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Chamois wins first case for a large outstanding water bill

BY THERESA BRANDT
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Chamois won its first case in small claims court against resident Julie Walls, who was ordered by Judge Sonya Brandt to pay \$3,267.62 for a large outstanding water bill, though she struck down the \$1,000 listed on the bill as a maintenance charge for pulling the meter.

“Michelle (Former Clerk Michelle Stanley) put it in the system wrong,” Mayor Elise Brochu said. “That was the tampering fee for turning the water back on after we turned it off.”

“Well, the judge didn’t know that,” Alderman Jim Wright said. “I didn’t even know that.”

Walls attended the meeting hoping to set up and payment plan and get her water turned back on.

Aldermen were empathetic but stood firm.

“Before we can turn the water back on, we’ve got to have that bill paid,” Wright explained. “I hate it but we’re not a lending institution. We’ve got to take care of everybody in the town.”

Wright urged Walls to go to the bank and see if it was possible to get a loan against the property to pay the city back and get the water turned back on.

Walls was hesitant to set up a payment plan with the city if the water was not going to be turned back on until the full bill was paid.

“We can’t turn it back on until it is paid in full,” Brochu said. “We’ve been through several payment plans already.”

Wright again urged Walls to go to the bank to talk to them about a loan.

“There is nothing wrong with that,” Wright said. “I’ve been there myself. I’ve had to go to the bank and borrow against my house.”

Wright offered to talk to the loan officer at the bank and do anything he could to help. “We’ll work with you and try to get it back on,” he said. “But we’re here for everybody, not just a few people.”

Per the court agreement, Walls was required to set up a payment plan or pay in full within 10 days of the judgment.

Aldermen approved a payment plan of \$100 per month until the bill was paid in full but the water for the property will not be turned back on until then.

“You might have been the first, but you aren’t going to be the only one whose going to be up there if they don’t work something out,” Wright said. “I’ve got a list.”

“So now we’re locked into a payment plan again,” Alderman Jeffrey Connor said.

“Well, there’s a little catch when that payment plan goes through the court,” Wright explained. “If you (default) on this one, it kills all your credit, every bit of it.”

Aldermen hope that this first case will encourage residents with outstanding bills to settle their accounts with the city instead of having to go to court.

In other business, regarding the overdue water accounts, Brochu noted that in going through the accounts with new city clerk Megan Birmingham, she noticed an alarming trend.

“I realized how many people have defaulted or who are sig-

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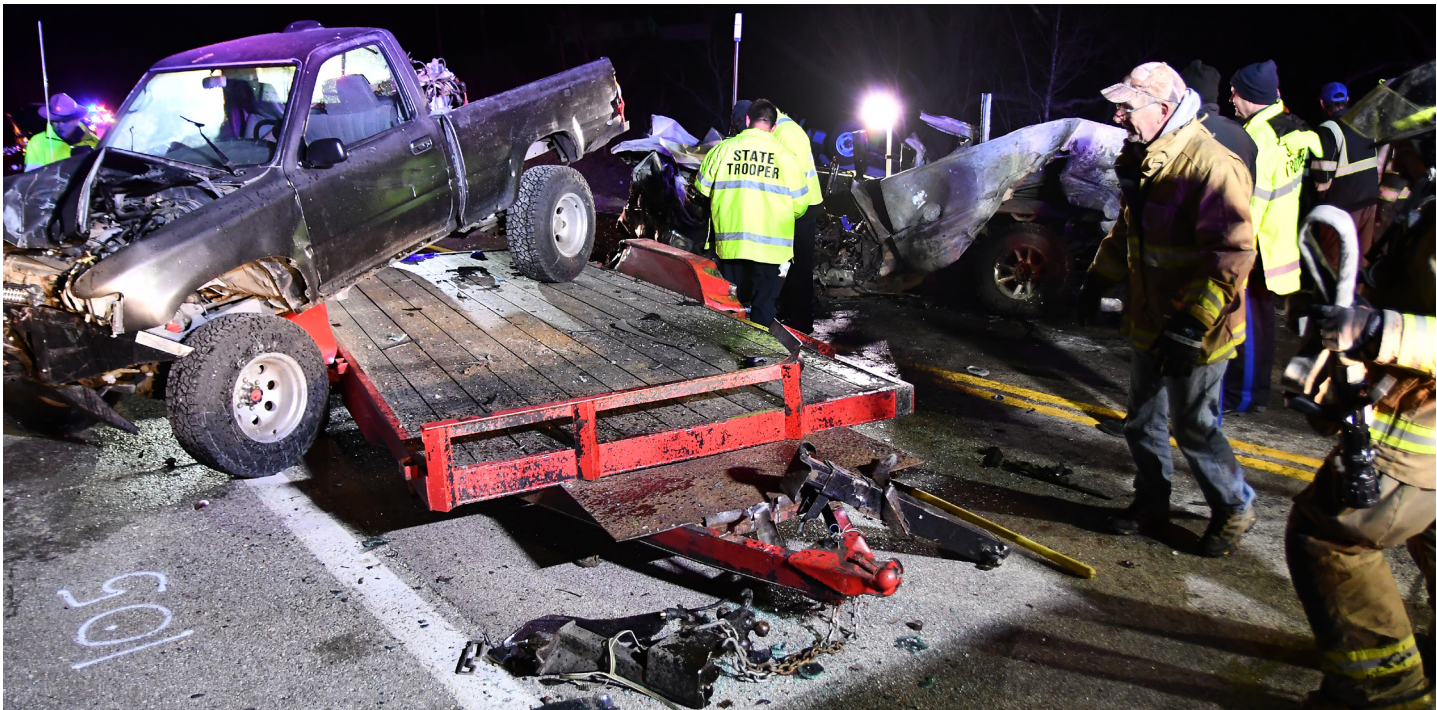


PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

MISSOURI STATE Highway Patrol Major Crash Unit investigators determined the Chevy Silverado pickup (center) destroyed in the head-on crash Friday on U.S. 50 in Osage County was struck by a Ford E-450 box truck which was attempting to pass another vehicle. Witnesses who arrived on scene almost instantly said that it appeared that both drivers died on impact. An effort was made to attempt to free Zachary M. Patchin from the Silverado before the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames. Quickly-rising flames made bystanders fear for their own safety after realizing that Patchin was likely deceased.

‘Improper pass’ cited by MSHP in head-on crash; both drivers die

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Both drivers in a head-on crash Friday afternoon on U.S. 50 east of Linn died after one of them made the tragic choice of passing in a no-passing zone.

Kale S. Durr, 22, St. Robert, Mo., was driving a westbound 2011 Ford E-450 box truck eight-tenths of a mile east of Route N when he “made an improper pass,” according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s report by Trooper Ty DeCramer. Based on findings from the Patrol’s Major Crash Unit, Kurr was “attempting

to pass a tractor-trailer” unit. Kurr was in the eastbound lane and apparently “did not see” the eastbound 1997 Chevrolet Silverado towing a utility trailer carrying a another pickup truck.

Zachery M. Patchin, 28, of Barnhardt,

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R-2 updates COVID-19 close contact procedure update

Students may return on day six following positive test under COVID-19 close contact procedure update

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The difficulty in acquiring COVID-19 tests has caused the Linn R-2 school board to modify the district’s procedure in the case of close contact with infected individuals.

“One of the problems we are running into with our current procedures is the unavailability of tests and so we’ve said they can come back on day 6 if they have a negative test,” Superintendent Dena Smith told the board at last Tuesday’s meeting. “Well, people are having a hard time finding tests so we need to talk about if we want to stay with that. Along with that, do we want to stick with our current quarantine procedures? We need some guidance. We also need to talk about just school in general. We had 150 kids out today and we were five subs short today. I think as of right now, I’m six short tomorrow. We’ve just been covering that in-house.”

Smith told the board that she has had people who felt like they should call off school to work through the process.

“If we were to do that, we have built-in days,” said Smith. “We would be okay unless we end up needing all those days for snow days.”

Smith informed the board that if they needed additional days, they could push summer school back a week but pointed out that there

was no way to tell when the surge of COVID cases would peak.

“I don’t even know if we’re at the worst of it yet,” said Smith. “Between COVID and influenza, staffing is becoming one of our biggest issues and when you have 150 kids out, there probably isn’t a whole lot of learning going on anyway.”

Smith asked the board if they still wanted students to have a negative COVID test if they were a close contact before they return on day six if they are asymptomatic.

“They would still have to mask days 6-10,” she added.

Smith noted she reached out to other districts to get information on what they were doing.

“Probably 80% of them at this point are identifying close contacts, notifying parents that (their) child was a close contact but allowing them to stay in school and be masked rather than sending them home and quarantining them,” said Smith. “I am not opposed to that if that’s something the board would be in agreement with.”

“How long are they masking? Like five days?” asked board member Hannah Swann.

“Ten. They still have to mask the full 10,” Smith replied.

“What are we doing now? If you’re a close contact are we sending you home?” asked board member Tye DeCramer.

“Yeah, for five days,” said Smith.

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Fatima R-3 will leave COVID plans in place

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Fatima R-3 school board members at their Jan. 19 meeting decided to leave COVID mitigation plans in place.

Superintendent Chuck Woody reported that COVID-19 had hit students, faculty, and staff hard, particularly members of the cafeteria staff. During the day of the meeting, two more staff members were reported as COVID-19 positive as well as a student positive in pre-school.

“They’re shutting schools down all over Missouri,” said Woody. “If you watch the news, it’s everywhere. I know that the attorney general has made a comment that lawsuits should be coming forth this week. I know Southern Boone, which is not very far away, in their January board meeting last night, did away with their mask mandate. Basically, they’re doing kind of what we have been doing since the middle of December. So going forward, according to the Missouri School Boards’ Association, as a school district, you seven are the governing body. You make the decisions of what takes place, not the attorney general.”

“My standpoint is we’ve got to let things proceed as much as normal,” said board member Matt Robertson. “This is obviously not going away. It hasn’t gone away. Mitigation processes have not worked. So, take the risk or not, I think our role is limited telling people how to live their lives.”

“Problem is that science doesn’t support it,” said VP Keith Huhn. “There’s just too many factors into it. Too many opinions ... both sides of the story.”

Board member Suzanne Massman said, “I’ve talked to a doctor at my work and she said ‘I foresee this being the new flu. This is the new flu. Kind of like influenza, you get vaccinated once a year by choice. I don’t see it going away.’”

Huhn asked if most adults that are positive show signs of

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OBITUARIES

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Rita Bax

1946-2022



Rita Mae Bax, 75, Westphalia, passed away Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Stonebridge Senior Living – Westphalia Hills surrounded by her family after a battle with ALS. She was born Feb. 10, 1946, to the late Wilfred F. and Esther Ann (Kliethermes) Luebbert in Jefferson City. She attended St. Joseph Catholic School and was a 1964 graduate of Fatima High School. Rita was united in marriage to Elmer Bax Oct. 17, 1964, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia. She was employed at International Shoe Company until 1970, spent the next 22 years providing child home care for her children, grandchildren and other children in the area and then worked for Scholastic for 18 years until her retirement.

Rita was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia. She enjoyed catering events at the Westphalia Lions Club, walking, fishing, playing cards, family gatherings and attending her grandchildren’s sporting events.

Rita was preceded in death by parents, Wilfred and Esther; granddaughter, Ashley Bax; grandson, Braden Bax; and brother, Levoy Luebbert.

She is survived by husband, Elmer of Westphalia; sons, Doug Bax and wife Donna and Curt Bax and wife Kelly, all of Westphalia; Mike Bax and wife Stacey of Wardsville; Keith Bax and wife Jill and Jason “Henry” Bax and wife Jody, all of Loose Creek; brothers, Stan Luebbert and Ron Luebbert and wife Abby, all of Westphalia; sisters, Phyllis Brandt and husband Ralph of Rich Fountain and Kathy Krough and husband Steve of Albuquerque, N.M.; sister-in-law, Margie Luebbert; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, with a great-grandson due in March.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 - 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home in Westphalia. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia with the Rev. Anthony Viviano officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to the ALS Association Mid-America Chapter or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home in Westphalia.

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

June Goodman

1934-2022



June Carollee Goodman, 88, Dixon, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. She was born Jan. 22, 1934, to the late Virgil and Charity (Martin) Brown.

She was united in marriage to Roland Meryl Goodman Sept. 1, 1956. June was a member of the Methodist church. She was preceded in death by husband, Roland; parents, Virgil and Charity; and brother, Virgil Brown, Jr.

June is survived by daughters, Carol Simmons of Nixa, Holly Fuller and husband, Bradford of Waynesville and Whither Dollarhide and husband, Tyrone of Ballwin; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. (today) Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the Dixon Cemetery in Dixon with Chad Strain officiating.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Dixon Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham Martin Funeral Home in Dixon.

Susan Smith

1944-2022



Susan Lee Smith, 77, Sturgeon, formerly of Linn, passed away Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at her residence. She was born Sept. 6, 1944, to the late Arthur Lee and Elsie Odessa (Blackwell) Helmers in Hermann. She attended Hermann Public Schools.

Susan was united in marriage to Roy L. Smith Oct. 5, 1961, in Montgomery City.

She was employed at Cheeseborough/Ponds (Unilever) in Jefferson City for 25 years.

Susan enjoyed playing Canasta, traveling, hosting parties and spending time outside on her deck. She is survived by her spouse of 60 years, Roy; son, Brian Smith of New Haven; daughter, Tracy Perkins and husband Stephen of Sturgeon; grandchildren, Jessie and Josh Smith, Heaven Moore and Dalton Perkins; and great-grandchildren, Xander and Colt Moore.

No services are planned as per the wishes of the deceased.

Memorial contributions suggested to Ronald McDonald House of Columbia or Central Missouri Humane Society in Columbia.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

William Johnson II

1980-2022



William Odell Johnson II, 41, Jefferson City, passed away at his home Sunday, Jan. 23. He was born March 19, 1980, to Donna and the late Don Johnson in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by father, Don.

William is survived by wife, Nicole of the home; mother, Donna Johnson of Jefferson City; siblings, Neal A. Johnson of Linn, Kathy Diggs of Eldon, Lorie Fitzgerald of Osborn and Terry Johnson and Amanda Johnson, both of Jefferson City.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, with services to follow at Freeman Mortuary in Jefferson City, with Fr. Jason Doke officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Eldon.

Arrangements entrusted to Freeman Mortuary in Jefferson City, www.freemanmortuary.com.

James Reynard

1933-2022



James Frederick Reynard, 88, Vienna, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, in Clark.

He was born July 9, 1933, to the late Willis James and Marguerite (Wheeler) Reynard in Des Moines, Iowa. He served his country in the U. S. Navy.

Jim was united in marriage to Mary Catherine “Cathy” (Humphrey) Reynard May 30, 1975, in Rolla. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Vienna.

Jim was employed by the University of Missouri, Columbia for 28 years until retiring in September of 1992. He was preceded in death by parents, Willis and Marguerite; and brother, Richard Reynard.

Jim is survived by wife, Cathy; step-sons, Eugene Rowden of Vienna and Mark Rowden of Dixon; four step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and sister, Greta Fink of Phoenix, Ariz.

Visitation will be held from 10 - 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 28, followed by the funeral service in the First Baptist Church in Vienna with Rev. Chris Slocum officiating.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Vienna.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

BY HB DODDS
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PENTECOSTAL BRIDGE NEGOTIATIONS MOVE PAST SALVAGE

Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes gave an update on recent negotiations on the Pentecostal Bridge. "I think we've made some headway," he said. "They've agreed to pay us what we've spent so far."

To remove the wreckage of the bridge comes to around \$74,000. The law firm retained by Eldon Stutsman Transport, whose driver wrecked the bridge, has agreed.

Now the process moves to replacing the crossing on CR 611 over the Maries River. Documents requested from the county include work done in the last 15 years.

"There's some more information they're looking for," said Kliethermes.

Stutsman's firm asked for names of past county foremen and their records. The county wants testimonies of impact to the community from the bridge not being there. If no settlement can be reached, a trial is set for March 2023.

"Now, it's how much our bridge is worth," said Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin. "Hopefully, they'll put us a bridge back. There was a bridge there before the truck came, and now there's not."

"With all this inflation, the replacement is going up," said Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw. "I would have thought they would have wanted to get it off the books right now."

He feels the longer it takes to settle the case, the more it will cost Stutsman and the county gets against inflation for restitution. It's a "lose-lose" situation, Trenshaw added.

Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker and his crew weathered the snow event Saturday, Jan. 15. There were no serious incidents. The snow didn't get deep enough on the flat gravel roads to impact the county's blades. Graders were fully deployed dealing with hills. By 5 p.m., it was melting and blades were just tossing slush, so he called them back.

"We didn't do anything in the flats," he reaffirmed, though Kempker did have grader operators watching the ditches and some work was done there.

The crossing on CR 723 that collapsed last week has been repaired and is passable. The culvert has been filled in and some rails are up to mark the roadway. Kempker is now researching a permanent fix.

Department employees hauled rock on CRs 262, 316, and 424; crew members performed service on Grader #06; crews placed object marker signs on CR 435 and repaired a crossing on CR 723; mowers worked on CRs 435, 436, 731, and 710; and graders worked on CRs 201, 203, 205, 206, 207, 236, 301, 302, 303, 306, 310, 318, 423, 513, 522, 524, 525, 608, 609, 612, 637, 638, 701, 723, 724, 805, and 806.

911/EMA

Osage County 911/EMA Director Ron Hoffman has been studying a new phone system and considering replacing the Emergency Operations Center Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) system. One product he's investigating is now in use at the Gasconade County EOC. Switching to it would allow the two counties to cooperate in the case of an emergency outage for one of them. Workers from the county whose system is disabled would be able to work from the other county's facility. They could log on, and resume. It's compatible with the Automated Vehicle Locating (AVL) recently installed in Osage County law enforcement and other emergency vehicles. Also, Hoffman hopes to be able to secure a grant with which to purchase it. Mapping is integrated within the software so it could also save the county money by not having to renew the current mapping program.

Osage County 911 dispatchers expressed gratitude to Osage County Building and Grounds Janitorial and Maintenance Worker John Kennedy, who made multiple trips to the Osage County Administration Building (Annex) where the EOC is housed. He cleared walks and parking spaces for employees working through the snowy weather. Hoffman expressed their thanks to commissioners. "It's nice of him," added Trenshaw.

OCHD

Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin has her hands full as the omicron variant of COVID-19 rages through Osage County.

"They're coming in as fast as I'm taking them off," she said, commenting on her caseload.

At the time of her report, there were 190 active cases, with three county citizens hospitalized. "It's a little crazy right now," she added. The new bug is far more contagious than its already very contagious predecessors but it's making for more mild illnesses. With that many cases, though, it doesn't take a high percentage to produce many sick patients. Cases that have broken through vaccination, in particular, continue to be less serious.

One serious byproduct of the recent surge is a shortage of testing supplies. OCHD's stock has dwindled so much that Sallin no longer offers them to the public.

"Please don't walk up to my office," asking for a test, she said.

"Do what you think is necessary with the resources you have available," said Trenshaw.

Commissioners understand and agree with her policy.

Sallin is aware of four more cases of influenza, bringing the total she's aware of to 14. She continues to emphasize though, there's more out there. "We only get reports from two doctors' offices," she reminded commissioners.

CONGRESSMAN LUETKEMEYER'S OFFICE

Special Assistant Kevin Douglas from Missouri Third District Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office visited commissioners on Thursday, Jan. 20 as part of his campaign to converse with all counties in Luetkemeyer's district.

When commissioners asked him how things were going in the United States Capital, he responded, "Right now, Nancy Pelosi's blocking consideration of anything with an 'R' or related to the color 'red.'"

Commissioners were empathetic with Douglas's assessment.

"We hope that changes in November," Douglas concluded.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioners approved paying bills from Jan. 4 through Jan. 14 totaling \$65,737.81 as follows by department: 911/EMA (\$13,259.27), Assessor (\$9,071.81), Building & Grounds (\$61.84), ARPA \$11,939.76, Coroner (\$2,285.42), County Clerk (\$140.63), OCHD (\$1,128.38), Miscellaneous (\$1,016.32), Prosecuting Attorney (\$163.50), Road & Bridge (\$30,530.43), and Sheriff-Jail (\$6,140.45).

Commissioners also approved paying \$2,631 in annual membership dues to the Missouri Association of Counties and signed outgoing checks.

Meramec Regional Planning Commission Environmental Programs Manager Tammy Snodgrass will conduct a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.



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Alcoholics Treatment Center.....1-800-260-4014	Freeburg.....744-5348	
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	Meta.....229-4600	
	Morrison.....294-7300	
	Osage (Taos).....634-6351	
	Owensville.....437-2195	
	Westphalia.....455-2181/2840	
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		Community Ambulance.....229-8902
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		Ozark Central.....859-3168

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911

Court Records



JUDGE SONYA BRANDT
Bryor L. Bogle, Bland, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.
Megan L. Dorward, Columbia, pleaded guilty to speeding (6-10 over); fined \$60.50.
Tate R. Heislen, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.
Seth J. Kliethermes, Raymondville, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.
Francine M. Martin, Ballwin, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.
Seth T. Muenks, Bonnots Mill, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.
Levi L. Struempf, Meta, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

DISSOLUTION
Ashley R. Jackson v. John H. Jackson, Florissant, dissolution without children; marriage is dissolved, with no maintenance to either party and each to retain their own property; petitioner's maiden name of Luker is restored.

CITY OF LINN V.
Seth J. Rodriguez, Sedalia, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

CITY OF OWENSVILLE V.
William T. Mogensen, Owensville, pleaded guilty to defective equipment; fined \$100.

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County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022 and Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022:

Dane Scott Gearhart, 46, Hermann, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 16, by another agency on multiple warrants issued by another agency; released Jan. 18.

Jeremy Robinson, 41, Jefferson City, was arrested Monday, Jan. 17, by Linn Police Department on allegations of driving while revoked; released same day.

Holly Kliethermes, 26, Jefferson City, was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 18, by Missouri State Highway Patrol on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Kolby Thomas Vinson, 19, Owensville, was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 18, by Linn Police Department on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

Michael Anthony Gianakis, 55, Linn, was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 18, by another agency on a warrant issued by another agency; released Jan. 20.

Sarah Louise Coots, 38, Linn, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 19, by Missouri State Highway Patrol on allegations of stealing; released same day.

Dennis Dale Czeschin, 58, Bland, was taken into custody Wednesday, Jan. 19, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; release Jan. 21.

Ronald Lee Stubblefield, 65, Belle, was taken into custody Wednesday, Jan. 19, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; in custody.

Remember When... from the pages of our past

**100 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED
DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 12, 1922**

Following their election at a previous meeting, the newly elected officers of Linn Lodge A.F. & A.M. were installed at a regular meeting of the lodge held Saturday night. Worshipful Master, Delbert Ferguson, Senior Warden, Logan P. Wills; Junior Warden, Ed Campbell. Other officers re-elected are: J.A. Ferrier, secretary, and August Gove, cashier. The appointal officers are yet to be elected.

The people of Frankenstein have organized a Federal Farm Loan Association with Daniel Kennedy as president, John Koenigsfeld, vice-president, and Raymond Huesgen, secretary. The directors are John Koenigsfeld, Dan Kennedy, Adolph Kremer, Anton Gabelsberger and Joseph Huesgen.

**75 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED
DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 16, 1947
Right of Way from
Chamois to Deer**

Residents along the Deer to Chamois road which formerly ran along and through Deer Creek, will be able to get to and from town and home through the action of the Osage County Court last week.

Heavy rains have washed out the old county road and little work has been completed on the new Route K which eventually will be a Farm-to-Market road from Deer to Chamois. In order to afford temporary relief for people in that vicinity, the court has signed a right-of-way agreement and will make repairs necessary for travel over the road, until the permanent road is constructed.

Foxes Caught Chickens too Close to Home

A foursome of fierce hunters broke the sabbath stillness over the Henry Even farm near Westphalia a week ago Sunday, when Frank and Herert Mertensmeyer and August and Gussie Boessen killed a red fox while on the same hunt they missed an elusive gray renard.

The wiley foxes carry a premium on their heads for their marauding visits to Albert Hilkmeyer's chicken farm when in three nights last summer they killed 32 four-pound chickens and scattered the carcasses over the farm-not even taking a bite out of some of them. Mr. Hilkmeyer has offered a bonus of \$2 per head for each fox killed on the Even farm, it having become necessary last summer to move his flock of chickens to others

quarters when the foxes began to make their visit too regular and destructive.

**50 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED
DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 13, 1972**

Postmaster Retires; Facility Closed

Effective Friday, Jan. 7, the U. S. post office at Rich Fountain was officially closed. John Holtschneider, who had served as the postmaster there the past 33 years, retired on that date.

The post office had 33 patrons who received mail through the facility. These people will be served by Freeburg R. 1, and Linn R. 2 carriers.

Closing procedures were carried out by the postal inspector at Jefferson City under the direction of the Postal Service district office in Springfield.

**1971 Marriages in
County Compared to
Years Past**

Nineteen seventy one proved to be a normal year as far as the issuance of marriage licenses was concerned. Sixty eight couples took out licenses in Osage County. This compares with 53 in 1970.

Ten years ago (1961) 64 couples took out licenses here, four less than the past year. Fifty years ago (1921) exchanging of wedding vows was even more popular than at the present when 74 couples had marriage licenses issued in Osage County. This was just at the end of World War I and may have accounted for the large number.

Twenty five years ago, just after World War II, was the most popular wedding year of the years checked. During 1946, 97 couples applied for marriage licenses in the county.

The decrease in marriage licenses issued here in recent years may be due to the modern transportation methods. Many couples travel to the Capital city and residents on the north end of the county go to Hermann where licenses may be issued.

**Churches Unite in
Day of Prayer**

A day of prayer for Christian Unity will be observed by the three churches in Linn and those of the surrounding area Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. This is the first event of its kind in the history of this area. It will be held this year at St. George Church in Linn. Officials hope it will be an annual occurrence.

**25 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED
DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 15, 1997
Freeburg still seeks site**

for town hall, firehouse, maintenance building

The Freeburg Board of Trustees last week continued discussing the need to acquire land on which to build a firehouse, town hall and maintenance garage.

"We are no closer to building than we were nine months ago when we had the election," Trustee John Hilke said Jan. 6.

Residents of Freeburg approved a quarter-cent sales tax last April for construction of the proposed building, but to date the trustees have been unable to find a suitable site that is for sale.

Hilke, who also is the chief of the volunteer fire department, wants the town to approach the Rev. Richard Frank, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, to see if the church would donate land for the building.

"I'd like to have it along U.S. Highway 63, but I don't think we're going to find a lot," Hilke said.

Six different locations were discussed at the meeting, but none appeared to be for sale.

Area churches received grant for nurse minister

Zion-St. Peter United Church of Christ at Pershing and St. James UCC at Morrison have both received \$200 grants to begin a parish nurse ministry.

Bonnie Kelly will be working at Zion and Nancy Dillahunt at St. James. Both are professional registered nurses.

Dillahunt is a newly commissioned church nurse, having recently received training at the Missouri School of Religion's Center for Rural Ministry in Jefferson City.

Kelly received her nurse training at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis and worked as a parish nurse at Pilgrim UCC in St. Louis before moving to Pershing in 1994.

The role of the nurse in a congregational setting is to clarify the relationship of faith and health and to promote positive healthy behavior. It can take many forms but usually falls under the categories of listener, health educator, health consultant, volunteer coordinator, support-group organizer, resource provider and health screener.

MSR provided the seed money through a grant received from the Presbyterian Church USA.

Chamois Board Ponders Switch to Three Rivers

The City of Chamois may be turning on a new electric company later this year. The Chamois Board of Adlemen is exploring the possibility of switching

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OUTDOORS IN THE OZARKS

A Special Place to Remember a Better Time

What I would like to leave behind me when I am gone and forgotten, originated in a dream from 30 years ago. That is when I began to think about a special museum somewhere between Cabool, Houston and Licking along highway 17 concerning the old time Ozarks and old days Ozarkians, and my beloved Big Piney River, where I spent so much of my boyhood exploring the length of it. In Arkansas, I worked as the first Naturalist for the State



by **LARRY DABLEMONT**

Park system right out of college in 1971, I really got into constructing interpretive centers for four or five of the largest state parks. Then I continued it when I went to work later as a naturalist for the National Park Service on the Buffalo River.

A museum about the Big Piney's Ozark country and people, would draw thousands of visitors and I know exactly how it could be done on only an acre of land, effectively and economically, IF I can create a group of people to

dedicate time and money to doing it. A large bit of the money to accomplish such a thing, became available when I purchased land along panther creek in St. Clair County to use as a kid's retreat. It was a place for small churches to bring underprivileged children. We had fifty acres, a beautiful little creek and a 4-bedroom lodge and 2 cabins. During that time, churches brought from 15 to 25 kids at a time for as long as they wanted to stay, any season of the years. We had canoes and kayaks for the kids, clay pigeon shooting and a big field for all types of sports from softball to hockey. The former owner of the land gave it all to us for fifty thousand dollars. Donors from all around the Ozarks helped us make it work and in those 3 years the "Panther Creek Retreat" had nearly 1,000 visitors. In a future column, I will tell all about it, and in a book I will release soon, "The Justice of St. Clair County" I will tell the story of how a neighbor and two corrupt lawyers and two corrupt judges attempted to destroy it. My youngest daughter and a couple of lawyers saved the place for me, but it took 6,000 dollars and two years to get it done. The book is one that you will not believe. I remember asking God why he would allow a project like that, which never made anyone a penny and helped so many kids, to be destroyed by evil people wanting money and greedy for land which they didn't own.

But the unthinkable happened. As I was so depressed about it, after being involved in a tractor accident while trying to mow parts of it, I realized that I was just not able to keep it going as I should by myself. We couldn't hire anyone with no incoming funds. That night, as I sat wondering what to do, changing bandages from the tractor accident cuts and scrapes, a man called me and ask if I wanted to sell the kids retreat. He was a relative of a famous, big-name baseball player, and he paid me cash for the land and allowed me to keep the big 4-bedroom home and one acre, to rent or sell to someone later. I was

paid four times what I had purchased it for!

With that money, I started thinking the dream of the Big Piney museum could become a reality! And it could work to make life better for underprivileged Ozark kids. It is time to start doing it, instead of dreaming about it. On Friday evening Mar 4, I am going to come to Houston and spend the evening, hopefully talking to folks about this project. I am not coming to solicit money, I am coming to talk with volunteers who will help get it started with their dedication and work.

In my years as an Ozark Naturalist and writer, I have amassed a tremendous amount of information through hundreds of interviews, about the Ozark people of another time and the river that is one of the most amazing streams in the Midwest. To see a little taste of what I am talking about, stop sometime at the Houston Chamber of Commerce building at the Northeast corner of the town on Highway 17 and look at the small exhibit I have set up there, as well as an old Big Piney wooden Johnboat and the very first aluminum johnboat ever made for Ozark rivers in 1952. ...Serial number 0001.

This museum is something that is going to happen, if I have to do it alone. I have enough to fill two museums, but it would be a place where Texas Countians can place historic items as well. If I can get help, this will be something spectacular a couple of years from now. If you will come join me on March 4, I will tell you how my experiences making nature centers in Arkansas gives me an insight into making it something beyond a museum. I don't know where I will conduct this meeting, but I will have local newspapers in Texas county give info and location next week.

And remember me writing so often about the Houston Pool Hall where I worked as a kid? I have one pool table and one snooker table from that place where I spent so much of my boyhood. Both were made long before I was

born. I want both of them in that museum, being used every day by visitors who drop in. More about all this next week. Give it some thought, and you can email for more info, or to give me your input at lightninridge47@gmail.com, or call 417-777-5227 to talk with me direct.



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These two Big Piney Beavers are likely the biggest ever taken in the U.S. — 90 pounders. Taken in 1952, the story behind them belongs, with photos, in a museum.

DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

Bob Clouser Made his mark fly fishing for Smallmouth Bass

A faction of eastern fly fishers who hang their hats on smallmouth bass cling to a small set of heroes. One of which is Bob Clouser. Most recognize Bob as the inventor of the ever famous Clouser Minnow. He is also an expert fly fishing instructor, guide, and author of countless articles and books on the sport



by **BRANDON BUTLER**

of fly fishing.

Bob Clouser is not your typical fly fishing expert. He's not a famed trout guide from the Rocky Mountains who has not spent years drifting the 100-mile riffle of the Madison or leading adventures to opposite ends of the earth in search of monster trout. Bob has made his mark on the sport of fly fishing by staying true to

what he loves, Pennsylvania and smallmouth bass.

When Bob was 14, his father bought him a gift. Little did Mr. Clouser know, his simple gift would eventually lead to immortalizing the Clouser family name in certain angling circles. The fly tying kit Mr. Clouser picked up for his son not only changed Bob's life forever, but it changed the look of fly boxes across the world.

Fly fishing is art. And a huge part of the art is the creation of hand tied flies. Very rarely, a new fly is tied that changes the game. I doubt if Bob sat back after tying his first Clouser Minnow and realized how extraordinary his fly would become, but time has now erased all doubt. Since Bob tied the first Clouser Minnow in 1985, he and others have proven its value across the globe.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Clouser Minnow, it is a type of fly referred to as a "streamer", which are meant to imitate bait fish. Streamers are usually pulled through the water by stripping the line back towards the fisherman. Clouser states fly fishing icon Lefty Kreh caught 86 species of fish on the Clouser Minnow. I asked Bob about his good friend and fellow fly fisherman, Lefty Kreh, and he replied, "Lefty and I were great friends for a long time. We fished together for years. What I don't understand though, is how he always caught the biggest fish. There must have been something he wasn't telling me."

Bob Clouser's big break may have come with the creation of his Clouser Minnow, but he hasn't been resting on his laurels since. Bob has continued to guide,

instruct fly tying and casting, speak at events, and write for decades. His two books are already becoming collector's items. Clouser's *Flies and Fly-Fishing for Smallmouth in Rivers and Streams* are both books every serious fly fisherman should take the time to explore. *Fly-Fishing for Smallmouth in Rivers and Streams* is a must read for anyone in the Midwest who thinks fly fishing is a western sport. Both of his books are available at most fly shops and online.

Bob Clouser has played an instrumental role in opening the door of fly fishing to many of us who live nowhere near a trout stream. Although his travels have taken him around the globe in pursuit of countless species of fish, his love of fly fishing for smallmouth bass has never diminished. "I hope my last trip is for smallmouth on the Susquehanna River," Bob assured me. If you're ever in the Middletown, Pennsylvania area, stop by and visit with Bob and the crew at Clouser's Fly Shop. It should be an experience to remember.

Too many have never considered the possibility of fly fishing right here in the Heartland of America. Our local rivers, creeks, and streams may not paint a picture as breathtakingly beautiful as the Missouri River in Montana or the Henry's Fork in Idaho, but the waterways around here are full of fish, and its fish we are after.

See you down the trail...

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BOB CLOUSER INSTRUCTS ON HOW TO TIE HIS FAMOUS CLOUSER MINNOW.

New adult education and literacy classes offered in Belle

East Central College's free Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program will begin a new session of classes in Belle.

Classes will meet Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 203 W. 2nd St. Amber Hendrix, of Belle, a full-time teacher at Owensville High School, will serve as the instructor.

Students can register online at www.eastcentral.edu/acl/ or by calling the AEL office at 636- 584-6533.

In addition to the classes in Belle, there are day classes available in Franklin and Phelps counties, including Sullivan, Union, Washington and Rolla, and evening classes in Franklin, Crawford, Gasconade, Montgomery, and Phelps counties.

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nificantly behind on their agreements that we were not aware of,” Brochu said. “I think we should think about doing away with the payment plans for anybody who isn’t current on theirs and doing something different.”

Brochu is still in favor of keeping the shut-offs at 60 days.

“I don’t want everybody who’s had a rough month to come in and have to throw themselves at our mercy,” Brochu explained. “If you are having a rough month, you are having a rough month.”

“Sixty days isn’t going to be that bad,” Wright agreed.

“But we can’t just keep having these balances out there,” Brochu said. “I thought we were shutting people off when they defaulted on their payment plans but as I looked through them, some of them were making payments every two months and we can’t have that.”

Brochu had started to compile a list of all the customers with payment plans and their payment history. Although the list is not complete, she estimates that 80% of the people aren’t adhering to the payment plan. Brochu said that it is only fair if the city honors the payment plans that residents are keeping current.

“We can just let those ride because they are doing what they said they would do and it’s reasonable to assume they will continue,” Brochu said. “And if they default, we just don’t give them another payment plan.”

Brochu wants to sit down with the aldermen and go through the list of outstanding bills and write off the ones that for whatever

reason the city will not be able to collect. Aldermen plan to pursue a way to collect remaining bills with outstanding balances even if it means shutting off water meters and going to court.

“I think a lot of these people, we just need to talk to them and get them to cough up some money,” Wright said. “It just takes time. We have to get their attention.”

* Aldermen decided they would plan to hire a city marshal in 2022 and that they would pay the additional insurance to cover that. The cost to the city is a flat, annual fee of \$1,800.

Aldermen still must decide how they will handle tickets and citations that a city marshal would write. The city has the option of setting up its own municipal court or having the citations sent through the county. Paperwork must be filed once this decision is made before a city marshal can be hired.

* A business license for Chamois Ag Supply was approved.

* Aldermen approved outstanding bills for the month totaling \$15,437.61.

* The city of Chamois has the following account balances: cemetery (\$10,206.17), city cemetery (\$19,921.69), city park (\$2,456.59), general fund (\$38,463.71), meter deposits (\$22,424.43), sewer (\$50,092.73), sewer bond reserve (\$26,583.78), sewer repair (\$6,902.62), water (\$151,528.10), and water repair (\$28,851.78.)

* Chamois holds five certificates of deposit totaling \$12,066.90.

* The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

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information provided by MOSERS due to the implementation of GASB 68 increased by \$3.3 million offset by a \$6 million decrease in the principal balance of revenue bonds due to principal payments made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and a \$3 million decrease in the total other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability related to plan changes.

For the year ending June 30, 2021, the college finished with a net position, including all assets (at cost or depreciated cost) less liabilities, of \$32,200,457, up from the previous year’s net position of \$28,935,900.

The school had operating revenues of \$17,454,106, non-operating revenues of \$22,496,076 and other revenues of \$3,222,461, and operating expenses of \$22,453,980.

According to the audit, operating revenues increased by \$3.2 million in fiscal year 2021, which saw a 9.4% increase in credit-hour production that resulted in \$2.3 million more in tuition and fee revenue. The remaining \$9 million increase was the result of increased revenue from auxiliary activities. Non-operating revenues increased by \$4.3 million. This increase reflects increases in the operating appropriation received from the state of Missouri and Coronavirus relief funds. Other revenues, expenses, gains, or losses decreased by \$3.7 million. State appropriations decreased but were largely offset by grant revenue from the Economic Adjustment Assistance, 2018 Disaster Supplemental used in the construction of

the Utility Technology Center. The remaining \$9 million increase was the result of increased federal grant revenue related to the State Technical College airport and Coronavirus relief along with significant in-kind donations.

One of the financial strengths of the college is the diverse stream of revenues, which supplement its student tuition and fees.

In addition to tuition and fees, the college collected \$3.7 million from auxiliary activities and \$500,000 from other sources.

Operating expenses increased \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2021 due to \$1.2 million in increased supplies and material related to assets placed in services that were below the capitalization threshold, a \$1.7 million increase in scholarships related to enrollment growth and coronavirus relief, a \$1 million increase in communications related to advertising, and a \$4 million increase in other operating expenses, offset by the \$8 million decrease in compensation and employee benefits related to GASB 68, and a \$.1 million decrease in contractual services.

In other financial news, Jacobs told Regents that cash on hand from June 30, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2021, totaled \$10,754,160, which is down from the same period in 2020 (\$12,621,512), but net accounts receivable was at \$5,128,209, compared to \$1,561,541 in 2020. These variations were caused by timing differences in accounts receivable payments, Jacobs noted.

Total liabilities and net position as of Dec. 31, 2021, totaled \$79,980,907.

Other business will be presented next week.

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“In the lower grades, have you seen any evidence that they’re transmitting it amongst each other?” asked board member Dr. Shawn Strong.

“We really are just now starting to see elementary-aged kids getting it and what we’ve seen so far have been primarily home contacts,” said Smith. “I will say in kindergarten we have two out of the same room that have it now. Elementary contacts seem to be more at-home transmissions.”

“I’m okay with masking up and watching for symptoms, myself,” said Dr. Strong.

The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan was reviewed and unanimously amended to state that students who have been excluded from school as close contacts can return to school on day six without a negative test if they are asymptomatic. They must still mask on days 6-10. Additionally, the district will still identify close contacts at school, but will not exclude those close contacts from school. Parents will be notified that their child is a close contact and that they must mask at school for 10 days. If they do not develop symptoms, they may remain in school.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

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infection.

“Lynn (Reasons) and I have had many conversations. I would say 99 percent of the ones she’s tested have symptoms,” said Massman of the school nurse.

“We can take all the precautions we want to but I know what happens in Osage County on the weekends,” said board member Coby Holzschuh. “Hundreds of kids gather every weekend. We can only do what we can.”

“Not much was made for opposition from anybody. I say go with the plan for the assemblies,” said President Doug Luebbering.

In other business, board members unanimously approved a formal resolution to support a foundation that was created to support the district.

“Something that we’ve been working on for almost a year is the establishment of a foundation for Fatima,” Superintendent Chuck Woody said. “We got that piecerolling in conjunction with Meramec Regional Planning Commission, as you seven here know. We have a board established and they have taken that piece over. The way it is set up currently is that the board can make changes within their own decisions but I would meet with them based on the needs of the district.”

Woody contacted the Missouri School Boards’ Association (MSBA) to ensure that he wasn’t missing anything.

“The seven of you and myself ... we do not have any voting or governing power over that foundation,” he said. “They are a separate entity from the district. It is just to benefit the district. What MSBA did is draft this resolution for us and recommend that we adopt that to show our support of that foundation.”

The resolution reads, “Whereas members of the community have expressed an interest in establishing a foundation to support the Osage County R-3 School District and whereas the Board of Education of the Osage County R-3 School District believes that community partnerships are an important component of successful schools and whereas the creation of a foundation will provide support for district programs. Be it resolved that

the Board of Education of the Osage County R-3 School District vigorously supports the creation of a foundation for the benefit of the Osage County R-3 School District.”

* Bills totaling \$419,362.58 were approved.

* The school will have a guest speaker on Feb. 10 who will discuss mental health and substance abuse.

* Summer school will be held from June 1-28.

* Kindergarten screening will be open March 2-3.

* Carol Berhorst was hired as a full-time substitute, effective Jan. 6.

* The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

REPORTS

Woody informed board members that the district’s meeting on Feb. 16 would be preceded by a dinner prepared by Ag students at 6 p.m. to celebrate Ag Week.

* Woody told the board that they need to move the April board meeting date due to the school board election.

“According to MSBA we have to do it within 14 days,” he said. “According

to Osage County Clerk, they have two weeks to verify the results. So those are two conflicting areas. What I wrote down according to MSBA was April 19 was the latest we could do it.”

Board members voted unanimously to change the meeting date to April 13 due to the election.

High School Principal Sharyl Kelsch reported the semester ended well despite having to extend some deadlines for grades due to several students being out during finals.

* Kelsch informed the board that the district had four early graduates and six students are currently doing the flex-work program.

* An academic lab instituted by Kelsch this year to help freshmen make the transition from junior high to high school is going well.

“Last year 20 freshmen had Fs at the end of the first semester,” she said. “This year, we only had 15 that had Fs so I feel like that was a bit of success. In general last year at the end of the first semester, we had 564 Fs issued to the high school. This year we only have 377. That is a plus in my world.”

* Kelsch announced that in March, Tina Meier from

the Megan Meier Foundation would be speaking to students at Fatima concerning bullying and suicide prevention.

“She is going to speak at Linn in the morning and here in the afternoon. Then in the evening, she will do a presentation here,” said Kelsch.

The Megan Meier Foundation was founded in memory of Meier’s 13-year old daughter, Megan Taylor Meier, who took her own life after being cyber-bullied by an adult neighbor pretending to be a boy on MySpace.

* Enrollment in grades 7-12 was reported at 505 students and attendance is 95.24%.

* Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Matt Verslues reported that the boys’ basketball varsity team won the Owensville tournament and the girls’ basketball varsity team won the South Callaway tournament.

* Verslues told the board that there has been a marked improvement with the wrestling team.

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500-575 lb.	153.00-177.00
615-670 lb.	140.50-148.75
705 lb.	144.50
Fleshy: 595 lb. 147.00	
Medium and Large 1-2	
290 lb.	164.00
385-390 lb.	154.50-159.50
440-490 lb.	153.00-164.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS	
Breaker 75-80%	
1395-1565 lb. High Dressing	
75.00-77.00	
1290-1700 lb. Average Dressing:	
70.00-71.00	
Boner 80-85%	
1200 lb. High Dressing: 73.00;	
1210-1295 lb. Average Dressing:	
68.50-70.00;	
1465 lb. Low Dressing: 63.50	
Lean 85-90%	
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1-2	
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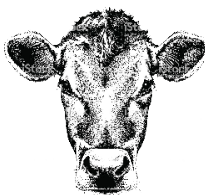
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(432) 600-700 lb.	155.00-169.00	
(206) 700-800 lb.	149.00-165.00	
(194) 800-900 lb.	148.00-156.00	

HEIFERS: 1288

Medium & Large frame:

Computer	Avg.	Top
(15) 300 & down	168.00-202.50	

(91) 300-400 lb.	155.00-171.00
(266) 400-500 lb.	154.00-187.00
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INVESTIGATORS DISCUSS (right) the crash Friday evening as Owensville firemen stand by with a charged line during the vehicle recovery process. A shattered trailer hitch assembly from the Silverado which was struck head-on is strewn about the scene. **KENDALLS TOWING** from Jefferson City (above) removes the box truck from the ditch (top). The “U” joints were broken and the box was no longer properly attached to the frame.



Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Paul Meyers and Cpl. Chad North with the Major Crash Unit spent several hours reviewing the scene to determine events leading up to the head-on, double-fatality collision, with only a few witnesses to interview.



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Mo., “hit the brakes hard,” according to Master Sgt. Kent Kreftmeyer.

It was too late, however, as the truck Durr was driving came into Patchin’s path, striking him head-on.

After the violent impact, Durr’s truck went off the north side of the highway and overturned. Patchin’s vehicle caught fire and burned. Rescuers attempted to reach Durr but were driven back by the flames.

The pickup truck Durr was driving was “burned completely,” according to the MSHP report.

The section of U.S. 50 where the crash occurred is described as an area coming out of a blind curve going downhill into an uphill climb. Witnesses told the MSHP the pickup truck was attempting to pass a tractor-trailer.

Kreftmeyer said there was speculation Durr may have fallen asleep, with his tires scuffing and “shadowing over the fogline” near the edge of the road as he

crossed into Patchin’s path. Witnesses confirmed, however, the box truck driven by Durr was making a pass in a marked no-passing zone.

The crash at 4:09 p.m. Jan. 21 had U.S. 50 closed for several hours into the evening as the Patrol’s MCU studied the scene and took satellite measurements to create their reconstruction report. Through traffic on U.S. 50 was rerouted across the Gasconade River via the

Route 89 bridge east of Rich Fountain.

Both men were pronounced dead at the scene at 4:29 p.m. by A.J. Probst, coroner for Osage County. Patchin is also listed in news stories about the crash as being a resident of Cedar Hill, Mo., located in Jefferson County. Both bodies were transported to the Morton Chapel in Linn.

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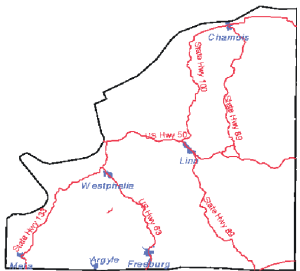
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DAVID KELLY, State Parks director (above), addresses the group.

Officials question how to begin construction of Rock Island Trail

BY ROXIE MURPHY
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Belle officials questioned directors of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and State Parks on Jan. 20 about grant opportunities and maintenance plans connected to the Rock Island Trail.

Following the meeting, Mayor Josh Seaver told *The Advocate*, “I am more excited now about the trail than I have ever been. We are ready to get started.”

DNR and State Parks invited community representatives from Owensville, Bland, Belle, Rosebud and Gerald to attend a public forum meeting at the Owensville Scenic Regional Library, followed by an assessment meeting with state officials at Owensville City Hall.

State Parks reported 83 visitors to the hour-and-a-half long meeting at the library, and about 35 officials at the assessment meeting.

Seaver, aldermen Ken Stanfield and Fred Bethmann and Public Works Director Tony Baretich were all present at the assessment meeting to ask questions.

Bethmann, whose father and brother own Bethmann Farms located on First Street, spoke with state department officials about issues his family has experienced with clean-up around the trail before and after it was cleared.

Bethmann asked who the city could contact if they had issues.

“I’ll be proactive in everything that affects the city, but I’m also questioning what happens outside the municipalities,” Bethmann said. “What’s a point-of-contact we

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Linn aldermen accept easement at Maguire Park

BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER

LINN — Linn aldermen at their meeting last Tuesday accepted an electric easement at Maguire Park from Union Electric Company (Ameren).

Aldermen had hoped that Ameren would be able to run the electric lines underground. “They were not open to that at all,” Mayor Dwight Massey said. “But they aren’t placing anchors anywhere that would interfere with what we’re doing.”

Utilities Superintendent Larry Fredrich met with Ameren representatives and they marked out where the anchors would be and how to minimize the impact on the park.

“Everything falls outside the cable,” Fredrich reported, which is outside the park entrance from Rt. U. “There is no danger of a kid running into it or anything like that.”

Fredrich added they will also be removing an eclectic pole from the park that is on the creek bank.

In another vote, aldermen passed Bill #2022-002 amending the animal code to remove the option for the Linn Police chief to pick up stray animals and take them to a veterinarian clinic.

“We had to redo the animal code because we don’t have a veterinarian clinic to take the strays to anymore,” said City Clerk Carrie Grellner.

Aldermen Bill Turner asked Grellner if she could include the old ordinances whenever the board was considering

making changes or amendments to existing ordinances.

* Aldermen also approved bill #2022-004, an ordinance that adopts a citizen complaint policy and procedure for the city of Linn.

“This is for people who want to make a formal complaint,” Grellner explained. “Most people will probably just call and ask if something can be checked on, but this is for the more extreme cases when they have called several times and they don’t feel like we’re doing anything.”

Forms can be picked up at City Hall and must contain a written description of the complaint and be signed and dated to be considered valid. The complaint form will be filed at City Hall and will be turned over to the mayor and police chief for review. The mayor will communicate with the citizen who filed the complaint a course of action that is taken even if the decision is made to not pursue the complaint and the reason why. If necessary, the mayor will consult with the city attorney on matters with legal consequences.

The ordinance does not change how complaints have been handled previously; it just makes the process official.

* Aldermen tabled bill #2022-003 regarding the traffic code for the city of Linn after questions were raised by Aldermen Turner about inconsistencies in the code and language that did not pertain to the city. Turner pointed out several signs that are listed in the code and are in the city but are no longer correct, including school signs around the old Linn R-2 building that designate school parking, as well as access to Hwy. 50 through 11th Street which

no longer goes to the highway.

“Where did this original ordinance come from?” Turner asked.

Grellner and Police Chief Mike Bickell agreed that the code existed before they had taken their positions with the city.

“I understand that it is old, but I’m just wondering why we need language in there about railroads?” Turner asked. “My best bet is we won’t have railroads in town in my lifetime, or your lifetime or any of the youngest people in here’s lifetime.”

Turner had no argument with the original intent of voting on the bill, which was to add language about the noise ordinance to include a “Jake” braking portion but wanted to make sure that what was approved was relevant to what was happening in the city right now.

“I wonder if it’s not more work taking it all out and then more work putting something like that back in later,” Bickell said.

“I would think we could take the railroad crossing out,” Massey said. “I think we could take the stuff about cabs out too.”

“But the way Ubers are growing?” Alderman Rick Niewald asked.

“But this designates areas for bus stops and cab stops on the main roads,” Turner argued. “Do you think we’ll ever get streetcars?”

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Meta committed to park, recreational trail projects

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Meta residents may have a new park and walking trail if the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and a recreational trails grant are approved.

Aldermen last month agreed to pursue the grant to develop the Meta Elementary Memorial Park at 300 W. Seventh Street near the new maintenance shed and at last Tuesday’s meeting, approved a resolution to proceed with the trail aspect.

The LWCF grant provides between \$25,000 and \$500,000 for qualifying projects but the city is obligated to a 50% match.

With an estimated project cost of \$152,105, Meta’s share would be \$76,770.

A trail would cost \$75,335 and a 20% match would mean Meta’s obligation would be \$15,067.

City Clerk Deidra Buechter explained that if the city is awarded both grants, the total cost would be \$91,837, based on the match requirements.

However, if the city is awarded only the recreational trails grant, Meta will not be in a position to immediately pursue the

park project.

In the event the LWCF grant is denied, Buechter said the city would likely work on the park project in stages.

“We can’t just pull out that kind of money all at once,” she said. “It would be tight and I don’t think that’s a feasible option.”

With last month’s resolution for the park and last week’s commitment to developing a trail, the city has until Feb. 16 to apply for both grants. If awarded, funding would be available late this year and work would begin in 2023.

In other business, aldermen approved several amendments to the 2021-22 budget following a review of actual expenses as of Dec. 31.

In the general revenue fund, postage costs were increased from \$300 to \$500; the water fund saw an increase from \$100 to \$800 for legal fees, from \$8,000 to \$20,000 for maintenance equipment and supplies, and from \$100 to \$700 for office equipment and supplies.

In maintenance news, several things have been accomplished and Wankum said crews are taking materials such as dirt, rock, wires, etc., to the new maintenance area for disposal. Wankum noted the area behind the outfield fence at the ballpark has been cleaned as well. He also said brush-cutting efforts continue, along with

general maintenance of the streets.

“The goal is to get ahead of the game so it’s not such a chore to mow during the summer,” said Wankum, adding areas that can be cleaned during the spring will help as the year progresses. “If we could also get people to quit throwing trash along Fourth Street, it wouldn’t be so bad.”

Wankum has also taken photos of nuisance properties.

Equipment maintenance is still a priority.

Buechter said she checked with Heritage Tractor in Westphalia on costs for equipment repairs, noting a fee of \$150 per hour.

Wankum said there is enough equipment to get things done in town but repairs will still need to be considered.

Crews plowed twice for snow and only two vehicles were parked on the street, creating an obstacle. Wankum said he spoke to the owners of both vehicles and they moved them without incident.

Sommerer asked if there was a way to notify residents without necessarily having to go to their doors.

Wankum said he left a note on the windshield but the cars were there at the time of the plowing.

“I don’t have a problem going to someone’s door and telling them to move,” Wankum added, noting he has seen no

other issues with parking.

WATER/TRASH

Buechter reported that 507,337 gallons of water were pumped during December, with 301,366 gallons sold, and 205,971 gallons (40.6%) in lost or unaccounted for water.

* A total of \$4,069.91 in water sales was recorded, with \$1,179.98 collected for trash service, \$80 in late fees, \$70 in connection fees, and \$142.42 in sales tax. Total charges were \$5,542.31 with a previous balance of \$1,316.85, and payments received in the amount of \$5,548.69, leaving a balance due of \$1,310.47.

FINANCIAL NEWS

* In her regular monthly financial report, Treasurer Plassmeyer noted income/deposits totaled \$18,108.73 and debits of \$16,118.29 for a balance on hand as of Dec. 31 totaling \$325,851.20; the money market balance was \$140,348.06; and two certificates of deposit totaling \$54,221.15 and \$124,886.76, gave the city a total of \$645,311.01 in all accounts. A total of \$18,485.52 in expenses were paid in November.

* The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9.

Note: Other business from this meeting will be presented next week.

Linn R-2 to hold special meeting to address overdue district audit

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Linn R-2 board members at their Jan. 18 meeting scheduled a special meeting for Jan. 26 to meet with the auditor to discuss the 2021 audit which should have been completed by Dec. 31, 2021.

“The audit will be ready next week but the only day the auditor is available to come is next Wednesday, so I needed to see if that was a possibility for a meeting,”

Superintendent Dena Smith said, noting the next available date is Feb. 2.

“Is there any chance we could do it at 5 p.m. instead of later?” asked board member Dr. Shawn Strong.

“That’s fine with me and the auditor if that works for you all,” said Smith.

The board voted unanimously to schedule a special meeting for Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, district patron Carol Branson asked three questions concerning recent activity.

“I have some questions regarding three areas of concern,” she read from a prepared statement. “Perhaps these questions will be discussed and answered this evening. However, they do not appear as discussion items on the agenda. At the August 2021 meeting, you approved a bid from Watkins Roofing for \$123,037 to repair the high school roof. This is the amount documented in the August meeting minutes. What was the final cost of the roof repair and was it completed within the bid amount?”

“Second, last month the repair of the elementary air conditioning system was discussed,” she continued. “At that meeting, it was stated that as soon as this school year ends, the elementary ceilings would need to be removed to complete the repair, a project that is projected to take most of this next summer to complete. What is the plan for holding elementary summer school this summer if the elementary ceiling is removed and the work is being done?”

“Number three, what is the current status of the 2021 audit for the R-2 district? Has the audit been completed? If it has not been completed, what are the consequences of it not being done by the Dec. 31, 2021 deadline? If the consequences are the withholding of state money, how long can our district withstand that situation? Thank you.”

Per district policy, a response to these questions will be made next month.

LFPD receives free additional equipment due to an ordering error by supplier

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Linn Fire Protection District (LFPD) Chief Ron Hoffman informed the board at the Jan. 20 meeting that the organization now owns an additional pike pole after being sent the wrong one.

“We ordered a pike pole ... chimney hook ... I didn’t realize the shipping, and neither did they tell me, was \$200,” said Hoffman. “Now, I ordered one and they ordered the wrong one. They ordered a steel one. They said ‘We don’t want it back.’ So they gave it to us. I thought that was nice of them. Then when I got the bill I knew why they didn’t want it back. They just said ‘keep it.’ To ship it back would have cost them a lot.”

Hoffman had originally ordered a fiberglass pike pole but was sent a metal unit instead. The additional tool will be used on another truck in the district.

In other business, Hoffman told the board there was a recall issued on the recently purchased new truck and that the issue had been resolved.

“I had a recall on 1141, the new truck,” said Hoffman. “It’s something to do with the fuel gauge; it wasn’t nothing serious.”

* Bills totaling were approved \$5,868.89.

* Treasurer Julie Ruettger’s report showed a checking balance of \$46,269.53, a savings balance of \$67,220.72, a certificate of deposit balance of \$309,850.18, credit card rewards of \$213.36, and \$6,568.54 in a fundraising account.

* The district’s Christmas banquet scheduled for Jan. 22 was canceled due to COVID-19 and for the same reason, there will be no Valentine’s Dance this year.

* The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 17.

A NEW ADVENTURE

It's amusing to attend your own funeral

L ike Tom Sawyer in Mark Twain's classic, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," I am amused at attending my funeral. This is getting old, as the funeral of the hometown newspaper keeps getting played repeatedly like the movie "Groundhog Day."

I remember well the first announcement I heard concerning the newspaper's demise. In the late '90s, I was attending our yearly Missouri Advertising Managers Association (MAMA) meeting in Branson. Our young speaker — who thought he knew it all — predicted that newspapers would be history in five short years.

Since then, I've read story after story in the national news with an obituary of the weekly newspaper.

Next Sunday, CBS's news program "60 Minutes" is scheduled to run a story entitled "The fading future of local newspapers."

A teaser of the story talks about how hedge funds and other financial firms—which have been taking over newspapers for the past 30

by DENNIS WARDEN



years — have destroyed many newsrooms for the almighty dollar.

During my junior year in college, I interned at the Monroe City News in Monroe City, Mo. Just west of Hannibal on Hwy. 36, Monroe City is a town similar to our local communities.

The newspaper was owned by family friends Michael and Barb Sell. When American Publishing approached the Sells to sell in 1989 the price was too good to pass up.

By 2000 The Monroe City News was closed.

That was the beginning. Since the turn of the century, big corporations with names like Lakeway Publishers (not to be confused with Lakeside Books), American Publishing, GateHouse and Gannett gobbled up small weekly and daily publications.

Like all good small-town weeklies, our three publications rely on local content. We report on school boards, city and county government, and local sports. This is news not found anywhere else.

When a corporation from out-of-state takes over a newspaper, they usually switch their focus from content to the bottom line. To that end, they cut staff and raise prices until they run themselves out of business.

GateHouse Media purchased the Columbia Tribune in 2016. By 2018 they had reduced their reporters down to a staff of one. We employ five full-time reporters, plus four other writers, between our three publications.

Another example of this, in our area, is the Rolla Daily News, the St. James Lead-

er and the Waynesville Daily Guide, also formerly owned by GateHouse. All three, at one time, were profitable publications. The Daily Guide was closed in 2018. The Leader and the Daily News were so poorly run they attracted competition from other local publishers.

The St. James Leader closed in 2016. After GateHouse merged with Gannett last year, Salem Publishing took over the Rolla Daily News, which publishes the Phelps County Focus (the competition for the Daily News).

Now the tables have turned. Instead of gobbling up newspapers, these companies are selling — what were once profitable newspapers — at bargain prices. Many of these sales are going back to local ownership.

The story is this: the business model deployed by big media groups does not work.

The list of newspapers in Mid-Missouri that are locally owned include the Sullivan Independent News, the New Haven Independent News, the Washington Missourian, the Cuba Free Press, the St. James Free Press,

the Steelville Star, the Houston Herald, the Rolla Focus, the Dixon Star, the Montgomery Standard, the Warren County Record, the Mexico Ledger, the Eldon Advertiser, the Hermitage Index, the Lake Sun-Leader and the Tipton Times, plus our three publications.

Three of these publications, including the Advocate, are relatively new startups. And, they are not the only new newspapers in Missouri.

Make no mistake. The golden days of newspapers are behind us. But, broadcast TV and radio are in the same boat.

A study in 2019 by Strategy Analytics found that radio usage in automobiles is in "fast decline." Pew's associate director of journalism research, Katerina Eva Matsa, reported in 2018 "Americans are relying less on television for their news. Just 50 percent of U.S. adults now get news regularly from television, down from 57 percent a year prior."

MAIL BAG

The War on Democracy Continues in 2022

The biggest story in 2021 was not the withdrawal from Afghanistan, or the economy and inflation, but Ex-President Trump's big lie that the 2020 election was stolen. He and the Republican party have used this often-debunked lie to justify a war on voting rights, to rig the election for 2022 and 2024, a direct assault on democracy.

The work of the House 01/06 is proceeding with all deliberate haste, as Ex-President Trump has been defeated time and time again, in attempts to deny or delay such. The latest attempt was his claims of executive privilege, which was even defeated by a very conservative SCOTUS. One could plausibly argue that is a rigged SCOTUS.

It is critical that the House committee move as rapidly as possible because if the Republicans re-take the House, all investigations will cease. Mitch McConnell feels that the investigation should go forward, and I would think that if Mr. Trump would want all of the records be submitted to prove that he is innocent, if

he was such.

But the most important thing about the Big Lie is that it is being used to rig upcoming elections to establish a permanent tyranny of the minority, and there are very similarities with such in other nations. Study history.

Ex-President Trump once stated that "I like chaos." He has delivered on that statement. Nineteen states have enacted 33 laws to make it harder for people to vote, usually aimed at racial minorities. In addition, gerrymandering has proceeded so that politicians can pick their voters instead of voters picking their representatives. Due to gerrymandering, the general consensus is that the Democrats need to win by about seven points nationally to hold the House. That again, does not include voter suppression, which takes many forms. That includes documented longer waiting times in Democratic voting districts, different schemes to deny applications for the right to vote and reduction of drop boxes for voting by mail, or the closing down

of voting precincts to make it more difficult.

Paul Weyrich of the Heritage foundation and Moral Majority "I don't want everyone to vote. The less the number of votes, the better our chances. Web-search "Good government syndrome" for proof.

Then the Republicans are doing everything possible to turn the administration of elections over to partisan officials. And if all else fails, let the State houses intervene to decide how the electoral votes in their state will be counted.

It all comes down to an unprecedented attack on election integrity and concomitant assault on democracy. The United States is already considered a flawed or declining democracy. The question for all of us to decide is if we can reverse the present trend.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Thomezek
Columbia

MAIL BAG

Your Opinion: Voting Rights Bill

Dear Editor:

Joe Biden ranted recently in Atlanta about the voting rights legislation he so desperately wants passed. His vitriolic speech was filled with examples of Democrats on the wrong side of minority voting, but once again, he inaccurately portrays Republicans as the 'bad guys.' Siting villains like 'Bull' Connor, George Wallace and Jefferson Davis, all Democrats, makes you wonder about Biden's own messaging capability. Voting is a cornerstone right of citizenship; a precious right fought for by many more men and women than the Biden-sited 'Douglass, Tubman, King, Lewis, Goodman, Chaney, and Schwerner.' This President does these historical figures a huge disservice when he jokes about being 'arrested' in

the struggle for the vote; another balld-face lie that he can only wish was part of his resume, but isn't.

Shocker, the Freedom to Vote Act is not about voting at all; it's about power and Democrat's unending abuse of it. The November 2020 election brought out record numbers of voters of all races so suggestions of voter suppression are laughable. Softball interviews on MSM suggest that it's about lines to vote and administrative obstacles for minorities. Baloney! Buried in the word salad are provisions for 6-to-1 matching funds for candidates receiving smaller donations (less than \$200) which has Dems salivating over millions and millions to run their campaigns. Republicans are insisting on Voter ID (one citizen, one vote, not citizen-wannabees, not ille-

gals); reasonable voting periods (not 45 days like some states); secure voting (not where poll watchers are thrown out or blocked from viewing operations; secure ballots (no unsecured, unmonitored neighborhood drop boxes, blanket mailouts or voting rolls with deceased/moved voters). 'Racist' is just about the worst label you can apply to an individual and that's why it's used so gratuitously. Suggestions of racist-driven voter suppression are absurd. All of us routinely carry identification; proving who we are and have a right to vote is a no-brainer. Claims of voter suppression just provide cover for voter fraud. Biden was even bold enough to point out the real intention of this legislation when he says 'It's about who gets to count the vote.' Federal engineering

of just who counts the votes will 'nail the coffin shut.'

Supposedly because of COVID, November 2020 had all kinds of procedural changes that allowed for earlier, longer, and less secure methods of voting than ever, most of which were mandated by executive fiat rather than legislatively approved as required by respective state constitutions. Midterms are just 9 months away and it will happen again. How much gamesmanship do you think is going on this very second to shape the election this Fall? What 'variant' will conveniently drop from the sky? "Paging Dr. Fauci, paging Dr Fauci."

Dan Schnieders
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CAPITOL PERSPECTIVES

The profound change in Missouri's legislature

This column is prompted by a question from a long-time statehouse observer as to why Missouri's legislature has become so divided.

My answer involved the number of changes in the statehouse over the decades. A major cause has been the deep and growing ideological divide for the public and elected public officials.

Years ago, a significant number of Democrats were highly conservative while there were Republicans who supported traditionally liberal causes. To understand this more partisan environment, think about the questions now at the forefront of public discourse such as last year's election results and COVID-19.

Except for abortion, I cannot remember in my earlier years so many emotional "wedge" issues dominating state government.

Wedge issues are used to divide the public and used on social media outlets to grow

audiences.

But COVID-19 has demonstrated another aspect to this issue — an internal division among Republicans between personal freedoms, public safety and local government authority.

That conflict was apparent in Gov. Mike Parson's State of the State address.

While Parson spoke strongly against state government COVID-19 mandates, he also said: "I firmly believe that the people should have a say through their local elected representatives and not dictated by needless executive action by one person."

But sitting in the House chamber listening to the address were two Republican unelected state officials appointed by Parson to fill vacancies who have put significant pressure on local officials against COVID-19 mandates, particularly school districts governed by locally elected school boards.

The suits by Republican



by PHILL BROOKS

state Attorney General Eric Schmitt to sue public schools and State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick threatening approval for lower-interest bond issues by public schools would have been unimaginable in decades past when local control was a deep philosophical foundation for the Republicans I covered.

The eight-year limit on serving in a legislative chamber has provided fertile ground for the growth of ideological divisions in the legislature. Short terms forces legislators to seek higher office years before time to ac-

complish broad and extensive legislative success records upon which to run.

That makes wedge-issue positions more important to win, particularly in primary campaigns.

But that is just one consequence of term limits.

Limited legislative service limits lawmakers from developing the close cross-party alliances and friendships that were a major factor in the era before term limits.

In earlier years, many senators would call the chamber a family.

Like any family, there were strong disagreements.

Think about your own family if you have kin with different political or ideological views. For most, family bonds are more important.

That was true in the legislature I covered before term limits, particularly in the Senate. One of the major impacts from term limits has been the loss of

institutional knowledge about the complicated issues facing lawmakers.

In decades past, long-term legislators had time to develop sources in state agencies who became private back channels of information about what really was happening in the administration.

It was a two-way street because those agency sources gained trust with a legislator to help the lawmaker better understand the complexity of issues that might conflict with party position.

Now, however, I suspect the limited terms for legislators constrain those relationships with government experts who have far more years of statehouse experience than legislators of today.

A similar constraint may involve lobbyists.

While many lobbyists are paid to represent the their cli-

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BLAINE'S BULLETIN

Continuing the Fight for the Unborn



by Blaine Luetkemeyer
3rd District Congressman

It has been 49 years since the United States Supreme Court made the tragic Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion and putting the most vulnerable Americans at risk. In those 49 years, advancements in modern medicine have and continue to prove what the pro-life community has been saying all along—an unborn baby is a human life. We now know that at just 5 weeks, babies have heartbeats, and their blood vessels, spinal cords, and brains have begun to develop. They might be tiny, but they are babies and a life worth protecting.

This year, there is much to be hopeful about as the national pro-life movement has built a great deal of momentum. In December, the United States Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments for Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health Organization — a direct challenge to Roe V. Wade. This case will decide the constitutionality of a 2018 law passed in the state of Mississippi that would limit abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, except to save the life and preserve the physical health of the mother, or in cases of severe fetal abnormality. At 15 weeks, babies have fully developed hearts, noses, lips, and they can yawn, hiccup, and feel pain. To think that pregnancies can be terminated at this stage is absolutely heartbreaking, and I pray the court rules in favor of life.

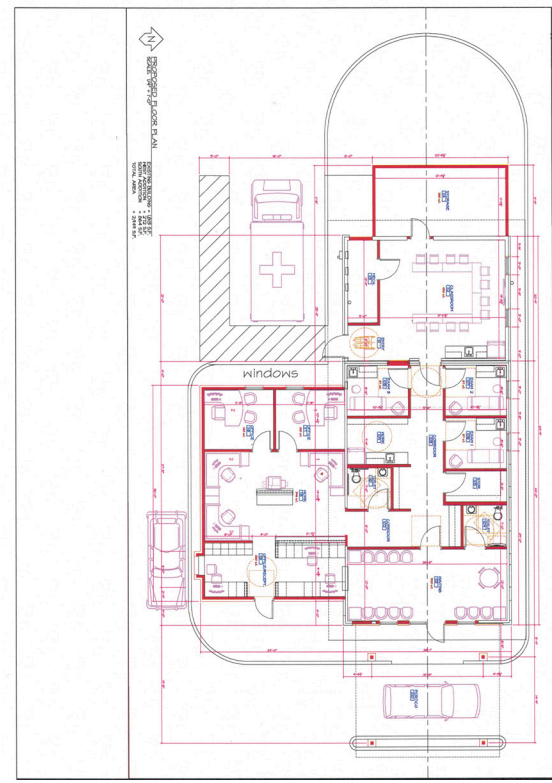
One of the most important ways Congress can help keep protections for the unborn in place is preserving the Hyde Amendment, which bans federal funding from being used for abortions. In its 45 years of existence, the Hyde Amendment has saved approximately 2.5 million lives. Unfortunately, Congressional Democrats are threatening to remove the Hyde Amendment from our next government funding bill. This would inevitably cause an increase in abortions paid for by taxpayer dollars in our country and would be a major blow to the pro-life movement. My Republican colleagues and I will continue doing everything possible to keep this from happening, but sadly it is a possible outcome. I have also been fighting to put an end to the horrific fetal tissue research that continues to take place in our country. Most recently, I led a letter to the Department of Justice, regarding the need for an investigation into the

University of Pittsburgh's abortion procedures and research. Recent reports from the National Institute of Health show the university may have violated federal law by altering abortion procedures solely for the purpose of obtaining fetal tissue. Even worse, the reports show that university researchers may have harvested organs from babies who were old enough to live outside the womb which is incredibly disturbing and inhumane. Last January, I introduced the Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act which targets the practice of trafficking infant body parts for profit and ensures taxpayers never have to foot the bill for the endangerment of human life.

President Ronald Reagan once made a profound observation, stating, "I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born." How right he was. Every pro-abortion American in this country had a mother who chose life. We owe the most vulnerable population — all innocent babies — a chance to live. As a father, grandfather, Christian and lawmaker, it is my duty to do everything I can to protect those who cannot protect themselves. I'm grateful to be in a position to do so and will continue to be a champion in the fight for the unborn here in Congress.

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Plans approved for OCHD building, COVID cases jump by almost 300 in one week



OSAGE COUNTY Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin on Tuesday received formal approval from commissioners for the plans developed by Berendzen, Porter, and Associates, of Ashland, for the new building, what used to be the home of Popcorn Buddha, in Linn, and hopes the bidding process moves quickly.

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“Right now, they’re estimating costs and getting specs put together so they can solicit bids,” Sallin said. “I was really impressed with Jay (Berendzen). He listened to the needs of the health department and that’s why we’re having an addition put on the building.”

This new space — a 24-foot by 30-foot area — will be built on the west side of the building to allow for a drive-through.

Sallin said the hope is to get specs ready as soon as possible, preferably before the estimate of a March timeline.

This bit of good news comes amid a significant increase in overall COVID cases as the county jumped from 2,941 to 3,229 since last week, an increase of 288, of which 258 are active, including 184 breakthrough

cases, bringing that total to 395.

Of current active cases, Sallin noted that 79 are 18 and younger and to date, 527 people under 18 have tested positive for COVID. One of the current, active cases is hospitalized but there have been no new deaths related to COVID. That total remains at 29.

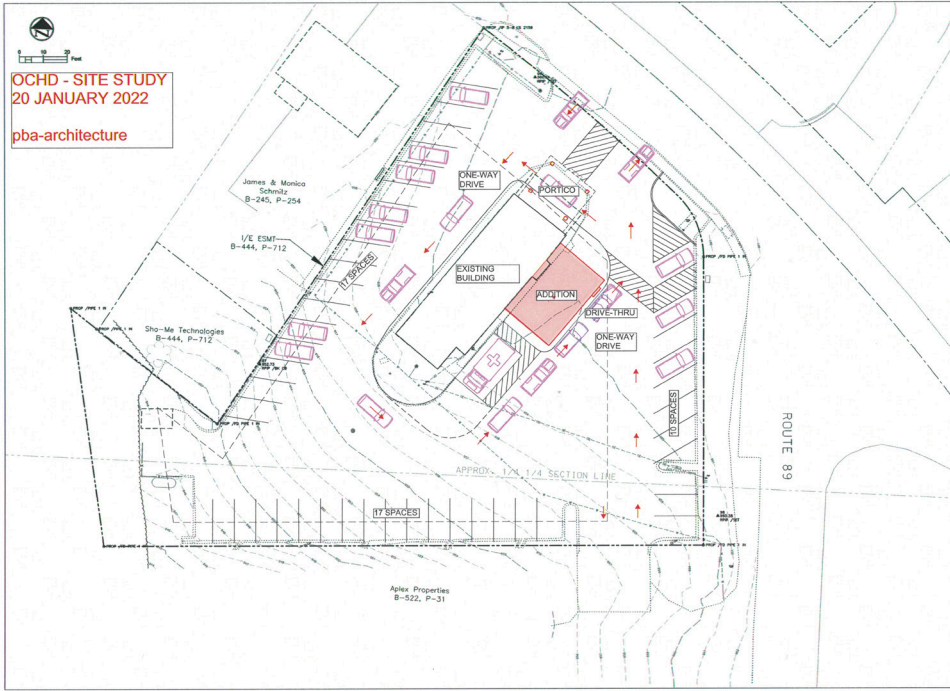
Sallin remains steadfast in her belief that the omicron variant should be short-lived. “If we can all hold on, this variant should move out as fast as the others,” said Sallin, recommending that large groups refrain from gathering in the short term.

Sallin and her staff continue to call those who have tested positive, even though most surrounding county health departments have abandoned this practice.

“I think it’s important we continue to provide education and any help we can to those who are sick. We currently have the staff and funding for these services so we will utilize them to the fullest,” she said.

The hope, Sallin added, is that once current variant cases peak, she will be able to devote some attention to grants beyond those that deal with COVID for the betterment of the department.

“There are a lot of opportunities out there that would benefit us and I hope we can secure some of that funding,” she said.



Currently, Sallin has some staff members whose salaries are paid using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and she continues to file reports to justify spending funds provided by ARPA and the Increasing Adult Immunizations Grant.

OCHD staff administered 33 vaccine doses last week, of which five were pediatric. At this point, according to DHSS, 42.6% of county residents have been vaccinated.

Vaccinations are available at the weekly walk-in clinic at the Annex Building on Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday.

A COVID clinic has been scheduled for Jan. 31, from 3:30-6 at Fatima R-3, and for the first time, a Saturday clinic will be offered from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the OCHD office on Feb. 5. The primary function is to administer coronavirus vaccines but Sallin said anyone who wants a flu shot is encouraged to contact the office and one will be provided at a clinic.

Last week, the health department administered two flu shots, and one additional flu case has been reported, bringing the total to date to 18.

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“I’m sure wherever they pulled this from was many years ago,” Massey reasoned.

“The reason I brought this up is because the city planning ordinance was pulled from a city that didn’t have anything to do with us and they implemented it without going through those details and it has created some problems,” Turner explained.

“I would suggest we table it and work on cleaning up some of these issues,” Massey said.

Turner will work with Grellner and Bickell to go through the code and strike items that are not applicable to Linn.

* Bartlett & West will start looking at alternative ways to route the sewer lines for the Jaegers Wastewater Regionalization Project. To date, the city has not secured easements from Tom Kuster and David Patterson.

“We are kinda getting to that time frame where we either need the easements recorded or we’ll have to go back to the drawing board,” said Bartlett & West Project Engineer Hope Drennan.

Bartlett & West has considered two alternatives to the original plan, though there may be additional costs associated with the changes.

“We’re considering either going to the other side of the highway, but it has a steep drop off,” Drennan said. “We’re going to talk to a couple of contractors and see if that is even possible but there is also the option of moving into the right-of-way with both properties.”

Massey and Turner hope to meet with both property owners to see what can be worked out.

Bartlett & West would like to know by Jan. 21 if they should proceed with a redesign. There is a concern that time is running short with the bid needing to be awarded by April 1 to keep the grant funding.

* Bartlett & West put out for bid the four-gravity sewer and water extensions that the city had requested. Aldermen were shocked last month when the price tag for the four projects was estimated at \$1,207,560. The new bid from Bartlett & West with a design-build contract with the city is now at a cost of \$1,065,273. The bid was sent out to four contractors but only two submitted bids. Apex, Inc. of Linn was \$264,274.00 less than the bid from M&M Landscaping and Construction of Eugene.

“Basically, one contractor came in and had the best price on it all with Apex being the bidder,” said Bartlett & West Chief Operations Officer Bob Gilbert.

Gilbert offered to let the city take a more traditional route of working with Apex directly and hiring Bartlett & West for engineering on the project.

“You would save money on that option,” Gilbert said. “There are risks in construction contracting and with the first option (design-build), all of the risk kinda went to the construction manager, which would have been us.”

Gilbert also noted that the city can pick which projects they want to do to keep costs in check.

Massey and aldermen plan to review budget numbers and come up with a course of action to proceed.

The four projects are set up on a proposed schedule, approved by Apex, with the wastewater extension for Stone Gate Subdivision showing a project start date of Feb. 21.

“Every day counts at this point as far as the Stone Gate Subdivision Project,” Gilbert said. “We would hope to hear something back from you in days if you want to stay with the proposed schedule.”

Aldermen approved Gilbert telling the contractors who had the lowest cost and that a decision would be made soon.

* Bartlett & West is finalizing plans for street pavement resurfacing projects. Drennan noted that they are hoping to be bidding the project by the end of March. The additions

to the 2021 pavement resurfacing will now include East Jefferson Street and several sections of Fourth Street.

“We are coordinating with Higgins (Asphalt) on what can be accomplished,” Drennan said.

* Bartlett & West submitted a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) application for environmental clearance for the city’s recreational trail program. They also submitted additional photos and scope with the Feb. 16 deadline approaching.

“We’re just kinda waiting for Regional Planning Commission to check it out and ask us for more information,” Drennan said.

* Aldermen approved membership in the Missouri Rural Workers Compensation Insurance Trust at an annual fee of \$300.

* Also approved was authorization for the Linn Police Department to apply for and receive grant funding from the Missouri Department of Transportation. The authorization request needs to be renewed annually.

* Bickell presented a summary of the total calls showing a substantial increase in 2021 to 5,707, up from 3,710 in 2020.

“I attribute that to officers going out and finding more violations and checking more businesses and being more proactive,” Bickell said.

The biggest change could be found in traffic stops with 1,271 traffic stops in 2020 and 2,241 in 2021. The number of building and area checks by officers was also much higher, with 1,304 cases in 2021 compared to 269 in 2020.

* Aldermen looked at mockups of a new sign for the west side of town designed by State Technical College. The sign reads “Welcome to Linn. The Home of State Technical College” and includes a digital billboard. Aldermen liked the initial idea but want to make sure to incorporate the VFW, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus as well as those on the existing sign in the new sign. Grellner will investigate

what part of the cost of the sign the city will pay and the electric that is needed for the digital sign and the lighting.

* The Cultural Resources Study for the Linn City Park has been completed and submitted with the grant application for the All-Inclusive Park.

* Ally Wagner has completed the certification to train lifeguards for the Linn Pool next summer and is looking into taking over the Lions Club swim lessons.

* Fredrich noted that he and city employees have been working to get the city streets plowed and cindered in the recent snow that passed through the area. He also reported that they had been able to get some of the potholes filled before the cold weather set in.

Fredrich and his crew also assisted Osage Ambulances with a water leak.

* The Linn License Fee office will be closed on Feb. 11 and 12 for Lincoln’s Birthday.

* Aldermen approved outstanding bills totaling \$160,850.63.

* Linn has the following balances in government fund accounts: general (\$157,589.95), pool (-\$5,652.63), park (\$76,456.59), police training (\$3,617.18), general fund-improvement and equipment (\$8,646.09), park-improvement and equipment (\$28,410.50), and pool-improvement and equipment (\$13,985.14).

* The city has the following account balances in their business-type funds: water (\$407,769.32), water replacement (\$114,757.17), sewer (\$342,056.34), sewer replacement (\$79,485.30), and grants (\$77,422.18).

* Linn has 10 certificates of deposit totaling \$1,087,233.14.

* The next budget meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1 at 5 p.m., with a planning meeting will follow.

* The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 5 p.m.

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need to follow up with to see when and where something can be done?”

David Kelly, Missouri State Parks director, said State Parks and DNR officials in the room would be the city’s point-of-contact.

“We work with our maintenance staff or work with landowners and allow them to do it,” Kelly said. “The timing of it, we don’t have staffing yet, but we talked to someone in Eldon the other day and we can come out and look at it. If it is something (the city or citizens) can do and want to do then we issue an agreement with them and allow them to do it.”

Mike Sutherland, deputy director of DNR, said he thinks the city of Belle will find State Parks and DNR much more responsive than the previous owner of the trail.

Bethmann also asked about places where the railroad formerly ran over the roadway. He specifically mentioned the intersection from Highway 28 to First Street where street crews have paved continuously over the old railroad ties for so many years that the bump has become a site impediment from the intersection of First Street and Osage County Road 738 as well from First Street to Highway 28.

“When you evaluate Belle, where First Street travels over the right-of-way, they didn’t remove the rails or the ties and that pavement has been overlaid and overlaid until that bump is tall as can be and it’s a traffic hazard and an eyesore,” Bethmann said. “We could never get a response out of Ameren about how we could handle that.”

Kelly said those things were parts they would want to know about and take care of to be good neighbors.

Baretich asked questions about the maintenance of the trail itself.

“As far as maintenance goes, I think we are kind of unique in the Belle, Bland, and Owensville stretch where all coscenicommunities are on board to do this,” Baretich began. “Do we get any kind of assistance, to maintain in between us, quicker? Because if Owensville does their stretch, Bland does their stretch and we do our stretch we’re going to have at least that. I get you guys don’t have a crew put together and I don’t want to generate more work for my crew or Owensville crew, but at some point, is there, would there, could there be funding for us to maybe stretch our arms a little bit until you guys take this over?”

Kelly said DNR does have some limited funds to help. “Yeah, but ours are more limited,” Baretich said.

Kelly said that until DNR has additional appropriations coming, what they have now is limited.

“If I understand it correctly, the cities would take more ownership of this,” Stanfield asked. “It’s not like you are going to hand this off, you are actually going to take more responsibility, more maintenance and more cost to keep the trail maintained long-term.”

Kelly said within the city limits they are asking cities to help. DNR doesn’t own any buildings along the Rock Island, which makes storing maintenance equipment impossible. They prefer to work with cities to maintain parts inside the communities.

“There is not a lot to do within the city because most of the time you guys are already doing it — and the restrooms,” Kelly said.

Removing trees and mowing the corridor happens a lot on the Katy Trail, but Kelly thinks the demographic of the Rock Island Trail will make it different.

“That’s why we have the agreement, and not every agreement is going to be exactly the same,” Sutherland said. “That doesn’t mean we aren’t going to take our own significant piece of that responsibility. Honestly, if the appropriation would revert, \$69 million dollars goes a little ways. I think that will put us in a position, if it does get approved, to where we will still need partnerships and still want towns along the way to have identities to do all those things.”

“When you talk about those resources, make sure you aren’t left hanging with more responsibilities than you can afford. We don’t have any expectations and didn’t think it was right that taxpayers in your communities should have to pay for things that are outside of your communities.”

Sutherland said they can create contracts and agreements to provide resources where DNR could make it an advantage for the city to help.

“We want to be creative thinkers and we truly believe that it will be a benefit to your town and a true asset to the state,” Sutherland said.

Kelly said agreements may be a different model than others. DNR is working towards a \$2.7 million grant from the Department of Economic Development moving forward and developing trails.

“We are looking at the sustainability of all of this after the trail is built,” Kelly said. “An agreement where we can



STATE REP. BRUCE SASSMANN (left) comments Jan. 20 on possible funding options for development of the Rock Island Trail through communities in the 62nd House District he represents during a meeting at Owensville City Hall.

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provide resources without having to have a bunch of staff. We are not interested in developing partnerships that are unsustainable and 10 years after the trail is developed they are wondering ‘why do we have to do this?’ We want this to make sense for both the communities and State Parks.”

Chryssa Niewald with Missouri Rock Island, Inc. (MoRIT) asked how much of the Katy Trail had such maintenance agreements.

DNR and State Parks officials said they were hoping to run more towards that model of agreement.

State officials also told those attending that there are several options for trail grant funding right now, including the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant.

Kelly asked Melonie Smith, DNR deputy regional director for the northern region of State Parks, to touch on grant programs that are available.

Smith had passed out packets to city officials when the meeting first began, which included information about the Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP).

“There are links to other grants on the back,” Smith said. “The Recreation Trails Program grant closes on Feb. 16.” RTP grants require a 25 year commitment.

“There’s information about all kinds of other grants,” Smith continued. “LWCM and water conservation fund grants.”

RTP is an 80/20 percent match grant and is very sought after. Other grants Smith mentioned included a 50 percent grant and 50 percent match.

Stanfield asked officials about an RTP grant the city was forced to abandon in 2018 due to no one from State Parks or DNR responding to requests to extend the grant.

The city of Belle had been awarded the RTP grant under former governor Jay Nixon’s administration, but with the change in party leadership, couldn’t get a go-ahead from the Grietens’ administration to begin the project.

It approached the six-year completion date requirement, and city officials sent multiple requests for an extension without response. Sutherland was sent to speak with Belle officials in 2018 about returning the grant after the extension deadline had passed.

“A few years ago we had a grant for DNR to put gravel (on the trail) through our town,” Stanfield began. “That money was taken away from us. Is it going to be harder to get back?”

Sutherland said no.

“Part of the reason that grant was not followed through with was because ownership of the corridor was not figured out yet and it just didn’t work,” Sutherland said. “We made the commitment at that time (to not penalize the Belle community) because that didn’t work out (not completing grants can be held against the applicant during the next application round), but that’s not the case because that was a very unique circumstance.”

Sutherland said that Belle would be able to apply for the RTP grant the same as anyone else.

“I do have to tell you that because it is an 80/20 match it is very competitive and every year we get more applications than there are recipients,” Sutherland said. “It would still go in with that competitiveness.”

Sutherland said the timing issues have been resolved, the state has accepted the corridor and they have moved on.

John Paul Quick of Owensville asked officials if the city of Belle would be able to automatically get their grant back. Officials said no, the city of Belle would have to reapply.

“Because of the addition of the Rock Island Trail and because of the interest from communities, there is going to be even more demand for that,” Sutherland said.

Quick asked if the state would take into account the cities of Belle, Bland, Owensville, Gerald and Rosebud working together to develop their trails, would the grant people take that into account to give them money?

Owensville Mayor John Kamler asked Quick to clarify if he wanted to fill out a grant application in partnership with the other communities.

Rebecca McKinstry, deputy general counsel for DNR answered the question.

“The maximum amount that a grant recipient can request from the grant program is \$250,000,” said McKinstry. “So depending on how much it costs, putting in four applications and trying to get bigger pieces is a part of it.”

McKinstry said DNR doesn’t score the grant applications, they give it to the Trails Advisory Board, representatives of different trails, equestrian or bicycling trails, across the state.

“If you want to include letters of support to go with

each other’s grant applicants, I think they would love that,” McKinstry said. “I would be happy to review anyone’s (RTP grant) application before it goes to review. Those will be due on Jan. 28.”

McKinstry added that anyone intending to apply in the future may send in their grants anytime to be reviewed.

Maries R-2 School officials were not present at the assessment meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Lenice Basham said Jan. 18 that she was not sure she would attend the meeting.

“I am still unsure what our plans are in regards to this opportunity,” Basham said in response to an email.

Communities were asked to set up individual assessment meetings with Smith to discuss more opportunities with DNR and State Parks.

Seaver said Tuesday afternoon that he plans to set up an assessment meeting with State Parks and has already visited with Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) about grant opportunities.



AREA CITY and school officials attending (above) the Jan. 20 assessment meeting included (from left) Belle aldermen Ken Stanfield and Fred Bethmann, Jr., Tony Baretich (public works director), and Mayor Josh Seaver. In back are Glenn Ely, president of the Gasconade County School district school board, and Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy, superintendent of Gasconade County R2 schools.



BELLE ALDERMAN Fred Bethmann leans forward across Tony Baretich (left) to question DNR and State Parks officials about Rock Island Trail Maintenance while Melonie Smith, DNR deputy regional director for the Northern Region, looks on. (bottom left) MISSOURI STATE Parks staff including Melonie Smith on Thursday presented overviews of the planning process for developing a trail during a community needs assessment meeting held at Owensville City Hall. Also fielding questions from community leaders during the informational session were (from left) Mike Sutherland, deputy director for DNR, Dru Buntin, DNR director, and David Kelly, director of State Parks. (above right) An open house with informational displays presented by state agencies including DNR and State Parks (below) drew 83 visitors to the Owensville branch of Scenic Regional Library’s meeting room earlier in the evening. (bottom right)

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ents' financial interests, some lobbyists will confide balanced information. But it requires time to develop confidence of confidentiality. That is definitely true with statehouse reporters as I'm sure it is with legislators.

To summarize, the growth of ideological divides, wedge issues, social media and term limits are among the factors that I think address the question raised by my long-time friend.

But three issues provide a more positive note.

One is the congressional redistricting map approved by the Republican-controlled House that would preserve Missouri's two Black Democratic congressional seats despite some Republican pressure for a 9-1 GOP congressional majority.

The other involves local COVID-19 restrictions. Both last year and this year, there

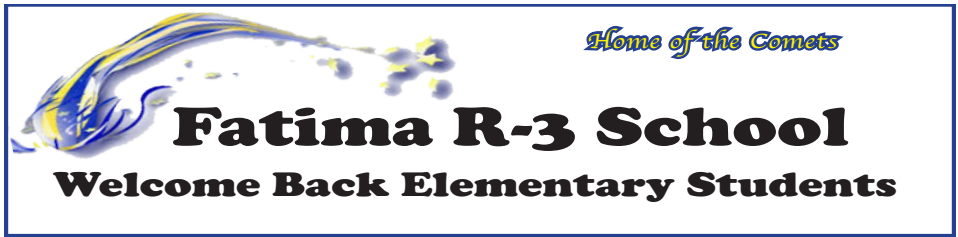
have been significant Republican legislative efforts to find a middle ground that transcend ideological wedge-issue divisions.

The Republican-controlled legislature sidelining last year an effort to strip Planned Parenthood from Medicaid funding in order to maintain full funding for Medicaid is another.

These issues remain for this year's session, so we'll see if compromise is possible.

But thinking about those issues, I keep hearing in my head Bob Dylan's 1964 optimistic song "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

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HISTORY OF FCCLA

BY MAYA LIBBERT,
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FCCLA is a student-led organization that strengthens a student's leadership skills, prepares them for the future, and builds knowledge through Family and Consumer Sciences. The mission of FCCLA is to "promote personal growth and leadership development by focusing on the roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader" (FCCLAinc.org). But, how did this organization get its start?

In the summer of 1944, 29 Home Economics leaders sat down at a table together at a convention in Chicago, Ill. with one primary goal: create a national student-led organization that was specifically focused on preparing students to become future leaders. This organization was formed in 1945, and was named Future Homemakers of America or FHA. This later became the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) in 1999.

Ever since FCCLA was formed, it has had many people involved. At its peak, FCCLA had a total of 607,175 people involved in 1966. Today, more than 155,000 students take part in this amazing organization. Missouri FCCLA in particular is 4th in participation in the nation with a total of over 9,800 members across many chapters. Some FCCLA alumni include Dolly Parton, Bo Jackson, and Reba McEntire. Fatima FCCLA started in 1954. Let's take a look at today's current members.

Today, Fatima FCCLA has 68 members and nine officers. These officers are Amber Berhorst (President), Jenna Hale (Vice President/Parliamentarian), Erin Fick (StuCo/Membership), Sydney Falter (Treasurer/STAR Event Rep.), Ella Winkelman (Secretary/Social Media Rep.), Meaghan Frank (Devotional Leader), Eliana Steinman (Community Service), Thomas Libbert (Recreational Leader), and Maya Lib-

bert (Reporter/Historian). The advisor for our chapter is Erica Libbert.

Members of FCCLA can participate in a wide variety of events, activities, and competitions to help further develop their leadership skills. Some of these events include LifeSmarts, Power of One, STAR Events, Fun Nights, National Programs, and regional, state and national events. LifeSmarts is a competition focusing on consumer rights, environment, health, technology and personal finance. Power of One helps members embrace their own power by setting goals, making plans to achieve their goals, and enjoying the outcome of their hard work. STAR Events is a competitive event that allows participants to create a project that impacts the school and community and allows them to compete at regional, state and national levels. Fun nights are group activities that could range anywhere from a cooking competition to game nights that allow members to interact with fellow members and officers.

FCCLA has been around for many years, and has had a significant impact on a lot of lives. It especially helps strengthen a young student's leadership skills, and greatly helps prepare them for the future in a way that no other organization can compare to.

Source: <https://fcclainc.org/about/history>



25 New Troopers Graduate From Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy Kucsik earns Patrol Firearms Award

Nicholas I. Kucsik, a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper candidate in the 112th recruit class from Bonnots Mill, was the recipient Jan. 12 of the Firearms Award during a graduation ceremony held in the academy gymnasium.

Kucsik has accepted an assignment to patrol Zone 3 in Crawford County. He is one of 25 new troopers to graduate from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy's 112th class.

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, presided over the ceremony.

The 112th Recruit Class reported to the Academy on Aug. 2, 2021. The new troopers will report to duty in their assigned troops on Monday, Jan. 31.

Gov. Michael L. Parson provided the keynote address and Olson also spoke to the class during the graduation. Supreme Court Justice Patricia Breckenridge administered the oath of office to the new troopers. Provost Roger K. McMillian, vice president of College Affairs for Mineral Area College, conferred an associate of applied science degree to eight of the new troopers.

The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors and Sgt. Andrew Henry from Troop H sang the national anthem. Pastor Dale D. Richey from Pisgah Baptist Church in Excelsior Springs provided the invocation and benediction.

Four class awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. The recruits accumulated points toward graduation in the categories of physical fitness, firearms, and academics throughout their 25 weeks at the academy. The person with the highest number of points in each category earned the respective award: Trooper Brandon T. Dorff (Physical Fitness), and Trooper Mathew D. Easton (Academics).

Trooper Nathan W. Downs won the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall. Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces that 25 troopers graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The ceremony took place in the Academy gymnasium, 1510 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO. The graduation ceremony was also live streamed on the Patrol's Facebook page. The 112th Recruit Class reported to the Academy on August 2, 2021. The new troopers will report to duty in their assigned troops on Monday, January 31, 2022.

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The names (hometowns) and first assignments of members of the 112th Recruit Class are listed below:

Troop A

Isaac L. Kimball (Columbia, MO), Zone 5, Ray & Carroll Counties
Joshua W. Eickhoff (Alma, MO), Zone 8, Lafayette County
Gregory A. Stineman (Cole Camp, MO), Zone 11, Cass County
William M. Henderson (Edwards, MO), Zone 15, Henry County

Troop C

Markus G. Burns (Greenridge, MO), Zone 7, Warren County
Lane C. Coleman (Ozark, MO), Zone 8, St. Charles County
Brandon T. Dorff (Collinsville, CT), Zone 10, Franklin County
Nathan W. Downs (Troy, MO), Zone 9, St. Charles County
Brent W. Katzing (Sedalia, MO), Zone 9, St. Charles County
Maurice Lang Jr. (Raymore, MO), Zone 2, N. St. Louis County
Patrick B. Martin (Jacksonville, IL), Zone 10, Franklin County

Troop D

Marissa L. Harris (Montgomery City, MO), Zone 15, Stone & Taney Counties
Christopher T. Schmidt (Rogersville, MO), Zone 4, Stone & Taney Counties
Scott J. Walden (Holt, MO), Zone 14, Barry County

Troop E

Kyle L. Hogan (Gainesville, MO), Zone 4, Bollinger/Cape Girardeau/Scott Counties
Nathaniel V. Bishop (Willow Springs, MO), Zone 9, New Madrid & Pemiscot Counties
Tyler S. Reinke (Lincoln, MO), Zone 10, Dunklin County
Richard W. Wylie (Wheaton, MO), Zone 11, Stoddard County

Troop F

Matthew M. Guinnip (Hallsville, MO), Zone 16, Camden & Miller Counties
Matthew D. Easton (Hannibal, MO), Zone 17, Camden & Miller Counties

Troop I

Nicholas I. Kucsik (Bonnots Mill, MO), Zone 3, Crawford County
Elijah D. LeBlanc (Anderson, MO), Zone 2, Phelps & Maries County



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Chamois earns fourth place at 6th annual Belle tournament

Chamois had a tough road to get to the third-place game on Saturday at the Belle tournament and ultimately, fewer players had an impact as the Pirates earned fourth place following a 53-50 loss to Newburg.

"My kids fought the entire game," said Coach Robbie Bates. "Playing their third game in three days with only five total players was tough but I couldn't be more proud of their effort the entire week."

Chamois trailed 29-21 at halftime but found a second wind in the second half, winning the third quarter 14-7 to set up a two-point margin entering the final

period.

Shooting 40.9% overall from the field, the Pirates were solid from the outside, covering 6-12 on the night from three-point range.

Eli Paulsmeyer, who was named to the All-Tournament team, led with 13 points as Caleb Keilholz went 3-6 from three-point range and scored 12, Mason Lamb, also an All-Tournament team selection, put in 10 points, including a trey, Caine Schaben (trey) added 10, and Skyler Bottoms finished with five. Keilholz and Schaben each posted five assists as Lamb added four, and Paulsmeyer posted one.

Lamb and Paulsmeyer snagged seven rebounds apiece, Schaben grabbed

five, and Keilholz added one.

Defensively, Schaben and Lamb recorded two steals apiece, and Keilholz finished with one as Paulsmeyer had the team's lone block.

In the semis, Chamois suffered another close loss, 41-37, to Laquey.

"The kids fought hard the entire game against a solid opponent," said Bates. "I thought we executed well on defense the entire night holding them to 41 points. We did have our struggles at times with turnovers and key rebounds. Again, playing with only five showed that these five have a lot of heart."

Chamois led 9-7 after one but the scores flipped

in the second for a 16-16 tie going into the locker room. In the third, the Pirates stalled with Laquey winning the frame 12-6. Despite a great effort in the final eight minutes, the Pirates came up short.

Keilholz drained two three-pointers and Paulsmeyer went 5-7 from the short floor as each scored 10 points to lead the team. Lamb added nine, Schaben (trey) scored six, and Bottoms put in two. Keilholz also led with six assists and Paulsmeyer had two.

Lamb's eight rebounds paced the team as Keilholz

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ELI PAULSMYER, left, goes up for the tip-off on Saturday against Newburg in Saturday's third-place game at the Belle tournament. Above, Mason Lamb looks for a way to save the possession against Laquey. Both Paulsmeyer and Lamb were named to the All-Tournament team.

PHOTOS BY WILL JOHNSON

Lady Comets come up short in rematch with Helias Catholic

Fatima had highs and lows in Thursday's rematch against Helias but came up short, 63-44.

"I don't think the girls were nervous about playing them," said Baker. "We just didn't get out and guard Adalyn (Koelling). She found open spots and made some shots."

Koelling scored 29 to lead all scorers.

Fatima's game plan didn't change much. "We talked about who was guarding us," said Baker. "Whoever Koelling was guarding, we were going to use her to drag her out, and early on, Alli (Robertson) and Morgan (Luebbering) were playing well. They certainly weren't going to let us shoot tonight."

Teams have pressured Fatima's point guards, which Baker said he expects to see moving forward, and the Lady Comets

are working through it.

"They pressured the guards and Alli did a good job driving the ball," said Baker. "We need to get all of our guards to push through that pressure. We had Alli and Ellie (Brune) bringing up the ball and that wears them out. If we can get our point guards to handle that, our other players will be able to get down into position. We have to get that solidified before districts."

Robertson had a good night with 20 points, including a pair of three-pointers and a 2-5 mark at the line, where the team covered 7-13.

Fatima trailed by 10 after the first quarter and played even through the second to trail 33-23 at the half.

Fatima committed 18 turnovers, twice as many as Helias, and Baker said that

contributed to the loss. "For the most part, we rebounded pretty well but we had too many turnovers," he said. "Our two keys coming in were rebounding and taking care of the ball and we didn't take care of the ball. That was our Achilles' Heel tonight."

Between turnovers and missed shots around the basket, Baker said the game could easily have swung the other way. "That's a lot of possessions and if we had scored instead of turning the ball over and missing shots, it would have been a much closer game," he added.

Having said that, Baker is pretty pleased with the effort. "I thought overall they did a good job," said Baker. "The bench played pretty well. It's as solid as you can hope for, honestly, and they gave us good minutes. Vivian (Bax) was

introduced to high-level basketball tonight. She's usually pretty solid with the ball but this was a big game and she had a few turnovers."

Luebbering scored nine as Brune put in four, Kaitlyn "KP" Plassmeyer, Kristen Robertson, and Claire Bexten added three apiece, and Bax posted two. Brune counted three assists to lead the way as Emma Bower, KP, A. Robertson, and Bax each added two.

Luebbering's six rebounds were tops, with three by Lydia Brunnert, two apiece from Bower, Anna Eichholz, and A.

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ELLIE BRUNE gains control of the ball as teammate Emma Bower lends a hand in Thursday's game against Helias.

PHOTO BY NEAL A. JOHNSON



FATIMA CLAIMED first place at the St. James tournament with Saturday's win over Rolla. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Easton Haslag, Matthew Robertson, Carson Schulte, Lee Verslues, and Max Stuecken; and in the back row, Jack Robertson, Ty Fortson, Nate Lehmen, Levi Robinson, Leo Peters, Nate Brandt, Jacob Vanderfeltz, and Cooper Kleffner.

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Fatima contains Rolla to win St. James tourney on Saturday

Fatima coach Ryan Robertson praised the efforts of Assistant Coach Ethan Williams for his preparation for Rolla in Saturday's championship game of the St. James tournament, which the Comets won 51-42.

"His scouting report was dead-on," said Robertson. "We took away a lot of the things they like to do. When you play a team that shoots from 35 feet, it's scary, but I think we were able to contend, and our defense carried us. The guys kept them out of the paint for the most part."

At the end of the first quarter, the Comets trailed 11-7 but things changed in the second as the Comets used strong rebounding to take control of the game and never looked back.

"That's key for us," said Robertson. "If we can keep teams off the glass, and we can rebound and run, our transition game is solid. At first, they were taking long shots, which meant long rebounds. That slows us

down. In the second half, we got a lot of loose balls and we were able to throw it out and get going. I think that was a huge part of our win."

Fatima battled back from a six-point deficit to take an 18-17 lead with 38 seconds and maintained that lead at the end of the first half.

Midway through the third, Fatima took a 28-21 lead and forced a Rolla timeout. The Comets got a lot of help from secondary players.

"Our bench was huge," said Robertson. "Jack (Robertson) had a big night on both ends of the floor. Other guys like Leo Peters, Levi Robinson, and Jacob Vanderfeltz, do the little things that make a huge difference. It took everybody to pull out this win, and it seems like our bench players step up when the

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LEE VERSLUES takes a hit as he lays in a bucket during the first half of Saturday's championship game at St. James.



NATE BRANDT, left, comes away with a loose ball after a tussle with a pair of Rolla players. Above, Levi Robinson breaks free after a loose-ball scrum near halfcourt.

Linn tested in loss to Blair Oaks, Ham sees progress

Linn coach Braden Ham said going into last week's game against Blair Oaks that he knew exactly what to expect and he believes this test will help in the long run.

"I thought our effort and urgency was pretty high," he said.

"When you schedule a program like Blair Oaks you know exactly what you are getting," said Ham as the Wildcats fell 84-37 last Tuesday. "You are getting an athletic, big, skilled team that has had a ton of success over the years. I enjoy playing teams like that because it tests every aspect of where you are as a program and what you need to do to improve to potentially beat the best teams out there. In each game, we learn good and bad about each other. I believe that you can learn from both good and bad if

you choose to own both. We are gradually getting better in the ownership department."

Ham added that quite a few errant passes at both levels resulted in easy baskets for the Falcons.

Turnovers were a problem as Linn committed 20, while offensively, the 'Cats shot 41% from the field, with a 4-14 mark from the outside, and a 1-2 performance at the line.

Linn trailed 26-13 after one and 54-21 at the break. On the night, Austin Grellner (trey) led with 11 points as Zach Dodson added seven, Noah Hall (2 treys) and Hank Klouzek each added six, Ashton Keilholz posted five with a trey, and Seth Wolfe finished with two. Keagan Heywood led with three assists as Grellner added two, and S. Wolfe, Hall, Keilholz, and Austin Wolfe

put up one apiece.

Grellner's five rebounds led the way as Keilholz and Dodson each grabbed four, Hall had two, and Dillan Blauvelt posted one.

Dodson counted a pair of steals and took a charge while Blauvelt and Heywood each added a steal.

Linn lost the JV game 50-17.

Individual scoring was not available but Coach Mike Nolte said that Curtis Deeken and Seth Wolfe defended taller players and rebounded very well.

"The guys played really hard and defended well," Nolte added. "We are still working on getting our offense and will soon be able to score consistently against that level of competition."

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1/24-1/29 - Linn @ Hermann Invit. - V B
1/24-1/29 - Linn @ Harrisburg Tourn. - V G
1/27 - Fatima vs. Boonville @ home - V/JV G - 6 p.m.
1/31 - Fatima @ St. Elizabeth - V/JV G - 6 p.m.
2/1 - Fatima @ Tusculumbia - JV/Fr. B - 6 p.m.
2/1 - Chamois @ New Haven - V B - 7:30 p.m.
2/3 - Linn vs. New Bloomfield @ home - V/JV G - 6 p.m.
2/3 - Fatima vs. Eugene @ home - V/JV G - 6 p.m.
2/4 - Linn @ South Callaway - V/JV - V/JV B - 5 p.m.

WRESTLING

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FATIMA DANCE team seniors, Madison Borgmeyer, left, and Ella Winkelman, were recognized on Thursday at the Lady Comets' game against Helias. Madison is the daughter of Caleb and Stephanie Borgmeyer, and Ella is the daughter of Clarence and Susan Winkelman. Below, the team performs at halftime. **PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON**



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Robertson, and one by Brune and KP. KP led with three steals, Brune added two, and Bower and Bax posted one apiece. Luebbering had four blocks.

Heading into the final stretch, Baker said he feels good about his team's performance thus far in the season. "Helias plays a tough schedule too but this is probably the toughest schedule I've ever put together. It's hard because we have one hell of a team, and there are nights when we look young, which we are, and nights we look pretty strong. This team has played well and our schedule is going to help us. We

could play a soft schedule and have two losses but then you roll into districts feeling like world-beaters and see competition like we saw tonight and you realize you're not as good as you thought you were. I think the girls finally embraced the grind of playing night after night against tough teams. It's only going to get tougher but the girls are up for the challenge."

In the JV game, the Lady Comets fell 55-30.

"The girls fought hard but came up on the losing end of it," said Coach John Fick. "Usually, after a big loss like this, there would be huge points of emphasis, like turnovers or bad defense trips, but this game we just failed to put the ball in the basket. We were able to get good looks under the

rim; we just failed to finish."

As a team, the Lady Comets were 4-16 from the free-throw line. "That's a lot of points we left out there," said Fick. "I felt like our girls played a good enough defensive game. The Lady Crusaders were just lights out from the field. They stretched our zone farther than we would have liked it, but we had to respect their shooting ability."

Madelyn Backes, Carly MacLellan, and Lucy Crede led with five points apiece as

K. Robertson, Lily Warren, and Brunnett put in three each, and Bax, Payton Wieberg, and Mia Kliethermes each scored two.



THE OSAGE County Volleyball Club (OCVBC) 18's team won the Sunflower Slam Tournament in Lenexa, Kan., last Saturday. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Jenna Bax, Ava Bock, and Leah Markway; and in the back row, Coach Curtis Fischer, Samantha Bax, Lauren Strope, Grace Farris, AnnaBelle Massman, and Coach Michelle Fischer.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS of Columbus #1171 champions in the 2022 free throw contest are, from left to right, front row, Austin Woehr, Briella DuValeus, and Ty Berhorst; and in the back row, Ty Brandt, Wyatt Dake, Dylan Schwartz, Adalyn Berhorst, and Emery Berhorst. These champions will represent the Westphalia Council at the district contest.



ALLI ROBERTSON, above left, finds a way to get this shot over a defender in Thursday's game. Above right, Morgan Luebbering breaks loose for an easy bucket.



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KRISTEN ROBERTSON blows past a Helias player in Thursday's JV game. Above, Madelyn Backes brings the ball up the floor.

Schroeder earns first place at Brookfield tournament

Fatima's wrestling teams traveled to Brookfield Friday evening to compete in a tournament. Skylar Schroeder went undefeated, pinning all of her opponents in the first period to take first place at the tournament.

The boys competed on Saturday at the Brookfield tournament where they put up a good showing.

Luke Schroeder and Trevor Herzing took first, Alek was fourth place, and other competitors were Malaki Nevins, Landon Bassett, Tyler Kloeppel.

"I thought we competed well last week," said Coach Kurt Strope. "We have areas to improve but overall, we did very well. It was good to see Trevor and Luke have a strong showing. Hopefully, they are able to carry that through the rest of the tournament."

Last Tuesday, Fatima went 0-3, losing at Father Tolton to the host Trailblazers (33-30), Macon (36-30), and Tipton (36-36 in a tiebreaker).

Linn short two players in New Haven loss

Linn played last Tuesday's game at New Haven without Autumn Baker and Vivien Baker and despite a great effort, the Lady Wildcats fell 58-35.

"We competed hard against a good team," said Coach Brandi Moore. "We played with them in the first half but we struggled to find any rhythm on offense."

After a slow start in the first, Linn found its offense in the second quarter but trailed 27-17 at the break. Following was a 20-13 third quarter that gave the Lady Shamrocks a 40-26 lead.

Aushara Hostetler hit 4-5 from three-point range to lead with 19 points and 10 rebounds as Kiana Hostetler added two treys and scored 12, while Hannah Hackmann and Emma Monnette each scored two. K. Hostetler posted a team-high four assists as A. Hostetler, Monnette, Kylie Peters, and Ellie Monnette dished it once apiece.

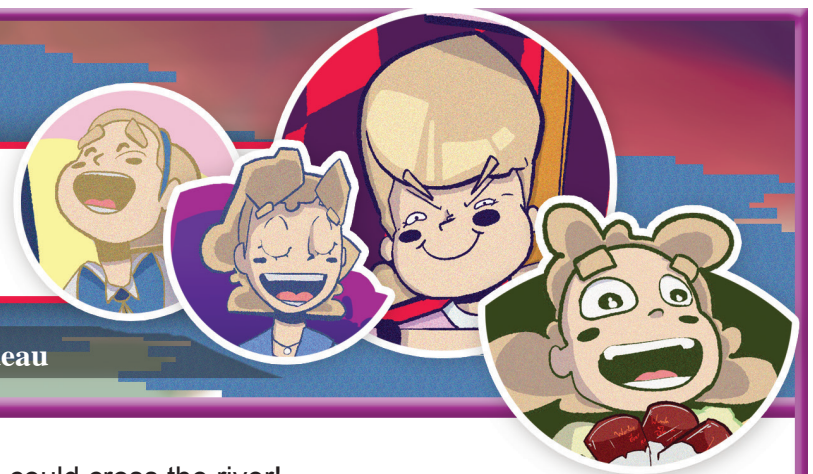
Also grabbing rebounds were Ellie Monnette (5), Peters and K. Hostetler (2 each), and Hackmann and Emma Monnette (1 apiece).

A. Hostetler had an impressive five blocks as K. Hostetler added one to go with two steals, and Natasha Jewell finished with a steal.

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Generations of Missouri

Written by Carolyn Mueller | Illustrated by Philip Goudeau



An Elephant and A Bridge Chapter Three

Sarah, age 25 & Mary, age 6 months | 1874

Sarah joined crowds of people heading along the cobblestones on their way to the Mississippi River on this warm June day. At 25, she was married to a lawyer, was a mother, and lived in St. Louis.

Sarah shifted the weight of Baby Mary in her arms. Mary was Sarah's third child. The older children were at home in the nursery, but Mary was easy enough to bring along on today's adventure.

The high collar and thick fabric of her dress made sweat drip down her back, but Sarah was determined to get there on time. She remembered the lesson her Grandmother Annie had taught her about showing up and bearing witness to history. Today was one of those special days.

Andrew Carnegie, steel tycoon and one of the richest men in the United States, was going to walk an elephant across the Eads Bridge! Mr. Carnegie had commissioned the building of a bridge to span the river connecting St.

Louis to East St. Louis in Illinois.

Named after its architect, James Eads, the new bridge was one of the first constructed with steel rather than wrought iron. The steel supposedly made the bridge quite strong. Sarah hoped this was true. Trains and elephants

could cross the river!

Sarah, Baby Mary, and the rest of the onlookers gathered along the riverbank to find out just how great Carnegie and Eads' creation was.

And there, in front of the crowd, stood Andrew Carnegie, James Eads, and the immense elephant!

"Ladies and gentlemen!" Carnegie called. "Today, we shall test the strength of the Eads Bridge! We all know that an elephant will not walk on unstable ground. And we all know that an elephant is the greatest, and heaviest, beast to walk on land! So, I present to you the ultimate test! This elephant will cross Eads Bridge!" The crowd erupted in cheers of excitement. Carnegie continued, "So strong is my faith in Eads' magnificent work, that I too will accompany the elephant on its trans-river journey to the state of Illinois!"

The crowd went crazy! Sarah held Baby Mary up to see the elephant as Andrew Carnegie, the elephant, and its handlers set forth.

A hush settled over the crowd, and everyone gasped as the elephant took its first steps onto the bridge. The quiet then dissolved into cheers as, without hesitation, the giant pachyderm crossed the river confidently under the blazing summer sun.

Sarah felt an overwhelming sense of joy and anticipation. Her teenage years before her marriage and motherhood had seen the turbulent times of the Civil War, resulting in the dissolution of slavery and the Confederacy. The 15th amendment gave black Americans the right to vote. And now, the country seemed to be moving forward with progress in an exciting new direction.

Sarah looked at the massive bridge and cradled her baby, seeing only possibilities.

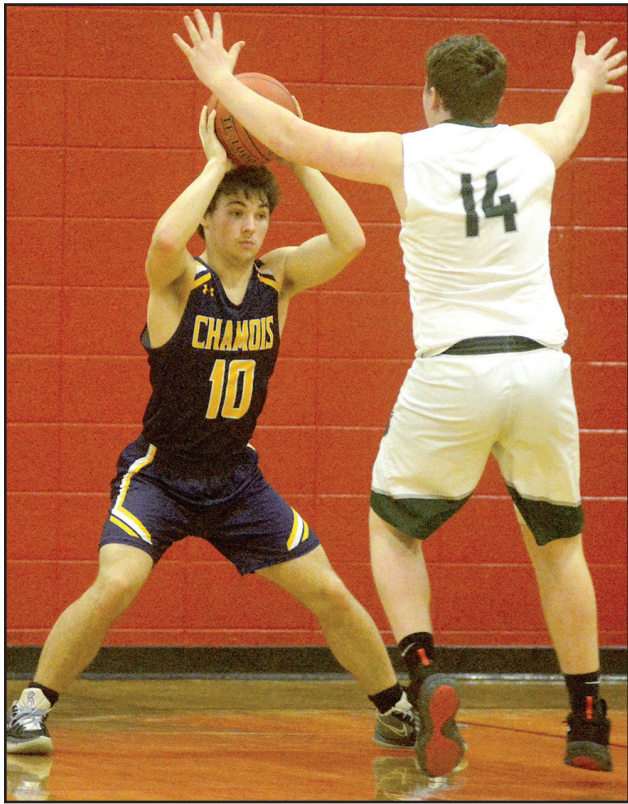
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CALEB KEILHOLZ, above, works for a pass against Belle. Below, Caine Schaben faces defensive pressure in the backcourt against Newburg.



SKYLER BOTTOMS pressures this Laquey player at the Belle tournament.

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and Paulsmeyer each snagged five, and Schaben and Bottoms posted two apiece.

Defensively, Schaben and Lamb counted a steal each.

Chamois opened the tournament against the host Tigers and claimed a 53-29 win as Lamb (20) and Schaben (17, 7-9 FT) led the offense.

"I thought we played a very solid game defensively," said Bates as the Pirates held the Tigers to 26% shooting and forced 18 turnovers. "We did a great job of containing them off the dribble and rebounded the ball very well. Offensively, we did a great job attacking their zone early and great ball movement led to strong drives to the basket."

A 15-12 edge to start the second became a 28-18

lead at halftime, and Chamois controlled the third, 15-4, to set up the win. All told, the Pirates shot 57.1% from the field while hitting one trey and going 12-19 from the FT line.

Chamois scored 17 points off turnovers and won the rebounding battle, 29-17.

Also scoring were Paulsmeyer, who put in 10, win as Lamb (20) and Schaben (17, 7-9 FT) led the offense.

Rebounding efforts were led by Paulsmeyer (7), followed by Schaben (6), Lamb and Bottoms (3 each), and Keilholz (2).

Schaben and Keilholz each counted two steals while Lamb and Bottoms had one apiece, and Paulsmeyer added one with a block.



JACOB VANDERFELTZ looks for help after grabbing a rebound against Rolla. Below, Leo Peters swats the ball away from three Bulldogs to help Fatima secure a rebound.



JACK ROBERTSON rips at the ball while tangling with a Rolla player in Saturday's game.



NATE LEHMEN, above, puts up a fade shot from the wing in Saturday's win over Rolla at the St. James tournament. Nate Brandt, right, and Lee Verslues (MVP) were named to the All-Tournament team. **PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON**

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starters need to rest."

Just into the final quarter, the Comets held a 38-32 edge and built it to 10 points but even late in the game, that was anything but a guarantee with the way Rolla shot the ball. "Their trap is so random too," said Robertson. "You try to put guys in alignment but it makes you play. You have to be able to handle the ball and pass it, and when you have seniors like we have, it makes things easier."

Fatima hit 38.3% from the field, just a hair better than Rolla (37%) while covering 4-20 from long range. The big difference was at the free-throw line, where the Comets covered 11-13, compared to just 2-6 for the Bulldogs.

All-Tournament team selection Nate Brandt drained a pair of threes and was 3-3 at the line on his way to a team-high 17 points as tourney MVP Lee Verslues covered a trey and went 5-5 at the stripe for 12 points. Also scoring were J. Robertson (9), Peters (6), Nate "Kevin" Lehmen (5), and Robinson (2). Verslues provided five assists on the night as Brandt added two, and Lehmen and J.

Robertson each had one.

Lehmen led with 10 rebounds, followed by Verslues (5), Brandt (4), Peters and J. Robertson (3 each), and Robinson and Vanderfeltz (2 apiece).

On the defensive end, Verslues counted four steals to go with one each by Peters, Robinson, Lehmen, and Brandt.

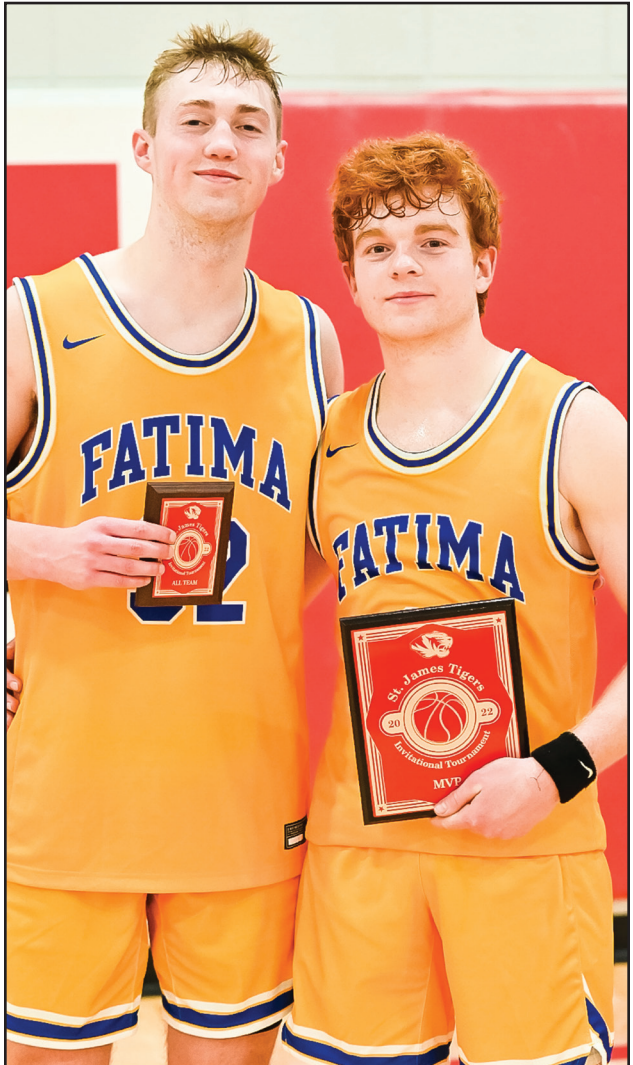
"This was a great win for us," said Coach Robertson. "We needed to get over the hump and this was a big win for the program. The guys are starting to play freely. In the first half of the season, they were playing kind of tight but now letting it rip."

In the semifinals, the Comets knocked off St. James, 73-43, in a game that averaged last year's district loss.

"I've always said I'd rather go to the dentist than play St. James," said Robertson. "I think our kids remember that loss last year but they didn't overplay it. St. James has a quality program so this was a good win."

Fatima wasted no time, scoring 27 points in the first quarter en route to a 40-19 halftime lead. In the fourth, the Comets outscored the Tigers 22-8.

On the night, Fatima shot 45.2% from the field



and hit 9-26 from three-point range along with an 8-17 mark at the line.

Brandt was 2-6 (3-PT) and 4-6 (FT) as he scored 24 and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead all players, as Verslues went 3-5 from beyond the arc and finished with 15. Peters (trey) posted nine, Cooper Kleffner (trey) and Robinson (3-4 FT) each put in seven, Lehmen scored four, J. Robertson and Carson Schulte had three apiece, and Matthew "Munch" Robertson finished with one.

On the rebounding front, Peters added seven to the mix, followed by Kleffner (6), Verslues and Lehmen (4 each), Vanderfeltz (3), Max Stuecken, Robinson, and Easton Haslag (2 apiece), and Ty Fortson (1).

Brandt led with four steals while Vanderfeltz and Lehmen posted two each, and Stuecken, Robinson, Haslag, Verslues, and Fortson picked up one apiece.

Entering the tournament, the Comets put down Salem 73-38.

"Salem fights and I respect their coach," said Robertson. "They haven't gotten a win this year but they're coached hard and they fight."

Following a 15-point

advantage in the first, Fatima outscored Salem 18-5 in the second to hold a 43-15 lead at intermission. From there, the Comets' onslaught continued with a 21-13 edge in the third.

Fatima was solid overall (45.7%) from the field and hit five treys on the night as Verslues (2 treys, 2-2 FT) scored a game-high 18 points and Brandt (trey) put in 14. Also scoring were Stuecken (8), Vanderfeltz and Haslag (6 each), Peters, Fortson, J. Robertson, and Lehmen (4 apiece), M. Robertson (3), and Kleffner (2). In the assists column, Kleffner led with three, Haslag, Fortson, Lehmen, and Brandt each had two, and M. Robertson, Robinson, and Verslues finished with one apiece.

Brandt counted a double-double with his 10 rebounds. Next was Vanderfeltz (6), followed by Haslag (5), J. Robertson (4), Kleffner, Verslues and Fortson (3 each), Lehmen, Stuecken and Peters (2 each), and Robinson and Schulte (1 apiece).

Defensively, Lehmen's four steals paced the team as Brandt added three to go with a block, and Peters, Haslag, Verslues, Kleffner, and Fortson added one apiece.

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News From Linn R-2 School



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SIXTH GRADERS AT LINN R-2 LEARN ABOUT NEWTON’S SECOND AND THIRD LAWS

Ms. Katie Feth’s sixth-grade students explored designing the fastest balloon rocket last week. Students tested different-sized balloons, measuring the average speed after each trial. Students measured the distance and time and then determined the speed of each trial. Through class discussion, students explored how Newton’s second and third laws were evident in their investigation.

Immaculate Conception School News

SECOND QUARTER 2021-2022

- A HONOR ROLL**
- 5th Grade**
Kaylee Muenks
- 6th Grade**
Dylan Crowe
- 7th Grade**
Lilly Borgmeyer
Emma Stuecken
Grant Wilbers
- 8th Grade**
Cole Jaegers
Andrew Muenks
- B HONOR ROLL**
- 5th Grade**
Edie Bauer
Elizabeth Voss
- 6th Grade**
Olivia Bonnot
Jackson Crede
Trevor Crowe
Peyton Roark
Maci Wilbers
Renee Wilbers
- 7th Grade**
Anne Boyce
Jane Boyce
Sophie Hertzing
Graidy Mantle
Leah Muenks
Brenna Ochiskey
Margaret Peters
Derek Troesser
Melissa Verslues
Lucy Warren
- 8th Grade**
Alayna Backes
Grace Borgmeyer
Amelia Carwile
Nate Jaegers
Ryan Jansen
Mackenzie Jones
Lily Kempker
Blake Kliethermes
Ava Kremer
Addisyn Nilges
Drew Riegel
Brody Thoenen
Natalie Wilbers

Scholarships Available through FCS Financial

JEFFERSON CITY - Jan. 11, 2022 - Since 2004, FCS Financial has provided more than \$720,000 to Missouri high school seniors seeking higher education. Up to 35 scholarships, each at \$1,500 will be awarded to children or grandchildren of FCS Financial members. The scholarship deadline is March 1 and recipients will be notified in April.

Applicants must be a graduating senior at a Missouri high school and a child or grandchild of an FCS Financial member. Additionally, the student must attain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, an ACT score of at least 26 or rank in the top 20 percent of their senior class. The scholarship applicants are then judged by a non-partisan committee on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays.

Apply online at www.myfcsfinancial.com. Click on About Us at the top of the web page and choose the Scholarships link. Relatives of FCS Financial board members or employees are not eligible.

Missouri 4-H Foundation accepting scholarship applications

COLUMBIA - The Missouri 4-H Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from current or former Missouri 4-H members pursuing postsecondary study. Applications are due March 1, 2022.

Missouri 4-H youths are encouraged to showcase their personal growth and development as well as their career goals on their scholarship applications.

“For more than 70 years, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, our donors and our partner organizations have supported 4-H’ers as they pursue their educational goals,” said Rachel Augustine, Missouri 4-H Foundation director. “We are proud to award scholarships that recognize the accomplishments of Missouri 4-H youth.”

This year, more than \$85,000 – the highest amount ever – will be awarded to current or former Missouri 4-H members, Augustine said. A list of available scholarships is at muext.us/4Hscholarships.

COLLEGE CLIPS

Missouri State University

- Fall 2021 Dean’s List:
- | | |
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| Belle | Koeltztown |
| Andy Rolwes | Morgan Laux |
| Bonnots Mill | Linn |
| Amber Dudenhoeffer | Nicole Chase |
| Abby Gentges | Anna Reinkenmeyer |
| Carly Muenks | Loose Creek |
| Claire Nilges | Paul Boeckmann |
| Kendal Nilges | Maria Verslues |
| Avery Orscheln | Morrison |
| Freeburg | Benjamin Busken |
| Jordan Pope | Westphalia |
| Sierra Sankey | Ashlynn Harmon |
| | Danielle Stegeman |

Truman State University

- Fall 2021 Graduation List:
- Westphalia
- Emily Maxine Massman,
Master of Arts in
Education
- Fall 2021 President’s List:
- Koeltztown
- Natalie Samson

Southeast Missouri State University

- Fall 2021 Dean’s List:

- Belle
- Kenzi Cetroute

Westminster College

- Fall 2021 Dean’s List

- Freeburg
- Tiffany Bliss, junior

- Linn
- Caleb Maassen, freshman

- Loose Creek
- Veronica Toebben, junior

A LOOK BACK AT LAST WEEK’S WEATHER IN OSAGE COUNTY

The following temperatures and precipitation were recorded by Tom Kixmueller, National Weather Service observer at Freedom:

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 17	36	26	
Jan. 18	56	33	
Jan. 19	13	3	
Jan. 20	18	-1	
Jan. 21	25	14	
Jan. 22	44	35	
Jan. 23	40	40	

National Weather Service
Weekend Forecast
for
OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday-Sunny, high near 29. North wind around 6 mph becoming calm.
Wednesday Night-Increasing clouds, with a temperature rising to around 27 by 5 a.m. Southeast wind 6 to 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight.
Thursday-A slight chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 11 a.m. and noon, then a slight chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, high near 42. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Thursday Night-Mostly cloudy, low around 18.
Friday-Sunny, high near 31.
Friday Night-Mostly clear, low around 16.
Saturday-Sunny, high near 40.
Saturday Night-Mostly clear, low around 25.
Sunday-Sunny, high near 45.
Sunday Night-Mostly clear, low around 23.

SUPER BOWL BARBECUE POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion Post #317 has decided to postpone their annual Super Bowl barbecue until the end of April.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to serving you in April.

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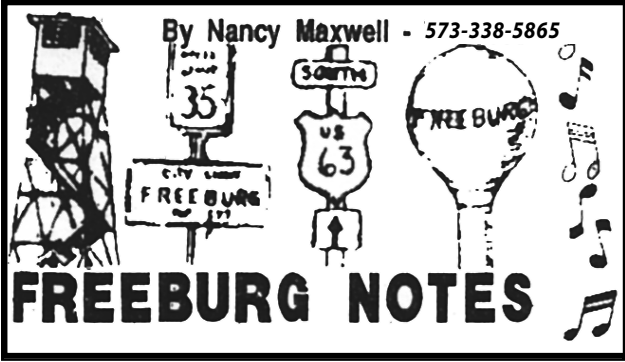
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Good morning. Hope you all had a good weekend. It was a bit cool but the sunshine was nice!

Our sincere sympathy to Sarah and Jamie Falter and family on the death of her uncle, Albert Lee Davis, age 98, of Benton City, who died last week at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico.

Graveside services were held Monday at Benton City Cemetery.

Thursday evening the Holy Family Lady Knights basketball team lost 34-24 to St. Stanislaus. Lexey Bassett scored seven points, Kacie Haller scored five points, Anna Struempf scored five points, Kacey Brune scored four points, Holly Bliss scored two points and Carmen Falter scored one point.

Their next game is Thursday, Jan. 27 against the St. Martin Lady Jaguars at 8 p.m. at St. Martin School gym. Good luck.

Joining us Wednesday afternoon for lunch were Levi Maxwell of Jefferson City and Allison and Shawn Reichel.

Congratulations to Allyssa Struempf who made the Dean's list for the fall semester 2021 at Columbia College.

Winners Friday evening in the Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus Pitch tournament, 1) Kegan Bauer and Jared Schulte and 2nd place Alex and Paul Krieg.

Action will resume this Friday, Jan. 28 – sign up at 6:30 p.m. and play at 7 p.m.

The Fatima Lady Comets basketball team will host Boonville High school Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.; They will play at St. Elizabeth High School Monday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 3 they will host Eugene High School at 6 p.m. Good luck

Late Friday evening Ben and Erin Berhorst and son, Ben, Lonnie and Terri Woodward and son, Dawson, Erin Lee and son, Cody and Amanda Struempf and daughter, Abby, returned home from a whirlwind, three-day trip to Washington, D.C., where they were part of the thousands of people who marched on the capital in the 49th annual Right to Life March. They enjoyed touring several monuments and trying new restaurants. It was a great trip in spite of the cold weather! At least they didn't have to worry about rain and snow!

Saturday morning Paralee Kloeppel and I along with Stephan Johannesmeyer of Westphalia, Kay Fitzpatrick of Jefferson City, Melody Buersmeyer of Westphalia and Kirk and Sheila Bailey of Jefferson City enjoyed brunch at Oscar's Restaurant in Jefferson City. We were helping Paralee celebrate her 74th birthday.

Happy birthday also to Emric Eisterhold who celebrated his first birthday Jan. 20; to Joshua Welschmeyer who celebrated his 27th birthday Jan. 20; to Evan Koeingsfeld who celebrated his 12th birthday Jan. 20; to Tate Schnieders who celebrated his first birthday Jan. 20; to Jamie Herzing who celebrated her 41st birthday Jan. 21; to Dale Pope who celebrated his 59th birthday Jan. 21; to Sadie

Phillips who celebrated her 7th birthday Jan. 21; to Trinity Massman who celebrated her 10th birthday Jan. 22; to Lisa Bullock who celebrated her 53rd birthday Jan. 22; to Randy Weed who celebrated his 55th birthday Jan. 22; to Kelly Welschmeyer who celebrated her birthday Jan. 22; to Joyce Neuner who celebrated her birthday Jan. 22; to Laney Bassett who celebrated her 18th birthday Jan. 22; to Wade Boehm who celebrated his 23rd birthday Jan. 23; to Whitney Krieg who celebrated her 35th birthday Jan. 23; to Drew Neier who celebrated his 35th birthday Jan. 23; to Mary Lea Reinkemeyer who celebrated her birthday Jan. 23; to Baker Allen who celebrated her 4th birthday Jan. 23; to Holly Bliss who celebrated her 13th birthday Jan. 24; to Brooke Rehmet who celebrated her 26th birthday Jan. 25; to Randy and Andy Iven who celebrated their 54th birthdays Jan. 25; to Alyssa Wiles who celebrated her 29th birthday Jan. 25; to Cassie Rhea who celebrated her 27th birthday Jan. 25; to Cindy Hilke-meyer who celebrated her 63rd birthday Jan. 25; to Scott Plassmeyer who celebrated his 56th birthday Jan. 25; to Heather Hutchison who celebrated her 45th birthday Jan. 25; to Les Hutchison who celebrated his 53rd birthday Jan. 25; to Charlie and Billie Kampeter who celebrated their 6th birthdays Jan. 25; to Fletcher Frank who celebrated his 23rd birthday Jan. 26; to Chris Nilges who celebrated his 46th birthday Jan. 26.

Thursday, Jan. 20, Rich and Tina Eisterhold hosted a second birthday celebration for their youngest grandson Emric Eisterhold. Emric is the son of Daniel Eisterhold of Rich Fountain. Attending the "Heavy Equipment" themed party was his brother, Zayden Eisterhold, I. McLean, his aunt, Shrey and Quincie Finney, uncle Andrew Eisterhold and girlfriend, Taylor Quick, cousins Michael, Caroline and Sterling Marcum, Caroline's sister, Hope Price and Brianne and Chris Versluis.

The Fatima Comets wrestling team will participate in the Grandview Tournament Saturday, Jan. 29. Good luck.

The Fatima Lady Comets wrestling team will participate in the Seckman Women's Tournament Saturday, Jan. 29 at Seckman, Thursday, Feb. 3 they will host the Owensville Lady Dutchmen and South Callaway. Good luck.

Saturday afternoon the Holy Family Knights sixth grade basketball team lost to Immaculate Conception Angels (JC). Toby Libbert scored 11 points, Charlie Berhorst scored four points.

Their next game is Saturday, Jan. 29 at 12 noon against St. Joseph Bulldogs (Westphalia) at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City. Good luck.

The Holy Family Lady Knights game Saturday with St. George School was cancelled.

Their next game is Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. against the Trinity Lutheran Lady Tigers at St. Martin School gym. Good luck.

Little miss Baker Allen celebrated her fourth birthday Sunday with a party hosted by her parents, Taylor and Tori Allen. Enjoying the "Unicom" themed party were Kevin and Rhonda Allen, Cameron and Jenn Allen and children, Boone and Dani, Doug and Lauren Crocker of Columbia and Tucker Gehlert.

Making the "A" honor roll in Fatima Elementary are Benjamin Struempf, Kinlee Perkins, Sadi Lehmen and Etta Redel-Sharison.

Making the "B" honor roll were Jayden Eisterhold, Bree Voss, Aliza Stratman, Brie Wildhaber, Jaidyn McCann, Mallory Neuner, Quin Winkelman and Paul Welschmeyer.

Confirmation and PSR classes for students in Holy Family School and Sacred Heart School will be held Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. For

those of you who like to plan ahead Confirmation has been set for Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Rich Fountain.

Bo Allen's service project is collecting new twin-sized sheets, blankets and comforters for the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" charity. Collection boxes will be in the back of church or in school till Sunday, Jan. 30. Cash donations are also welcome. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a local charity that builds beds for needy local youth. Bo, son of Taylor and Tori Allen, is a first grade student at Holy Family School.

The Fatima Comets basketball team will be playing in the 91st annual Eldon boys basketball tournament this week, and Tuesday, Feb. 1 they will play at Tuscumbia High School at 6 p.m. Good luck.

Supper guests Saturday evening in our humble abode were Karla and Justin Bridges and children, Faith and Lane McKim of Linn. We were helping Faith celebrate her 17th birthday.

The "Soul Squad" invites all high school students to join them for faith, service and fellowship Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Holy Family Church rectory.

Shane and Jessica Zimmer hosted a birthday party Sunday in honor of little miss Emmalynn's first birthday. Helping her celebrate were Nicki Bax, Dan Zimmer, Kristie Hagner, Carissa and Alex Brewer of Kansas City and other family and friends.

Our sincere sympathy to Wanda Dyke and family on the death of her sister, Evelyn Maxey of Jefferson City. Funeral plans are incomplete at this time.

Congratulations to the Holy Family Knights and Lady Knights archery teams who captured first place over the weekend in their meet at Helias High School in Jefferson City. They scored 3,146 points.

Dawson Woodward scored 283 to capture second place in the eighth grade boys ranking; Connor Knoll scored 280 to capture first place in the seventh grade boys ranking; Tyler Bexten scored 276 to finish third in the eighth grade boys ranking; Xavier Knoll scored 274 and finished second in the seventh grade boys ranking; Ethan Kloeppel scored 270 to finish first in the sixth grade boys ranking; Toby Libbert scored 268 to finish second in the sixth grade boys ranking; Tyler Rowden scored 266 to finish third in the sixth grade boys ranking; Cody Mosley scored 265 to finish seventh in the eighth grade boys ranking; Eli Woodruff finished fourth in the sixth grade boys ranking with a score of 264; Evan Simmons scored 260 and finished fifth in the seventh grade boys ranking; Morgan Murphy scored 255 to finish fourth in the girls eighth grade ranking; Jake Rowden scored 255 to finish first in the fifth grade boys ranking; John Stephens scored 270; Wyatt Redel scored 244; Avery Perrey scored 241 to finish seventh in the seventh grade girls ranking; Katie Kloeppel scored 241 to finish first in the fourth grade girls ranking; Abe Woodruff scored 236; Reese Nivens scored 235; Tyler Reichel scored 233; Lily Falter scored 227 to finish sixth in the fifth grade girls ranking; Alexis Rudroff scored 224 to finish seventh in the fifth grade girls ranking; Gavin Kempler scored 217; Gage Curtis scored 216; Alexis Curtis scored 214; Holly Bliss scored 206; Claire Neier scored 203; Kamryn Lee scored 187.

Their next meet will be this weekend, Jan. 28-29 at St. Joseph School in Westphalia. Good luck.

In case you are tired of cooking, Friday, Jan. 28 the Pizza Kwik food truck will be at the Holy Family Church parking lot from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will donate 10% of each sale back to Holy Family School.

The Freeburg Knights of Columbus will host their an-

nual Free Throw Contest for all boys and girls ages 9-14 Sunday, Jan. 30 in the Holy Family School gym.

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Catholic Schools Week activities will begin with Mass Sunday, Jan. 30 at Sacred Heart School at the 7:45 a.m. Mass and at the 9:30 a.m Mass at Holy Family Parish.

This sounds like fun – through the week the students at Holy Family School will be competing with each other in selecting a menu and creating a dessert. Each classroom will select a menu for a day of the week plus help to create the dessert for that meal. At the end of the week, the faculty and staff will select the winning class and the winners will receive an ice cream party!

Here are the activities for the Holy Family Students during Catholic Schools Week: Monday, Jan. 31 each classroom will focus on completing a service within the school and the students may come dressed in their favorite sports team gear/colors along with blue jeans.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 students will compete in a scavenger hunt and the team that selects the "Golden Key" to the treasure box will win the contents in the box. The students may come dressed in their pajamas Tuesday.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 business members of our community are invited to join the Holy Family School students for Mass at 7:45 a.m. After Mass the students will show their appreciation to the business owners for their continued support of the school. Students may wear t-shirts, hoodies and hats with emblems of local businesses on them, as well as jeans.

Thursday, Feb. 3, the junior high students will create a waxed museum of saints for the remaining classes to visit and learn about the tremendous faith that saints had. Students may come dressed as their favorite saint.

Friday, Feb. 4, the students will be participating in Bible Trivia as well as trying to win a delicious baked item from the cake walk. Students may dress down in their spirit wear gear and blue jeans. School will dismiss early Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Sounds like a fun, busy week for the students and faculty.

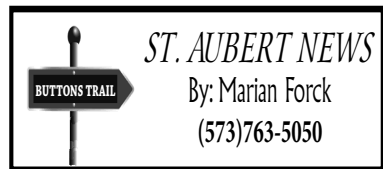
Mark your calenders – the Bank of Hope (Welschmeyer Family) Relay for Life team will host a Steak Night Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Eagles Club in Vienna from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The gang will be working for tips. They will also have a pie auction at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Maries/Osage Relay for Life which supports the American Cancer Society.

Registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Holy Family School is now open for the 2022-23 school year. Pre-kindergarten must be three by Aug. 1, 2022 and kindergarten must be five by Aug. 1, 2022. For an appointment or more information call the school at 573-744-5200. Kindergarten screening will be March 23.

Just a quick update on Maggie Dickneite – she remains in the ICU at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia. She has shown some signs of improvement as well as a few setbacks – please remember Maggie and her parents in your prayers.

Wow, what an exciting game Sunday night as the Kansas Chiefs defeated the Buffalo Bills 42-36 in overtime! They will play this weekend against the Cincinnati Bengals. That should be another tough game! Several lucky folks from around the area were at Arrowhead Stadium and saw this amazing game in person!

Guess that will do for this week. Have a good week and remember "Kindness is like snow – its beautifies everything it covers."



Monday was Martin Luther King holiday for school. I went with Bernie to two doctors appointments. He got a good report from his cancer doctor and does not have to go back for one year. My thought, was I hope we get good news from the next appointment. We will not get the results from the lab work for a couple of days. I took this opportunity to go to the Capital Mall since we were on the west end of Jefferson City. I went to Bath and Body Works and found some good buys. We went to Sam's and I went to Walmart before we headed home. Bernie took a nap and I worked on auction items.

Tuesday I had a doctors appointment and had some lab work done. I won't get the results for a couple of weeks.

I stopped by my sister's house and Sarah's before getting gas. We had a quiet evening.

Wednesday I woke up to a very cold morning. After work, Bernie met me at Dr. Barnhart's for our check ups.

While there I met a gentleman Eric B., from Linn. We got to talking and I asked him if he knew my brother Larry and he said that Larry used to work for him. I asked him if he ever reads the UD, that I write the column

for the St. Aubert News. He said he has read it a few times, but since he met me he will be reading it each week. On the way home, I met Bernie at Breaktime so I could fill up the diesel truck and use my rewards card. We spent a quiet evening and I started to read a new book.

Thursday was another very cold morning. After work, I took my items to J Street Vintage for the upcoming auction. I made a mistake and looked around and yes, I did find a few items to purchase. I found three wood buildings to work into my village set. I also found a Christmas present for my friend. I stopped at Gerbes to pick up a few items. We had another quiet night.

Friday, we were off school because of the COVID-19 virus. I was happy to stay in bed a little later. We went into Linn and dropped our recycling off at the dumpster. I took a few items to the Old School Antique Mall. I filled up the red F-150 truck. We came home to eat lunch. I did laundry and Bernie took a nap.

Saturday Bernie went to dialysis and I went to get my hair fixed. I came home and did another load of laundry. It seems like we never run out of laundry. After lunch, we watched a Hallmark movie "Runaway". It was good. Bernie took a

nap and I did some things around the house. We watched another movie "National Treasure". It was good and we had seen it before. Some movies are good to watch over and over.

Sunday, we listened to the Catholic Mass on the television. Bernie took the diesel truck up to the end of the driveway to pick up the Sunday paper. After lunch, he took a nap and I started a new book. We have been seeing a big hawk in the trees at the end of the field from the kitchen window. As I was watching it he swooped down and I guess he found lunch. We headed to Sarah's around 4 p.m., I had to help the girls wash their hair. Sarah was not at home and their other grandparents were there, but grandma Tess has her arm wrapped. Lorelei still has a cast on and Caroline has her's in a sling. We stayed for one hour, got gas at Breaktime in Linn and came on home. We saw 36 deer in the fields along the new highway, three on Highway 100 and none in our driveway. I think this was the most we ever saw in one day. Around 5:30 the sunset was sure beautiful on Highway 100. We had supper and Bernie watched the football game while I read.

No news from Dave and Jim. Dave said they were working and trying to stay warm. I told him I hope those cold days are gone.

Monday, was a federal/state holiday and I did a little research on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination. Martin Luther King, Jr., is known for his contributions to the American civil rights movement in the 1960s. His most famous work is his "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered in 1963, in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism.

The fight to make the Martin Luther King Jr. ... King's birthday was finally approved as a federal

holiday in 1983, and all 50 states made it a state government holiday by 2000. Officially, King was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, but the King holiday is marked every year the third Monday in January.

Household Hints ***To catch mice, place a gumdrop in the trap, instead of bacon or cheese. When the mouse goes to eat the gumdrop his or her teeth gets stuck and causes the trap to go off. (I have never heard of this)

Jokes of the Week ***What do you call a factory that makes okay products?

A satisfactory.

***What are the strongest days of the week? Saturday and Sunday. The rest are weak-days.

Please continue to pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces. Pray for all those affected by the virus and are in the hospitals. We need to pray hard for all the new cases of the virus. More and more people are being affected by this pandemic. Pray for all those affected by cancer and kidney diseases. Please continue to pray for my niece who has cancer. She came home this week and still needs your prayers. Pray for all those on prayer lines and the ones that we hold in the silence of our hearts. Pray for our country and

the leaders, that they will make the right choices for our nation. Remember to do a good deed for someone. Wear a smile on your face everyday.

If you have any comments or suggestions about what I write in the St. Aubert News, please contact me.

Have a wonderful week. Be safe. Let GO Let GOD..

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Chamois Lions Club News

Despite schedule conflicts and much illness in the community, the Chamois Lions Club did hold their January 2022 regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at the Chamois Community Center. Twelve Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion Second Vice President Robin Lieneke led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and then Lion Susan Sundermeyer offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, pasta salad, Watergate salad, garlic bread, and a variety of desserts to include cake, cherry cheesecake, and ice cream.

In the absence of Lion President Mark Mehmert, Lion Second Vice President Robin Lieneke presided at the business meeting. Copies of the minutes of the Dec. 13, 2021 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented the financial report and Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen reported on Community Center finances and maintenance issues.

In regards to Chamois Lions Club finances, Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg reported that the rental income from the Chamois Lions farm ground had been received. In reporting on Community Center finances, Lion Thoenen reported that he had paid the premium for the flood insurance on the Community Center.

Lion Second Vice President Lieneke called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Debbie Huff, who is President of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), Lion Melissa Strobe,

who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, and Lion Scott Mertz, who is a volunteer member of the Chamois Fire Department, were all absent so there were no reports for those organizations. Lion Jeffrey Conner, who is a City of Chamois Councilman, reported that the city has hired Meghan Birmingham as the new City Clerk. Lion Susan Sundermeyer, who is a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC will have a meeting Jan. 20. Lion Steve Duncan, who is a member of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the OCAC is still seeking new members and will hold a board meeting Feb. 8, at 5 p.m. in the Commissioners Room in the Osage County Annex Building in Linn.

Three items of old business were addressed.

Lion Second Vice President Lieneke briefly reviewed the status of community betterment projects. Lion Randy Thoenen was present and reported that he has the metal to repair the doors on the ballpark storage shed at the Chamois City Park. The project to repair the ballpark fences will be undertaken in the early Spring when weather conditions are better. Lion Steve Duncan reported that he is still waiting on contractor Grayson Light for a bid to rebuild the second story of the Old Bandstand at the Chamois City Park. Due to the absence of Lion President Mark Mehmert, there was nothing to report on the project to replace the basketball goals located on the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot. These goals may be relocated to another site.

With the absence of Lion President Mehmert, there was nothing new to report on the Internet access at the Chamois Community Center. There is still interest in perhaps a possible joint project between the Chamois Li-

ons Club and the City of Chamois to bring Internet access to the Community Center and the City Park area.

With the absences of Lions Lana Hackmann and Donna Weiser, there was no final report on the Osage Caring Projects "Adopt a Family for Christmas" project, but initial reports were that requested gifts were purchased and delivered by the Chamois Lions Club as planned. The other major Christmas project, Santa's visit to Chamois/ the breakfast for children at Roomerz/ and candy for all children provided by the Chamois Lions Club, was deemed a huge success. Chamois Lions enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and service while serving the breakfast at Roomerz and assisting with taking pictures of children with Santa.

Two items of new business were introduced or discussed.

Lion Randy Thoenen reported that bids are due for a new three-year agreement to rent the Chamois Lions Club farm ground located just east of Chamois and south of Highway 100. Bids for the 39-acre tract of land are being accepted at Heritage Community Bank. Lions Randy Thoenen and Steve Duncan will meet within the next week or two to open the bids and enter into a rental agreement with the highest bidder.

Lion Second Vice President Lieneke reported on a local group of volunteers who plan to host a benefit to assist local citizen Sherri Paulsmeyer, who is battling cancer. There will be a chili supper and auction Feb. 26, beginning at 4 p.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Linn and a possible pork burger sale April 23. Chamois Lions were encouraged to attend these events and to assist with the fundraisers if help is needed.

One item of correspondence was received.

The Chamois Lions Club received a thank-you note from the family of Lion Reuben Kormann for the recent reception and presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellow award to Lion Kormann.

Two announcements were made.

Lions District 26-M7 will have a Cabinet meeting Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Eldon Community Center. A free breakfast and social time will begin at 8 a.m. with the meeting to follow at 9 a.m. The Lions District 26-M7 Convention will be held March 11-12, with a social Friday night at Red Rock Acres Event Center and the convention Saturday at Canterbury Hills Winery.

Lion Second Vice President Lieneke extended January birthday wishes to Lions Lana Hackmann, Robin Lieneke, Susan Sundermeyer, Randy Thoenen, and Janice Sehnert. Prayer concerns were expressed for various members of the community who are ill or in need to include Lions Jeanne Best, Orville Whithaus, Norm Zweifel, Janice Sehnert, Reuben Kormann, Rev. Jason Hilkerbaumer, Mark Mehmert and Debbie Mehmert and prospective new member Denise Nolte.

To conclude the meeting, Lion Second Vice President Lieneke called on Lion Steve Duncan to share a joke. Lion Duncan shared a long list of "Puns Galore". Two such puns were "I am trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are hard to find" and "I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be Monday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center. Persons who may have interest in service to the community and membership in the largest service organization in the world are most welcome to visit.

Remember When • from page 3

its service to Three Rivers Electric Cooperative when it's 20-year contract with Union Electric Co. expires April 6.

"I've been asked over the years why we're paying U.E. when we have a plant right here," Alderman David A. Ruff said at the board's Jan. 6 meeting.

"It used to be that Three Rivers was much higher," said Mayor Rayond G. Edwards, attending his first meeting in two months after heart surgery. "Now they tell me it's about the same."

The board raised quesitons about Three Rivers' interest in serving the city and at what point the city would need to approach the Missour Public Service Commission for authority to change the franchise. The city's original contract was with Missouri Power & Light Co. which was purchased by U.E.

Dogs Running Loose are a Concern at Morrison

Gasconade County Sheriff Glenn Ebker will be invited to the February meeting of the Morrison Board of Aldermen to field questions about dogs running loose and youth disturbances downtown.

During the board's monthly meeting Jan. 7 Aldermen Steve Nolte made the suggestion to elicit help from Ebker when Mayor Nancy J. Dillahun raised the issue of dogs running loose within city limits.

"We've been getting lots of complaints," Dillahun said. "They're tearing up bags of trash, taking rugs off porches. They're probably starving."

"That's exactly what it is," Alderman Roger Busch said. "It's not the dogs' fault."

100 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 19, 1922

Osage County Post No. 152 American Legion, met Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, Arthur Turner; vice-commander, Ray Flanagan; adjutant, J. F. Sullentrop; finance officer, Jesse Vogel; chaplain, Rev. J. H. Winklemann; Sgt-at-arms, L.O. Wills.

Peter W. Heckman and son Will and Joe Hartmann of Freeburg, were in Linn Tuesday

engaged in cleaning cisterns. We have for several weeks been running a nursery advertisement for Mr. Heckman who has a well-stocked nursery near Freeburg. Anyone desiring anything in his line will do well to call on him.

75 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 23, 1947



Two people died at the scene shown above, Wednesday morning when tragedy followed a coal oil explosion in the Will Kemple home two miles east of Linn. This picture was taken less than two hours after the fire started; note the complete destruction of the building. Group is near Mrs. Kemple's body.

Tragedy at the Kemple Home Shocks Community, Wife and Son 19, Escape

William Kemple, 50 years old, known as "Bill" to his host of friends here, lost his life as flames devoured his home, two miles east of Linn on Highway 50, about 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning. His 80-year-old foster mother, Rebecca Kemple Armer, also died in the holocaust after apparently reaching a locked door only a few feet from her room in a hallway.

Arthur Boillot who lives about 200 yards east of the Kemple place saw flames shoot out under the eaves and through the windows of the doomed home shortly before 6:30 a.m. In a matter of minutes, Arthur reached the scene where he found Mrs. Kemple and the couple's 19-year-old son Billy in the front yard. Both were burned. Mrs. Kemple told him that "grandma" and Bill were inside the structure,

but any rescue attempt then would have been futile, as the whole inside of the house was a roaring mass of flames.

Other neighbors quickly gathered, among whom Lawrence Lindhorst said he also saw the first sign of the fire, from his home 1/8 mile away when flames seemed to burst out all openings.

Later in the morning young Billy told a U.D. editor that all the occupants were still in bed when his father, as was his morning custom arose to start the fires. He poured coil oil in a stove in the dining room-probably on embers and an explosion immediately sent flames shooting all over the house. Covered with fire, the husband and father ran in the bedroom where Mrs. Kemple and Billy tired to smother out the flames with quilts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemple tried to get out the front door, but it was locked. Smoke and the heat drove them to a bedroom window which Mrs. Kemple and Billy managed to get through.

The frantic woman then tried to help her husband through the window but due perhaps to the burns he had received in the explosion, and the heat and smoke then pouring through the house, he was unable to climb over the sill and in spite of her efforts, he slipped back to the floor inside.

Mrs. Kemple and Billy were taken to the Arthur Boillot home where Mrs. Boillot tenderly ministered to them until later in the day when Mrs. Kemple was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Jefferson City for treatment. Mrs. Robert Branson arrived at the Boillot home shortly after and assisted there, also.

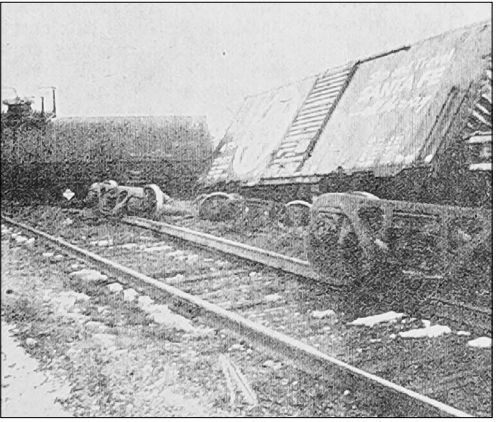
The house, a five room frame dwelling with a part basement was burned to the ground. Neighbors said the roof had fallen in 15 minutes after they first discovered the fire.

VFW to Remodel Present Quarters

According to Post Commander, Gary Burmeister, members of Osage County Memorial Post 4756, are planning an extensive re-modeling program in their quarters over the Linn Mercantile Store in Linn.

Unavailability of a lot in the business section of the county seat makes the remodeling program necessary. Needed in the VFW hall are venetian blinds, tables, chairs and new lighting fixtures.

50 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 20, 1972



Freight Cars Jump Track Near Freeburg

A Rock Island freight train derailed near the Freeburg station Friday morning about 10:30. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

Involved in the derailment were the last eight cars of the eastbound train. Two of the cars were tanks of anhydrous ammonia.

The cause of the accident was undetermined immediately and investigation is being conducted by General Roadmaster B. J. Kersey. While the task of moving the derailed cars is expected to be a disagreeable one, Kersey said the tank cars should not be a hazard. The temperature Friday was a season low of near zero at 10 a.m.

The wreckage of scattered wheel assemblies and two tank cars crosswise on the tracks also included a gondolier car and three box cars, all laying on their sides on the south side of the tracks. A fourth boxcar was off its axles in upright position. Another boxcar that preceded the tankers was upright, partially on the tracks.

The right-of-way was torn up by the derailed cars and quite a distance of rail was damaged. The clean-up was completed early this week. Personnel from Kansas City and St. Louis were called to help with the clearing of the wreckage.

The derailment occurred a quarter mile east of the R. I. station and about three tenths of a mile east of the site where the tracks are tunneled under Highway 63 in Freeburg.

***Editorial from This Day in 1972:**
ONCE UPON A TIME
"Once upon a time there was a teacher who didn't want an increase in pay; a carpenter who didn't ask for union wages; a man who healed the sick and afflicted whether they had insurance or medicare or whether they didn't;

who traveled around the country feeding the people, and they crucified him." - Iron County Record, Cedar City Utah

25 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JANUARY 22, 1997

Linemen to be Trained by College

Beginning Sept. 3, Missouri will have a new lineman training program offered by Linn State Technical College.

A new associate in applied science degree in electrical distribution systems is designed to prepare students for positions as lineman technicians, working primarily for the utility industry as well as for utility line construction throughout the state.

A college news release noted a shortage of journeyman linemen to fill vacant positions now and in the foreseeable future.

The Missouri Occupational Information Coordinating Committee estimates the required number of electrical power line installers in the state to be 2,862 by the year 2005. Until then there will be about 91 job openings each year, with the lineman position listed as being a demand occupation.

To fill the projected openings, the utility industry needs applicants for its apprenticeship program who have a strong foundation in math, communications and critical thinking skills, in addition to lineman skills. The industry is currently experiencing difficulty finding applicants meeting those criteria.

Linn Police Officer Quits

The Linn Board of Aldermen on Monday night accepted the resignation of police officer Joshua L. Beck, effective Feb. 1.

Beck, who has been with the police department since Feb. 1 of last year, thanked the board for the support he was given during sometimes stressful times.

Beck has been the subject of much controversy in the Linn area for his aggressive stance in stopping motorists, many times because of drinking.

Mayor James C. (Jimmy) Phillips told Beck, "A majority of the citizens of Linn appreciated what you have done and wish you well. We appreciate the time you spent with us."



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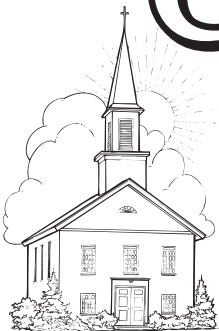
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Oklahoma Church of Christ
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Star Route - Osage County Road 205
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Belle United Methodist Church

208 Hwy 28, Belle
Kevin Runge, Pastor
Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Chamois United Methodist Church

Third and Main St., Chamois
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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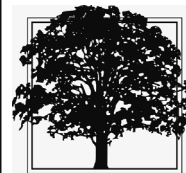


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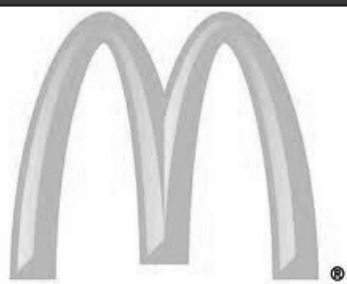
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Deceased.

Case No. 22OS-PR00004

NOTICE OF LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY GRANTED
(SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION)To all persons interested
in the Estate of ELWOOD
ARTHUR RUNGE, Decedent:On January 20, 2022, the last
will of the decedent having
been admitted to probate,
the following individual was
appointed personal representa-
tive of the estate of ELWOOD
ARTHUR RUNGE, decedent
by the Probate Division of
the Circuit Court of Osage
County, Missouri. The name
and address of the personal
representative is:KEVIN RUNGE
24919 HIGHWAY C
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attorney's name, business
address and phone number is:AMANDA L. GRELLNER
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against a decedent's liability
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defendant ad litem pursuant to
Section 537.021, RSMo.Date of the decedent's death:
August 19, 2021Date of first publication: Janu-
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Osage County, Missouri
/s/ Beth A. BillingtonReceipt of this notice by mail
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February 2, 9 and 16, 2022IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF OSAGE COUNTY,
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PROBATE DIVISION

CHELSEA BECKER
PLAINTIFF)
) CASE
) NO.
VS.) 210S
JILL CLAYTON AND) JAC00076
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DEFENDANTS)NOTICE OF
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that pursuant to a Judgment for
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County, Missouri, or his deputy,
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day of February, 2022, at
1:00 P.M. at the Osage County
Courthouse, 106 E. Main
Street, Linn, Missouri, sell at
public auction to the highest
and best bidder, property leg-
ally described as follows:All that part of Lot 11
that lies North of Miss-
ouri State Highway T
being part of Block B
to the Town of Argyle,
Missouri as per plat of
record in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for Osage County.ALSO: Starting at
the Northwest corner
of Lot 10 of Block B
in the Town of Argyle,
Missouri as per plat of
record in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for Osage County, the
POINT OF BEGINNING.Thence N 1°13' West,
28.0 feet to a rod,
thence South 88°40'
West, 124.0 feet to a r-
od set on the existing
property line per Book
128 at Page 401, thence
along said property
line South 16°25' West,
211.27 feet to a rod set
on the North right of
way line of Highway
T, thence along said
right of way line South
79°26' East, 147.04 feet,
thence on a curve to
the left with a radius of
734.4 feet a distance of
45.35 feet to a point on
the West line of Lot 11
of Block B in the Town
of Argyle, thence leav-
ing said right of way
line North 1°13' West,
214.25 feet along the
West line of said Lot
11 and the West line of
Lot 10 of Block B to the
POINT OF BEGINNING.The above described
property is located in
the Town of Argyle,
Missouri and in the
Southwest Quarter of
the Northwest Quarter
and in the Northwest
Quarter of the South-
west Quarter of Sec-
tion 15, Township 41
North, Range 10 West
and contains 0.93
acres, more or less.ALSO, a road ease-
ment described as:
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of Argyle, Missouri as
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County, thence North
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to a point on the cen-
terline of a 10.0 foot
wide road easement,
the point of beginning
of said road easement.Thence along said
centerline and parallel
with the existing prop-
erty line South 88°40'
West 119.2 feet to a
point, the end of said
road easement.The above described
line is the centerline
of a 10.0 foot wide
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located in the Town of
Argyle, Missouri and
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ter of the Northwest
Quarter of Section 15,
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Attorney at Law
1014-B E. Main Street
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Dated: 01/17/2022

/s Sheriff Mike Bonham
MIKE BONHAM
Sheriff of Osage CountyAttorney:
Amanda L. Grellner
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1014-B E. Main Street
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I searched about in my memory and books and came up with the following. In my college geology class, I learned that a great glacier ended right where the Missouri River runs through our area of Central Missouri today.

The Mound Builders were around many, many years before Europeans discovered the area, as is evident by the mounds that are on the hillsides of the Missouri River Valley. There is one just east of our farm as well as some west of Chamois and it's even thought that The Old School on the Hill in Chamois had been built on one.

Indian tribes along the Missouri River included Missouri, Oto, Fox, Osage, Shawnee, Delaware and other tribes.

The Louisiana Territory – The land described in FARMHOUSES was claimed first by France, then the Spanish owned it, then it went back to France. The United States purchased the land from France in 1803. In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson sent the Corps of Discovery, headed by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore this bargain land deal.

Lewis and Clark camped near what is now Morrison on the south side of the Missouri River just west of Bailey's Creek May 29, 1804, and the next two nights above what was to be Chamois on the south side of the Missouri River west of Deer Creek (some in the party called it Panther Creek) on their famous Discovery Voyage. Two years later, Sept. 19, 1806, the Corps stayed at the same campsite they had used two years before just above the Osage River. The next day, the party zoomed right by both the Chamois and Morrison campsites—it being much easier going downstream, plus they were headed home! They arrived at La Charette Village

Sept. 20, 1806, to much joy, celebration, and the first good meal in ages. (They had been eating paw-paws.) No one had heard from them and it was believed that they were dead.

The Louisiana Purchase proved to be a most economically advantageous purchase.

The Osage Indians claimed possession of the lands between the Missouri and the Arkansas Rivers. On Nov. 10, 1808, at a treaty negotiated at Fort Osage, the Great and Little Osage Indians ceded a large part of this area to the United States government—including the lands that the book FARMHOUSES covers. Outside of the limits of white settlements, those Indians were allowed to live and hunt on the relinquished land—until the government assigned the same hunting grounds to other tribes. (One of the contributors to the book FARMHOUSES noted that "My great-great-grandpa saw Indians camped down below the farm house as they traveled through." Her father also noted, "The oldest story about the farm was from my great-grandpa who had a group of Osage Indians come and camp for a while by the spring behind the barn each year for a short time.")

The system of Governmental Land Surveys was adopted by Congress May 7, 1785. It is the legal method of describing lands and is still in use today.

Two land entries in what is today Osage County were made during the French Occupation: St. Germain, alias George Germain, and John Roberts.

The Land Grant Act was signed Mar. 3, 1811. In April 1818, a Land Grant office opened in St. Louis. The first public land sold in the Territory of Missouri was in that year. A Land Grant office was also opened at Franklin in Howard County (near Boonville, but on the other side of the river). Land was offered at public auctions to the highest bidder at a minimum of \$2 an acre.

In or before 1818 several folks lived in the area around Chamois: Gen. James Parsons, Maj. Moses Welton, Daniel and Joseph Shobe, Henry Hull, the Nicholls and others.

Early U.S. entries of land in the Chamois area made Nov. 20, 1818 were: Hugh Heatherly and William Dodds. On Dec. 8 of the same year, entries were made by Robert Shobe, Daniel Shobe, Moses Welton, Samuel Gibson, Lewis Hall, J.M. Morrow, Angus Langham and William Laughlin. That makes 10 official landholders in the Chamois area already in 1818! In 1824, entries were made by Samuel Shobe.

In 1820, Congress allowed the sale of 80 acre lots at \$1.25 an acre.

Very many first settlers had established homes before the public land had been surveyed. Squatters, under the Preemption Law of 1841, could purchase 160 acres at the minimum price of \$1.25 without having to bid for it at auction.

In 1854, the Graduation Act allowed less desirable land that had yet to be sold, to be purchased at reduced rates. No one was allowed more than 320 acres—all in one tract.

Land in the Chamois/Morrison area was first a part of the St. Louis District (1810), then a part of Franklin County, then a part of Gasconade Township in 1819, and then a part of Osage County (1841). At that time, the amount of land owned in Osage County was 9,068.75 acres. There were 101 slaves, 794 horses, 1669 cattle, five carriages, 10 "improvements", 353 male inhabitants 21 – 65 years of ages, and the whole tax - \$825.91.

The assessor's list of 1928, showed that Moses Welton was the wealthiest man in Osage County, owning 1884 acres of land, valued at \$4,800 and 16 slaves valued at \$3,350. He was one of a few men who owned a watch. (This man owned the farm that my family now owns and is buried at the Indian Mounds just east of our farm in the hills.)

Chamois was laid out and surveyed in 1856 when the land was owned by James M. Shobe. The Pacific Railroad had been completed in 1855. Morgan Harbor named the town being inspired that the countryside was much like that of the Alpine regions of Europe where the agile chamois, a goat-like antelope lives. Perhaps he mistook the native deer for the chamois, or was just reminded of them. Harbor built the first building in 1854 at what would become Chamois. Andrew Fitzpatrick's building went up in 1855.

Morrison began as Pannell Landing along the Missouri River at the mouth of Bailey's Creek. Later it was called Thee's Landing. The landing was washed away by a change in the river channel. The first permanent settlement in the town was made by Robert Shobe, circa 1828. Morrison Station became a stop on the Pacific Railroad. A post office called Morrison has been in operation since 1860.

On Jan. 11, 1865, at the Missouri State Courthouse in St. Louis An Ordinance Abolishing Slavery in Missouri was signed. It read "Be it ordained by the people of the State of Missouri in convention assembled that hereafter, in this state there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, and all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free."

"Thus, Missouri did have the honor to be the only state of all the Slave States where patriotism, humanity, intelligence and self-conscious will of loyal citizens were strong enough to elevate themselves of their own moral power to citizens of a Free State." – Gert Goebel, author of The Development of Missouri, 1879.

Following the Emancipation of Slaves and the Civil War, most of the original land owners were willing to sell. Their way of life was over. Many hard-working German farmers purchased the land. Today most of the land is owned by people descended from these Germans. Names include Sundermeyer, Starke, Siebert, Witthaus, Paulsmeyer, Schollmeyer, Lieneke, Hackmann, Kuschel, Trachsel, Boss and Rost.

And now, a physical description: The newspaper, Jefferson City's People's Tribune dated Sept. 6, 1871, reported: "Chamois is situated on a plateau as level as a floor about 15 miles below the mouth of the Osage River. Back a bit are rocky hills, covered with beautiful groves. In front, not a mile distant is the Missouri River, while above and below is a strip of land 16 miles in length and two in width, which in fertility is unsurpassed by any land in Missouri." (That strip of land is where the book FARMHOUSES takes place.) This was reported in the Sept. 1, 2016, Unterrified Democrat as "Kremer Offers a Very Informative Look at Chamois History" reporting on an Osage County Historical Society meeting held in Chamois with Dr. Gary Kremer, Executive Director and Senior Fellow of the State Historical Society of Missouri, as guest speaker.

In addition to the above-named book and newspapers, information was gleaned from History of Chamois, Missouri by George Kishmar, 1974; Growing Up with the River by Dan and Connie Burkhardt, 2016; Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri by James D. Harlan and James M. Denny, 2003, and Osage County Memory Book In Commemoration of Our Nations Bicentennial 1776 – 1976, by Linn High School Bicentennial Class, 1976.

And Now, A Bit More of The Rest of the Story

In last week's column, I noted that the song "We Three Kings" was written in Williamsport, Pa. Steve Duncan asked what else Williamsport, Pa. was known for and when no one knew, he told us it was the home of the Little League World Series.

This week I had a message on my phone from Pat Baker who lived in Chamois for many years. She was excited to see Williamsport, Pa. mentioned in the Chamois News because that is where she was born, grew up and graduated from high school. After high school, she took a job in Williamsport at GRIT

Newspaper—America's Greatest Family Newspaper. There were three issues of the GRIT each week—a local one, a state one, and a national one. After working there for five years, a friend convinced her to go to TWA Airline School. So, she went to Kansas City. In Missouri, she met her future husband, Jerry. When she left home, her dad told her to "never forget your home." And Pat hasn't. As we all know—There's no place like home.

Pat was happy that Steve Duncan had mentioned the Little League World Series in Williamsport. People didn't often believe her when she said the World Series was held in Williamsport. And, Steve and Pat's husband Jerry were first cousins. Small world!

Thanks for sharing "A Bit More of the Rest of the Story", Pat!

Lectionary for Jan 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 1:

4 -10 and Psalm 71: 1 - 6; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13;

Gospel: Luke 4: 21 – 30

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

Thought

People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16: 7

Upcoming Events

Jan. 26 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for Elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 – Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association Meeting, at MRTA Facility in Jefferson City, 5 p.m.

Jan. 29 – Meeting of Alpha Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Gamma at First Presbyterian Church, Union, Registration, 9:30 a.m.; brunch, 10 a.m.

Feb. 8 – Osage County Agritourism Council Meets, Commissioners Room Osage County Annex Building, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14 – Chamois Lions, Riverside Park, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Chamois Historic Preservation Commission at Betty Linhardts, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 24 – Lincoln Day Banquet, Westphalia Lions Building

Feb. 26 – Benefit for Sherrie Paulsmeyer at St. George's Church, Linn, Chili Supper 4 – 7:30 p.m.; Silent Auction winner announced at 7:30 p.m.; Live Auction at 8 p.m.

Mar. 3 – Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Hermann Middle School, 4:30 p.m.

Apr. 23 – Benefit Bake Sale for Sherrie Paulsmeyer at the VFW Craft Fair, Linn

Sept. 10 – A Taste of Osage County

Sept. 17 – Chamois Day

School Events

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

Jan. 28 – Basketball at Columbia Independent, 6 p.m.

Jan. 29 – Chamois High School Archery, 8 a.m.

Feb. 1 – Basketball at New Haven, 6 p.m.

Feb. 4 – Basketball at MMA, 6 p.m.

Feb. 5 – High School Academic Bowl at Fatima

Feb. 8 – Basketball at Jamestown, 6 p.m.

Feb. 9 – Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Feb. 11 – Basketball at Linn, 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 – Basketball at home with Fatima, 6 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Basketball at Russellville, 6 p.m.

Feb. 19 – 26 – Districts

Feb. 21 – Presidents' Day, No School

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"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 females and author of The Appletown News!)

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Students of the Week for Jan. 21 are siblings Joelyn Thoenen and Ian Heinz.



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Homecoming royalty at Chamois High School were seniors Mason Lamb and Abigail Keilholz.