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Meta residents fed up with dog issues

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META — Meta residents Sharon Engelbrecht and Lynn Kleffner told aldermen at their meeting last Wednesday, June 9 that something needs to be done about dogs destroying property and attacking people.

“We need that leash law brought back because I’m getting tired of having dogs in my yard destroying my property,” said Engelbrecht, noting the latest incident occurred on May 22. “We have a big problem.”

Engelbrecht called the Osage County Sheriff’s Office and was told by Deputy Vince VanderFeltz that she has the right to defend herself from these dogs, including shooting them.

“So, I went out and bought some BB guns,” she said. “I’m tired of this. I love dogs and cats but I don’t want any more destruction. I don’t want my dad being bitten by these dogs.”

She added that the dogs’ owners have been warned. “There’s got to be some way to bring the leash law back,” Engelbrecht said.

“The only problem with that is we would have to have someone to enforce the leash law and we don’t necessarily have a deputy in town,” said Mayor Emily Sommerer.

“And there’s no pound in Osage County,” Alderman Steve Sherrell added.

“If it was brought back, they said they would come to enforce it,” Engelbrecht said of the sheriff’s office. “I talked to Deputy VanderFeltz and he told me to document everything. I have two pages of documents of things that’s happened in the last couple of days.”

“My understanding is that we would have to have a contract with (the sheriff) for them to come down,” Alderman Ivie Helton said.

City Clerk Deidra Buechter agreed. “A county deputy cannot enforce city ordinances,” she said. “That’s what the sheriff told me.”

“That’s part of the reason we got rid of it, on the lawyer’s advice,” Sherrell said of the leash law.

Maintenance employee Ken-

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Free fishing event at Ben Branch Lake held

Saturday’s Ben Branch Lake free fishing event drew about 50 people, who took advantage of the opportunity to get out and enjoy nature. The Ben Branch Lake free fishing event was sponsored by Legends Bank, Linn Thriftway, Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Hale’s Hook & Hunt, Naught-Naught Agency, the Osage County Sheriff’s Office, and MFA. See more about the free fishing event on page 14.

PHOTO BY NEAL JOHNSON

Bonham urges residents about rising theft of catalytic converters

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OSAGE COUNTY — Many drivers are conscientious about locking their cars or arming the security system but most do not think about individual parts of their vehicle that may be worth stealing.

Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham said the theft of catalytic converters is rising, with some suspected thieves preying on unsuspecting people here.

“It takes an experienced thief about five minutes to steal your catalytic converter,” Bonham said. “They use a Sawzall and it takes two cuts. They’re done, and moving on to the next car. Be sure to lock your vehicle and limit accessibility.”

Kyle A. Behrends, 33, of Sullivan, is being held at the Osage County Jail and Bonham has filed for charges involving the theft of catalytic converters. Behrends was out on bond from Franklin County at the time of the alleged theft. There, he was charged on April 17 with property damage in the first degree (damage with intent to steal), stealing, and tampering with the property of another. A hearing has been scheduled for July 8 in Franklin County.

This crime is also a nationwide problem, with thousands of catalytic converters stolen across



Kyle A. Behrends

the country every day, according to the Catalytic Converter Theft committee of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI), working in cooperation with the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI).

Catalytic converters are filtration units installed on the exhaust system of all types of vehicles. What makes them valuable to thieves is the fact that the precious metals utilized inside the filters are broken down and the precious metals are melted for their weight.

Targeted vehicles include large panel vans, diesel trucks, moving/box trucks, and some hybrid vehicles.

These vehicles are targeted because either the units are large and worth more money or the vehicles contain two catalytic converters. Larger units can bring scrapyard prices between \$150 and \$450.

Many lower emission/hybrid vehicles contain higher amounts of precious metals that are currently trading at all-time high prices, which is the catalyst for the increase in this crime. Some larger vehicles have multiple catalytic converters which make them prey for theft. The cost to the vehicle’s owner to repair can be several thousand

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Assessor increases cost index as part of agreement with STC

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OSAGE COUNTY — Osage County Assessor Jerry Baker said this year’s situation is similar to what occurred two years ago in that property owners may have seen a higher assessment due to a hot real estate market and the second incremental increase in the cost index.

Personal property such as cars, boats, etc. have no bearing on the increased cost index, Baker explained. It relates to real estate only.

Baker told commissioners last month that he would be sending “impact notices” and that he expects several property owners to challenge their new assessments and tax bills, which should bring in a 10% increase in revenue from real estate and personal property taxes.

He explained that the Assessors Office is under, and has been under an agreement with the the State Tax Commission (STC) to increase the cost index to meet the actual property values on newly sold property.

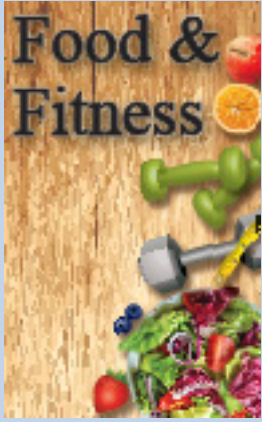
In 2019, Osage County had a cost index of 2.20 was far behind any of the surrounding counties with a cost index of 3.0, and Baker explained then that in many cases, diminished the county’s overall cost calculations by as much as 100%.

As part of the agreement with the STC, Baker increased the cost index incrementally, moving from 2.20 to 2.48, and two years ago, increased all in-town improvement land values by 10% of current market values throughout the county.

This year, the next increment moves the county to a cost index of 2.74.

“This agreement has been underway for two years and the

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Linn track awards

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Chamois R-1 adopts deficit budget for 2022

BY THERESA BRANDT
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CHAMOIS — Chamois R-1 school board members last Wednesday approved a deficit budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The new budget comes up \$48,306 short, with estimated revenues for the new fiscal year of \$2,505,142 and expenditures of \$2,553,448. However, the budget does not include any revenues or expenditures that may be associated with additional federal funding through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

Superintendent Lyle Best noted that the budget will have to be amended once the new tax rate is set in September. He is anticipating additional revenue to be projected at that time.

Revenues from the state will remain consistent, with the district expecting \$1,177,388 in funding. Last fiscal year’s funding from the state was \$1,239,600. Local revenues are expected at \$1,012,992 and include the collection of property taxes and Proposition C Sales Tax. Last year, local taxes generated revenues of \$1,015,867. The new budget reflects a small change in federal funding, with the new budget expecting \$207,662, compared to last year’s federal contribution of \$341,904. County revenue is estimated at \$107,100 including railroad and utility tax and fines, the same

as last fiscal year.

Most of the budget expenditures are to be allocated for salaries. Currently, the budget includes \$1,784,086 for salaries of certified and non-certified staff, a slight increase from the \$1,750,367 allocated last year.

The school board voted earlier this year to increase raises and benefits for all school staff and that is reflected here. Plant operation expenditures, which include utilities, supplies, and building repairs, are budgeted at \$336,657 with \$20,000 for general repair and maintenance and \$60,000 for building improvements. Best is anticipating increased food and milk costs and that is reflected in the expenditures projected for food service in the amount of \$142,047. Transportation costs are budgeted at \$108,600 contracted with LJZ Services and \$29,691 budgeted for transportation owned by the school district.

The district fund balance is expected to be at 47% for the end of the fiscal year. Projected enrollment for the 2021-22 school year for grades kindergarten through grade 12 is 129 students.

Best believes that this budget “provides the faculty, staff, and students the resources needed to increase the district’s academic performance,” and hopes to continue advocating for improving the school facilities.

In other business, the board amended the 2020-21 budget to actual as of June 30, 2021. Total revenues

for the school district were amended to \$2,857,296 and expenditures were amended to \$2,972,009.

“For the year we’d have expenditures over revenues by about \$1,000,” Best said. “That’s pretty good because we’ve had several hundreds of thousands in repair expenditures this year. So being pretty close to even is good, considering.”

* The school district is required to have an updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) in place to be eligible for the third round of ESSER funds. The document will be available online and outlines procedures for positive COVID-19 cases and how they will be handled by the school district. The plan will have to be revisited and updated periodically as outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

“We can’t just say we don’t have to worry about COVID-19 next year,” Best said. “We still have to have a plan on what we are going to do in different situations.”

Best noted the SRCSP is similar to the plan the school district had in place last year before the start of school.

“Our plan will be to start school in person the same as we did last year,” Best explained. “I think, for us, we anticipate having very few of the measures in place at the start of the school year.”

Best noted that masks will be encouraged, although not required for all students who are not vaccinated. The school plans to stress hand washing and increased sanitation measures.

“If we start seeing a spread (of COVID-19) then we will have to pull back to more restrictive measures,” Best said. “I think that for us this is kinda the approach, to start with what people want to call ‘normal’ but if things start occurring then we have a plan of how to address it.”

“I thought you guys did a great job last year,” Board President Steve Cramer said. “I don’t see why we wouldn’t continue with a plan and have it there in case we need it.”

Best stressed that the goal is to keep kids in school. If there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in the community or within the school, he is not opposed to putting in place measures that require masks and social distancing if it will keep kids in school.

Best said that several parents have asked about how quarantines will work in the new school year.

“As far as I am aware, nothing has changed in terms of what is supposed to happen unless you are vaccinated,” Best said. “But if a person is not vacci-

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OBITUARIES

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James Rau



1933-2021



James Victor Rau, 87, Jefferson City, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Jefferson City Nursing and Rehab in Jefferson City.

He was born Nov. 28, 1933 to the late Erbin and Clara (Koechner) Rau in Tipton.

He was a graduate of California High School and attended Lincoln University. James proudly served his country in the U. S. Army from 1956 to 1958 where he served overseas in Germany, and after completing active duty, James served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the Missouri National Guard.

He was employed in 1961 as manager for the US Rents-It store in Sedalia and served in that position for 10 years. In 1971, he was promoted to general manager of all three US Rents-It stores in Columbia, Sedalia and Jefferson City where he remained until retiring after 55 years serving also as president and part owner.

James was a member of Central United Church of Christ, the Jefferson City Host Lions Club since 1972 and the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the American Rental Association and served as president of the Missouri Chapter for two years and was active as a speaker during their yearly seminars. James was also a charter member of the RV Dealers of America and the Missouri RV Dealers.

He was preceded in death by parents, Erbin and Clara; brother, Jerry Rau; and granddaughter, Kali Thompson.

James is survived by children, Kathy Thompson and husband Richard of Fenton, Vicki Dudley and husband Randy of Ava and John Rau and wife Tania of Auxvasse; siblings, Dorothy Daman, Sue Gilbert and Gary Rau; grandchildren, Ryan Thompson, Jacob, Hannah, Sarah and Rebecca Dudley and Orry and Carmen Rau.

Visitation and funeral services were held Thursday, June 10, at Houser-Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City, with Rev. Dr. Judith Scott officiating. Interment with full military honors was in held in Riverview Cemetery.

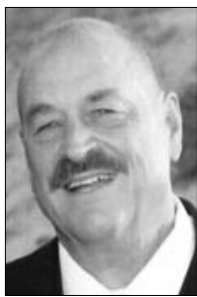
Memorial contributions suggested to the Lions Eye Tissue Bank in Columbia.

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

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

Robert Jensen

1950-2021



Robert Louis "Thai" Jensen, 71, Dixon, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at his residence.

He was born April 1, 1950, to the late William Foster and Edna Alean (Faulkner) Jensen in St. Louis.

He was united in marriage to Linda Louise Stubbs, May 29, 1971, in Newport News, Va.

Robert served his country in the U.S. Army as the rank of Sgt. (E5) until June 16, 1978, when he was honorably discharged. He was awarded and entitled to wear the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal with Third Award, Driver and Mechanic Badge, Driver W, Marksman Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M14 and M16), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Two Oversea Service Bars.

Robert was employed as a corrections officer in Danbury, Conn., and Indian Springs, Nev., for 20 years prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by parents, William and Edna.

Robert is survived by wife of 50 years, Linda, of the home in Dixon; daughters, Kristina and husband Ethridge "Jay" Taylor of Laquey and Lisa Jensen-Farmer and husband William of Dixon; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, William "Dub" Jensen, state of Arizona, Karen Durbin of Milwaukee, Ore. and Jennifer Jensen of Eureka, Calif.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Douglas Martin

1959-2021



Douglas Lee Martin, 62, Dixon, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at his residence in Dixon.

He was born Jan. 19, 1959, to the late Hershel Lee and Rose Mary (Hawkins) Martin in Waynesville.

He was a member of the Kenner Church of God. Doug was the owner, operator and driver of his dump truck hauling service from 1983 until 2019, when he had to stop driving due to failing health.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Rose Mary.

Douglas is survived by brother, Dwayne Martin of Dixon; and three sisters, Elaine Fritchey and Marsha Harsch, both of Dixon, and Carol Thurman and husband Richard of Brumley; and special friend, Debbie Barnett of Iberia.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 14, in Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon with Pastor Beverly Sharp officiating. Inurnment was in the Kenner Cemetery near Dixon.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Memorial contributions suggested to Kenner Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Mary Deskin

1933-2021



Mary Gay Deskin, nee Laughlin, 87, formerly of Linn, passed away Friday, May 21, 2021 in the Westminster Palms Residential Community, St. Petersburg, Fla. where she was a resident.

She was born July 2, 1933, to the late Myrtle and Cecil Laughlin in Linn. She was united in marriage to Robert Deskin Jan. 29, 1955.

Mary Gay graduated from Linn High School in 1951 and the University of Missouri in 1955. She was employed as a school teacher in her early years of marriage but soon switched to the life of mother and homemaker. Mary never lost her life-long love of drawing, painting, and all things artistic.

Her Osage County ancestors, the Laughlins, Shockleys, Lambeths and Stiesmyers were early immigrants to Missouri. Goodspeed's History of Gasconade County, Missouri, says the Shockleys were among the first settlers of our area, arriving as early as 1812. Mary was christened in the old St John's Methodist Church where her mother was active for many years.

Her childhood was marked by scarcity. There was a devastating drought in Missouri in the 30's—the worst drought in North America in 300 years. There was a scarcity of water, money, jobs and, for many, hope for the future. The 40's ushered in World War II and the scarcity got worse—no new cars, rationing of gasoline, fuel oil, coal, tires, and many agricultural products. But, for these children of Osage County, life was centered around their family. They were a resilient lot, and Mary Gay's life in Osage County was surprisingly happy and content. That was to be the precursor of her future life.

As a child, she lived with her parents and sister Alice across the road from her paternal (Laughlin) grandparents. The John Clay Laughlin farm was immediately adjacent to the J.P. Shockley farm, home of her maternal grandparents. Many other relatives lived close by, at least until sometime after WWII. Now, Mary Gay returns to the earth of Osage County to join many of those relatives in the Valhalla/Roselawn section of the Linn Public Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by parents, Myrtle and Cecil; and son Andrew.

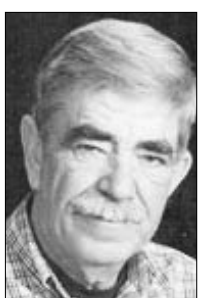
Mary Gay is survived by husband of 66 years, Robert; children, Bruce Deskin and wife Rachel of Houston, Texas and Paula Korstvedt and husband Ben of Rutland, Mass; sister Alice Scott of Boise, Idaho; and three grandchildren.

The oldest of 11 cousins, Mary Gay was respected and beloved by all.

Interment will be in the Linn Public Cemetery in a private ceremony.

David Deeken

1950-2021



David Michael Deeken, 70, Vienna, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in Villa Marie in Jefferson City.

He was born Sept. 29, 1950, to the late Henry Vincent and Elizabeth Mary (Redel) Deeken in Jefferson City.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Deppe April 15, 1972, in Jefferson City.

David was a member of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Vienna, and was self-employed in timber work as a wood cutter, prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by wife, Shirley; parents, Henry and Elizabeth; sisters and brothers, Leona "Sis" Busche, Lucille "Lucy" Libbert, Frances Falter, John, Clemens "Pat", Charles, Henry Jr. and infant brothers, Anthony and Joseph Deeken.

Those left to mourn the passing of David include son, Bradley Deeken of Dixon; grandson, David Gabriel "Gabe" Deeken of the home; brother, Harold Deeken and wife Joan of Meta; and sister-in-law, Imelda Deeken Riley of Vienna.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, June 12, in Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Vienna with Rev. Basil Tigga officiating. Interment was in the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery in Vienna.

Memorial contributions suggested to Visitation Interparish School in Vienna. Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Vienna.

Mary Altheuser

1929-2021



Mary Philippa Altheuser, 91, Jefferson City, died Wednesday, June 9, 2012, at Oak Tree Villas.

She was born Dec. 21, 1929, to the late Herman Gustave and Mary Willemnia (Kleffner) Altheuser in Westphalia. She was a 1948 graduate of Our Lady of Help High School in Frankenstein. Mary was employed with the Missouri State Division of Employment Security as a clerk typist III for 45 years until retiring in 1994.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Ann's Sewing Circle and later a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Mary was preceded in death by parents, Herman and Mary; infant brother, Jonathon Altheuser; brothers, Edward and Bernard Altheuser and wife Virginia; sisters, Clara, Agnes and Loretta Altheuser; and brother-in-law, Donald Starke.

She is survived by sister, Caroline Starke of Frankenstein; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation and Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, June 14, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia with the Rev. Anthony J. Viviano officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home in Westphalia.

Bonnots Mill Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Bonnots Mill Knights of Columbus Council #207 is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive July 6, from 2 until 6 p.m. @ the Loose Creek Community Center, 173 County Road 403, Loose Creek. Just one hour of your time and one pint of your blood can save a precious life. This is one of the easiest gifts you can give. PLEASE HELP US GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. Please plan to support this worthy cause. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter BonnotsMillKofC. Thank You.

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Macy D. E. Branson, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Dalton R. Brookens, Hermann, pleaded guilty to failure to properly affix/fasten to or maintain motor vehicle/trailer plates (fined \$50.50); and speeding (6-10 over) (fined \$60.50).

Tylee J. Jewell, Ellington, pleaded guilty to speeding (1-5 over) (fined \$300); and failure to properly affix/fasten to or maintain motor vehicle/trailer plates (fined \$50.50).

Adam L. Kempker, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Taylor E. Kremer, Bonnots Mill, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Logan A. Pannebecker, Ironton, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$175.

Bradley M. Ruegge, Morrison, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

Austin J. Weiss, Springfield, pleaded guilty to failure to drive within right lane of highway with two or more lanes in same direction; fined \$60.50.

Vincent W. Weiss, Lake Sherwood, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Warren A. Wilde, Freeburg, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

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Andrew M. Boone, Linn, pleaded guilty to

defective equipment; fined \$250.

Beth A. Holtmeyer, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Austin T. Schaefer, Clarence, pleaded guilty to minor in possession; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of 20 hours community service.

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Joey L. Armstrong, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to peace disturbance; fined \$150.50.

Malisa D. Hunter, Hermann, pleaded guilty to stealing/larceny/theft; fined \$150.50 and restitution of \$95.58.

Timothy J. Feldmann, Owensville, pleaded guilty to miscellaneous parking violation; fined \$50.50.

Airyouna K. King, Lees Summit, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia; fined \$50.50.

Patricia K. Manier, Owensville, pleaded guilty to trespassing; fined \$150.

John W. Price IV, Bourbon, pleaded guilty to driving while revoked or suspended; fined \$150.

Jonathan W. Rothermich, Rosebud, pleaded guilty to miscellaneous obstructing police; fined \$150.50.

Shannon G. Tripp, Wright City, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; fined \$75.50.

Jason A. Weir, Steelville, pleaded guilty to driving while revoked or suspended; fined \$150.50.



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Rape Crisis/Abuse..... (573) 634-4911

Poison Info..... 1-800-392-9111

Alcoholics Treatment Center..... 1-800-260-4014

Crisis/Suicide..... 1-800-833-3915..

Law Enforcement

Linn PD..... 897-4234

Sheriff/Dispatch 8am-4:30p.m. 897-3927

Sheriff/Dispatch After Hours... 897-2285

Highway Patrol..... 751-1000

Emergency Rooms

Capital Region Medical Center..... 632-5436

St. Marys Medical Center... 761-7011

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Belle..... 859-3456

Bland..... 437-7770

Chamois..... 763-5196

Cole (St. Thomas)..... 634-6351

Freeburg..... 744-5348

Linn..... 897-3154

Meta..... 229-4600

Morrison..... 294-7300

Osage (Taos)..... 634-6351

Owensville..... 437-2195

Westphalia..... 455-2181/2840

Ambulance

Osage Ambulance..... 897-0044

Community Ambulance... 229-8902

Marries-Osage..... 422-6123

Ozark Central..... 859-3168

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

911

MoDOT Releases Details Regarding 2022 Deer Creek Bridge Improvement Project

OSAGE COUNTY - Information is now available regarding the deck replacement on the Route 100 bridge over Deer Creek in Osage County, located west of Chamois. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is inviting nearby residents and travelers to share their thoughts.

The existing bridge was built in 1965 and has reached the point where

deck replacement is necessary in order to extend the life and usability of the bridge.

Route 100 will be closed to traffic at the bridge during construction for up to two months. Motorists will need to use alternate routes. MoDOT says road closure information will be announced through signs, media releases and social media when a timeline for the project has been established.

The work is expected to begin and be completed in 2022.

Motorists and area residents can ask questions or provide feedback on this project using the digital comment form at modot.org/DeerCreekBridgeRedeck. The online public comment period is open through June 25.

This bridge is included in Gov. Mike Parson's



\$351 million Focus on Bridges program, which will repair or replace 250 bridges across the state.

For more information and updates about this project or other transportation-related matters, please call 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or visit modot.org/DeerCreekBridgeRedeck.

County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Sunday, May 30**, and **Monday, June 14**:

James Darnielle, 30, of Loose Creek was taken into custody Sunday, May 30, by the Linn PD on allegations of DWI—prior; released the same day.

William N. Ross, 30, of Rolla, was arrested Monday, May 31, by another agency on a warrant from another jurisdiction and allegations of stealing; transported to DOC.

Joshua Truman Walls, 39, of Linn, was booked and released Monday, May 31, by the Linn PD on allegations of driving while revoked or suspended, first offense.

Julia Lynn Singer, 51, of Meta, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 1, by the sheriff's department on allegations of violation of order of protection for adult, first offense; bonded Thursday, June 3.

Travis Wayne Binkholder, 38, of Hermann, was arrested Tuesday, June 1, by the sheriff's department on a warrant from another jurisdiction; released to Crawford County.

Aaron Lance Lintermoot, 35, of Sullivan, was arrested Tuesday, June 1, by another agency on a warrant from another jurisdiction.

Derek Holden Moll, 29, of Hermann, was arrested Tuesday, June 1, by the sheriff's department on eight warrants from another jurisdiction.

Clayton D. Bunch, 24, of Linn, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 1, by the sheriff's department to serve four days of shock time; released Friday, June 4.

Larry W. Binkholder, 74, of Sullivan, was taken into custody Wednesday, June 2, by the sheriff's department to serve 30 days of shock time.

Joseph Lee Limberg, 30, of Gerald, was taken into custody Wednesday, June 2, by another agency on allegations of trespass, first degree, peace disturbance, first offense, and terrorist threat, third degree.

Timothy S. Dees, 25, of St. Louis, was taken into custody Wednesday, June 2, by the sheriff's department to serve three days of shock time; released Saturday, June 5.

ment to serve three days of shock time; released on own recognizance (ROR) bond Saturday, June 5.

Jerry Joe Adkison, 35, of Belle, was arrested Wednesday, June 2, by another agency on a warrant from another jurisdiction; bonded Friday, June 4.

Michael Lee Reed, 31, of Jefferson City was booked and released Thursday, June 3, by the Linn PD on allegations of driving while revoked or suspended.

William Jason Saffels, 36, of Bonnots Mill, was taken into custody Friday, June 4, by the sheriff's department to serve two days of shock time; released Sunday, June 6.

Alexander Campbell, 28, of Pittsburg, was arrested Friday, June 4, by the sheriff's department on an Osage County warrant.

Andrew James Scheulen, 36, of Linn, was taken into custody Friday, June 4, by the sheriff's department to serve two days of shock time; released Sunday, June 6.

Corey Lee Byrd, 31, of Jefferson City, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department on allegations of driving while revoked or suspended, second or third offense, and failed to display plates on motor vehicle; bonded Friday, June 11.

Anthony Dillon Walters, 33, of Hartsburg, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department on allegations of domestic assault, fourth degree, first or second offense (two counts); bonded Friday, June 11.

Joshua J. Ridenhour, 30, of Belle, was arrested Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department on an Osage County warrant.

Christopher Alan Cook, 37, of Owensville, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department to serve seven days of shock time.

Clayton D. Bunch, 24, of Linn, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department to serve two days of shock time; released Sunday, June 13.

Cory Lee Riley, 43, of Jefferson City, was taken into custody Tuesday, June 8, by the sheriff's department to serve three days of shock time; released Saturday, June 5.

ment on allegations of DWI, alcohol, chronic offender, and exceeding the posted speed limit by 20-25 mph; bonded the next day.

Andrew James Scheulen, 36, of Linn, was taken into custody Wednesday, June 9, by the sheriff's department to serve two days of shock time; released Sunday, June 13.

David Lee Floyd, 47, of Hermann, was arrested Wednesday, June 9, by another agency on a warrant from another jurisdiction; bonded Friday, June 11.

Luke Wallace Bland, 47, of Freeburg, was booked and released Wednesday, June 9, by the sheriff's department on allegations of domestic assault, third degree.

Ricky Edward Grayson, 28, of Duke, was arrested Thursday, June 10, by the sheriff's department on an Osage County warrant.

James E. Roberds, 48, of Belle, was taken into custody Thursday, June 10, by another agency on allegations of burglary, second degree, and possession of a controlled substance.

Alex B. Sabearns, 29, of Owensville, was arrested Thursday, June 10, by another jurisdiction on two warrants from another jurisdiction and allegations of resisting or interfering with an arrest for a felony.

Lucifer F. Stahl, 29, of Owensville, was taken into custody Friday, June 11, by the sheriff's department to serve two days of shock time; released Sunday, June 13.

William Jason Saffels, 36, of Bonnots Mill, was taken into custody Friday, June 11, by the sheriff's department to serve three days of shock time; released Sunday, June 13.

Kyle Lee Lampkin, 32, of Owensville, was booked and released Friday, June 11, by the Linn PD on allegations of driving while revoked or suspended, second or third offense.

Joseph Richard Sprock, 37, of Dittmer, was booked and released Saturday, June 12, by the Linn PD on allegations of driving while revoked or suspended, first offense.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

BY HB DODDS
UD STAFF WRITER

COUNTY GOVERNMENT SWITCHES TO MID-AMERICA BANK

Osage County commissioners opened bids from two local banks on Tuesday, June 8. This bid covers county government checking accounts, passbook savings, and certificates of deposit. The process occurs every four years. Bids came from Legends Bank of Linn, the current accounts holder, and challenger Mid America Bank in Linn.

After review, commissioners voted unanimously to move the county's banking to Mid America Bank. After putting a pencil to it, Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw estimated the move to be worth "\$12,000 to \$13,000 per year."

He assumes that controlling Federal Reserve rates will remain static or rise. Should they unexpectedly fall, the numbers could reverse. Legends' strategy provided more

protection against falling rates. Mid America's offer hedged against rising interest while being advantageous to steady rates.

The measure will require a lot of work for a lot of people in county government and at Mid America Bank. "We'll have all hands on deck," said Mid America Loan Officer Mark Baker.

"A lot of accounts will have to be changed," Osage County Treasurer Tim Neuner added.

"We want to thank Legends Bank and Mid America Bank for submitting bids," Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin said.

ROAD AND BRIDGE
Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker had the commissioners sign a card of appreciation to Howard Laughlin, who has been

working with the department for 26 years. He also had one for Steve Voyles, who has been with the crew for 29 years.

Commissioners hope recent pay scale measures produce similar future retention of good operators. Meanwhile, the department remains officially down two full-time employees. "We've been moving the trucks as much as possible with the manpower we have," said Kempker, who is now running help wanted ads with the new pay scale.

Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes asked Kempker about progress on asphalt road repair bids. Kempker has sent many inquiries but isn't getting a lot of answers.

"I may have to drive there in person to get some attention," said Kempker.

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24-PK CANS Michelob Ultra
\$24.59

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\$18.99

30-PK BOTTLES Bud/Bud Light
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nated and becomes sick with COVID-19 I'm still told they are supposed to quarantine the same as they would have six months ago. It's my understanding that close contacts, again if you are not vaccinated, you are still supposed to quarantine. I haven't gotten anything that says that will be changed."

Best plans to meet with the Osage County Health Department in July to see what guidelines have changed and how they will affect the upcoming school year.

Best reminded the school board members that the second round of ESSER funds will be available until September of 2023. Thus far, the district has not tapped into any of those funds. The third round of ESSER funds will not be available until September of 2024. Best warned that there are additional stipulations on the funds from ESSER #3.

"Twenty percent of that allocation has to go to something that addresses learning loss," Best explained. "For us, that's \$80,000. That can be a number of different things, obviously, but you can't just do the same thing with it as that second round where you kinda just put it into the salary and then do whatever you want with it."

Best will update the school board as the guidelines for the funds become clearer.

* Chamois R-1 anticipates a total reimbursement of funds from meal claims to total \$113,00 from the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

"We come out a little bit better with the free meals," Best said.

The reimbursement rate under DHSS is slightly higher than the normal reimbursement rate through DESE. Breakfast reimbursement is \$2.37 through DHSS, while DESE provides \$2.26. Lunch reimbursement is \$4.15 through DHSS, and it is only \$3.58 through DESE.

The school district will not be able to use DHSS's summer food program for the upcoming school year.

"We haven't made any decisions yet on next year yet," Best said. "We do have the ability to do the single summer option through DESE which would still provide free meals. I think that will be good for us."

DESE is planning to increase reimbursement rates for the upcoming year to more align with the reimbursements that the school has been receiving through DHSS.

* The board approved the Professional Development Plan for the upcoming school year. The budget for the program is set at \$10,973. The committee members for the new year include Chairperson Samantha Mitchem, Secretary/Treasurer Kate Kuschel, and members Misty Hilkerbaumer, Katie Troesser, and Andrew Riddell.

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ny Loethen noted a dog catcher was living in Meta at one time, which made a difference.

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus interjected that he has had this issue come up with other municipal clients.

"As it turns out when the city does not have a leash law, it is the sheriff's duty to pick up those animals," he said, alluding to a pair of state statutes that outline the procedure. "You can call them and tell them they need to take care of it."

Nickolaus provided Engelbrecht and Kleffner statute numbers to review.

RSMo 273.033—Killing or injuring a dog, reasonable apprehension of imminent harm is an absolute defense. If a person has, on at least two occasions, complained to the county sheriff or to the appropriate animal control authority in his or her jurisdiction that a dog, not on a leash, has trespassed on property that such person owns, rents, or leases or on any property that constitutes such person's residence, and when at least one of the prior two complaints was motivated by reasonable apprehension for such person's safety or the safety of another person or apprehension of substantial damage to livestock or property, then any subsequent trespass by such dog shall constitute prima facie evidence that such person was in reasonable apprehension of imminent harmful contact. The county sheriff or animal control authority to which any complaint under this section is made shall notify the owner of the alleged trespassing dog of such complaint.

Sheriff Mike Bonham said in a subsequent interview that his office has in the past notified dog owners of complaints as required by statute.

RSMo 578.024—Keeping a dangerous dog — penalties. — 1. A person commits the offense of keeping a dangerous dog if he or she owns or possesses

a dog that has previously bitten a person or a domestic animal without provocation and that dog bites any person on a subsequent occasion.

2. The offense of keeping a dangerous dog is a class B misdemeanor, unless such attack:

(1) Results in serious injury to any person, in which case, it is a class A misdemeanor; or (2) Results in serious injury to any person and any previous attack also resulted in serious injury to any person, in which case, it is a class E felony; or (3) Results in the death of any person, in which case, it is a class D felony.

3. In addition to the penalty included in subsection 2 of this section, if any dog that has previously bitten a person or a domestic animal without provocation bites any person on a subsequent occasion or if a dog that has not previously bitten a person attacks and causes serious injury to or the death of any human, the dog shall be seized immediately by an animal control authority or by the county sheriff. The dog shall be impounded and held for ten business days after the owner or possessor is given written notification and thereafter destroyed.

"If a dog is chasing you or attacking you or someone else, it is absolutely reasonable to destroy the animal," said Bonham.

However, Bonham said he is limited in what he can do regarding dogs.

"Since we do not have a dog-catcher in this county, and we are not trained in the safe handling of vicious dogs, we would have no

* Board members approved the following agreements for the upcoming year.

— Prairie Farm will provide milk for the lunch program. Milk prices went up slightly with chocolate and strawberry milk costing \$.33 per carton and white milk costing \$.30 per carton. Last year's milk prices were \$.32 per carton for strawberry and chocolate and \$.29 for white milk per carton.

— Three Rivers Propane will provide propane for the school district at \$1.39 per gallon at a locked-in rate. Last year's price was \$.91 per gallon.

— Havener's Termite and Insect Control will contract with the school to spray for pests for \$38 per month. The rate last year was \$37 per month.

— Kibbler Masonry will charge the school \$2,128 for tuck-pointing at the school.

— Charles Luebbert Hardwood will charge \$2,250 to refinish the gym floor. The work is scheduled for the second week of July.

— The Special Learning Center will contract with the school for Occupational Therapy for the rate of \$68 per hour and \$.50 per mile. This is the same rate as was agreed upon last year.

* Best has contacted three different solar companies to discuss reinstalling the solar panels on the elementary school roof. Bart's Electric, Sun Solar, and Missouri Solar Applications have all expressed an interest in reinstalling the panels. Best is hoping to have bids by next month's meeting.

"Everyone has their own idea of what needs to be done and how to do it," Best said.

Best also talked to Ameren UE and there are no additional permits or applications that need to be filled out to have the solar panels reconnected.

* The board approved Katie Sieg as a part-time student employee for the summer for \$10 per hour.

* The school just finished up two weeks of summer school with 30 elementary students in attendance per day.

* The board approved the payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$27,608.15. Best noted that there was an overpayment of \$4,576 that will have to be repaid to the insurance company due to an overpayment on claims from the hailstorm last year.

* Chamois R-1 has the following ending balances in their accounts: general (\$1,597,397), special (\$95,092), and capital projects (\$11,468).

* Board members approved a transfer of funds of \$172,948 from Fund #2 to Fund #4 for future capital projects.

choice but to put the animal down and it wouldn't be pleasant," he explained. "My understanding, and our policy in coordination with the prosecuting attorney, is that after the first incident, we would respond but at that point, there would be no alternative to terminating the animal."

Bonham added that in the event of a dog bit, his department investigates the matter.

As for property damage, Bonham said that is a civil matter and will need to be worked out between individuals. He recommended that all encounters be documented thoroughly for presentation before a judge.

Alderman Lawrence Hoffman asked if the city should contract with a dog-catching company, and have them come to town once a month.

"It needs to be done," said Kleffner. "When a man is getting bitten by the same neighbor's dogs, it's a problem. Like Sharon said, an elderly man, who served in the Korean War, should not have to fight and carry a gun to be on his own property or in his yard or garden to defend himself."

Kleffner added it's a perpetual problem with the same neighbors since 2018. "Nothing has changed," she said. "They're disingenuous people, and their behavior doesn't justify the actions of their dogs."

"I can tell you that if a dog bites me, you ain't gonna need no dog-catcher," said Hoffman.

Kleffner told aldermen the neighbors in question have four or five dogs that are not being controlled.

"I put up video camer-

as around my house, not because of the apartment problems but because of the neighbors and their dogs," said Kleffner. "I have proof on my phone and video. It's becoming a real problem."

"If the city as a whole finds this to be a problem, we need to figure out what to do," Hoffman said.

Nickolaus said if a property owner has an animal that is creating a nuisance, it is probable the city could go after them using the nuisance ordinance.

"We would need considerable documentation that it's an ongoing problem," Nickolaus added.

Engelbrecht and Kleffner said they have ample evidence, including dates and times. They gave copies of the documentation to Nickolaus.

"So the sheriff is a short-term solution," said Helton. "What are we looking at in the long term?"

Nickolaus said he would review the city's ordinances and determine whether they contain language about animals. If they do, he said a lawsuit could be filed against the property owners.

If not, the ordinances can be amended to include such language at the next meeting.

Engelbrecht and Kleffner also asked about limiting the number of dogs a property owner can have, suggesting two should be the magic number.

"I think we need to define what would be a nuisance," said Alderman Otto Wankum.

"A nuisance would be allowing them to roam off the property, and scaring and biting," Nickolaus replied.

Property destruction would also be a nuisance.

Catalytic converters • from page 1

dollars.

Most catalytic converters do not have serial numbers, making it difficult for law enforcement to prove a catalytic converter is stolen. IAATI and ISRI believe that starting a vigorous public education and information campaign to encourage vehicle owners to uniquely identify their catalytic converters, so they can be associated with a vehicle will have a substantial effect on deterring theft.

As a result, law enforcement has identified a trend wherein groups of educated individuals are teaching others how to steal catalytic converters.

These types of crimes are not easily traceable as the catalytic converters are not labeled with serial numbers linking them to a specific vehicle or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The units are sold soon after the theft, and current regulations and statutes limit enforcement.

IAATI and ISRI have compiled several ways for consumers to protect their valuable property by clearly marking the catalytic converter on their vehicle. While a consumer may do this, many shops can provide this marking as well.

— Option One: Engraving Marking

Engrave a number, such as the VIN or at least the last eight numbers of the VIN, or the vehicle's license plate number with the state/province. En-

gravers can be purchased at most local hardware stores for around \$20. Caution must be used to not damage the catalytic converter while etching.

— Option Two: Catalytic Converter Safe Label Solution

Vehicle owners and fleets may benefit from purchasing commercially produced marker kits that provide the following.

* An ultra-destruct label (that will break into pieces if an attempt is made to remove them) that provides an identification number onto each catalytic converter.

* Metal etching fluid that applies the same unique code into the metal.

* A secure free registration database.

Even if the label is removed, the etched number information will remain clearly readable for catalytic converter ownership to quickly be verified.

— Option Three: Make your catalytic converter stand out.

Purchase some high-temperature (1300-2000 F), automotive exhaust spray paint in a bright color, and spray a generous amount onto the converter.

By adding bright paint, you can create a visible deterrent to alert thieves to move on.

This paint also signals law enforcement and recyclers to look deeper for serial numbers or identification marks.

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county has currently complied with the agreement, by applying the second increment," said Baker.

However, the offset has been even more disastrous, because of the 30% building cost increase created by the COVID pandemic.

"We are working very hard on keeping the cost index down, and we feel that we are very fortunate in that we have been able to keep it as low as we have, especially when the STC wants the cost index at 3.20, as opposed to where we have it at 2.74," said Baker.

Anyone wishing to appeal the new valuation is encouraged to contact Baker's office at 573-897-2217. If the situation cannot be resolved, there is an appeals process that ultimately ends with a decision by the Board of Equalization (BOE). As stipulated on the impact notice sent to residents, the appeal deadline is June 30, and Baker said the burden of proof must be provided by the property owner, preferably in the form of a certified appraisal.

The A-1 Levee District
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Osage County Library tech program aims to make patrons more comfortable

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LINN —Missouri River Regional Library Information Technician Charles Gudermuth on Tuesday spent time teaching Karen Goodenough of Rich Fountain how to operate Microsoft Excel as part of the Osage County Library’s Tech One-On-One program.

Gudermuth, who has been with MRRL for two years, said he tailors each session with what library patrons want, provided the program is something the library offers.

“A lot of people are afraid they’re going to mess something up on their computer or laptop by clicking on things,” he said. “Our goal is to make everyone comfortable with technology.”

The library has offered one-on-one technology training by appointment since March 2020 but lost time due to COVID and this service is an opportunity for members of



KAREN GOODENOUGH of Rich Fountain visits with Missouri River Regional Library Information Technician Charles Gudermuth on Tuesday to get help with Microsoft Excel. The library has offered one-on-one technology training by appointment since March 2020 but lost time due to COVID. **PHOTO BY NEAL A. JOHNSON**

the community to sit down for one-on-one training on a variety of topics, including learning how to better navigate the internet, become comfortable with computers, or learn how to use a software program.

Goodenough said that until now, she had asked family and friends for help with various functions on the computer. “It’s nice to have this option at the library,” she said. “I don’t use a lot of programs but I’d like to know how to use my laptop better.”

Gudermuth provides hands-on interaction using a big-screen monitor so that patrons can clearly see how each process works.

“The role of a library in an ever-changing world is to evolve to meet the unique needs of the communities that

rely on its services,” said Marketing and Community Engagement Manager Natalie Newville. “This is not a new concept for Missouri River Regional Library, which serves as far more than just a place to borrow books. As a pivotal resource within the community, Missouri River Regional Library connects community members to resources and nurtures their desire to be lifelong learners.”

This service is available each week on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m to noon, and reservations are required, with time slots limited to 45-minute sessions.

To make an appointment, please email gudermuthc@mrml.org or call (573) 634-6064 ext. 257.



JERRY BACKES of Linn was one of five adult leaders in the Great Rivers Council to receive the Silver Beaver Award, a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. **PHOTO SUBMITTED**

Backes earns Silver Beaver Award

Jerry Backes of Linn was one of five adult leaders in the Great Rivers Council to receive the Silver Beaver Award, a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Backes, along with Todd Bennett (Eldon), Carl Mahoney (Jefferson City), Allan Moore (Columbia), and James Morton (Kirksville) was awarded the Silver Beaver Award at the Great Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America recognition dinner and reception held on June 5 at the Capital City Production Studio in Jefferson City.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that a council can present to its volunteers and is presented upon action of a Council Executive Board of one of the BSA’s local council’s or the Direct Service Council for outstanding service to youth within the Council or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that Council. The average tenure for Silver Beaver candidates is 10 years or longer. Career members of the Boy Scouts of America may receive this award upon concurrence of the Council Scout Executive and the Director of Operations at the National Office, BSA.

Backes has been a volunteer for the Great Rivers Council for more than 18 years. He began volunteering at the unit level. He served as Tiger Cub leader for Pack 17 in Linn from 2000-01. In 2005, he became a merit badge counselor for Troop 17 in Linn, a position he continues today.

Backes became an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 17 in 2006, where he continues to serve. Beginning in 2019, he became a merit badge counselor for the female Scouts BSA Troop 3017 and is now an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 3017. He has also been an integral volunteer at the district and council levels. He currently serves as the Five Rivers District Commissioner, after an outstanding tenure as a unit commissioner between 2019-20. In addition to his role as district commissioner, Backes currently serves on the Five Rivers Eagle Board of Review and the Five Rivers Roundtable Planning Committee. He is also an active merit badge counselor for the Linn Merit Badge University.

Backes is a member of the Nampa-Tsi Lodge, Order of the Arrow, having been inducted in 2007. He received the Commissioner of the Year Award in 2019, and the Commissioner’s Arrowhead Honor Award, and the District Award of Merit in 2021. Backes completed Wood Badge in 2009 and has served on staff three times, in 2017, 2019, and 2020. He will serve on staff in 2022 as a photographer.

Backes is the proud father of two Eagle Scouts, Jordan (2007) and Zach (2008). Outside of Scouting, he is an active member of St. George Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Backes is a regular platelet donor to the American Red Cross, for which he was recognized as an outstanding donor in 2020.

Backes is a retired Substation Superintendent for Ameren. He is married to Debbie Backes, who is a longtime Scout volunteer and Silver Beaver Recipient (2014).

Meta aldermen considering water-rate increase

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META — Following a water-rate study conducted by the Missouri Rural Water Association to determine whether the city of Meta is charging enough each month, aldermen at their meeting last Wednesday, June 9, discussed the potential need to raise rates — and how best to go about it.

City Clerk Deidra Buechter noted the rate was last increased in 2013, and the current rate of \$15.73 for the first 1,999 gallons of water, and \$6.55 per each additional 1,000 gallons.

However, Buechter said that the Water Tower Fund used to pay for maintenance of the water storage tank is covered by the General Fund and currently is \$29,897.64 in the red for the year. She explained that since this is an expense related to the water system, water rates should support that expense.

With \$26,000 added to the water budget, Buechter noted that water rates would need to increase significantly but would cover all water system-related expenses.

Aldermen discussed but were not prepared to take action on the suggested increase.

The first option is to increase the minimum charge to \$33 per month and \$11 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Option two would be to increase the minimum charge to \$37 per month and \$8.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

A 5,000-gallon per month user currently pays \$35.38 per month.

If aldermen spread the increase over two years using the first option, residents using the minimum would see a jump to \$25 per month the first year, followed by an increase to \$33 per month plus 2% for inflation, or approximately \$47.54, depending on the amount of the increase in trash service costs. Currently, residents pay \$13.88 per month, and increases are made every November.

“That would have to be factored in,” Buechter added. “These numbers will fluctuate a little bit.”

Buechter said 2% inflation is the normal expected increase per year and would be anticipated for years 3-6.

Using the second option, the first year would see an increase of \$25, while the second year, the water rate would jump to \$37 per month plus 2% for inflation, or approximately \$51.62, again, depending on the amount of the increase in trash service costs.

By raising water rates, funding currently being transferred from the General Fund would be free for other expenses, and the Water Tower Fund would be self-sufficient.

“I think option one would be less shocking to people,” said Buechter.

Alderman Ivie Helton said it’s interesting how the MRWA came to the conclusion that the city was losing money in this situation, noting there is a significant difference between what the rate study shows as a deficit and what city documents indicate.

Buechter said she plans to communicate with MRWA to confirm the numbers.

“I think we should postpone making any type of decision at this point until she can look at the information that Mary came across so we can make the right decision,” said Helton. “If the fund is more self-sustaining than we think it is, there’s no reason for us to charge our citizens more money for a system we can already maintain with what we have.”

She agreed that a yearly 2% increase for inflation is understandable to keep up with things but in some cases, Helton noted it appeared the city would be doubling some of the bills.

“I’d rather not do that,” she said.

Alderman Otto Wankum agreed. “I think we need to make sure they have all the information before we jump the gun and institute a rate increase,” he said. “If everything was clear, we’re gonna have to do something but let’s get all the facts together and we can make that decision.”

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus noted that the biggest part of the \$29,897.64 deficit is the single cost of \$25,400 for the water tower inspection, which has been transferred from the General Fund.

“If you keep doing that, you only have a \$3,000 deficit but no matter how you look at it, you’re losing \$26,000 for sure on that,” he added.

“I’m not disagreeing with you but

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Bellsmith urges participation in Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) awareness walk

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LINN — Charlotte Bellsmith, who chairs the Osage County Anti Drug Community Action Team (OC-ADCAT) education committee, encourages everyone to take part in the June 19 Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) awareness walk in Linn, which begins at 10 a.m. on the Square.

“The main objective for this walk is to help open the eyes of our community to the growing opioid crisis,” she said. “To speak ‘out loud’ the words Opioid and Addiction, and to draw attention to the victims of addiction, the innocent children, youth and their families.”

Bellsmith noted that by reducing the negative outcomes for children and families affected by opioid misuse, the hope is to give these families

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Morrison treasurer warns aldermen of low funds

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MORRISON — Morrison Treasurer Sandra Hartge informed aldermen on June 8 during their monthly meeting that the city is low on funds.

“Every month I give you a report that has account balances,” said Hartge. “You all need to start looking at those. We’re about out of money.”

Hartge went on to give a breakdown of funds that were currently available and also stated that one bill was unpaid because of minimums required to keep the account active.

“Last month, I did not pay special water from water, sewer, and trash because it would have dropped us below the minimum balance for the checking account,” said Hartge. “So this month, since we got a really big deposit, I paid a month and a half. Next month I’ll do the same thing to get caught up because I had to keep money in that special water account to pay off the reservoir. If we get another big \$4,000 repair bill we’ve got to figure out how to pay

it because I don’t know where to pull it from.”

The big deposit referred to by Hartge was the income from city water bills that included payments for delinquent accounts, while the repair bill referred to water pumps.

Hartge also informed board members some bills had not been paid yet due to an issue with being out of checks for the general fund, but the situation would be resolved the following week when checks were to be delivered. These checks should have already been in the treasurer’s hands; however, a shipping issue caused the delay.

After Hartge’s report, board members briefly discussed the damage that had occurred on May 23 when lightning struck the water tower. The city had not yet been billed for repairs that were authorized during an emergency meeting to restore water service to those affected by the damage.

Aldermen Jason Koenigsfeld reassured fellow aldermen that they would be able to make payments for the repairs to the relays that were damaged.

“It blew out a lot of relays,” said Koenigsfeld. “He said we could make payments if we need to.”

In other business, Koenigsfeld noted that he was told by

the caretakers of Meyer Memorial Park that an excessive amount of trash has been removed from the park four times last week and after digging through the garbage it was discovered a large portion of it was from a residence on Rt. N. The caretakers also informed Koenigsfeld that either the hydrant at the park is leaking or someone is using the water.

Aldermen decided to send a letter to the residence on Rt. N and to also place a lock on the hydrant at the park.

* Mayor Melissa Strophe followed up with aldermen about a complaint received of a sewer smell in a resident’s home. This was the only reported issue of its kind and the resident was advised to get a plumber. The resident then filed a complaint against the city to the Gasconade County Health Department.

“I have been playing tag with the health department,” said Strophe. “We have not talked to each other yet. They did leave me a voicemail and said it was about this incident. What’s going on with this guy’s house is beyond me, but at that point, if it’s in your house, and your house only, call somebody.”

“I went to his neighbors and their sewers are even lower than his and were flushing,” Koenigsfeld added. “The grinder pump was working. That house sits on the hill behind city hall. So if he had sewer issues coming out of his kitchen sink it would be filled up in (City Hall).”

* City Clerk Doris Rost informed aldermen that Deacon Bob at Assumption Church told her they were remodeling their fish-fry shed and asked if they could extend the back end of the structure into the city park when they pour their new concrete foundation.

Board members discussed the property in question being in a flood plain and that once the church has details of their plan worked out they can submit it to the council for final approval.

* Rost reported renewal of business licenses, sending out four letters to residents about cutting their grass, scanning and emailing signed contract to RadioWire, completed and emailed vendor application form that was sent to Missouri Office of Administration for the American Recovery Plan funds to be sent to the city general funds, printed and posted 2020 consumers confidence report, completed and sent May water bills to residents.

* Six customers with water bills overdue by 60-90

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A NEW ADVENTURE

The American flag and apple pie

Monday was Flag Day. Celebrated every June 14, it commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

The Second Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, passed a resolution that read: “Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14 as Flag Day in 1919, and then on Aug. 3, 1949, National Flag Day was designated by an Act of Congress.

A poll by the Pew Research Center in 2007—I could not find anything more recent—found that 73 percent of Republicans say they display the flag at home, work, or on their car; this compares with 63 percent of independents and 55 percent of Democrats.

Flying the Stars and Stripes is a sign of patriotism. It shows you honor this country

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



and believe in its values.

Unfortunately, there seem to be more liberal/progressive Democrats who are hell-bent on attacking our flag and those who fly it.

Mara Gay, an op-ed writer for the *New York Times* last week, appeared on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” where she said she was “disturbed” to see “dozens of American flags” flown by Donald Trump supporters during a trip to Long Island, New York over Memorial Day Weekend.

“I was on Long Island this weekend vis-

iting a really dear friend, and I was really disturbed. I saw, you know, dozens and dozens of pickup trucks with explicatives [sic] against Joe Biden on the back of them, Trump flags, and in some cases just dozens of American flags, which is also just disturbing,” Gay said.

I guess Gay saw nothing wrong with bumper stickers and signs with derogatory and hateful words against Donald Trump. The only difference was those vehicles were not flying the Stars and Stripes.

Michael Harriot, senior writer for *The Root* agreed with Gay when he tweeted, “Anyone who flies an American flag on a pickup truck is a whole different breed of white people.”

Basically, they are calling truck driving, flag flying Americans racist without any evidence. Do they not know that pickup truck drivers are made up of men, women, black, white, Asian, Native American, rich, poor, middle class, etc.

According to research, Hispanic buyers

accounted for 22 percent of the total incremental growth of new F-150 sales from 2010 to 2017. New Silverados are more popular with Hispanic buyers than new F-150s.

In Virginia last year, students at Franklin County High School were told they could not fly the American flag from their trucks because it might be offensive.

I guess Gay and Harriot would support a national law banning the U.S. flag from being flown on pickup trucks.

It’s leftists who burn the American flag to show their hatred of our country.

Last October, a group of pro-Trump demonstrators gathered in Boston for a protest against Democrat violence. A video shows leftist agitators as they attack police and burn The Star-Spangled Banner proving the point of the pro-Trump crowd.

On election night last November, leftists burned the U.S. flag in Washington D.C. and Portland, Ore.

According to a report by Fox News, a

group of university professors in 2015 signed a letter showing their solidarity with students who tried to ban the American flag at the University of California, Irvine – because they said “Old Glory contributes to racism.”

In a race to see what woke leftist can go the farthest, the current winner is food writer and activist Raj Patel who last month called apple pie racist.

In an article about “food injustice” in *The Guardian* on May 1, Patel argued that apple pie was “born of American colonialism and slave labor.”

I never knew there was such a thing as “food injustice.” I only rate my food by sight, smell and taste.

I wonder if the next items the woke crowd will attack will be baseball and hot dogs.

I don’t think for an instant that everyone who voted for Joe Biden in November hates the American flag and believes it’s a sign of racism. I just wish they would push back more against those on the far left who do.

HEALTH COMMENTARY

The larger promise of new vaccine technology

BY SAUL ANUZIS

The CDC recently announced that fully vaccinated Americans can gather indoors with friends and family — without wearing masks or social distancing.

This guidance is great news for older Americans, who have rightly been prioritized for vaccines. Tens of millions of seniors have been jabbed. Given their higher-risk status, many had foregone physical contact with loved ones, including grandchildren, for over a year.

Now, there’s no longer any need to live in isolation. More hope is on the horizon. The technology underpinning Covid-19 vaccines could lead to future treatments and inoculations for numerous other diseases — as long as lawmakers continue to support policies that foster innovation.

The development of three highly effective Covid-19 vaccines — from Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Johnson & Johnson — in under a year is an historic achievement.

Such rapid innovation was the culmination of years of dedicated research.

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines both use messenger RNA, or mRNA, to trigger an immune response that helps our bodies fend off the coronavirus. Moderna has been researching mRNA since 2010, while BioNTech scientists have been studying the technology for over 25 years.

This foundational research helped them design their respective vaccines so quickly.

Johnson & Johnson also employed prior technological advancements to fast-track development. The company’s “viral-vector” vaccine uses a genetically modified common cold virus to trigger the immune response that protects recipients from Covid-19.

These underlying technologies may spawn a new generation of medicines.

Scientists are already exploring “universal” flu vaccines based on mRNA and viral vector platforms. Meanwhile, Moderna is testing mRNA-based personalized cancer therapeutics and vaccines.

And Alzheimer’s researchers are conceiving mRNA

applications that could prevent cognitive decline. If successful, these advancements could lead to longer and happier lives for older adults, who are disproportionately affected by these diseases.

Yet, inexplicably, some politicians seem eager to destroy the delicate ecosystem that makes these medical breakthrough ventures possible.

Democratic lawmakers have just revived the ill-conceived Lower Drug Costs Now Act, also known as H.R. 3.

Marketed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as a simple bill to “negotiate” drug prices, the legislation would actually achieve savings by having the federal government set the price of prescription drugs. Passing H.R. 3 could save the government money in the short-term, but it would come at significant cost to the medical innovation benefiting American seniors.

Turning promising lab discoveries into real-world medicines is risky.

Less than 12 percent of experimental drugs survive rigorous clinical trials. Because of this high failure rate, bringing a new medicine to market costs nearly \$3 billion, on average.

Companies would not be able to reinvest in new lifesaving R&D projects — including those related to new mRNA and viral vector-based medicines — if price controls limit their ability to recoup their upfront costs. In fact, H.R. 3 could prevent the creation of 56 new medicines over a decade, according to one recent study from Vital Transformation, a consulting firm.

What if one of those new medicines is the cure against — or vaccine to prevent — the next pandemic?

Over the past year, we’ve seen biotech firms devise multiple lifesaving Covid-19 vaccines. Those same firms could be on the verge of delivering vaccines and treatments for other lethal ailments. It’s astounding that lawmakers would even consider laying a stumbling block in scientists’ way.

(Saul Anuzis is president of 60 Plus, the American Association of Senior Citizens. This piece originally ran in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel).

BLAINE’S BULLETIN

Getting Missouri Back to Work

This week, the United States Department of Labor released the most recent jobs numbers that showed our nation had a record number of job openings in April at 9.3 million, surging by almost a million from the month before. This tells me a few things, but most importantly it shows that the job creators, which are largely entrepreneurs and small businesses, are delivering for our economy. Many of them benefited from programs like the Paycheck Protection Program but their success is largely due to grit and perseverance. Even businesses that received two PPP loans didn’t come close to covering expenses throughout the pandemic. Importantly, so many of the small businesses I talk to highlight how the local community rallied around them and made sure to patronize their favorite places.

The unfortunate story these numbers tell is the very large problem facing our economy: finding workers. After more than a year of either being forced or literally paid to stay home, millions of workers are reluctant to return to work. In some cases, it’s hard to blame them. When the government offers a person a raise to not work, many accept. Across the U.S. “help wanted” signs can be found in the windows of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, florists, hardware stores – you name it. As the top Republican on the Small Business Committee, I continue to hear stories from business owners across the nation who are ready to sign paychecks but can’t find enough workers to fill the positions. In many cases, this labor shortage is forcing businesses to raise their prices which hurts consumers and is simply unsustainable over time.

Despite the fact that we have been open for business for a while here in Missouri, we are unfortunately no exception in this struggling American labor market. Life in Missouri has gone back to normal for most but there are still hundreds of thousands of positions that haven’t been filled. Just a couple of weeks ago, Jackie and I were at one of our favorite restaurants by the Lake. There was a fifteen-minute wait

Fortunately, Governor Parson recognized the fact that paying people pandemic-related unemployment benefits when businesses across the state are hiring was doing major damage to our economy. To remedy this problem, he will be ending pandemic-related unemployment benefits next week and I am grateful for his leadership and helping life in our state get back to normal.

Now that kids are back in school, daycares have reopened, and businesses are wide open, jobs are ready and available for anyone who needs one. Not only does Missouri have hundreds of thousands of job openings, we are also number one in the country for small business wage growth, meaning these are good, well-paying jobs. For any Missourians facing unemployment or employers looking to hire, the Missouri Office of Workforce Development is a great resource. You can visit their website at app-jobs.mo.gov or call 888-728-JOBS (5627). Missouri’s economy gets stronger every single day, and I’m hopeful that businesses will soon be able to fill all their employee vacancies so our state can get back to historic success.

CONTACT US: 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.



by **Blaine Luetkemeyer**
3rd District
Congressman

but only half the tables were full. Not because of COVID restrictions, but because there weren’t enough workers to wait tables. This is a common theme I hear in countless towns in our area. Again, people are smart. If you can make more by staying home, you do it. Have you ever heard someone say they took a new job because it pays less money?

REPORT FROM THE 62ND DISTRICT

Hoping for a compromise on tax renewal

BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE SASSMANN
Missouri’s 62nd District

Since the state legislature adjourned on May 15th, I’ve enjoyed spending more time at home with my family and meeting with constituents in the district.

Right now, I’m also preparing for the possibility of a special session in the next few months. One of the issues left on the table from the 2021 legislative session is the renewal of a tax on hospitals, nursing homes, and pharmacies that accounts for more than \$2 billion in funding for Missouri’s Medicaid program.

Now, as the governor contemplates calling a special session to address the issue, members from both chambers are asking him to include strong pro-life provisions in any bill considered by the legislature. I’m hopeful that we can work out a compromise that allows us to continue funding essential state service while ensuring that Washington, D.C., will never force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions in our state.

Other lawmakers have requested a special session to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory in Missouri’s schools.

During our regular session, I supported language that would keep this divisive, anti-American propaganda out of our schools, and I’d be happy to tackle this issue in a special session.

Since I am your voice in state government, I always appreciate constituent feedback. It helps me better represent everyone in this district. If you wish to weigh in on any of these issues, please feel free to contact my office by emailing bruce.sassmann@house.mo.gov.

Missouri law requires that meetings, records, votes, actions, and deliberations of public governmental bodies be open to the public unless otherwise specified by law. Public governmental bodies and the courts must promote this public policy with liberal construction of the Sunshine Law and strict construction of its exceptions. Meetings of public governmental bodies may be closed to the media and general public only for the specific reasons allowed which includes discussion of personnel matters, real estate and possible litigation.

REPORT FROM THE 6TH DISTRICT

Helping Missouri’s No. 1 industry

BY STATE SENATOR MIKE BERNSKOETTER
Missouri’s 6th District

As chairman of the Senate’s Agriculture committee, I understand the important role agriculture plays in our state. After all, it’s Missouri’s No. 1 industry, employing nearly 400,000 people and contributing \$88 billion annually to the state’s economy according to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

At its most basic level though, agriculture is good, honest work, done by good, honest people. It puts food on the table for not just Missourians, but for people all over the world.

With that in mind, I believe it’s vital the General Assembly do everything it can to support this important industry. While we were able to pass some meaningful agriculture-related bills this past legislative session, not all of them were able to get across the finish line. While it’s normal for many bills to never get to the governor’s desk at the end of session, several of these unresolved issues in particular are time-sensitive.

For instance, the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA) tax credit programs are set to expire on Dec. 31, 2021, before the Legislature returns for its next regular session in 2022. These programs have helped bring an estimated \$247 million in direct and indirect benefits to Missouri since 2000.

Another tax credit program, this one dealing with

ethanol, is also set to expire at the end of this year. Had it passed, Senate Bill 37 would have extended these useful programs, as well as a program allowing SNAP recipients to use their benefits to get fresh, healthy foods at their local farmer markets.

Then there’s the effort to protect property rights. House Bill 527 would have restricted the use of eminent domain for merchant utility lines and ensured farmers and other property owners were not taken advantage of by out-of-state energy companies. Unfortunately, this effort also stalled in the last few days of session.

Earlier this month, I, along with vice-chair of the Senate’s Ag Committee and leadership of the House’s Ag Policy Committee, wrote a letter to the governor requesting he call an extra session focused on agriculture. I believe this extra session will give the General Assembly the opportunity it needs to address many of these important agricultural issues sooner rather than later. I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues in the near future to help keep agriculture Missouri’s No. 1 industry for years to come.

As always, it is an honor to serve the 6th Senatorial District. If my office can be service to you, please feel free to contact us at (573) 751-2076. For information about my committee assignments or sponsored legislation, please visit my official Missouri Senate website at senate.mo.gov/Bernskoetter.

Deeken wins Best of Show

Congratulations to the 2021 Show-Me Art Conference Art Show winner. Fatima Junior, Maggie Deeken won Best of Show with her graphite drawing of Memories.



PHOTO BY SONYA WALKER

News From Linn R-2 School

A+ Certified

Linn R-II Elementary School End of Year Awards 2020-21

KINDERGARTEN AMY

HOLTSCHNEIDER'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Trinity Hodges
- Letter Expert:** Ryleigh Backes, Karsyn Coots, Thatcher Gray, Serena McCoy, Emily Morfeld, Frances Otten, Jackson Smith
- Letter Proficient:** Jaxen Bamburg, Rylie Bunch, Daniel Green, Carter Herndon, Trinity Hodges, Satereh Hostetler, June Musgrave, Marshall Sewell, Jacob Swann
- Number Expert:** Ryleigh Backes, Karsyn Coots, Thatcher Gray, Emily Morfeld, Frances Otten
- Number Proficient:** Jaxen Bamburg, Rylie Bunch, Xavier Franken, Daniel Green, Carter Herndon, Trinity Hodges, Satereh Hostetler, June Musgrave, Marshall Sewell, Jackson Smith, Jacob Swann
- Handwriting Hero:** Ryleigh Backes, Karsyn Coots, Xavier Franken, Thatcher Gray, Emily Morfeld, Frances Otten, Jacob Swann
- Letter Sound Expert:** Ryleigh Backes, Karsyn Coots, Thatcher Gray, Serena McCoy, Emily Morfeld, Frances Otten, Jackson Smith
- Letter Sound Proficient:** Jaxen Bamburg, Carter Herndon, Trinity Hodges, Satereh Hostetler, June Musgrave, Jacob Swann
- Manners Award:** Ryleigh Backes, Rylie Bunch, Xavier Franken, Thatcher Gray, Daniel Green, Carter Herndon, Trinity Hodges, Serena McCoy, Frances Otten
- Classroom Role Model:** Ryleigh Backes, Thatcher Gray, Emily Morfeld, Frances Otten
- Art Award:** Ryleigh Backes, Thatcher Gray
- Library Award:** Ryleigh Backes, Carter Herndon
- Music Award:** Thatcher Gray, Frances Otten

LAURA JANES' CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Nora Daugherty
- Letter Expert:** Sadie Beelek, Rowdie Cooper, Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Mason Gregory, Collin Kempker, Zach Lange, Avery Meade, Jaxon Radmacher, Connor Sutton, Chayce Theissen, Charlotte Wolfe, Chloe Zweifel
- Letter Proficient:** JJ Daniels, Layla White

- Number Expert:** Sadie Beelek, Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Mason Gregory, Collin Kempker, Zach Lange, Avery Meade, Jaxon Radmacher, Chayce Theissen, Charlotte Wolfe, Chloe Zweifel
- Number Proficient:** Rowdie Cooper, JJ Daniels, Layla White
- Handwriting Hero:** Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Zach Lange, Connor Sutton, Jason Radmacher
- Letter Sound Expert:** Sadie Beelek, Rowdie Cooper, Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Mason Gregory, Collin Kempker, Zach Lange, Avery Meade, Jaxon Radmacher, Charlotte Wolfe
- Manners Award:** Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Mason Gregory, Collin Kempker, Zach Lange, Jaxon Radmacher, Connor Sutton, Layla White, Charlotte Wolfe, Chloe Zweifel
- Classroom Role Model:** Sydney Coots, Nora Daugherty, Zach Lange, Connor Sutton, Charlotte Wolfe, Chloe Zweifel
- Art Award:** Chloe Zweifel
- Library Award:** Nora Daugherty, Connor Sutton

ALICIA JURD'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Lyra Peters
- ABC Expert:** Gavin Ashley, Rhett Baker, Savannah Bowne, Mae Brodin, Carter Flamm, Ellie Gabelsberger, Grace Hall, Kaylee Jurd, Chloe Lovell, Jagger Maasen, Lyra Peters, Emerson Petry, Evy Reichart, Hank Seifert
- ABC Proficient:** Abel Bartlett, Cody Foulds
- Sound Expert:** Gavin Ashely, Rhett Baker, Mae Brodin, Ellie Gabelsberger, Kaylee Jurd, Lyra Peters, Emerson Petry, Evy Reichart, Hank Seifert
- Sound Proficient:** Abel Bartlett, Savannah Bowne, Carter Flamm, Cody Foulds, Grace Hall, Chloe Lovell, Jagger Maasen, Hilly Shepherd
- Number Expert:** Rhett Baker, Ellie Gabelsberger, Grace Hall, Kaylee Jurd, Chloe Lovell, Hank Seifert, Hilly Shepherd
- Number Proficient:** Gavin Ashley, Savannah Bowne, Mae Brodin, Carter Flamm, Jagger Maasen, Lyra Peters, Emerson Petry, Evy Reichart
- Handwriting Award:** Ellie Gabelsberger, Grace Hall, Kaylee Jurd, Evy Reichart, Hank Seifert
- Manners Matter Award:** Ellie Gabelsberger, Kaylee Jurd, Lyra Peters,

- Evy Reichart
- Classroom Role Model:** Savannah Bowne, Kaylee Jurd, Jagger Maasen, Lyra Peters, Emerson Petry, Evy Reichart
- Music Award:** Kaylee Jurd, Hilly Shepherd
- Art Award:** Rhett Baker, Lyra Peters
- Library Award:** Jagger Maasen, Lyra Peters
- PE Award:** Evy Reichart, Hank Seifert

1ST GRADE

JEANNIE BRODIN'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Kensington Kramer
- Reading Circle:** Henry Bischoff, Quentin Bruemmer, Kinley Call, Kirra Deatsch, Zoey Dodson, Kaden Fenner, Elyse Fernandez, Wyatt Flatt, Willow Hatch, Layne Hostetler, Carly Jones, Riley Jones, Kensington Kramer, Abel Krieg, Harlow Nilges, Jace Rogers, Madison Vaughn
- Writing Improvement Award:** Kirra Deatsch, Wyatt Flatt, Layne Hostetler, Kensington Kramer, Maylee Rhoads
- Handwriting Neatness & Improvement:** Henry Bischoff, Zoey Dodson, Tristan O'Dowd, Liam Shoults, Madison Vaughn, Daphne Baker
- Successful and Improved Team Players:** Henry Bischoff, Kinley Call, Wyatt Flatt, Carly Jones, Keni Kramer, Tristan O'Dowd, Maylee Rhoads, Liam Shoults, Ora Edmonds
- Excellence in Music Awards:** Maylee Rhoads
- Art Awards:** Daphne Baker, Wyatt Flatt

VICKI FLATT'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Mary Herndon
- Writing Award:** Willow Reimund, Sadie Decramer, Bentley Thomas, Oliver Sullentrup
- Math Award:** Rainah Wilson, Issy Kingsley, Grayson Gabelsberger, Andrew Shriver

- Reading Award:** Mary Herndon, Noelle Mustion, Jace Branson, Jaxon Pendergrass, Gabriella Rudd
- Reading Circle:** Baylee Bogle, Jace Branson, Lane Cloud, Sadie Decramer, Grayson Gabelsberger, Noah Hatfield, Mary Herndon, Russell Jewell, Issy Kingsley, Allyson Mehmert, Emma Monroe, Noelle Mustion, Jaxon Pendergrass, Dean Pointer, Willow Reimund, Gabriella Rudd, Andrew Shriver, Oliver Sullentrup, Bentley Thomas, Rainah Wilson, Camden Wolfe, Ruby Petry
- Writing Neatness:** Mary Herndon, Bentley Thomas
- Rocket Math Addition:** Baylee Bogle, Jace Branson, Lane Cloud, Sadie Decramer, Grayson Gabelsberger, Noah Hatfield, Mary Herndon, Russell Jewell, Issy Kingsley, Allyson Mehmert, Emma Monroe, Noelle Mustion, Jaxon Pendergrass, Dean Pointer, Willow Reimund, Gabriella Rudd, Andrew Shriver, Oliver Sullentrup, Bentley Thomas, Rainah Wilson, Camden Wolfe, Ruby Petry
- Excellence in Music Awards:** Sadie Decramer, Noelle Mustion
- PE Award (Sportsmanship):** Russell Jewell, Mary Herndon
- Art Show Award:** Willow Reimund

- Art Awards:** Sadie Decramer, Jaxon Pendergrass
- 2ND GRADE
- CHRISTIANA
- MUSTION'S CLASS
- Citizenship Award:** Bryson Haslag
- Reading:** Alaina Cole, Bryson Haslag
- Math:** Bryson Haslag, Trenton Vogler
- Spelling:** Avery Blauvelt, Ryann Frank, Bryson Haslag, Trenton Vogler
- Handwriting/Penmanship:** Gabby Satepauhoodle, Bella Palmer, Avery Blauvelt, Olivia Cox
- Most Improved Reading:** Michael Nilges, Gabby Satepauhoodle
- Most Improved Math:** Sterling Jaegers, Bella Palmer
- Most Improved Spelling:** Michael Nilges, Sterling Jaegers
- Epic Reader:** Bryson Haslag, Gabby Satepauhoodle, Ryann Frank, Sterling Jaegers
- Stellar Reader:** Avery Blauvelt, Alaina Cole, Bryson Haslag, Gabby Satepauhoodle, Bella Palmer, Michael Nilges, Olivia Cox, Ryann Frank, Sterling Jaegers
- Math Facts Addition:** Olivia Cox, Bryson Haslag, Tyler Herndon, Nicholas Swann, Gabby Satepauhoodle,

- Trenton Vogler
- Math Facts Subtraction:** Bryson Haslag, Tyler Herndon, Trenton Vogler
- Math Facts Addition & Subtraction:** Avery Blauvelt
- Spelling Perfection:** Avery Blauvelt
- Task Master:** Blaine Duke
- Problem Solver:** Hunter Mueller
- Music Award:** Bella Palmer
- GREG STEPHENS' CLASS
- Citizenship Award:** Eugene Otten
- Reading:** Eugene Otten, Avery Thompson, Opal Voss
- Math:** Landon Engelhardt, Ariel Gregory, Eugene Otten
- Spelling:** Landon Engelhardt, Ariel Gregory, Jazmyne Mueller, Eugene Otten, Avery Thompson, Kodee Turpin, Opal Voss
- Handwriting/Penmanship:** Landon Engelhardt, Ariel Gregory, Kydie Hodges, Jazmyne Mueller, Eugene Otten, Karson Strope, Avery Thompson, Kodee Turpin, Sofia Vanderpool, Opal Voss
- Most Improved Reading:** Tyler Beers, Karson Strope
- Most Improved Math:** Karson

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Fatima R-3 School News from Westphalia

Home of the Comets

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND SEMESTER HONOR ROLLS

"A" HONOR ROLL

- Mrs. Davis's 3rd Grade
- Addyson Clark
- Anson Elder
- Lena Feltrop
- Benton Groene
- Kinlee Perkins
- Connar Peters
- Aubrey Scherr
- Benjamin Struempfh
- Mrs. Kemna's 3rd Grade
- Bentley Farnsworth
- Abigail Hackman
- Blake Steen
- Mrs. Lehmen's 4th Grade
- Eli Bock
- Gavin Kempker
- Faith Peters
- Austin Royston
- Claire Wulff

Mrs. Murphy's 4th Grade

- Luke Bax
- Jakob Poston
- Emma Scheppers
- Collin Walters
- Mrs. Rademann's 5th Grade
- Mason Huhn
- Logan Laux
- Sadi Lehmen
- Eli Libbert
- Journey Markway
- Alexis Powell
- Etta Redel-Sharisin
- Tucker Schroeder
- Henry Storm
- Gabe Troesser

Mrs. Rehagen's 5th Grade

- Lyssa Bax
- Haiden Clarke
- Tucker Gregory
- Issabella Hoffman
- Eli Reinkemeyer
- Mrs. Ellingsworth's 6th Grade
- Audrey Bexten
- Michael Gabelsberger

- Tommy Heisler
- Brody Hoelscher
- Jacoby Johnson
- Eli Massman
- Allison Reichel
- Makenzie Riggs
- Peyton Roberson
- Savannah Verslues
- Cameron Woehr
- Mrs. Ryan's 6th Grade
- Tristin Cremer
- Zack Eisterhold
- Ryder Herzing
- Paden Luebbert
- Caroline Neubert
- Troy Neuner
- Trace Walters
- Chris Wilde

"B" HONOR ROLL

- Mrs. Davis's 3rd Grade
- Kayden Bax
- Leo Buscher
- Jayden Eisterhold
- Bennie Holterman
- Wyatt Kolb
- Allis Oliver
- AnnMarie Schellman
- Austin Woehr
- Mrs. Kemna's 3rd Grade
- JossLynn Buschjost
- Talon Deardeuff
- Carson Heimericks
- Marli Holsman
- Jayla Hoslins
- Raigyn Johnson
- Chase Rehagen
- Bennett Rowden
- Avery Schaffer
- Bowen Willis

Mrs. Lehmen's 4th Grade

- Harlan Deardeuff
- Kenley Groene
- Raylan Kolb
- Rozlyn LeCure
- Brooks Ryan

- Josie Schulte
- Brie Wildhaber
- Mrs. Murphy's 4th Grade
- Kaiden Boehm
- Kayla Helton
- Brooklyn Kremer
- Reese Nivens
- Chloe Schaben
- Aliza Stratman
- Charlie Wulff
- Mrs. Rademann's 5th Grade
- Bailey Buschjost
- Amelia Rasmussen
- Mrs. Rehagen's 5th Grade
- Romy Deardeuff
- Makensie Jefferson
- McKenna Kliethermes
- Jaidyn McCann
- Kale Morgan
- Garrett Royston
- Haley Titus
- Paul Welschmeyer
- Quin Winkelman
- Mrs. Ellingsworth's 6th Grade
- Celia Crawford
- Makinzy Poston
- Cassidy Epps
- Thomas Kremer
- Roland Nivens
- Evan Otto
- Lucas Robinson
- Cory Saunders
- Mrs. Ryan's 6th Grade
- Jentry Allen
- Grace Dudenhoeffer
- Mila Hagedorn
- Beau Havens
- Tyson Holsman
- Tanner Huhn
- Colby Kliethermes
- Carly Nilges
- Mathew Streng

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AWARENESS WALK

WALKING TO END THE STIGMA

Walking to provide Opioid Use Disorder EDUCATION, increase AWARENESS and identify PREVENTION STRATEGIES in the Meramec Region

Saturday, June 19, 2021
Walk Begins at 10:00 am

Legends Bank Park ~ E. Main Street
(across from the Osage County Courthouse)
Linn, MO 65051

Presented by: **MRPC** **OPIOID** **initiative** in partnership with **MAAG**

Funded by: **HRSA** **OAYI** **OJDP**

Make a difference in the Meramec Region by participating in this walk. Support the Meramec Region's efforts to reduce the opioid crisis and increase awareness of the dangers of opioid use. Walkers will receive a free t-shirt and a water bottle. Registration is free and open to all ages. Walkers will start at the Legends Bank Park and walk to the Osage County Courthouse. The walk will end at the Courthouse. For more information, please contact Nicki at (573) 301-6944 or visit www.meramecregion.org.

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www.facebook.com/meramecregion
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Email: maagcare@gmail.com

2021 Relay for Life - Maries/Osage County

DRIVE THRU BBQ

June 18th ♦ 4 – 7:30PM

Westphalia Lions Club
(Luminaria Ceremony starts at 8pm)

Pork burger meals – \$5
(include chips and choice of drink)

Single pork burger – \$3

LUMINARY CEREMONY begins at 8pm to honor those we have lost to cancer and those still fighting. Luminaries can be bought before the event and we will have them available at the event.

RAFFLE CHANCES will be available or you can buy some from any Relay team member before. Prizes will be drawn at 7:30. Complimentary ice cream during the raffle drawing.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Nicki at (573) 301-6944 for any questions or concerns.

WE WILL HAVE THE EVENT RAIN OR SHINE!

FFT FLOWERS DEMO DERBY FULL THROTTLE

INSPECTIONS 11A – 4P

Friday, July 9 @ 6PM

LINN, MO | 26 HWY. CC

Fair Admission \$10
12 & UNDER FREE
ENTRY FEE: DRIVER \$30
RIDER \$30
PIT PASS \$20

PURSE \$5,100

PURE STREET MINI CLASS \$1,000; \$500; \$200	LIGHT WELD MOD CLASS \$1,000; \$500; \$200	PURE STREET BIG CAR CLASS \$1,000; \$500; \$200
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Kids Power Wheel Derby Ages 3–5 & 6–9
MUST HAVE ADULT WITH PASS TO PARTICIPATE

COLLEGE CLIPS

Missouri State University 2021-22 Scholarship Recipients

Abigail R. Gentges, Bonnots Mill
Academic Achievement Scholarship
Leah R. Greene, Koeltztown, Board of Governors
Scholarship
Alani K. Jaegers, Bonnots Mill, Academic Excellence
Scholarship
Caden C. Robinson, Linn, Missouri State Promise
Scholarship
Danielle M. Stegeman, Westphalia, Provost Scholarship
Londyn A. Stuckenschneider, Freeburg, Board of Gov-
ernor's Scholarship
Raegan D. Verhoff, Freeburg, Board of Governor's
Scholarship

Westminster College

2021 Graduates

Drew Bax, Loose Creek, Business Administration Major
Steven Brandt, Loose Creek, Business Administration
Major
Skyler Dickneite, Westphalia, Business Administration
Major

Drury University

Spring 2021 Dean's List

Corina Jacquin, Belle

STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spring 2021 President's List

Madison J. Mebruer, Linn
Amber L. Schulte, Meta

Spring 2021 Dean's List

Amber L. Sutton, Linn

Spring 2021 Trustee's List

Elizabeth H. Bure, Westphalia

University of Missouri-Columbia 2021-22 Spring Dean's List

Belle
Tyler Joshua Miller, Senior
Bonnots Mill
Rylie T. Keever, Senior
Leo G. Koenigsfeld, Se-
nior, Agr-Food & Nat Re-
sources
Jordan S. Kremer, Senior
Claire M. Muenks, Junior,
Human Environment Sci-
ence
Jenna Lynn Reinkemeyer,
Sophomore, Nursing
Chamois
Rachel Erin Keilholz,
Sophomore, Agr-Food &
Nat Resources
Caleb J. Laughlin, Senior,
Engineering
Freeburg
Lauren A. Plassmeyer, Ju-
nior, Health Professions
Nolan Henry Winkelman,
Junior, Engineering
Linn
Mary J. Feller, Sophomore,
Human Environment Sci-
ence
Loose Creek
Ellen C. Boeckmann,
Sophomore, Health Pro-
fessions
Nicole Kristina Deeken,
Sophomore, Agr-Food &
Nat Resources
**Bridget Kristina Holter-
man**, Senior, Health Pro-
fessions
Megan Louise Pfahl,
Sophomore, Agr-Food &
Nat Resources
Samantha A. Reeves, Ju-
nior, Journalism
Kay Lynne Marie Swyers,
Junior, Arts & Science
Austin Michael Troesser,
Sophomore, Agr-Food &
Nat Resources
Westphalia
Lacy Renee Bertels, Ju-
nior, Health Professions
Hannah E. Kloeppel, Se-
nior, Engineering
Anna Rose Massman, Se-
nior
**Kylie Kathleen McKin-
ney**, Senior, Human Envi-
ronment Science

Central College, Pella, Iowa

Spring 2021 Dean's List

Timothy Brunnert, Indianola, Iowa
(formally from Argyle)

Avila University

Spring 2021 Dean's List

Mallory Kremer, Linn



Local scouts hold flag retirement ceremony

The scouts from Troop 17/3017 and Pack 17 in Linn held their annual flag retirement ceremony Wednesday, June 9, at the Linn Lions Club Park. Carson Kliethermes served as the master of ceremonies. A total of 160 flags were retired. Among the flags retired were 146 American flags, 8 POW-MIA flags, 4 Missouri flags, 1 Red Cross flag, and 1 Fire Department flag. The flags retired were from various businesses, members of the community, families, and the Linn Fire Department. Scouts from Troop 17/3017 and Pack 17 along with scout leaders (top) hold a flag retirement ceremony. Pictured left to right, front row, Landon Epps, Reid Baker, Owen Reichart, Emily Greer, Elijah Kliethermes, Brayden Backes, Jason Greer, Tyler Wagner, Carson Kliethermes, Lori Greer, Debbie Backes, and Michael Kliethermes. Back row, Tammy Wagner, Jerry Backes, Stuart Massman, Grace Wagner, Leo Massman, Boone Roberts, Peter Brandt and Travis Greer. Carson Kliethermes (above) served as master of ceremony as Jason Greer, Peter Brandt, Tyler Wagner and Reid Baker stand ready to assist. Reid Baker, Grace Wagner, and Carson Kliethermes (lower) hold and present a large flag before retiring it. Peter Brandt (bottom) cuts apart a flag to be retired as Jason Greer and Reid Baker hold part of the flag. Tyler Wagner (bottom) looks on holding part of the flag already cut apart.



ANNIVERSARY



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Bextens Celebrate 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bexten of Rich Fountain, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner and blessing.

Paul Bexten and Mary C. Lueckenotte were married June 10, 1961, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in St. Thomas. Rev. Leo Oligschlager officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bexten have four children: Dale Bexten of Vienna, Dan Bexten and wife Lisa of Kalispell, Mont., Darlene Trosky and husband David of St. Louis and Patrick Bexten and wife Dana of Rich Fountain. They also have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow"
-- Helen Keller

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Call 897-3150
before Noon
Monday**

THANK YOU

2021 FATIMA COMET GOLF CLASSIC
THE FATIMA ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB WOULD LIKE TO
THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS
FOR MAKING THE 11th ANNUAL COMET
GOLF CLASSIC A HUGE SUCCESS:

Joe's Market
Wieberg Red-E-Mix, Inc
Rudroff Bus Co.
Troesser Lawn & Landscaping, LLC
Morton Chapel
Mid America Truss
Rex & Jeanne Sinquefield
Mid America Bank
Bank of St. Elizabeth
Linn Printing, Inc
Quaker Windows
Diamond Pet Foods
Carpenters Union, Local # 945

Keith Cavender
Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home
Corey Luetkemeyer
KOCC Custom Homes
Lock's Mill Propane
Central Bank
Hager Construction, LLC
Loose Creek Oil, LLC
Osage Ambulances
Glen & Kathy Robertson
Mitch Bonnot Excavating
Legends Bank
Answare

ANNUAL ST. GEORGE PARISH

PICNIC

SAT., JUNE 27, 2021

GERMAN POT ROAST & GOLDEN FRIED CHICKEN

SERVED FROM 11 TO 7 P.M. • \$12 PER TICKET

DRIVE THROUGH & CARRY OUT ONLY

HANDMADE QUILT AUCTION — 4 P.M.

Quilts will be on display from 11 a.m. until the time of the auction outside. Quilts can also be viewed on our Facebook page @ www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinn. Bring your own lawn chairs for the auction.

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OSAGE COUNTY

4-H HORSE SHOW

JUNE 27TH

Tim Scheulen • 657 County Road 606 • Linn, MO

Registration starts at 10 a.m., Show at 11 a.m.
(time could be adjusted depending on heat)

Entry Fees: \$15 per horse/rider combination for all classes
\$10 if preregistered by June 15

To Preregister: Call 573-897-3648
Negative coggins test required for all horses
4-H members must present their horse enrollment forms at registration.

Class Categories:

- Regular Classes
 - 4-H/FFA Junior: (8-13 years)
 - 4-H/FFA Senior: (14-18 years)
 - Youth Open: (5-13 years)
 - Adult Open: (14 & Older)
- Therapeutic
- Lead Line
- Therapeutic Lead Line

All youth (under 18) will be required to wear an ASTM helmet or western hat in the show ring. For timed events, all youth are required to wear an ASTM helmet.

Show Bill and Rules can be found in the 2021 Osage County Fair Book online at:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/counties/osage>

Questions?
Contact Allison Rieke
Email: acriek@missouri.edu
or 573-897-2497 Ext. 4

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Strope, Jaedyn Theissen

- Most Improved Spelling:** Tyler Beers
- Epic Reader:** Tyler Beers, Landon Engelhardt, Avery Thompson, Kodee Turpin
- Stellar Reader:** Landon Engelhardt, Ariel Gregory, Jazmyne Mueller, Karson Strope, Jaedyn Theissen, Avery Thompson, Kodee Turpin, Opal Voss
- Math Facts Addition:** Ariel Gregory, Brysen Myrick, Karson Strope, Jaedyn Theissen, Avery Thompson, Kodee Turpin, Sofie Vanderpool
- Math Facts Subtraction:** Brysen Myrick, Kodee Turpin
- Math Facts Addition & Subtraction:** Landon Engelhardt, Eugene Otten
- Spelling Perfection:**
- Inventive & Imaginative:** Cyrus Owens
- Busy Bee:** Joseph Turner
- Sportsmanship:** Landon Engelhardt, Jazmyne Mueller
- Music Award:** Landon Engelhardt, Eugene Otten
- Golden Paintbrush:** Karson Strope, Jaedyn Theissen

3RD GRADE
BRITANY
MEBRUER'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Emily Greer
- Evaluate Reading Improvement:** Shy Wilson, Mason Wolfe
- Evaluate Math Improvement:** Tyler Jones, Mason Wolfe, Ethan Grafe, Sophia Monroe, Kendall Niederhelm
- Most Improved Reading:** Shy Wilson, Tyler Jones
- Most Improved Math:** Ethan Grafe, Morgen Nilges
- Most Improved Spelling:** Shy Wilson, Blasie Deatsch, Jimmy Chastain
- Most Improved Language Arts:** Morgen Nilges, Jimmy Chastain
- Top 5 AR:** Morgan Sutton-61 pts, Ben Swann-53 pts, Emily Greer- 44 pts, Shy Wilson & Ethan Grafe-43 pts, Sophia Monroe-40 pts
- 90% and Above Accuracy in AR Tests:** Sophia Monroe
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Math):** Blaise Deatsch, Emily Greer, Adalyn

Chapell, Tyler Jones, Sophia Monroe, Keaton Niederhelm, Morgan Sutton, Ben Swann, Shy Wilson, Mason Wolfe, Arianna Wolz

- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Reading):** Adalyn Chapell, Emily Greer, Morgan Sutton
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Language Arts):** Blaise Deatsch, Ethan Grafe, Tyler Jones, Keaton Niederhelm, Kendall Niederhelm, Shy Wilson, Ben Swann, Arianna Wolz
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Spelling):** Jimmy Chastain, Mason Wolfe, Arianna Wolz, Sophia Monroe, Morgen Nilges
- A's all 4 Quarters (Reading):** Jonah Franken, Ben Swann, Maya Petry
- A's all 4 Quarters (Math):** Jonah Franken, Kendall Niederhelm, Maya Petry
- A's all 4 Quarters (Spelling):** Adalyn Chapell, Jonah Franken, Ethan Grafe, Emily Greer, Tyler Jones, Keaton Niederhelm, Kendall Niederhelm, Morgan Sutton, Ben Swann
- A's all 4 Quarters (Language Arts):** Jonah Franken, Emily Greer, Sophia Monroe, Maya Petry
- Multiplication (Passed 12 Levels):** Sophia Monroe, Ethan Grafe, Emily Greer, Morgan Sutton, Ben Swann
- Multiplication (Passed 10 Levels):** Adalyn Chapell, Maya Petry, Jonah Franken, Tyler Jones
- Multiplication (Passed 8 Levels):** Keaton Niederhelm, Kendall Niederhelm, Shy Wilson, Morgen Nilges
- Multiplication (Passed 7 Levels):** Arianna Wolz
- Multiplication (Passed 5 Levels):** Jimmy Chastain, Mason Wolfe
- Top 5 IXL Skill Masters:** Ethan Grafe, Ben Swann, Maya Petry, Morgan Sutton, Kendall Niederhelm
- Top 5 EPIC-most hours:** Mason Wolfe, Tyler Jones, Adalyn Chapell, Jonah Franken, Kendall Niederhelm
- Cursive Penmanship award:** Maya Petry, Kendall Niederhelm, Morgan Sutton, Emily Greer, Ben Swann, Tyler Jones
- Creative Writer:** Ben

Swann, Emily Greer, Morgan Sutton, Blaise Deatsch, Adalyn Chapell, Maya Petry, Morgen Nilges, Sophia Monroe, Kendall Niederhelm

- Homework Hero:** Keaton Niederhelm, Mason Wolfe, Jonah Franken, Jimmy Chastain, Kendall Niederhelm, Morgan Sutton, Ben Swann, Maya Petry, Emily Greer
- Hard Worker:** Tyler Jones, Emily Greer, Jimmy Chastain, Maya Petry, Morgan Sutton, Ben Swann, Kendall Niederhelm, Adalyn Chapell
- Heartfelt Helper:** Shy Wilson, Blaise Deatsch, Emily Greer, Kendall Niederhelm, Mason Wolfe, Adalyn Chapell, Morgan Sutton, Maya Petry
- Off the Chart AR Goal:** Blaise Deatsch, Jonah Franken, Emily Greer, Tyler Jones, Morgan Sutton, Shy Wilson, Mason Wolfe
- Art Award:** Maya Petry, Keaton Niederhelm
- PE Award:** Tyler Jones, Emily Greer
- Music Award:** Kendall Niederhelm

DANIELLE WOLFE'S CLASS

- Evaluate Reading Improvement:** Logan Huckabee, Nathan Beelek, Kilee Schaal, Norah Caldwell
- Evaluate Math Improvement:** Kenton Perrey, Landon Shoults, Molly Bohon, Emily Berry
- Most Improved Reading:** Jaxon Fernandez, Alison Epps
- Most Improved Math:** Logan Huckabee, Aubrey Rainwater
- Most Improved Spelling:** Macen Worley, Kilee Schaal
- Most Improved Language Arts:** Ethan Bartlett, Norah Caldwell
- Top 5 AR:** Lily Baker- 60 pts, Trinity Gates- 50 pts, Molly Bohon- 48 points, Annabel Morfeld- 37 pts, Sydney Bowne- 25 pts
- 90% and Above Accuracy in AR Tests:** Molly Bohon, Braylee Mebruer, Anya Atkisson, Sydney Bowne, Lily Baker, Karsyn Turner
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Math):** Anya Atkisson, Ethan Bartlett, Emily Berry, Molly Bohon, Sydney Bowne, Norah Caldwell, Annabel Morfeld, Kenton Perrey, Kilee Schaal,

Karsyn Turner

- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Reading):** Anya Atkisson, Norah Caldwell, Annabel Morfeld, Landon Shoults, Karsyn Turner
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Language Arts):** Karsyn Turner, Nathan Beelek, Landon Shoults, Anya Atkisson, Kilee Schaal, Aubrey Rainwater, Kenton Perrey, Norah Caldwell
- A's/B's all 4 quarters (Spelling):** Nathan Beelek, Logan Huckabee, Trinity Gates, Aubrey Rainwater
- A's all 4 Quarters (Reading):** Lily Baker, Molly Bohon, Sydney Bowne
- A's all 4 Quarters (Math):** Lily Baker, Alison Epps, Braylee Mebruer, Landon Shoults
- A's all 4 Quarters (Spelling):** Anya Atkisson, Lily Baker, Emily Berry, Milly Bohon, Landon Shoults, Sydney Bowne, Norah Caldwell, Braylee Mebruer, Annabel Morfeld, Karsyn Turner
- A's all 4 Quarters (Language Arts):** Lily Baker, Emily Berry, Molly Bohon, Sydney Bowne, Annabel Morfeld
- Multiplication (Passed 12 Levels):** Norah Caldwell, Lily Baker, Molly Bohon, Sydney Bowne, Anya Atkisson, Emily Berry, Annabel Morfeld, Logan Huckabee, Landon Shoults
- Multiplication (Passed 11 Levels):** Kenton Perry
- Multiplication (Passed 10 Levels):** Braylee Mebruer, Karsyn Turner
- Multiplication (Passed 8 Levels):** Aubrey Rainwater, Nathan Beelek, Trinity Gates
- Multiplication (Passed 7 Levels):** Macen Worley, Kilee Schaal
- Multiplication (Passed 6 Levels):** Ethan Bartlett
- Multiplication (Passed 5 Levels):** Jaxon Fernandez, Alison Epps
- Top 5 IXL Skill Masters:** Lily Baker- 32 skills, Molly Bohon- 29 skills, Nathan Beelek-11 skills, Annabel Morfeld- 11 skills, Sydney Bowne- 10 skills
- Top 5 EPIC-most hours:** Annabel Morfeld- 11 hours, Lily Baker- 9.7 Hours, Kilee Schaal- 9.6 Hours, Trinity Gates- 9.1 Hours, Jaxon Fernandez- 8.9 Hours
- Cursive Penmanship award:** Karsyn Turner,

Norah Caldwell, Anya Atkisson, Landon Shoults, Kenton Perrey, Aubrey Rainwater, Annabel Morfeld, Sydney Bowne, Kilee Schaal, Molly Bohon, Trinity Gates

- Creative Writer:** Anya Atkisson, Molly Bohon, Aubrey Rainwater, Annabel Morfeld, Braylee Mebruer, Alison Epps
- Homework Hero:** Lily Baker, Milly Bohon, Sydney Bowne, Norah Caldwell, Alison Epps, Braylee Mebruer, Annabel Morfeld, Kilee Schaal, Karsyn Turner
- Hard Worker:** Norah Caldwell, Alison Epps, Trinity Gates, Logan Huckabee, Aubrey Rainwater, Kilee Schaal, Karsyn Turner
- Heartfelt Helper:** Sydney Bowne, Kenton Perrey, Landon Shoults, Karsyn Turner, Macen Worley, Lily Baker, Ethan Bartlett, Nathan Beelek, Emily Berry, Molly Bohon

4TH GRADE
KELSEY SCHAEFER'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Alex Neal
- Math Award:** Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Sophia Lopez, Connor Stephens, and Lexy Strong
- Science Award:** Jaxon Bartlett, Riley Beaulieu, Sarah Berry, Easton Blackford, Jaelyn Callahan, Kamryn Callahan, Adelyn Cox, Carson Cozart, Kylie Goans, Lynnze Horan, Amelia Hudson, Sophia Lopez, Emmitt Mehmert, Faith Miller, Alex Neal, Josh Powers, Ryatt Reynolds, Grace Roberts, Maycee Rogers, Connor Stephens, and Lexy Strong
- Social Studies Award:** Jaelyn Callahan, Kamryn Callahan, Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Amelia Hudson, Sophia Lopez, Alex Neal, Ryatt Reynolds, and Lexy Strong
- Reading Award:** Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Alex Neal, and Lexy Strong
- Spelling:** Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Sophia Lopez, Alex Neal, Maycee Rogers, Connor Stephens, and Lexy Strong
- ELA Evaluate 80% or higher:** Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Connor Stephens, and Lexy Strong
- Math Evaluate 80% or**

higher: Adelyn Cox, Kylie Goans, Connor Stephens, and Lexy Strong

- PE Award (Sportsmanship):** Easton Blackford, Lexy Strong
- Music Award:** Emmitt Mehmert, Lexy Strong
- Art Award:** Lynnze Horan, Connor Stephens
- Christy Warren's Class**
- Citizenship Award:** Knox Sowders
- All A's in ELA:** Emma Jaegers
- All A's in Spelling:** Leshia Abernathy, Brayden Backes, Sam Reichart, Hunter Ringwald, Hannah Roberts, Macyn Meade, JT Medina, Nevaeh Miller, Sam Reichart, Dylan Bruemmer, Blaidon Haslag, Brayden Himes, Emma Jaegers, Elijah Kliethermes, Wyatt Laughlin, Macyn Meade, JT Medina, Nevaeh Miller, Sam Reichart, Hunter Ringwald, Hannah Roberts, Knox Sowders, Andi Wolfe
- All A's in Science:** Leshia Abernathy, Brayden Backes, Waylon Bishop, Dylan Bruemmer, Blaidon Haslag, Brayden Himes, Emma Jaegers, Elijah Kliethermes, Wyatt Laughlin, Macyn Meade, JT Medina, Pierson Merritt, Nevaeh Miller, Sam Reichart, Hunter Ringwald, Hannah Roberts, Knox Sowders, Andi Wolfe
- Art Children's Display at Osage Library:** Leshia Abernathy, Brayden Backes
- Art Award:** Leshia Abernathy, Nevaeh Miller
- PE Award (Sportsmanship):** Blaidon Haslag, Emma Jaegers
- Music Award:** Blaidon Haslage, Emma Jaegers
- Lifesaver Award:** Dylan Bruemmer, Blaidon Haslag, Brayden Himes, Macyn Meade, Sam Reichart, Hunter Ringwald, Hannah Roberts, Knox Sowders

5TH GRADE
MOLLY HELMIG'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Hannah Haslag
- Science Awards:** Nadia

Call, Isaiah Franken, Faith Haley, Emma Starke, Lily Wolfe

- Language Awards:** Isaiah Franken, Emma Starke, Nadiya Call, April Everett
- Math Awards:** Isaiah Franken, Hannah Haslag, Emma Starke
- Reading Awards:** Isaiah Franken, Emma Starke, Hannah Haslag
- Social Studies Awards:** Emma Starke, Isaiah Franken, Faith Haley, Nadiya Call
- Study Island Blue Ribbon Superstars:** Shayla Burnett, Ian Laughlin, Emma Starke
- Art Awards:** Aiden Higinbitham, Sarah Brinker
- Excellence in Music Awards:** Isaiah Franken
- PE Award (Sportsmanship):** Isaiah Franken, Elli Adkison

DEBBIE WAGNER'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Ava Franken
- Science Awards:** Hannah Knight, Alex Morfeld, Madyson Nilges, Madison Wood
- Language Awards:** Josslynn Branstetter, Ruby Herndon, Madyson Nilges
- Math Awards:** Ruby Herndon, Alexa Voss, Madison Wood
- Reading Awards:** Madyson Nilges, Emily Worley, Alexa Voss
- Social Studies Awards:** Josslynn Branstetter, Madyson Nilges, Alexa Voss, Emily Worley
- Study Island Blue Ribbon Superstars:** Andrew Rotter, Madison Wood
- PE Award (Sportsmanship):** Aaron Starke, Josslynn Branstetter
- Art Awards:** Ava Franken, Alex Morfeld
- Excellence in Music Awards:** Josslynn Branstetter

6TH GRADE
SOPHIA BLOUNT'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Jorja Kempker
- Reading:** Ross Holtschneider, Lane McKim, Irene Curry, Caleb Cozart
- Math:** Lane McK-

im, Caleb Cozart, Ross Holtschneider

- Language Arts:** Jorja Kempker, Caleb Cozart, Izabella Backes, Lane McKim
- Creative Writing:** Hayley Backues
- Social Studies:** Lauren Rhoads, Izabella Backes, Caleb Cozart, Ross Holtschneider, Declan Honey
- Science:** Ross Holtschneider, Mason Trabue, Lane McKim, Jorja Kempker, Caleb Cozart
- Music Award:** Lauren Rhoads
- Art Award:** Izabella Backes, Paul Lopez, Irene Curry, Landon Epps, Nadia McGhghy
- PE Award:** Lauren Rhoads, Caleb Cozart
- Band Award:** Jorja Kempker, Mason Trabue, Izabella Backes

NATALIE JOHNSON'S CLASS

- Citizenship Award:** Madison Rotter
- Reading:** Kenzy Hackmann, Madison Rotter, Emma Rieke, Leo Massman, Jack Curry
- Math:** Leo Massman, Tommy Scheulen, Madison Rotter, Kenzy Hackmann
- Language Arts:** Emma Rieke, Kenzy Hackmann, Marik Brodin, Madison Rotter
- Creative Writing:** Chris Rainwater
- Social Studies:** Myles Kammerich, Dakota Timbrook, Carson Kempker, Madison Rotter
- Science-Blue Ribbon Award:** Dakota Timbrook, Tommy Scheulen, Kenzy Hackmann, Myles Kammerich
- Science:** Madison Rotter, Emma Rieke, Leo Massman, Jack Curry
- Music Award:** Daylynn Perrey
- Art Award:** Kenzy Hackmann, Aaden Nelson
- PE Award:** Kenzy Hackmann, Myles Kammerich
- Band Award:** Emma Rieke, Owen Reichart



ST. AUBERT NEWS

By: Marian Forck
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I wanted to take this time to tell you a little about myself. I am one of ten children born to Helen Marie Knaebel and Lawrence Louis Scheppers. I grew up on Bald Hill Road, which is now called Glovers Ford Road, in Jefferson City. I lived at home until I got married. I had three older siblings, three sisters and two brothers; and four younger siblings, three sisters and one brother. We all live in central Missouri.

My two oldest sisters have passed away. I have three siblings living in Wardsville, one in St. Thomas, one in Taos and two in Linn. I graduated from Jefferson City Senior High School in 1973, went to

work at the News Tribune and then on to Chesebrough Ponds, where I met my husband Bernie. I then went to work for the Missouri Secretary of State's Office and retired in June of 2009, after almost 31 years of service. I did some volunteering at the Linn Nutrition Center and I really enjoyed that until they closed their doors. I then went into school food service and currently work for the Jefferson City Public Schools Food Services. I work at Lewis and Clark School and I love being a lunch lady.

Bernie and I were married at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City Oct. 14, 1978. He is one of ten children also. He was born to Angeline Schnieders and Norbert Fork. He grew up in Taos and lived at home until we married. He has six brothers and had three sisters. Two of his sisters

have passed away. He has two brothers in Ashland, one in New Bloomfield, one in Taos and two in Jefferson City. His sister lives in Taos. He went into construction after leaving Chesebrough Ponds and then later went to work at Blair Oaks High School. He worked part-time at the highway patrol, until he had to quit due to his health.

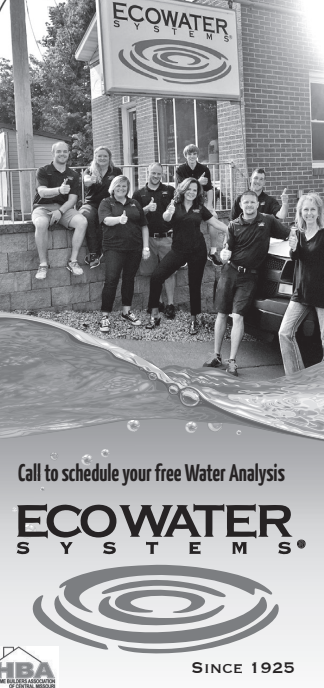
We have one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth and she is married to Aaron Weeks, of Caledonia. They have two beautiful daughters Lorelei Angeline and Caroline Devera. They both attend St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville. We are very proud of our granddaughters. They both are in scouts, play baseball, play the harp and Caroline plays soccer.

We moved to our place on Buttons

Trail in July, 2000. This is the longest we have ever lived in one place. We first lived in Jefferson City, Russellville and Taos. We plan on living here until we can't anymore, which we hope will be a long time.

My hobbies are reading, antiques, playing cards, scrapbooking and working on projects. I love attending events that have to do with my grandchildren. I collect many things, Aunt Jimena, watermelons, rosaries, nativity sets (certain ones), marbles, old cans, Fiesta pitchers, pumpkins, license plates and I could go on, but that is enough. I love Christmas decorations, especially village pieces and poinsettias.

See **St. Aubert** on Page 10



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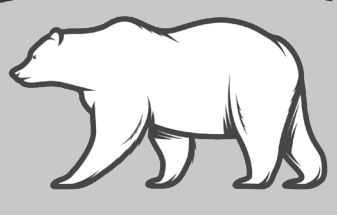
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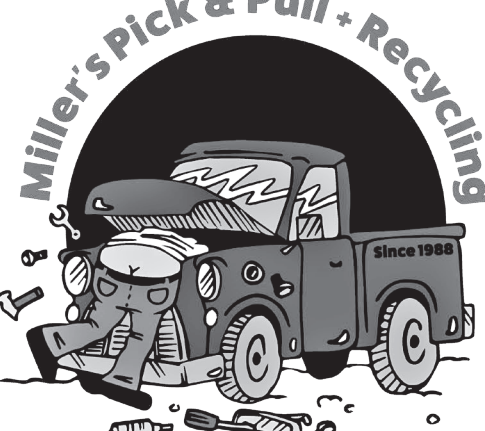
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Response to D-Day Article

Thanks to Good Neighbor George Kishmar (the son of the author George Kishmar who wrote the History of Chamois, Missouri) for his kind words about the D-Day Article in last week's paper. George also shared the following.

"I've always wondered what the letter 'D' meant in D-Day. In checking the internet I found words 'Designated', 'Deliverance', 'Decision', 'Debarment' and 'Departed' Day. In my youth I was told it meant 'Departure', meaning the day that ships, planes, and troops left the areas where they were standing by to invade Normandy, France. I think I'll stick by this designation.

I've never had any problem remembering June 6 as D-Day as it was the day I was discharged from the Army in 1960, some 61 years ago, after having served a three-year enlistment. It was a great way to start my adult life!

Thanks, George, for your service to our country and the freedom for which it stands.

Kids Say the Darndest Things!

Remember the Art Linkletter Show "Kids Say the Darndest Things"? Former Good Neighbor Virginia Reynolds sent me the following. I think it may give you a few chuckles as it did me. Enjoy!

Written by Kids

1. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

-You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

-No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

-Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

-You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

-Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

-Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

-On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

-The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

-The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

-It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

Outside of the limits of white settlements, those Indians were allowed to live and hunt on the land relinquished by them

RIED?
-There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is.....

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

-Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck

-- Ricky, age 10

Thanks for the smiles, Virginia!

From the History of Chamois, Missouri by George Kishmar

Early History Louisiana Territory

As a part of the Louisiana Territory, the region of the northern Ozarks belonged at first to France, passed to Spain in 1763, and was returned to France in 1800 and became a part of the United States by the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

France first acquired the interior of America as a result of exploration and settlement. Although her territory west of the Mississippi River was ceded to the Spanish government in 1763, it was not till March 1767 that the Spanish government took its first step to occupy the upper part of Louisiana.

Osage Indians Ceded Land to United States

The Osage Indians claimed possession of the country between the Missouri and Arkansas Rivers.

By treaty negotiated at Fort Osage on November 10, 1808, the Great and Little Osages ceded the major part of this territory, including the entire region of the Northern Ozarks, to the United States. The boundary of this ceded regions was to begin at Fort Osage, located on the Missouri River about twenty miles east of the present Kansas City, due south to the Arkansas River and down same to the Mississippi River.

In return the United States promised to deliver yearly to the Great and Little Osage Tribes merchandise to the value of \$1000 and \$500 respectively.

Outside of the limits of white settlements, those Indians were allowed to live and hunt on the land relinquished by them

until the United States would think it proper to assign the same hunting grounds to other friendly Indians.

Land Grant Act of 1818

Before the Land Grant Act of March 3, 1811, public lands could be secured by Spanish Grants and New Madrid Certificates of Re-location.

The Spanish Governor Delassus, in 1798-99, granted large tracts of land to a number of men.

In pursuance of the Land Grant Act of March 3, 1811, a Land Grant Office was established at St. Louis, Missouri, in April 1818, and the first public land sold in Territory of Missouri that year.

That same year a Land Grant Office was established at Franklin, county seat of Howard County (later years moved to Boonville). Land was offered at public auctions to the highest bidder at a minimum price of \$2.00 an acre. In 1820 Congress provided for the sale of small lots of 80 acres at \$1.25 and acre. This auction system remained until about 1841 when the Preemption and Graduation Acts of Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri were put into effect. Of the two, the Graduation Act was more important.

The Preemption Law of 1841 provided that a squatter upon evidence of having cultivated the land he claimed could buy 160 acres at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre without having to bid for it at an auction.

Very many first settlers had established homes in the woods and on prairies long before the public land had been surveyed.

In 1854 the Graduation Act became law, reducing the price of slow-selling lands by progressive stages. Lands which had been in the market for 10 years were to be sold \$1.00 an acre; 15 years at 75 cents, 20 years at 50 cents, 25 years at 25 cents, and 30 years at 12 1/2 cents. No person was allowed over 320 acres and it had to be all in one tract. Settlers who owned less than 320 acres had the right to buy adjacent tracts under this law, but their total holding was not to exceed 320

acres. Mr. Kishmar footnoted that this information was taken from Gerard Schultz, Early History of the Norther Ozarks (Midland Printing Co., Jefferson City, Mo., 1937)

Lectionary for June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading and Psalm: 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4 - 11, 9 - 23) 32 - 49 and Psalm 9: 9 - 20 or 1 Samuel 17: 57 - 18: 5, 18: 10 - 16 and Psalm 133; Alternate First Reading and Psalm: Job 38: 1 - 11; and Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 23 - 32+

5; Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13; Gospel: Mark 4: 35 - 41

Blessing

May the LORD Bless you and Keep you. May the Lord show you HIS Kindness and have Mercy on you. May the Lord Watch over you and give you Peace. Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Upcoming Events

June 17 - Chamois Historic Preservation Commission at Betty Linhardt's, 7 p.m.

June 19 - Pork Burger Sale for Washington, D.C. Kids, Zimmer Parking Lot on Main Street, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanks to all who supported the last sale—400 pork burgers—sold out!!! Thanks for supporting our youth.

June 27 - Bittersweet Garden Tours, Jefferson City, noon to 4 p.m.

June 28 - July 2 - This date has been confirmed! Combined Bible School of St. John's United Church of Christ and the Chamois United Methodist Church at the U.C.C. for ages 3 - Sixth Grade, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your own water bottle. No charge.

July 3 - Fourth of July Picnic at St. James' United Church of Christ, Morrison

July 6 - Blood Drive at St. John's United Church of Christ

July 8, 9, and 10 - Osage County Fair, Linn

July 10 - 17 - Footsteps Medical Mission trip to Jamaica

Aug. 1 - Service at Fredericksburg, St. Peters Church, time TBA

Aug. 10 - Missouri 2021

Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission on the lawn of the Townley House Museum, serving birthday cake and Honey ice cream as well as Dixie Cups for the little ones, join in with patriotic music, folk tunes, and Bible School songs, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Happy 200th Birthday, Missouri, one of the 50 United States of America!

School Events

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

Summer Vacation! Enjoy!!!

"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!)

DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW...with President Joe?

He has made so much wonderful progress in 100 days. Gun sales are way up and you can't find ammunition, gas is up near a dollar more per gallon. He put about 50,000+ out of good tax paying jobs between the pipeline and the wall, now they're on unemployment. We no longer have a southern border, just a big "YOU ALL COME" sign, and more than 100,000 came in February and another 180,000 in May, all at YOUR EXPENSE. Lumber more than doubled, food's going up, crime and shootings are setting records, but if you behave like the sheep they want you to be then you just might be allowed to celebrate the 4th of July—Independence Day.

Wasting your tax dollars is their favorite past-time and only the likes of Nancy, Chuck and Kamala can lie so steadily and not get sick. There is still partisan objection to our last election fiasco with only one party objecting to investigating the voter irregularities, voter ID's, one citizen = one vote, vote on election day, limited mail-in ballots, ballots with no return address, signature, or post office cancellation stamp; clean and current voter registration lists, and no grave yard ballots allowed. Only one party objects because that party already knows how corrupt the voting process has become in some counties and states, and they benefit directly from it. So why would they want to clean it up??

If you watch or read a little news, Joe now pretends to investigate the Chinese Virus, now that they have had plenty of time to kill off anyone who might be willing to talk and destroy all evidence. Reality is that the Democratic party said loud and clear several times that without a recession they could not beat TRUMP. China is not deaf, they had in hand and willingly gave the world a recession through the virus. It killed only a few million people, which means NOTHING TO CHINA, and even those of you with very small brains and short memories better keep that in mind.

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He wants to combine some Osage County repair projects with work being done in eastern Cole County and Jefferson City. Several contractors have expressed interest in bidding such a combination but Kempker isn't getting any final direction.

Kliethermes and Griffin are anxious to get some final word. "We've got to get our name on the list," said Griffin. "I'll push forward on that real hard," assured Kempker.

He has received an estimate from one company that would like to chip and seal some of the county's asphalt roads. They would use 3/8-inch chipped rock. They would store material at the Road and Bridge yard, saving the county money, keeping the cost of transportation down. Two more vendors should be offering ideas as well.

"How long will this chip and seal last," asked Trenshaw. Kempker responded it should be good for five to eight years.

Trenshaw then suggested a planned rotation of 20% of the county's asphalt roads each year. "We've got to get a rotation going," he said.

"We're trying to get something done," Kempker responded. "Our road bases are good for chip and seal."

"We'll probably have to do some edge repair," Kliethermes offered.

Kempker agreed, confirming one company's price for a complete overlay was prohibitively expensive.

Kempker brought pictures of the new materials shed. It sits alongside an older structure but is identical to it.

Neuner announced the disbursement of \$9,975 of County Aid Road Trust (CART) funds, earmarked specifically for roads through, and leading to, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) areas.

Attorney Chris Rackers, retained by the county to help speed up and improve a settlement from Eldon Stutsman Trucking, has reported Stutsman's insurance policy carries a \$2 million property damage liability limit. He inquired whether the county might want to go for a quick settlement to get negotiations over with.

At first blush, sentiment seems to be against the idea. Such a settlement might pay for a new bridge but commissioners doubt it would do that and pay for the removal of the old bridge as well. Besides, there's the economic impact and costs which have already accumulated. They continue to build, maintaining safety around the wreck.

"We have to have some understanding about who's going to pay for what," Kliethermes concluded, who then mentioned a 35-page working draft of a proposal to remove the wreck of the original bridge.

Commissioners want that done as quickly as possible. They want to see what it costs, have Stutsman pay for it, and then see where things stand.

Kliethermes passed around pictures of the old bridge sent to him by citizens in his district. Rackers has requested residents to share these photographs. Kempker turned in costs to the county through his department totaling \$4,749.14. These have accrued working at the site of the bridge collapse since the accident in August 2020. He had them broken down into very describable details.

"If there's anything else of that to do, let me know," said Kempker.

Labor costs accumulate, keeping the road closed until the bridge is rebuilt. Along with gathering pictures, the commission wants each department to keep records. They all should be reimbursed.

Griffin reported hearing Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer and Sen. Roy Blunt are working in Washington, D.C., to get federal Bridge Rural Offset (BRO) funding increased. These dollars are the supply for most county road bridges that get replaced in Missouri.

Griffin reported a fuel tax issue, raising revenue to improve state roads, may be on the ballot this year.

City of Linn Utilities Superintendent Larry Frederich addressed the commissioners about the Second Street pavement project beginning south of the Osage County Courthouse. He asked if the commission would like to piggyback on the project. This would overlay a stretch east of the building while equipment and materials are on site. "We can get a better price if we try to work them together," Frederich explained.

Commissioners asked him to get an official proposal. They are enthusiastic about the possibilities and the estimated price already available.

"It's all about working together," Griffin agreed.

911/EMA

Osage County 911/EMA Director Ron Hoffman announced the replacement of 104 road signs since the beginning of 2021. Of the total, 51 were from private drives and 53 were from county roads.

"Who eats that cost?" asked Griffin, rhetorically.

For the sake of first responders, these signs are required by county ordinance. Therefore, they are replaced at

county cost. Signs for private lanes are smaller and cost \$21. The county road signs are larger, costing \$45 apiece. That amounts to a \$3,000 drain on the county budget so far this year.

There has been some sentiment for having landowners pick up the cost of signs from their roads but it can't go far. "The county forced it on us," Trenshaw asserted.

Often, the idea of having a sign at their driveway is not the citizen's idea. This is regardless of the benefit to fire trucks, police vehicles, and ambulances. They might have difficulty finding a rural residence.

"People are stealing them for the aluminum," Osage County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Supervisor Travis Holtmeyer theorized.

He replaces signs which disappear and keeps track of locations whose signs are gone. Recycling stations must report property like road signs which are obviously stolen but it's questionable if they catch them all, if any.

"I've personally gone to scrap yards," said Holtmeyer, assuring the commission of his personal effort to break the cycle.

Some have proposed posting cameras but Holtmeyer has heard from many landowners who are against the idea. Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham might still try to get specific permission from some who are fed up with repeated thefts of their signs. Holtmeyer, though, believes an increase in the fine for getting caught might help.

"We need to bring in our prosecutor and make this a stiffer punishment," he said.

"The citizens are doing what they can," Hoffman added.

He insisted his department wants to make the signage plan work. There have been times when new landowners made up their own address. That has been of no use whatsoever to emergency services. Mapping needs to be uniform for all first responders. "It's an ongoing thing," he concluded.

Griffin made a plea to the public to watch these signs and help slow down the pace of the ongoing thefts. He pointed out these thousands of dollars could buy a lot of rock to improve county roads. "If you see one, call it in," he urged.

Pursuing savings ideas, Holtmeyer searches for suppliers who make signs from plastic. Some signs still exist in the county made of plastic but that manufacturer has gone out of business. With visibility, plastic signs would be useful; and they wouldn't provide the recycling value attractive to thieves.

An "active shooter" drill is scheduled at Chamois R-1 on Aug. 20, and Fatima R-3 on Aug. 23. "It's a learning experience for the faculty and emergency services," said Hoffman. "We're preparing for it right now."

OCHD

Osage County Health Department Administrator Kim Sallin reported five active cases of COVID-19 in the county with a probability of four more but she is awaiting official test results. The official total is now 1,722 with the death toll remaining at 16. This places the county eighth in the state for the number of cases per 100,000 population. That number has faded, however, to 26th in recent weeks. Sallin is grateful for the improvement.

The percentage of county citizens totally vaccinated has climbed to 33%.

A Substance Use Disorder Awareness Walk is scheduled to start from the Legends Bank Park across from the courthouse at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. The event is designed to raise awareness of opioid addiction. It's intended to provide education about the disorder and promote prevention strategies. It will be presented by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) in partnership with other organizations.

The county is now in receipt of \$1,322,277 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). However, no official guidance for fund disbursement is yet available.

SHERIFF

In recent years, court cases from the city of Owensville have been heard in Osage County.

"We've been facilitating their cases in our county for quite a while now," said Bonham, who is interested in asking for some compensation from outside interests like Owensville, which would offset some of the extra costs involved.

He provided a copy of Missouri Revised Statutes 488.5026.1, which allows for such a surcharge, as long as the proceeds are deposited into an inmate security fund. He also displayed an ordinance from the city of Cameron that does this exact thing. He urged the commission to consider such an ordinance for Osage County. Griffin is interested in reviewing a drafted statute for the county once one is written.

In addition, jail funding reimbursement has been raised by the state legislature. Bonham wants help for the county

to recoup costs by housing state inmates. They wait in the county jail, waiting for trial, or transport to state facilities. It's been difficult for counties to receive payment on these debts and Osage County has a past-due amount, although not nearly as large as other counties.

Bonham talked of the effect of the federal policy at the United States' southern border. A favorable environment for drug smugglers has multiplied methamphetamine pouring into the nation and Osage County is seeing the results. The glut of supply has driven down prices, and users are taking full advantage.

He mentioned a recent shooting in Jefferson City. An officer had stopped a car simply for expired plates. According to reports, the driver displayed a rifle and refused orders to drop it. The resistance escalated into an officer-involved fatal shooting of the suspect. "It's the climate we're working in right now," Bonham commented. Many incidents are drug-related.

There is concern about the appearance of some of the interior walls in the courthouse. Places where pictures were hung, but are now removed, are visible and less than attractive.

"When you walk in there, you want people to be proud," Trenshaw commented.

MISCELLANEOUS

A measure has passed in the state legislature that mandates counties imposing a use tax to notify vendors they must collect. Citizens buying from those companies must be notified of the tax at the time of purchase and a public service advertisement must be published to fulfill these requirements.

Trenshaw recently attended a meeting of the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District H. The organization wants to cost-share in projects similar to the plastic recycling bailer at the Linn MFA.

"They've got money to help," said Trenshaw, encouraging citizens with a related idea to contact him.

Commission approved paying bills from May 25 through June 7 as follows by department: 911/EMA (\$1,721.56), Assessor (\$3,647.50), Building & Grounds (\$827.75), Circuit Clerk (\$519.70), Collector (\$283.92), Commission (\$212.25), County Clerk (\$128.66), Elections (\$89.98), Health Department (\$2,276.94), Miscellaneous (\$5,010.75), Prosecuting Attorney (\$91.99), Road & Bridge (\$19,521.66), Sheriff-Jail (\$16,121.40), and Pentecostal Bridge (\$80): for a total of \$50,546.06. Commissioners directed the inclusion of a Pentecostal Bridge line item for the purpose of documenting costs to the county to pass on to Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc., Hills, of Iowa, the trucking company whose driver wrecked the bridge in August 2020.

Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin asked the commissioners to look over the Sales Tax Distribution Deposit Notices from May. Deposited June 4, the original sales tax yielded \$58,731.48, \$1,150.64 higher than 2020, which was \$8,292.64 higher than 2019. The 911 sales tax brought in \$64,559.26, \$2,144.04 lower than 2020, which was \$13,238.45 higher than 2019. The courthouse renovation tax pulled in \$64,559.25, \$2,144.06 lower than 2020, which was \$13,238.51 higher than 2019. The infrastructure tax paid \$32,264.32, \$1,068.88 lower than 2020, which was \$6,679.40 higher than 2019. The use tax netted \$27,643.14, \$18,460.82 lower than 2020, which was \$25,914.75 higher than 2019. The Proposition P Sales Tax for Law Enforcement brought in \$58,685.51, still in its first year.

Commission reviewed these expenditures through May 31, listed by department: 911 (\$286,963.04), Assessor (\$90,051.14), EMA (\$82,236.21), Road & Bridge (\$765,577.23), Building & Grounds (\$24,916.24), Circuit Clerk (\$3,807.40), Collector (\$42,057.43), Coroner (\$9,418.95), County Clerk (\$45,717.44), Commission (\$46,248.84), Elections (\$3,189.13), Employee Fringe Benefits (\$104,596.83), Jail (\$101,971.05), Juvenile Officer (\$9,694.06), Prosecuting Attorney (\$52,273.75), Public Administrator (\$18,512.06), Health Department (\$146,943.32), Recorder of Deeds (\$19,292.21), Sheriff (\$374,567.11), Other Government (\$3,679), Professional Organization Fees (\$20,728.50), Surveyor (\$6,000), Treasurer (\$19,047.75), and Transfers Out (\$6,600); for a grand total of \$1,059,250.97, 38.34% of budgeted totals. There were no expenditures from the emergency fund, leaving a balance of \$68,370.

There will be no commission meeting Thursday, June 17 as commissioners are scheduled to attend the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) West-Central Quarterly Meeting in Eldon.

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the opportunity to be heard and seen.

"They need to know this crisis may very well affect them, but it does not need to define them," she said. "This is not who they are, and it is okay to talk about this crisis and how it has changed their lives, and how as a community we can assist them in breaking the chains of addiction."

This event is hosted by Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) Rural Opioid Initiatives, the Meramec Region's Rural Opioid Program (MRROP), and Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI), in partnership with Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group (MAAG). Resource information will be available at the walk. Area residents are encouraged to join the walk or stop by the information booth to learn about resources for persons and families suffering from opioid use disorder.

Participants will meet at Legends Bank Park (across from the Osage County courthouse) on Main Street, where sign-ups will be available. The walkers will then travel along Main Street to Linn Printing, where they will have a rest stop and then turn around and proceed back to the starting point. Masks and social distancing will be encouraged.

Bellsmith noted that since the first U.S. COVID-19 diagnosis in January 2020, research has found increased anxiety, depression, traumatic stress, and substance use across the nation. Isolation, financial hardship, and fear of infection are just some of the many pandemic-related stressors that have disrupted lives and posed serious threats to mental health.

"This, on top of an already out of control epidemic of opioid misuse, needs to be addressed in all communities in mid-Missouri," she added.

OAYI is sponsoring these walks in eight counties in mid-Missouri this summer.

"OC-ADCAT is proud to be a part of this prevention awareness walk and the continued education of opioid-misuse prevention for youth, families, and communities," said Bellsmith. "In a perfect world, the best outcome would be that lousy drugs did not exist. The next best thing would be that children, youth, and families were completely free from the negative effects of opioid misuse and that the youth could obtain enough resilience to let them all lead their own best lives, without all the trauma that follows them now."

MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge noted that between 2015 and 2019, six people in Osage County died of drug overdoses. When neighboring counties of Maries and Gasconade are added there were 40 overdose deaths for that time frame with 21 of those deaths being opioid overdoses.

For more information on the walk, contact Christa Harmon at 573-265-2993 or by email at charmon@meramecregion.org. Pre-registration is not required.

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days were sent delinquency notices and three customers were sent letters.

* A second load of gravel is needed to complete the water reservoir contract and the easements have been taken care of.

* City officials will attempt to get Dudenhoeffer Logging on the insurance policy at the business's expense for the upcoming logging project.

* More quotes are being received for city property insurance.

* Research continues on the creation of ordinance concerning hunting on property located inside city limits.

* City Hall gutters need to be cleaned and lights need to be replaced.

* Officials met with attorneys on May 21 regarding the MoPERM liability case.

* Strope reported a citizen suggested putting gravel by the water tower standpipe to help prevent washout. Aldermen agreed it was a good idea and passed a motion to

implement the idea.

* Aldermen agreed to a suggestion by Koenigsfeld to change the meeting time to 7:30 p.m. from April through September.

* Two water leaks were reported to the city and will be repaired.

* Potholes reported during the previous meeting have been repaired, along with the washout on Pine Street.

* The sidewalk at the bottom of Main Street hill is still in need of repair.

* Clear water running through a drainage ditch will be investigated.

* Lightning also destroyed the fire repeater on the water tower.

* The treasurer's report showed expenses of \$12,296.60 and income totaling \$4,757.16, with \$12,587.31 in checking and \$11,581.78 in savings for a total of \$24,169.09.

* The next meeting will be held on July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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CONSERVATION AGENT Chad Gray shows Eliza Bauman, 10, and her father, Michael, how to bait a hook Saturday in their first visit to Ben Branch Lake. **PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON**

Free fishing event held at Ben Branch Lake Conservation Area

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LINN — Anglers and frog hunters had a blast on Saturday at Ben Branch Lake as the Missouri Department of Conservation offered a free fishing weekend.

Conservation Agent Chad Gray said the free fishing weekend, which is offered the first weekend following the first Monday in June, is a great way for families to spend time together outdoors.

“We like to get kids out in the outdoors early,” said Gray. “There are so many other things that occupy their time and we feel that if we can be proactive and get them outside where they can get their feet wet, mud under their fingernails, or catch a fish, then they’ll do it all their life.”

Everyone in Missouri is allowed to fish without a permit for these two days each year though limits on what is caught remain the same.

“We hope to expose more people to fishing who otherwise wouldn’t go,” Gray explained. “We want to provide an opportunity for them to get out.”

Ben Branch Lake Conservation Area is 10 miles north of Linn off Missouri Hwy. 89. The Conservation Department purchased most of this 512-acre area in 1978. Since then, additional land was purchased and the area is now 563 acres.

In 1983, 39-acre Ben Branch Lake was constructed. The lake began filling in October of that year and was opened to fishing in 1985.

“It’s a beautiful area,” said Gray.

In addition to stocked fish, including large-mouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, and channel catfish, the Ben Branch Conservation Lake Area also manages deer and turkey. Approximately 478 acres, or 83% of the area, is heavily wooded. Better soils in the area support white and black oak while post oak and black oak dominate the poorer soils.

Facilities on the lake include a 12-vehicle pull-off camping area, a fishing jetty, and privy accessible to persons with disabilities, and two large parking areas.

“We have some of the best resources in the state,” said Gray. “It’s unique here in Osage County, with tons of places to go to utilize nature.”

This year, more than 50 area residents took advantage of the free fishing weekend event at Ben Branch Lake, which was sponsored by Legends Bank, Linn Thriftway, Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Hale’s Hook & Hunt, Naught-Naught Agency, the Osage County Sheriff’s Office, and MFA.

“We’re grateful to our vendors for helping us put on this event,” said Gray.

Shelly Klebba of Legends Bank said the idea to sponsor the event came from Mary Ann Gelven, who thought Ben Branch was underused and could be showcased. Legends Bank provided door prizes while food

was donated by Linn Thriftway.

“This is a great community event and we need to have more things like this going on for families in the summer,” said Klebba. “There’s something for everyone and this is a great way to experience nature.”

Other areas of interest in Osage County include the Cooper Hill Conservation Area over Third Creek, along with access points at Bonnots Mill and Chamois.

“There are a lot of options for people who want to get out and enjoy the waters of Osage County,” said Gray.

The Ben Branch Conservation Area is open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.



ARIANNE GRAY, Thatcher Gray (6), Benson Gray (4) collect frogs at Saturday’s Ben Branch Lake free fishing event. (Above) Deputy Brandon Cole provided goodies to kids on Saturday at the Ben Branch Lake free fishing event. (Left) The Ben Branch Lake free fishing event on Saturday was sponsored by Legends Bank, Linn Thriftway, Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Hale’s Hook & Hunt, Naught-Naught Agency, the Osage County Sheriff’s Office, and MFA. Door prizes, goodie bags, and games were provided for those wanting a break from fishing. (Bottom Left)



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IN THE first six months of a project to recycle plastic wrap, Linn MFA has already met its annual goal of 20 tons as 34 different farmers have made 72 trips to the facility. Made possible by a \$10,000 grant approved in March by the Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD), the baler was purchased in mid-November.

MFA baler project a huge success

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LINN — Linn MFA outpaced by twice the number of anticipated tons of plastic wrap that would be recycled in just half the time, as in the first six months (December 2020 – May 2021) of baler operation, a total of 34 different farmers have made 72 trips to provide a total of 20 tons of donated agriculture plastic – the annual goal for recycled plastic.

The goal of this project is to reduce the amount of agriculture-related plastic (especially hay bale wrap) that is left in fields or burned. Made possible by a \$10,000 grant approved in March by the Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD), the baler was purchased in mid-November.

“This process has been very smooth,” said Linn MFA Manager Michael Rost, noting that this will benefit all farmers in Osage County, with bags provided to people in Meta and Chamois. “The way producers handle their plastic has been great. They’ve taken care of it and we appreciate that effort because it makes baling a lot easier.”

Although the project received approval from the Department of Natural Resources in late February 2020, COVID delayed the kick-off of the project until November of last year.

Rost was able to find a used baler that was within the \$10,000 maximum limit for the grant from MMSWMD.

Revolution Recycling of Arkansas provided 100 boxes of large plastic bags to distribute to interested farmers so they could store the used plastic wrap and then bring it to MFA in the plastic bag. Once the recycled plastic collected by Linn MFA has reached 40,000 pounds, Revolution Recycling will send a truck from

Little Rock, Ark., to pick up the bales. In their manufacturing plant in Arkansas, they will turn the waste plastic into new plastic pipes. Revolution Recycling will not charge for picking up the bales, but won’t provide any payment to Linn-MFA for the bales.

Rost said he has not contacted Revolution Recycling yet, hoping to get a few more bales in place to send a fully-loaded truck back to Arkansas.

Rost and his staff have provided a total of 90 hours of time operating the baler and supporting the recycling operation. Their time is valued at \$1,625. MFA has also added \$1,062 of materials in setting up the baler. The Osage County University of Missouri Extension Council contributed \$400 in 2020 and also a second \$400 contribution in 2021. These contributions total a match of \$3,487 or 72% of MFA’s project match of \$4,802.

This project is the first of its kind in the state of Missouri and may be replicated.

Producers are asked to use only bags provided by MMSWMD for this project so the district will be able to accurately estimate future costs of similar projects. However, Rost said that even if producers have not received collections bags, MFA will accept any amount of waste Ag plastic they have, even if it’s just a few bales worth. He noted that MFA has more waste collection bags available to be dispersed as well.

Silage/grain bags, bunker covers, greenhouse film, and drip tape are the primary recycling material to be accepted. The cleaner the wrap the more effective the recycling process is, but farmers should note that net wrap or twine under the plastic wrap, plastic jugs, or other waste materials cannot be accepted because contamination by these items could result in the cancellation of this pilot project.

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CARLY SCHOLLMAYER, left, Jack Schollmeyer, center, and Levi Weed, right, had a great showing at the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) world tournament held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., June 11-12. Details of the tournament are outlined in the story.

Chamois trio finishes strong at NASP world archery tournament

Jack Schollmeyer recorded 21 10s on his way to a 290 (out of 300) to earn second in the seventh-grade boys division, and third among middle school boys at the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) world tournament held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., June 11-12. He qualified with a 285 at nationals, good for 58th place overall as the top 100 were eligible.

Carly Schollmeyer of Chamois hit 17 10s and shot a 278 to finish first among fourth-graders and fourth overall among elementary competitors. She qualified for the world tournament with a score of 273

at nationals for 23rd place overall.

Levi Weed scored a 278 with 15 10s to earn seventh in the fifth-grade boys division and ninth overall among elementary archers. His nationals score of 270 earned him 50th place overall.

Also competing at the national tournament were Carley Brandt (262), Evert Mehmert (243), Erica Bledsoe (225), Raigen Cramer (215), Waylon Bracken (205), Emma Mehmert (182), William Froment (181), and Landen Northway (156).

The team was coached this year by Nick Schollmeyer.

Luebbering earns 16th at NASP world tourney

Following the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) nationals tournament, several members of the Fatima Archery team traveled to the world tournament June 11-12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

While there, sophomore Clint Luebbering shot 22 10s on his way to a 291 (out of 300) to earn seventh among his peers and 16th overall among high school shooters. He qualified for the event by finishing in the top 100 at the national tournament, scoring a 294 to earn 33rd among high school boys.

Rachel Temmen also qualified via the national tournament with a 291, good for 32nd place among high school girls but she was unable to compete in the world tournament.

Held the same week, also in Myrtle Beach, was an open tournament, at which Colby Kremer shot a 286 for third place in his division and seventh among high school archers.

Sophomores Kendall Gerloff (264 for 15th), Shelby Wankum (240 for 22nd), and Emma Buscher (229 for 25th) also competed in the open tournament.

At the national tourna-



SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Fatima Archery team traveled to the world National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) tournament June 11-12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. From left to right are Coach Jennifer Wankum, Shelby Wankum, Clint Luebbering, Kendall Gerloff, Colby Kremer, Emma Buscher, and Coach Denise Pittman. Details of the tournament are outlined in the story.

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ment, Fatima shot a 3409 to finish ninth in the nation.

Here are the remaining scores: Wyatt Berhorst (287), Meaghan Frank (286), Colby Kremer (284), Emma Bower (283),

Sophie Bock (283), Cody Berhorst (283), Benjamin Schroeder (282), Cameron Luebbering (281), Garrett Borgmeyer (278), Drew Ocheskey (277), Jacob Luebbering (277), Austin

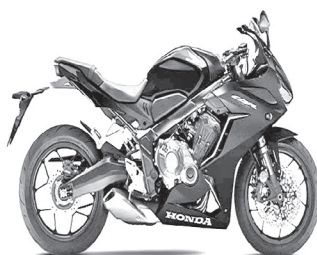
Kliethermes (273), Sabrina Luebbering (272), Alyssa Hoeller (270), Elizabeth Plassmeyer (270), Kendal Gerling (269), Mason Luebbering (267), Chloe Baumhoer (266), Sophie

Pfahl (265), Bailey Kirsch (264), Jenna Hale (252), Shelby Wankum (252), Emma Buscher (242), Jessica Steinman (238), Jessica Steinman (238), and Kate Kampeter (230).

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MEMBERS OF the Loose Creek 8U girls softball team are, from left to right, front row, Natallie Riegel, Sadie Atkins, Maria Gabelsberger, Chloe Fick, and Cora Stegeman; and in the back row, Coach Liz Wilbers, Makenna Haslag, Kynlee Wilbers, Kynlee Rehagen, Reese Wright, Taylor Wilbers, Grace Jaegers, and Coach Julie Jaegers.

Osage County Youth Sports



JOSEPH BRANDT slides safely into second base during Friday's game against Belle. More photos on Page 18.

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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, MISSOURI

In the Estate of **HAROLD P. JAEGER**
Deceased.

Case No. 21OS-PR00032

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To all persons interested in the Estate of **HAROLD P. JAEGER**, Decedent:

On June 1, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of **HAROLD P. JAEGER**, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

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Linn, MO 65051

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

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All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: July 6, 2020

Date of first publication: June 9, 2021

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June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2021

IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, MISSOURI

In the Estate of **CLEMENS HENRY RUDROFF**
Deceased.

Case No. 21OS-PR00031

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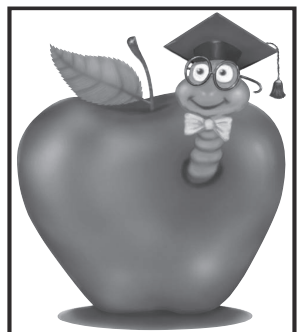
To all persons interested in the Estate of **CLEMENS HENRY RUDROFF**, Decedent:

On May 28, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of **CLEMENS HENRY RUDROFF**, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

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Farmington, MO 63640

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

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Date of first publication: June 2, 2021

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BASCOM LUCILLE F	PO BOX 237	LINN
BECKER RICHARD	PO BOX 87	FREEBURG
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BOOKE NICHOLAS	2090 E HWY 50 LOT 3	LINN
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BOSS MIKE	303 E MISSOURI AVE	CHAMOIIS
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BRANDT DARRIN J	662 HIGHWAY A	BONNOTS MILL
BRANT PATRICK F	106 N KLEBBA DR	LINN
BRIDGES BRANDI NICOLE	PO BOX 336	LINN
BRUEMMER ALAN L	598 COUNTY ROAD 401	LINN
BUSHER KEN	174CR 402	LINN
CHAMPLAIN CLAUDINE	607 E NATHAN ST	META
COLLINS ALEXANDRA	1102 LOOSE CREEK HWY	LOOSE CREEK
CRAWFORD CHRISTIAN	201 HWY 133	LINN
DITTO ASHLEY M	220 LUYSTOWN MILL LN	BONNOTS MILL
DONAHOO TREVOR	105 N LINNWOOD	LINN
DUFFY KATHERINE A	1644 HWY 50 E	LINN
ELKINS HOWARD	344 CR 631	RICH FOUNTAIN
EMBREE STEPHEN C	521 HIGHWAY J	LINN
ENGELMEYER CODY J	509 HECKER RD	META
FICK MATT J	4261 HWY 100	CHAMOIIS
GAINES MICHAEL A	101 W 6TH ST	CHAMOIIS
GANNON PAULINE E	RR 1 BOX 45P	WESTPHALIA
GARREAU KELLY	245 CR 402	LOOSE CREEK
GELVEN DON R	PO BOX 436	LINN
GELVEN JONNY S	PO BOX 436	LINN
GLAVIN PANS D	564 DUDENHOEFFER LANE	CHAMOIIS
HASLAG LUKE	320 COUNTY ROAD 603	LOOSE CREEK
HAYES ROBERT	PO BOX 165	CHAMOIIS
HEISLEN DALE	155 CR 620	LINN
HELMERING JAMIE	907 E LEE ST	LINN
HICKS LINDSEY MARIE	1935 HWY CC	LINN
HILKE DONALD R	GENERAL DELIVERY	ARGYLE
HOMETOWN LUMBER AND HARDWARE	PO BOX 650	LINN
JACOBS CLINTON D	PO BOX 4	META
JAHNSEN GARY D	215 TWIN RIDGE RD	LINN
KAMMERICH JASON	115 CEDAR PARK LANE	LINN
KOOPMAN MICHAEL	103 E GILBERT APT 3	FREEBURG
KRAUSE JAMES	31073 35TH ST	KOELTZTOWN
LAFFOLLETTE VICTORIA D	4310 HIGHWAY U APT 2D	FREEBURG
LANSFORD JACOB M	1319 E MAIN	LINN
LANSFORD MARY R	1319 E MAIN ST	LINN
LAWRENCE H M	HCR 64 BOX 402	BONNETS MILL
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LIBBERT DEBBIE	684 COUNTY ROAD 509	META
LUDWIG DALE	156 LOOSE CK HWY	LINN
LUTKEMEYER DONALD C II	131 COUNTY ROAD 600	LOOSE CREEK
LUKE CAMERON R	834 CR 314	CHAMOIIS
MADDEAUX NORA	104 HWY 89 S	LINN
MADDOX TRAVIS	4731 E HWY 50	LINN
MUENKS ADAM	471 CR 621	LINN
MULDONIAN MARIE V	1110 E MAIN ST BOX 165	LINN
NEIHART RHONDA	403 S 9TH ST	LINN
NEU LYN	C/O LYN D WITTMAN 2087 CR 602	LOOSE CREEK
NOLKEMPER LEESA	201 N KLEBBA DR	LINN
OCHOA JACKIE	PO BOX 232	LOOSE CREEK
OCHOA MANUEL G	PO BOX 232	LOOSE CREEK
ORSCHER WILLIAM	2828 HWY E	FREEBURG
PATTON DAVID B	37255 HIGHWAY 42	META
PETERS JAMES D	510 CR 423	BONNOTS MILL
PETERS PAULA	194 CR 420	LOOSE CREEK
PETERS ROSE	C/O ROXANNE CAIN PO BOX 304	WESTPHALIA
PLEIMANN LAVERNE	150 N LINNWOOD DR APT I	LINN
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RASMUSSEN CHRISTOPHER	524 CR 207	CHAMOIIS
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ROSEMANN HEATHER	PO BOX 567	LINN
S&J CONTRACTORS LLC	894 HWY 100	LINN
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THEEDE WILLIAM T	FAIRGROUNDS LN	LINN
THOMPSON BRITTANY L	1703 COUNTY ROAD 412	BONNOTS MILL
THOMPSON IMOGENE	PO BOX 784	LINN
TURNER LOIS	702 CR 314	CHAMOIIS
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WEED LINDSEY	507 N HWY 63	FREEBURG
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WILSON GEORGE L	RT 1 BOX 93	LOOSE CREEK
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CRAIG LAUGHLIN sends a pitch to the plate in Friday's 14U game against Belle. Above right, Tyler Bexten secures an out in center field for Linn. Below, Carson Kliethermes prepares to fire to first for a double play. Lower right, Jason Greer turns on a pitch for a hit in Friday's game.



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TRACK/BASEBALL PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON
AUBREY KIRSCH, and Curtis Falter compete at the district track meet held at Montgomery County. Below left, Jake Boyce rolls into the Eldon third baseman at districts. Below right, Maci Kloeppel pushes the ball at the Owensville tournament.

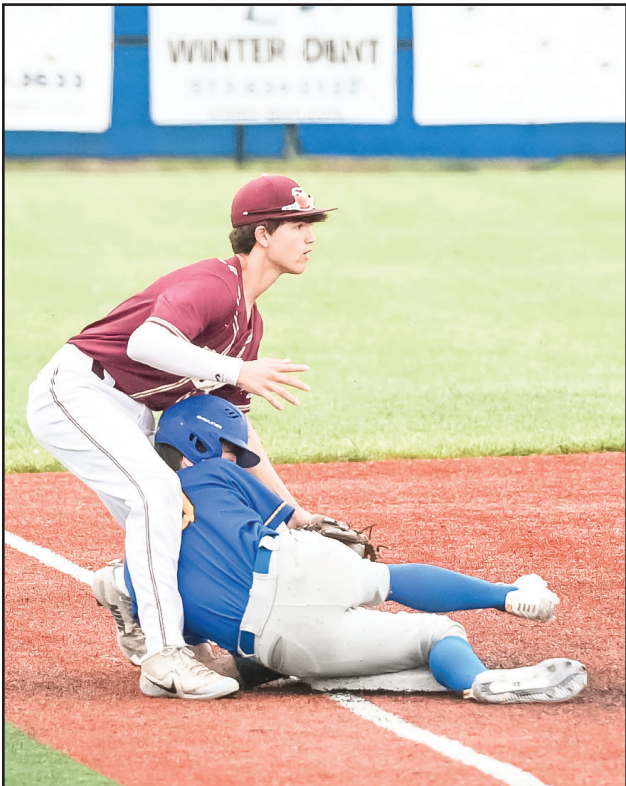


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Linn Track Awards



LINN HS girls track athletes recognized during Friday's award ceremony were Annaliese Bowser (Wildcat Pride), and Myra Baker (Leading Runner). Not pictured is Marly Houston (Leading Field Events).



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AFTER 19 years of coaching, Suann Bower has retired though she will continue teaching. Bower on Friday presented awards to her athletes for the final time and thanked them, parents, and volunteers for their support over the years. She also thanked her husband, Tim, with whom she coached for many years.



LINN HS boys track athletes recognized during Friday's award ceremony were Zach Dodson (Leading Field Events) and Trenton Burnett (Leading Runner). Not pictured is Gibson Tschappler (Wildcat Pride).



LINN JH track athletes recognized during Friday's award ceremony were Carson Kliethermes (Leading Runner) and Natasha Jewell (Wildcat Pride). Not pictured are Courtney Wood (Leading Runner/Field Events), Reid Baker (Leading Field Events), and Tyler Wolfe (Wildcat Pride).

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