 8 – Chamois Lions Club, Community Center, Riverside Park, 6:30

Feb. 11 – Missouri Retired Teachers Blitz Day, virtual

Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

March 17 – 20 – Missouri Bicentennial Quilt and more on display at the Osage County Historical Society

Feb. 19 – Assumption Catholic Church, Morrison, Fish Dinner and Fixins', 4:30 p.m.

March 19 – Blood Drive sponsored by Osage R-1 Schools but at the Chamois Lions Community Building at Riverside Park

July 10 – 17, 2021 – Footsteps Medical Mission trip to Jamaica

SCHOOL EVENTS

Good, Better, Best.
Never Let it Rest,
Until My Good is Better,
And My Better's Best!

Feb. 5 – Boys and Girls Basketball at home with Bunceon/Prairie Home, 6 p.m.



Our tour guide at Dachau Concentration Camp. The day was cold, rainy, windy and uncomfortable. The weather seemed quite appropriate for the place we were visiting.



In 2016, Rev. Steve Buckholz, Becky Buckholz, my sister, and I visited Germany. We took this train to Dachau Concentration Camp.



A Memorial at the end of the tour with the years 1933 - 1945. May we never forget.

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Feb. 8 – Boys and Girls Basketball at home with Belle, 6 p.m.

Feb. 9 – Boys and Girls Basketball at home with Jamestown, 6 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Feb. 11 – Boys and Girls Basketball at Vienna, 6 p.m.

Feb. 12 - Boys and Girls Basketball at home with Linn, 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 – President's Day – No School

Feb. 18 – Boys and Girls Basketball at home with Russellville, 6 p.m.

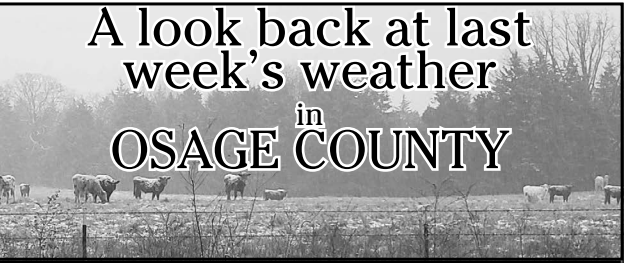
Feb. 21 – 27 – Boys and Girls Districts – to be announced

March 19 – Blood Drive sponsored by Osage R-1 Schools at Lions Community Center, Riverside Park

"AND IN THE END..."

Let's remember our Good Neighbors with a smile, a note, a card, a phone call, an email, a short visit, and the Powerful Prayer. Thank you, God!

*Until next time,
Susan Sundermeyer
(granddaughter of Bertha Sundermeyer, one of the original Appletown feminines and author of The Appletown News!)*



A look back at last week's weather in OSAGE COUNTY
The following temperatures and precipitation were recorded by Tom Kixmueller, National Weather Service observer at Freedom:

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 25	42	33	1.38
Jan 26	38	27	T
Jan 27	30	20	0.25 (2 in. snow)
Jan 28	37	23	
Jan 29	45	38	0.44
Jan 30	47	33	1.53
Jan 31	37	29	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY
As of Monday, the NWS forecast for the remainder of the week is:

WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny, high near 53. Southeast wind 7 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy, low around 40. South wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.
THURSDAY - Rain likely, mainly between noon and 3 p.m. Cloudy, high near 51. South wind 11 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy, low around 24.
FRIDAY - Sunny, high near 40.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy, low around 24.
SATURDAY - A 20% chance of snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, high near 32.
SATURDAY NIGHT - A 20% chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, low around 6.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny and cold, high near 16.

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.

-English Proverb



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Father Colin Franklin — 897-2293
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

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Eric Braman, Minister — 897-3530
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Rev. William Debo — 744-5987
Saturday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.
Tues & Thur. Masses 7:45 a.m.

College Hill Baptist
897-4438
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Father Anthony Viviano — 455-2320
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Daily Tues.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's U.C.C.
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Van Lahmeyer, Pastor
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Jason Hilkerbaumer — 573-301-0650
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

St. Cecilia Church
Fr. Leonard Mukibi - Meta
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Saturday Evening Mass 7 p.m.
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 5-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays
..... 7-7:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Mass 8 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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Fr. Anthony Rinaldo — 897-2922
Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Daily Mass
Tues. - Fri. 8:00 a.m.
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St. Louis of France Catholic Church
Church Hill - Bonnots Mill
Fr. Anthony Rinaldo — 897-2922
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Church of Christ
Star Route - Osage County Road 205
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Meta Christian Church
Hwy 133, Meta
Bro. Dale Beasterfeld — 229-4594
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Belle United Methodist Church
208 Hwy 28, Belle
Sandra Dixon, Pastor
Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Chamois United Methodist Church
Third and Main St., Chamois
763-5698
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Pin Oak Baptist Church
Hwy. 50, Mt. Sterling
Glen Duncan, Pastor — 943-6386
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
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Rev. Gerald Scheperle, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:10 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:10 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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St. John's United Methodist
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Rev. Bill Barkman — 897-3100
Sunday Service 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

Zion — St. Peter U.C.C.
Pershing
Rev. Ron Stair — 294-6684
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

St. George Catholic Church
Hwy 50, Linn
Father Colin Franklin — 897-2293
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.
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Wed. Evening Bible Study and Youth 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Chamois, Mo.
Kirk Kellogg, Pastor — 573-205-9346
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening 6:30 p.m.

Community of Christ
Hwy 50 E., Linn
Renold Mantle, Sandra Mantle, 573-644-3118
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Service (Every Wed.) 6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church
Hwy. 63 & Oliver St., Freeburg
Rev. William Debo — 744-5254
Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Masses 7:45 a.m.
Thursday Masses NO MASS
Friday Mass 7:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.
Confessions: Sat 3:45-4:15 p.m.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Argyle
Monday (Prayer Service) 7:30 a.m.
Saturday (Mass) 4:30 p.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Koeltztown
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Church Service 9 a.m.

Chamois Church of Christ
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Kids Bible Time 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
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Freedom - 943-2261
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Wednesday Mass 9:00 a.m.
Friday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Assumption Catholic Church
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OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass 10:00 a.m.
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LINN SCOUTS BSA TROOP 17 AND 3017

Linn Troop 17 currently has 16 registered scouts and Troop 3017 has two registered scouts.

2020 was a challenging year for Scouting for both troops due to COVID-19 and some meetings/activities were canceled. Scouts completed merit badges virtually and board of reviews were held via Zoom. Scouts were still able to hold some activities in person. Among the activities held were Scout Sunday, float trip/camp out, wilderness survival camp out, summer camp, Linn MBU, Merit Badge College at Camp Hohn, camping/hiking at Ha Ha Tonka, working on rank advancements and merit badges, Courts of Honor, Christmas Parade, and participating in fundraisers. The Scouts are looking forward to the Spring Equinox Campout, the Spring Camporee and possibly a scouting trip to Colorado in 2021.

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts scout spirit into action. Troop service projects this year include Scouting for Food, flag ceremony at Sinquefeld's, flag retirement ceremony, assisting Pack 17 with their Cross-over ceremony, planting trees at Osage County Library, picking up trash along Highway U, assisting with the Cub Scout Field Day at Taos Countryside Park, participating in the Wreaths for Heroes program at St. George Church and placing 189 wreaths at veteran's graves in St. George Cemetery.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Troop 17 Scoutmaster Travis

Greer at 573-263-7219 or Troop 3017 Scoutmaster Tammy Wagner at 573-338-3673.

Linn Cub Scouts Pack 17 currently has eight registered scouts.

The scouts have been pretty active this past year, participating in several community service activities as well as activities to learn and have fun. The Pack's community service activities have included trash pick up at the Lion's club park and on highway U, adopting a family for Christmas and making Christmas gift bags for the residents at both nursing homes in Linn. The Pack has also learned some skills and had fun while attending summer camp at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation, hiking and exploring at Conner's Cave, and camping at Lost Valley. Troops 17 and 3017 have also been meeting with the Cub Scouts to help them learn cooking skills, how to tie knots and make lashings, and first aid skills.

Upcoming events that the Cub Scouts look forward to are the Pine-wood Derby race, the Blue and Gold Banquet, a Raingutter Regatta race, collecting food for the Good Shepherd pantry and a spring camping trip.

The Pack would like to welcome anyone interested in joining scouts. Scouting is a great way to help teach kids about becoming good citizens and learn important life skills. If you would like information about the local scouting programs you can contact the Cub Master Lori Greer at 573-263-1917.



Send us your Boys Scout stories
and pictures for next year's
National Boy Scout Week!



Troop outing



Troop kayaking during the summer outing on North Fork River.

Troop 76 BSA in Loose Creek

Troop 76 BSA in Loose Creek was established in 1976 and has a long running history of helping the community and building strong leaders. The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouts learn responsibility by planning and conducting meetings, organizing outings and being involved in community activities.

Scouts work to earn merit badges by learning about a variety of subjects such as archery, fishing, camping, fire safety, and robotics, just to name a few. There are currently over 135 merit badges. Badge work is done at meetings, Merit Badge Universities, camps and outings, as well as on their own. Earning badges helps to rank up and work toward achieving Eagle Scout. Our troop has proudly advanced 82 Eagle Scouts.

Even with this year's COVID restrictions, our troop has been very busy. Last summer, the Scouts attended camp at Camp Hohn near the Lake of the Ozarks. This week-long camp offered our Scouts the opportunity to tent camp for a week, while participating in activities such as jet skiing, rock wall climbing, kayaking, digital technology and graphic design. We play games, cook our own meals and have a longstanding reputation for having the biggest and best campfire in the camp! Scouts are also chosen to become members of the Order of the Arrow based on their involvement and advancement in their troop. Outings are held each season over a weekend. This year we camped at Lake Ozark State Park, Sinquefeld's and Twin Bridges near the Arkansas state border. For our summer outing, we went kayaking and canoeing on the North Fork River. We also hold a family fun day in the summer, where the families all get together to swim and picnic at Bonnots' Lake.

Our Scouts participate in a number of service activities

as well. State Park Service Day is when Scouts state-wide do their part to pick up trash, clear brush and clean campsites at Lake Ozark State Park. Scouting for Food is the annual food drive, where we set up shop at Joe's Market and take food donations to the Linn Food Pantry. We help set up and take down the nativity scenes in Meta and Loose Creek, attend and serve at church on Scout Sunday, as well as individual Scout activities like helping the local fire department.

Scouts BSA is a great way to meet people and learn all kinds of new things! Our troop meets on the first Monday of each month at the Immaculate Conception Church in Loose Creek. If you are interested in learning more about Scouts BSA or want to join our troop, feel free to reach out to our Scoutmaster Kurt Boeckmann at 573-338-4308, or our Assistant Scoutmaster Stephanie Hoffman at 573-619-9397.



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Complete troop (taken early last year, before COVID)



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Fatima boys win Eldon tourney championship over Iberia

Fatima faced a tough Iberia team Saturday night in the championship game of the Eldon tournament and came away with a 51-47 win.

"Iberia is the definition of a strong basketball team," said Coach Ryan Robertson. "They were very physical and a very methodical offensive team."

Each team scored 15 in the first quarter and Fatima fell behind by seven at the break, 30-23.

In the third quarter, however, the Comets controlled the tempo and outscored the Rangers 15-4.

"Our guys did an excellent job of staying focused and found a way to come from behind," said

Robertson. "This game will definitely help us down the road — it showed us what we need to be improving on more so than any game this season. With very little practice time in the last couple weeks, after Tuesday night we will be anxious to get in the gym and fine-tune some things on both ends of the floor."

In the final quarter, Fatima once again played even with Iberia (13-13) to close out the game with the four-point win.

Nate Brandt led the team with 21 points, including a 3-8 mark beyond the arc. "Nate had one of his best games to date, playing well on both ends of the floor,"

said Robertson.

Lee Verslues added 11 points to the mix, followed by Jack Robertson (6), Leo Peters and Nate Lehmen (4 each), Dawson Huhn (3), and Cooper Kleffner (2). Verslues led with four assists as Kleffner added three, and Brandt posted two.

Rebounding was spread around the team, with Peters collecting a team-high five, as Verslues added four, Brandt and Huhn each grabbed three, Robertson posted two, and Levi Robinson and Kleffner finished with one apiece.

On the defensive end, Brandt led with four steals, as Peters and Lehmen each recorded three, Verslues had two, and Kleffner and

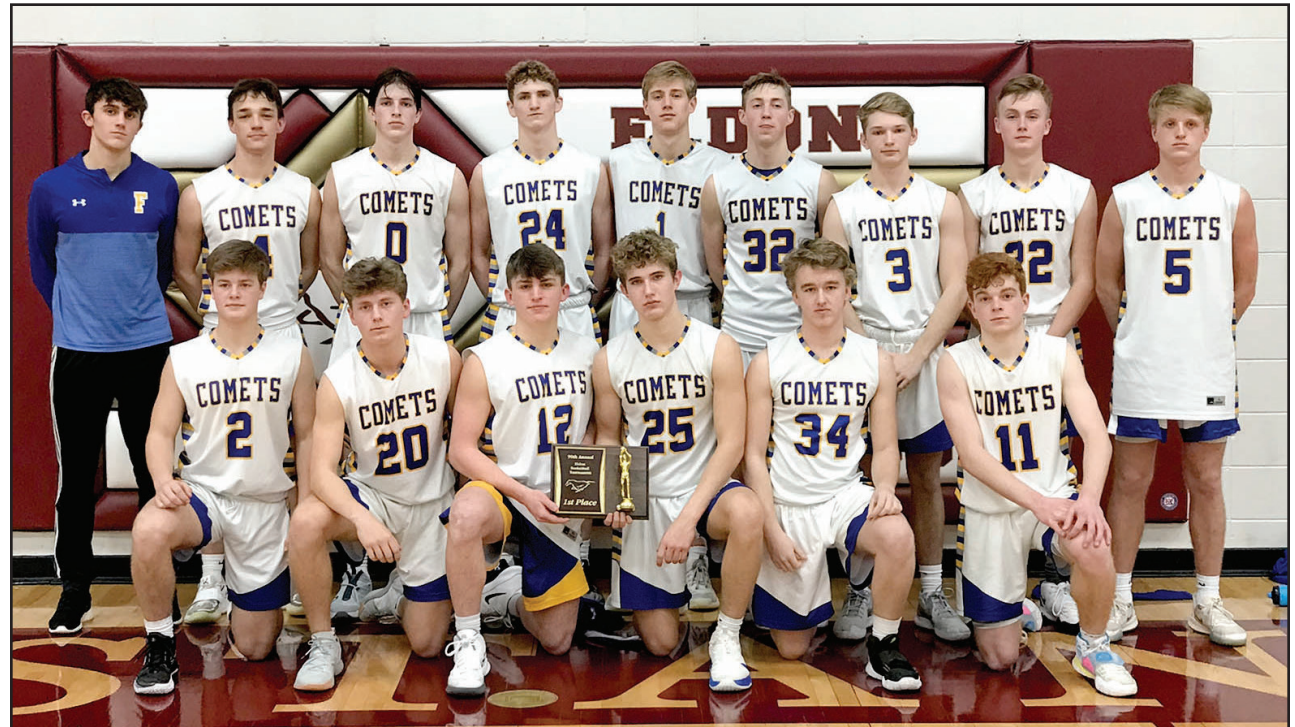
Robertson claimed one apiece. Peters had the team's lone block.

"The bench played a huge role for us in this game," said Coach Robertson. "Dawson, Jack, and Luke Boyce played extremely well. Overall, it was a very good week for us. We saw different kinds of schemes, different styles of play and our guy scrapped together for some quality wins."

In the semifinals on Thursday, the Comets battled to a 66-53 win over the Eagles.

"Eugene might be the biggest team that we've

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FATIMA PLAYED a solid game Saturday to claim the championship of the Eldon tournament with a win over Iberia. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Blake Gentges, Ty Fortson, Jacob Schulte, Cooper Kleffner, Carson Schulte, and Lee Verslues; and in the back row, Jacob Vanderfeltz, Luke Boyce, Leo Peters, Nate Lehmen, Levi Robinson, Nate Brandt, Carter Karst, Jack Robertson, and Dawson Huhn.

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LUKE BOYCE, left, looks for a putback against Eugene in the Eldon tournament semifinals. Above, Cooper Kleffner works his way up the floor. At right, Fatima players admire their first-place trophy after Saturday's win over Iberia.

PHOTO AT RIGHT BY WILL JOHNSON



ANDY HUESTE, above left, takes a shot from three-point range in Saturday's title game of the Hermann tournament. He drained three treys and finished with 14 points. Above right, Alek Peters lays the ball in easily. He finished with eight points on the night. Below left, Austin McKim stretches for a rebound, and below right, Caden Robinson surveys the floor against the Bearcats.

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Linn earns second at Hermann, Maassen surpasses 1,000 points

Linn had a chance as the clock ticked down in Saturday's Hermann tournament championship game against the host Bearcats but the Wildcats fell short in a 46-44 loss to earn second place.

"This was a tough loss," said Coach Clay Crouch. "They had a good game plan going in. We made some plays to finally get the lead late but the ball didn't bounce our way a couple of times. Such is life. This is the kind of game we can really learn and grow from. I loved our kids' effort and I'm proud of them regardless."

It was a back-and-forth game from the tip, with Linn staking to an 11-8 win after the first quarter and the Bearcats flipping the script in the second for a 22-21 lead.

After falling behind by four at the start of the fourth, the Wildcats battled through the entire final period, outscoring Hermann 17-14.

Linn had a chance to win over force overtime but an inbounds turnover allowed Hermann an opportunity, and the Bearcats scored at the buzzer to end the game.

Leading the team was Caleb Maassen, who scored 18 on 6-11 shooting from the floor and a 6-7 mark at the free-throw line. Maassen added to his career totals after breaking the 1,000-point mark in Thursday's semifinal win over New Haven. He and Alek Peters were named to the All-Tournament team.

Andy Hueste drained three treys on his way to 14 points, as Peters put in eight, Austin McKim scored three, and Kaleb Brandt finished with one. Caden Robinson led with four assists while Peters dished it three times, and Hueste, McKim, and Drew Strobe each added one.

On the glass, Maassen grabbed five rebounds to

go with four by McKim, two apiece by Strobe, Brandt, Hueste, and Peters, and one by Robinson.

Defensively, Peters had a pair of steals, and Robinson, McKim, and Hueste each pilfered one.

In Thursday's 72-56 win over the Shamrocks, the Wildcats got 30 points from Peters, who covered 4-5 from three-point range, 12-19 from the floor overall, and 2-2 from the stripe.

"We came out hot and did some really good things offensively in the first half," said Crouch. "I thought our transition offense was good. Our guys

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CALEB MAASSEN puts up a short shot for two of his 18 points against Herman. He surpassed 1,000 points in the semifinals.

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Fatima sixth at Grandview

Fatima's wrestling team on Saturday finished sixth at the Grandview tournament with four place finishers.

Leading the pack was Cody Strope, who finished in first place after pinning the number-one ranked wrestler in short order in the championship match. Blake Wiles also had a very productive day, pinning all of his opponents to earn first place.

Luke Schroeder had a very good day of competition, finishing second, and Jason Strope, in one of the tougher brackets at the tournament, took third, coming up short in two matches.

Other competitors at the tournament were Jason Woodruff (2-3), Alex Even (1-2), and Elijah Schaben (0-4).

The girls also competed in a tough tournament this past weekend at Seckman where they both placed. Morgan Eggleston finished second, pinning her first two opponents, before losing to the number-seven ranked girl in the state. Skyla Schroeder placed third losing to the number-four ranked wrestler in

the state in a close match to finish out her day.

"The boys and girls did very well," said Coach Kurt Strope. "I think the competitions we had last week allowed us to clean up a little bit of our wrestling with district coming around the corner here the next two weekends. We have faced now a lot of hard competition that should help us as we move into the postseason because each of them is going to know how to push themselves in tough matches and make fewer mistakes."

The girls will compete in districts Friday and Saturday at Mexico, while the boys will compete the following Saturday at Versailles.

In a tri last Tuesday, the Comets wrestled competed against Moberly and Fulton. The boys went 0-2 on the evening but only lost four matches in all. Fatima lost to Fulton (63-16) and to Moberly (48-25). The girls on Tuesday wrestled against Fulton as Schroeder prevailed in hers pinning her opponent for the win and Eggleston came up short in her match.



THE OSAGE County Volleyball 12U team earned second place recently at the Centerline Invitational. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Abby Rogers, Ali Russell, Leah Muenks, and Paige Loethen; and in the back row, Coach Craig Russell, Coach Taylor Scheulen, Addie Lehmen, Jorja Kempker, Elli Dudenhoeffer, Nicole Grellner, Sophie Hertzling, and Coach Megan Russell.

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Perspective: Fear of the Abyss

Without going into too many details, I wanted to relate my recent surgical experience and more importantly, the black hole one falls into before they start cutting.

It was a relatively minor outpatient procedure that took a couple of hours to remove a cyst the size of a golf ball from my neck. Fortunately, it was benign, and hopefully, I won't have to go through that again any time soon.

As an insomniac, due to chronic pain, I'm always on the hunt for something to help me slip into the abyss, with limited success. I've tried a lot of things, from counting a variety of farm animals to self-flagellation and pharmaceuticals. At 3 a.m., when you can't sleep and the only companion is misery, it's easy for your thoughts to run rampant. Mostly, they're just weird shower thoughts though sometimes I imagine I'm an evil warlord.

Being imaginative is sometimes a curse.

When sleep finally comes, I dream like everyone else, though mine are often akin to a scene from *Total Recall* (Arnold's version, not the new one) or *Inception*.

I've only had three occasions in my life in which I went dark, with no dreams or memory of time passing, and frankly, it scared the crap out of me.

The first time it happened was during a family camping trip as a young teen. We decided it would be a great idea to play hide

and seek in the woods at dusk, which soon turned to dark. I rounded a tree on my way to a hiding place and ran into another kid headfirst. I have a flicker of memory, a shape fast approaching, and then ... nothing. That is until I awoke in my tent with my worried mother watching over me. I was only out a short time but it was not an experience I wanted to repeat.

In 1998, I underwent knee surgery and I came very close to begging the doctor to allow me to watch the procedure. Part of it was because I was fascinated by what they were going to do, and the rest was a fear of the blackness. Due to my poor health, I was not allowed to remain awake.

It was weird lying on the table, talking to the doctor and anesthetist as they prepared to start the arthroscopic procedure. Turns out the doctor had a grandson who played football at California, Mo., where I lived at the time. I was covering the Pintos then and we were talking about their 1997 championship run and whether they would repeat.

Then I woke up in a hospital bed with my leg wrapped and absolutely no recollection of how I got there. That was a trip, and I wondered if they had to call the fire department to move me since at the time I weighed more than 400 pounds. Yeah, I was really that large.

Fortunately, I found a great weight-loss program

called diabetes and lost more than 100 pounds.

Since then, I've managed to keep it off but I've long dreaded the dark space and didn't think I would ever voluntarily go under the knife again. At worst, I figured I would wake up in a hospital after an accident, or something beyond my control.

Alas, this thing on my neck was hugely obnoxious and needed to be addressed. Remember the freaks in *Total Recall*? The one at the end who came out of the other dude's belly? I was starting to wonder if a little guy was living in my neck and more importantly, trying to force his way out.

Being awake for this procedure wasn't even an option. It's not like I could have watched the doctor dig this thing out so I wasn't terribly disappointed. Having said that, I was still anxious about going into the abyss for the third time.

It is such an odd feeling to be conscious one second and then gradually returning to consciousness with no context in between.

I had some good luck, however, because I had two nurses from Osage County working with me. That made me feel better but then I started to fear what I might say while coming back to consciousness.

I made both of them promise to keep whatever they heard to themselves. I feared that I would embarrass myself but truthfully, I know these nurses are dedicated professionals and I

knew they wouldn't violate my privacy.

Kari was a trooper, and at my side when I returned to the land of the awake. She said I didn't say anything too bad but I'll have to take her word for that.

I'm just glad everything turned out okay and now, when kids ask me about the three-inch scar on the back of my neck, I tell them I survived a knife fight. It's fun to watch their reactions.

See you at the game.
NAJ

Linn falls to tough Walnut Grove team

Linn faced an uphill battle last Monday against Walnut Grove but the Lady Cats fought until the end in a 59-48 loss.

"We competed hard

against a very good Walnut Grove team," said Coach Brandi Moore. "We improved at handling their full-court pressure throughout the game. We continued

to shoot well from the free-throw line. I am proud of how hard everyone played."

Trailing 10-3 after the first quarter, Linn found an offensive groove in the second, matching Walnut Grove's 19 points in the quarter to trail 29-22 at the break.

A tough third quarter put the Lady Cats further behind and Linn could not overcome the gap in the fourth despite winning the frame 18-15.

Aushara Hostetler paced the team with 13 points as she hit a pair of treys on the night as Claire Baker (4-4 FT) posted 12 points, Lindsey Brandt put in eight, going 6-6 from the stripe,

Chloe Rhoden hit two three-pointers on her way to eight points, Autumn Baker scored five, and Jessica Keilholz put in two.

A Baker's three assists led the team, as C. Baker added two, and Hostetler and Keilholz dished the ball once apiece.

On the glass, C. Baker grabbed a team-high eight, with six more from Hostetler, followed by A. Baker, Rhoden, and Keilholz (4 each), and Brandt (2).

Defensively, C. Baker collected four steals to go with two by Brandt, and one by A. Baker. Brandt also had four blocks while C. Baker added another.



LINDSEY BRANDT, above left, pushes the ball toward the lane in last week's game against Walnut Grove. At left, Jessica Keilholz takes control of a rebound. Above, Aushara Hostetler puts up a short-range jumper as part of her 13-point performance. Below, Claire Baker lines up a shot from the outside.



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CHLOE RHODEN, above, fires a shot over two Walnut Grove defenders. Below, Autumn Baker makes a move to the ball on a good defensive play.



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Case No. 21OS-PR00007

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION)

To all persons interested in the Estate of **THEODORE J. HASENBECK, Decedent:**

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Date of First publication: February 3, 2021

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COACH RYAN Robertson fires up his team during a timeout in the first half of Thursday's game.



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played this season," said Coach Robertson. "They play a long extended zone. I was pleased with the guys' ball movement and ability to find the open seams in the zone."

Leading 38-28 at intermission, the Comets extended the margin to 54-37 at the start of the fourth.

"We had a nice lead after the third quarter and I felt our intensity dipped a little bit in the fourth quarter, but anytime you can get as many points in the paint as we did against a zone of that size you have to be pleased," said Robertson, whose team finished shot well from long range. "We only hit five three-pointers which against a team of that size, to win in

the manner we did, is very reassuring."

Fatima covered 7-10 from the FT line while hitting 44.3% overall from the floor.

Verslues hit two of the team's three-pointers on his way to a team-high 23 points. Brandt added 16 points to the tally, as Kleffner (two treys) scored eight, followed by Peters (7), Robertson (5, trey), Lehmen (4), and Huhn (1). In the assists column, Verslues posted four, Brandt added three, Peters dished it twice, and Lehmen and Cooper finished with one apiece.

Peters had a good night on the boards with six rebounds, as Brandt grabbed five, followed by Verslues (3), Kleffner, Lehmen, and Boyce (2 each), and Huhn (1).

Defensively, Brandt (4) and Kleffner (3) led in steals



LEO PETERS, left, charges to the hoop for a lay-in during Thursday's win over Eugene at the Eldon tournament. Above, Lee Verslues gets creative in this reverse layup.

with two more by Verslues, and one each by Boyce, Ty Fortson, and Robertson.

Fatima opened the tournament with a 73-52 win over Osage.

"This was not one of our best performances and Osage is a scrappy team," said Robertson. "I felt at times we were not aggressive enough, and at times, I did not think our energy was good enough."

The Comets wasted no time, building a 19-6 lead through the first quarter. Armed with a 30-13 halftime lead, Fatima made it a 56-29 score after the third quarter.

Overall, the team shot 49.1% from the floor and converted 12-28 from three-point range (42.9%).

Verslues hit four treys on his way to 23 points to lead the Comets.

"Lee had one of his better

performances," said Robertson. "He has been a consistent player on that end of the floor throughout the season."

Brandt added 13 points, including a trey. "Nate had an excellent second half and attacked the whole floor to provide a spark," said Robertson.

Also scoring were Kleffner (8), Robertson (8), Robinson (5), Peters (4), and Huhn (2).

Kleffner's five assists paced the squad as Peters, Verslues, and Brandt pitched in with three apiece, Boyce added two, and Blake Gentges, Carter Karst, Huhn, Fortson, Robertson, and Lehmen finished with one each.

Verslues was also strong defensively with five steals as Brandt posted four, and Robertson, Huhn, Gentges, and Peters posted one apiece. Peters had a block as well.



DAWSON HUHN leaps for a rebound in the semifinals of the Eldon tournament against Eugene. Below, Nate Lehmen gets past two defenders on his way to the basket.



LINN COACH Brandi Moore goes over her expectations during a timeout in last week's game.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
LINN COACH Clay Crouch and senior Caleb Maassen were all smiles following Thursday's semifinal win over New Haven in which Maassen surpassed 1,000 points in his career. He, along with Alek Peters, below left, were named to the Hermann All-Tournament team.



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played hard and I was proud of their effort. It was a good win for us."

Maassen posted 19 points as McKim went 2-4 from three-point range and scored 12, with seven points from Robinson (trey), and four from Strobe. McKim and Peters shared the assist lead with five apiece, as Maassen and Robinson each added two.

After a strong first quarter, Linn held a 22-7 lead and pushed it to 39-18

by halftime. New Haven surged in the third with a 24-14 advantage but the Wildcats closed out the game well to advance.

Maassen snagged a team-high nine rebounds while Peters had eight, followed by Strobe (7), Robinson (4), and McKim (3). On the defensive end, Maassen had the team's only two blocks, as he also posted a steal. Robinson led with two steals, and Peters had one.

Linn entered the tournament with a first-round bye.



NATE BRANDT leads the charge on a fast-break play against Iberia in Saturday's championship game at the Eldon tournament.



FATIMA ALUM Sydney Neuner celebrated Senior Day recently at Culver Stockton College. Shown are, from left to right, Assistant Coach Terra Helm, teammate Josie Landrum, Lisa Neuner, Sydney Neuner, Head Coach Janette Burgin, and Joe Neuner.

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