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Osage Ambulance District expands service area, takes over operation of Ozark Central Ambulance District

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Following significant economic and staffing challenges, Osage Ambulance District (OAD) has signed a 10-year contract with Ozark Central Ambulance District (OCAD) to assume financial and operational control of what will be known as Base 3 in Belle.

“There are a lot of benefits to this agreement,” said OAD Administrator Josh Krull, who was named interim administrator while the two districts worked out details.

Agreements such as this are not uncommon among districts, Krull said.

“The Ozark Central Ambulance District, like ours, is supported by local taxes, and service fees,” Krull explained. “Both boards will remain in place but operational control will fall to Osage Ambulance District.”

OAD board members Chairman Bob Goodenough, Doug Schreiman, Luke Probst, Marion Starr, Tim Thoenen, and Ricky Cramer unanimously agreed to establish a contract with OCAD.

“We are pleased to extend our services to their district and look forward to working in their community and providing the best possible emergency medical service to the residents and visitors of both districts,” said Goodenough.

OCAD board members President Cindy Butler, VP Andy Littrell, Steve Conrad, John Dorshey, Mark Cooper, and Caisie Nowack likewise approved the deal and made the following statement: “The decision to contract with another ambulance district to provide our emergency services was not an easy one. With general business costs increasing and a decrease in qualified staff available industry-wide, we struggled to maintain sufficient advanced life-support staff, equipment, and supplies while maintaining financial stability. Our

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MOAD board approves putting a portion of 2021 surplus into a fund to purchase a new ambulance

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Maries-Osage Ambulance District (MOAD) board members approved Administrator Carla Butler’s recommendation to put \$50,000 into the ambulance fund as the district moves forward to replace a 2012 Ford ambulance with 169,235 miles with a new unit.

At the February meeting, Butler spoke of the district’s surplus from the 2021 budget. Because of COVID-19 and other issues, staffing has been difficult. But, because of people not working as much, the district has realized a budget surplus in the payroll/payroll tax line item, resulting in a carryover of \$99,642.80.

Butler recommended putting \$50,000 into the ambulance fund, \$20,000 for a new parking lot at the Vienna base, and \$26,000 into the district’s money market account. Also, if MOAD is awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money from Maries and Osage counties to buy three power-lift systems, she suggested using \$6,000 of the 2021 surplus to pay for installing the Stryker loading systems.

Butler said she talked with Vienna Utilities Superintendent Shon Westart who said the city will be doing some street paving in 2022, and the city will not be paving streets again for two years. Butler also called State Tech about the asphalt work and she was told they don’t do this type of work anymore. Westart told her the asphalt company will be in Vienna at the end of March to bid on the city’s work.

Board member Victor Stratman said when the asphalt company is in Vienna would be the best time to get a bid. He added he likes the idea of putting \$50,000 into the ambulance fund, which currently has a balance of \$63,279. Board President Don Lanning said a new, non-equipped ambulance will cost

from \$120,000-\$150,000. It was noted that the power-lift system has to meet highway guidelines, and having the lift systems may reduce the district’s costs for workers’ compensation insurance. There are supply-chain struggles getting some items from Stryker, and costs have gone up.

“It may be two years before we can get a new ambulance,” Lanning said.

MOAD’s newest ambulance was a remount. Osage Ambulance in Linn takes off the box and checks everything out to see if it can be used on the new truck. Butler said they are asking the company to bring ambulances to the April meeting. At that time, they can get more information and more of an idea of what MOAD can afford and what and when it can get the new ambulance.

In other business, Paramedic Chip Smack spoke to the board about the CradlePoint NetCloud Mobile Essentials Plan and router with WiFi, which he said is needed to transmit EKGs to the hospital ahead of when the ambulance crew arrives with the patient.

MOAD has been trying to use the CradlePoint system but several attempts to use it on-scene where cell service coverage “is not great” have not been successful. When he worked in North St. Louis County and Cole County, it was successful because they have good service and an external antenna. After working with several devices, CradlePoint was used with a router to receive the signals. Smack said this basically turned the ambulance into a WiFi hot spot. They had been struggling with another vendor who didn’t know much about the router. The vendor that helped them was Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. of Jefferson City. He received a price quote per ambulance of the CradlePoint five-year NetClub Mobile Essentials Plan and router with WiFi (1,000 Mbps modem)

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Westphalia aldermen consider development of digital wastewater map

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Westphalia aldermen discussed having a digital map of the city’s wastewater system developed by Bartlett & West at the suggestion of the new sewer operators from Mid Mo Operations.

The initial cost of a digital map would be \$6,000 but Aaron Iachowicz from Mid Mo Operations believes that they can get the cost lower by doing the leg work. The system would also require a \$500 annual fee for the mapping software. Bartlett & West believed they could have something put together within three weeks once they get the go-ahead from the city.

“It would be a map you could pull up on your phone or iPad and you wouldn’t have to carry a paper map with you,” Iachowicz

explained.

The system would not only list the position of the manholes by Global Positioning System (GPS), but it also all of the attributes of the manhole, including material it is made out of, depth, and types of material used in construction.

“You can tell everything that you need to know without popping the manhole cover,” Iachowicz said.

“It’s really something that needs to be done,” Alderman Delbert Wieberg agreed.

Iachowicz noted that some cities, including Jefferson City, had the mapping information available on their website.

Aldermen proposed using money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to pay for the mapping. Mayor Tammy Massman will investigate whether that is an allowable use of the ARPA funds and report

her findings at the March meeting.

In other news regarding the wastewater plant, Iachowicz reported that the plant is overall looking and performing well. Iachowicz and his company believe that one or two of the diffusers at the treatment plant will soon need to be replaced. They have been doing preventative maintenance on the wiring connections on the pump stations and they were planning to meet with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to take annual samples of the wastewater facility before the end of the month.

There has been no news from DNR on the variance that Mid Mo Operations filed to reduce the reporting burden on the city. Repairs on the manholes authorized by aldermen several months ago to be performed by

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Area representation changing with House redistricting; candidates filing in new districts include Sassmann, Cooke

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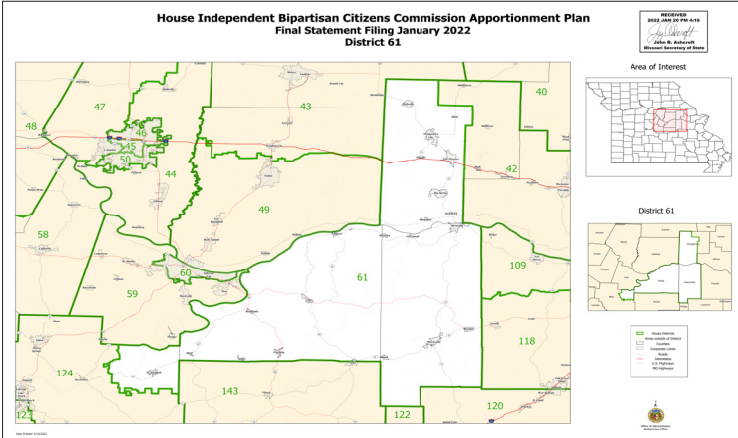
Statewide filing for the August 2022 Primary opened Feb. 22 as all 163 House District seats will be up for election in a redistricting year.

Several of those state representatives will have new numeric designations for redrawn districts including Bruce Sassmann, R-Bland, who currently holds the 62nd District seat. Sassmann was the lone candidate to file his notice of candidacy last Tuesday for the newly configured 61st District which now includes a significant portion of Montgomery County

along with all of Gasconade and Osage counties.

The current 61st, unoccupied since the vacancy created by Aaron Griesheimer’s resignation in January 2022, includes northern portions of Gasconade and Osage and a portion of northern Franklin County. The communities of Rhineland, McKittrick, Big Spring, New Florence, Montgomery City and Wellsville are included in the new 61st. The St. Elizabeth area in southern Cole County is also part of the new 61st District.

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BRUCE SASSMANN is currently representative of the 62nd District that includes the southern halves of Osage and Gasconade counties as well as portions of Maries, Miller, Cole, Crawford and Phelps counties.

3 injured in head-on crash at Linn

Three people suffered moderate injuries after a Feb. 24 crash on Hwy. 50, just east of Loose Creek Highway.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred at 6:50 p.m. when a westbound 2003 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Ciara Mantle, 24, of Jefferson City, slid on the ice-covered road and crossed the centerline and struck head-on a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Heaven Mustion, 19, of Boonville.

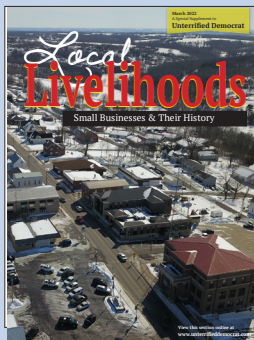
A passenger in Mustion’s vehicle, Madison Bishop, 19, also of Boonville, along with both drivers, were transported to Capital Region Medical Center by Osage Ambulance District.

None were wearing a seat-belt, according to the Patrol.



KEMPKER ALERTED commissioners to a collapsed culvert on CR 310. The crossing of the Fairgrove Branch of Cedar Creek was closed immediately Tuesday morning, March 1. After studying the damage, Kempker planned to have repairs made and the road open before the end of the day Wednesday, March 2. The initial concern was the road would be closed long enough to interrupt local citizens using the route as a detour from the Cedar Creek Bridge closure on MO 100 scheduled Monday, March 7. However, the crossing and the road to and from it, was to be completely repaired and usable before then.

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OBITUARIES

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Lillian Redel**1936-2022**

Lillian Frances Redel, 85, Jefferson City, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at Stone Bridge-Westphalia Hills.

She was born Oct. 24, 1936, to the late Lawrence Henry and Frances (Laubert) Renkemeyer in Vienna.

She was a 1952 graduate of Vienna High School.

Lillian was united in marriage to Charles Jacob "Chuck" Redel in Vienna.

She worked for Home Savings and Loan for over 40 years starting as a teller and later working in the Commercial and Home Loan Department.

Lillian was a 65-plus-year member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. Ann's Sodality and she volunteered at funeral luncheons as well as at the Samaritan Center.

She was a woman of strong faith who loved serving her church and her community. Lillian was a devoted mother and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and the treasured phone calls with her daughter and siblings.

Lillian was preceded in death by parents, Lawrence and Frances; husband, Charles; daughter, Peggy Ann Redel; sisters, Viola Richardson and husband John; Irene Stegeman and husband Victor; Delores Markway and husband Francis and infant sister, Thelma Renkemeyer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob Rehagen, Bill Rehagen, Harold Heckman, Velma Renkemeyer, Mabel Renkemeyer, Michael Redel and Sylvester Redel and wife Marcie.

She is survived by daughter, Pamela Kathryn Osburn and husband Denny of Kansas City; granddaughter, Paden Kathryn Osburn of Clarksville, Tenn.; siblings Naoma Rehagen and Lucille Buehler, both of Springfield, Bernice Heckman of Wardsville, Irma Richter and husband Joe of Freeburg, Victor Renkemeyer of Westphalia and Don Renkemeyer of Jefferson City; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim Redel and wife Carol of Avon Ind., Terry Schwartze and husband Martin of Holts Summit and Rosalyn Redel of Farmers Branch, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Feb. 26, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Donald J. Antweiler officiating. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Catholic School in Jefferson City or to Masses.

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

Those wishing to email tributes or condolences to the family may do so at the www.dulletrimble.com website.

Doris Bonnot**1938-2022**

Doris LaVerne Bonnot, 83, Jefferson City passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at her residence with her niece Penny by her side.

She was born May 7, 1938 to the late George Eads and Bessie Hayes in Osage County.

She attended Linn High School.

Doris and her brother, Bill Eads operated several bars/restaurants together, one of which was called Doris' Place. She also worked at Dillard's and Home Healthcare.

Doris fostered several nieces and nephews including Penny Eads Boillot, Billy Eads, Julie Eads Knehans, Shirley Eads and Carol Eads.

She enjoyed scrapbooking, sewing, making and baking homemade pies and you could find her reading cookbooks along with recipes being written down in random places. Doris was known for being an excellent cook! She was also a true bird lover.

Doris was preceded in death by parents, George Eads and Bessie Hayes; daughter, Sara Hogue; and brothers, Robert, Eugene and James Eads.

She is survived by son, Michael Bonnot and wife Nicole of Clearwater, Fla.; grandchild, Noah Bonnot of Clearwater, Fla.; step-grandchildren, Brandi Elder and Brandon Elder, both of Jefferson City; siblings, William Eads of Columbia and Ruth Burnett of Independence; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 12, at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors in Jefferson City.

Memorial contributions suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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

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

Virgil Prenger**1946-2022**

Virgil Edwin Prenger, 76, Jefferson City, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 5, 1946, to the late Carl and Cyrilla (Kramer) Prenger.

He was united in marriage to Patricia Cortvriant April 18, 1970, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Virgil was drafted into the U. S. Army Nov. 16, 1968, as a Specialist 4.

Basic Training was served in Ft. Leonard Wood and continued with IT training in Ft. Ord, Calif. He left the United States and served in the Vietnam War from May 1969 to April 1970. During his tour of duty, Virgil was with Company D, 1st Battalion 35th Infantry 4th Infantry Division. His division was stationed in the Central Highlands of Vietnam- Laos/Cambodia, where he was a gunner with the 81mm mortar. Virgil proudly carried his bi-pod for his full tour with diligence and determination through vicious operations and two helicopter crashes. He returned to the United States and completed his service in Ft. Sill, Okla. and Ft. Hood, Texas, where he trained other soldiers how to operate the 81mm mortar. Virgil has been awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Rifleman, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal, 1st Oakleaf Cluster and an Air Medal.

After many years, he was reunited with Howard Jesse Hayes, (a brother in arms during the Vietnam War) who soon became a true brother at heart and a member of Virgil's family.

Virgil was employed with Bonnot Brothers Well Drilling in 1971 and they became a second family that he held near and dear to his heart. He later retired from Modine Manufacturing Company in 2010 after 30 years of dedicated service.

Virgil was a member of the Taos Knights of Columbus, the Wardsville Lions Club and VFW American Legion. He attended the Central Missouri Honor Flight #40 June 30, 2016, and was awarded the Quilt of Honor June 24, 2018.

Virgil was raised on a family farm in Taos. He was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and garden. His family was his world, and he was happiest when they were together. Virgil enjoyed watching his grandbabies play, and supported his family in everything that they did.

He was preceded in death by parents, Carl and Cyrilla; brother, Donnie Prenger; and brother-in-law, Ron Rimley.

Virgil is survived by loving wife of 51 years, Patricia of Jefferson City; daughters, Cheryl White and husband Sean of Eldon, Tana Buscher and husband Keith of Taos, Darla Stegeman and husband Darrell of Wardsville and Andrea Brown and husband Dwayne of Ludowici, Ga.; grandchildren, Austin and Courtney Buscher, Lily, Ainsley, Macy and Beau Stegeman, Jordis Mobley and Amelia and Lindie Brown; siblings, Marilyn Moeller, Gary Prenger and wife Melanie, Dale Prenger and wife Linda, Betty Pohl and friend Don Smallwood, Kathy Schulte and husband Leo, Roy Prenger and wife Diane, Earl Prenger and wife Donna and Barbara Wieberg and husband Marvin; and sister-in-law, Carol Prenger.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, March 1, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Fr. Michael W. Penn and Fr. Ignazio C. Medina officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Central Missouri Honor Flight, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to K9s on the Front Line.

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

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

Patricia Eynard**1942-2022**

Patricia A. Eynard (nee Allen), 80, of Saint Peters, passed away Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

She was born Jan. 25, 1942, to the late Paul and Caroline Allen in Westphalia.

She was united in marriage to Donald J. Eynard.

Patricia was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in O'Fallon.

She was preceded in death by husband, Donald; grandson, Kevin Eynard; parents, Paul and Caroline; brothers, Charlie Allen, Ray Allen, Perry Allen and Jim Allen and wife Mary; and sisters, Mary Lyddon and Gay Mantle and husband Howard.

Patricia is survived by sons, Kenny Eynard and wife Cathy, Russell Craig Eynard and Jim Eynard and wife Laura; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Paula Carter and husband Don and Sally Gabelsberger.

Visitation will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 3, followed by the funeral service at Baue Cave Springs Funeral Home in St. Charles.

Interment will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Baue Funeral Home Cave Springs in St. Charles.

FREE BOXES AT THE UD OFFICE**Joseph Huhn****1941-2022**

Joseph Bernard "Joe" Huhn, 81, Centertown, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2022.

He was born Jan. 27, 1941, to the late Ben and Hilda (Kaiser) Huhn in Folk.

He was united in marriage to Alice Ann Heimericks June 17, 1967, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Jefferson City.

Joe served his country in the U. S. Army from 1963-1965.

He was employed for 30 years for Cole County Industries in the plant maintenance department and as a truck driver. In earlier years, Joe was employed with the State of Missouri Department of Transportation repairing roads and bridges and also at Delong's Inc. for a short time.

He was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion of Centertown.

During the Bicentennial in 1976, Joe was serving as Mayor of St. Martin and his whole family enjoyed the many festivities. He enjoyed spending time on the farm checking his cows, taking daily drives up and down the road checking on his neighbors, taking the grandkids for rides on his gator, deer hunting, trout fishing at Bennett Springs and playing card games of pitch and solitaire. Joe had the unique hobby of collecting ink pens, calendars and free gadgets that came in the mail. He was proud of his grandchildren and their many accomplishments.

Joe was preceded in death by parents, Ben and Hilda; sisters, Hermina Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Stratman and Elaine Huhn; brothers, Jerome Huhn, Clarence Huhn, Vincent Huhn, James Huhn and infant brother, Robert Huhn; and brothers-in-law, Tom Fitzpatrick, Cellus Stratman, James Loethen and Albert Bexten.

He is survived by wife, Alice; children, Janice Loesch and husband Mike of Russellville, Allen Huhn and friend Toni Sanders of Centertown, and Angela Muenks and friend Jonathan Schnur of Jefferson City; grandchildren, MacKenzie and Melanie Loesch and Grace Muenks and Alyssa Muenks; sisters, Marilyn Loethen, Ethel Huhn and Bernice Bexten; brother, Eddie Huhn; and sisters-in-law, Bernice Huhn, Dorothy Huhn and Claire Ann Huhn.

Visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with prayers and a rosary at 3:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 4, at St. Martin Catholic Church in St. Martin with the Rev. Jason T. Doke officiating.

Interment will be in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Central Missouri Honor Flight or to the wishes of the family.

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

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

Citizen's Civic League of Meta BLOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

Despite the bad weather twice and rescheduling, the following people came forward to donate blood on a snowy day:

Jeanette Schroeder, Bonnie Kampeter, Tony Libbert, Melissa Verslues, Stephen Bertels, Mike Schulte, Diane Temmen, Samantha Helton, Arnold Mueller, Jackie Prenger, Cordell Schroeder, Doug Luebbering, Randy Hagenhoff, Carla Nilges and Jennifer Even.

Workers were Dorothy Rehagen and Norma Jean Libbert, Coordinator.

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Elderly Abuse.....1-800-392-0210
Rape Crisis/Abuse.....(573) 634-4911
Poison Info.....1-800-392-9111
Alcoholics Treatment
Crisis/Suicide.....1-800-260-4014
Crisis/Suicide.....1-800-833-3915..

Law Enforcement

Linn PD.....897-4234
Sheriff/Dispatch 8am-4:30p.m.897-3927
Sheriff/Dispatch After Hours..897-2285
Highway Patrol.....751-1000

Emergency Rooms

Capital Region Medical Center.....632-5436
St. Marys Medical Center...761-7011

Area Volunteer Fire Departments

Argyle.....(573) 728-6565
Belle.....859-3456
Bland.....437-7770
Chamois.....763-5196
Cole (St. Thomas).....634-6351
Freeburg.....744-5348
Linn.....897-3154
Meta.....229-4600
Morrison.....294-7300
Osage (Taos).....634-6351
Owensville.....437-2195
Westphalia.....455-2181/2840

Ambulance

Osage Ambulance.....897-0044
Community Ambulance...229-8902
Maries-Osage.....422-6123
Ozark Central.....859-3168

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

Court Records**JUDGE SONYA BRANDT**

Billy J. Beasley, Macon, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Billy R. Boyd, Holts Summit, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid of 10 grams or less; fined \$350.

Jared A. Brown, Belle, pleaded guilty to failure to register motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Hunter J. Cole, New Bloomfield, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Dustin G. Flamm, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Cheyenne L. Hemeyer, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Kelby K. Moore, Wells-ville, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Jason D. Roberts, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation.

Jason D. Roberts, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Jason D. Roberts, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Zachary S. Schulte, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (6-10 over); fined \$60.50.

Sean K. Schwarz, Collinsville, Ill., pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Joseph M. Simms Jr., Holts Summit, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Nicholas T. Skinner, Newburg, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.

Nicholas T. Skinner, Newburg, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; fined \$150.

John Stenger, Halls-ville, pleaded guilty to

failure to yield to emergency vehicle sounding siren and displaying red/blue light; fined \$80.50.

John Stenger, Halls-ville, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Derick C. Stolba, Willow Springs, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

Nolan R. Torrence, High Ridge, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$250.

Nolan R. Torrence, High Ridge, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with excessive tint; fined \$50.50.

Joe F. Weidinger, Vienna, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

CIVIL CASES

Capital Region Medical Center v. Dustin Daughtry, Koeltztown, suit on file; Judgment entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$5,450.94.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC v. Connie S. Richter, Freeburg, suit on file; Judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$1,494.45.

Capital Region Medical Center v. Dustin R. Shockley et al, Chamois, suit on file; Judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$6,101.07.

CITY OF LINN V. Darian A. Alonso, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); suspended imposition of sentence with one year unsupervised probation.

Shaniyah R. Duncan, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Jonathon P. Gill, O'Fallon, pleaded guilty to minor in possession; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and community service (20 hours).

Alanda J. Welch, Linn, pleaded guilty to vicious animal; fined \$150.

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

BY HB DODDS
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ROAD AND BRIDGE
PREPARED FOR CLOSURES

With work scheduled to begin Feb. 28 on the Gasconade River Bridge on S. Hwy. 89, Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker has been trying to get ahead of the closure slated to begin March 7. He has called Grader #02 back to the shop to get it serviced early. He hopes it will be able to stay active south of the river throughout the expected 90-day outage. Kempker also has a weed-whipper trying hard to finish its work south of the river so it can be relocated to the north side before the bridge closes. “We’re trying to plan ahead before that closure,” he affirmed.

With this rotation, “we should start to get ahead of the game,” he added. “We’re hauling rock today.”

That material is headed toward the Belle area.

There’s concern local citizens will be aware of county roads that provide shortcuts. That might cause more than usual wear and tear on the gravel.

Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes pointed out the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has been known to haul some extra gravel on those roads in similar circumstances.

Kempker announced the closure of a creek crossing on CR 723. This is the site of a culvert collapse a few weeks ago. Workers had rigged a temporary repair to keep it open this long. However, recent rains and cycles of frozen precipitation and rapid thaw have messed it up. “That was a smart decision,” Kliethermes commented.

A permanent repair is imminent. Kempker now has an eight-foot by 30-foot culvert pipe in route. All the utility locates are done, and he’s been stockpiling shot rock at the site. Heintz Custom Excavating and Trucking, LLC, Bland, is the contractor doing the dirt work. Kempker expects the crossing to be reopened by Friday, March 4.

Recent snow events have been predictably hard on county equipment. Two plow trucks are undergoing repair, one for a failed universal joint, the other with injector trouble. “Waiting on parts is getting to be a hassle,” Kempker reflected, adding how supply chain disruptions compound such troubles.

Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw asked how the department was stocked for grader and snowplow blades. Kempker has plenty of grader blades in store but might be needing more plow blades soon.

Trenshaw called attention to CR 205 where one spot is getting thin on material. “One load of rock would be plenty,” he said.

Kempker’s operators are busy but keeping track of similar problems. “Be patient,” he urged. “We’ll get to it. We’ve got a big list going. This ends up being the roughest time.”

Kliethermes has heard from a constituent whose property is crowded by CR 501. Survey pins from one of the boundaries are too close to the right-of-way to stay out of the way of county graders. They’ve been hit and removed during the maintenance of the roadway in that area. “I’ll look into it,” promised Kempker.

Department employees hauled rock on CRs 701, 729, and 742; crew members placed concrete barriers in the parking lot at the new OCHD building; and graders worked on CRs 236, 261, 271, 432, 535,

501, 612, 636, 727, 736, 806, and 808. 911/EMA

Osage County 911/EMA Director Ron Hoffman is busy training two new employees. Should both certify, he’ll still be one dispatcher short of full-staffing. He has three part-time workers who have been of great benefit. “Those three part-timers are golden,” he said.

Still, the staffing problems have him bothered. Most employees leaving cite better pay as their reason for moving on but even balanced budgets rarely have enough in them to award significant raises. “I don’t have any ideas,” he admitted.

Trenshaw pointed out that eliminating overtime pay would provide funds. The county could raise pay by one dollar per hour without changing the current budget. Kliethermes added they need to do something about the expense of training employees. Once trained and certified, they are more marketable. Many are lost early in their careers at Osage County.

Hoffman presented three grant applications for commissioners to consider. Totaling better than \$50,000, they would fund an underwater sonar unit (\$41,000) for the sheriff, a load-tester for county generators (\$1,000), and an Emergency Management Agency (EMA) badge system (\$8,600). Commissioners signed them.

Hoffman updated commissioners on EMA preparation for upcoming bridge closures. In addition to the Hwy. 89 bridge over the Gasconade River, the Hwy. 100 bridge over Cedar Creek will be closed on March 7. When finished, the bridge up the road over Deer Creek will be next. Back on Hwy. 89, the Swan Creek Bridge will be closed after that. Emergency services affected by these closures are now realigning mutual aid procedures.

OCHD

Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin announced new pads have been installed on the automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Osage County Administration Building (Annex). The unit belongs to OCHD but Sallin was quick to explain it will remain when her staff makes the upcoming move.

“We’re not going to take it off the wall and take it with us,” she said.

A new one will be purchased for the new building once it’s remodeled and the OCHD moves in.

Porter, Berendzen, & Associates of Jefferson City, the architectural firm overseeing the OCHD building remodeling, has requested a scope of the sewer connecting to the new building. They’re concerned about the accumulation of material at a facility once used as a restaurant. Commissioners received an estimate from Apex, Inc., of Linn totaling \$100, plus \$25 per hour. They forwarded the information to the architect.

MISCELLANEOUS

The January jail report showed 63 inmates, of which 46 were male and 17 were female; 44 were released. The daily average population was 16.6 with an average stay for an inmate of 18.3 days.

Commissioners reviewed and approved county employee time sheets, and signed outgoing checks.

There will be no commission meeting Thursday, March 24 as commissioners are scheduled to host the Western District County Commissioners meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westphalia.

County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 and Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022:

Lawrence G. Frichtel, 41, Hermann, was taken into custody Sunday Feb. 20, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released Feb. 22.

Dylan Thomas Tyree, 29, Bourbon, was taken into custody Monday, Feb. 21, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released Feb. 25.

Keeli Alana Morgan, 25, Robertsville, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 22, by another agency on multiple

warrants issued by another agency; in custody.

Tobin Matthew Smith, 47, St. Louis, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 23, by another agency on a warrant issued by another agency; released Feb. 24.

Tyler Patrick Beilsmith, 20, O’Fallon, was arrested Friday, Feb. 25, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; released same day. Jonathon Patrick Gil, 19, O’Fallon, was arrested Friday, Feb. 25, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana;

na/synthetic cannabinoid; released same day.

Charles William Peats, 66, Washington, was arrested Friday, Feb. 25, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Jason M. Cotton, 46, Linn, was arrested Saturday, Feb. 26, by Cole County Sheriff on allegations of driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving; released.

Lawrence Frichtel, 41, Hermann, was taken into custody Sunday, Feb. 27, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; in custody.

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that includes a low profile 5-in-1 antenna with cables for FirstNet compatibility, and installation of the router and antenna in each vehicle for \$1,853 per ambulance. There will be a monthly service fee through FirstNet. Butler said she thinks this is about \$48 per month.

Smack said this may not be the only expense because “as time passes and technology grows,” there will be other improvements to be made. However, he said he hopes this system will last a few years. A lot of services are using this CradlePoint product as they can connect with dispatch and communicate. Law enforcement officers use it to run plates on a data terminal in their vehicles. “It’s coming fast because of the ARPA money,” he said.

Board member Laura Stratman asked if it is secure and Smack said it is, adding that a person would need to be “very techie” to figure out a way to get to it.

Butler said County IT Manager Shane Sweno gave her the Turn-Key Mobile contact. Sweno is proposing the CradlePoint plan for two units for MOAD, and two for Vienna and Vichy Fire.

Lanning said a lot of 911 centers are going to this plan. Smack said it has automatic vehicle-tracking devices. Butler added that Sweno said it should work, and Stratman said he can see the positives if the plan helps MOAD by getting it more up-to-date.

Butler said MOAD is trying to get ARPA funds from Maries and Osage counties. The CradlePoint assists in providing public safety by adding another level of safety.

Stratman noted the ARPA money has to be committed by the end of 2024, which is unlike the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money that had to be spent in three-quarters of a year. They know that many entities want a piece of this money. Butler said they have to move forward to stay up-to-date. The CradlePoint system is mounted in the ambulances.

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Gone from that district are communities in Franklin County.

“I am excited that Osage and Gasconade counties will be whole again and represented by just one legislator,” said Rep. Bruce Sassmann, who has filed for candidacy in the new 61st District. “But there are some gems in the district. I have met some great people along the way and we will continue to make the district better.”

He will, however, no longer be representing Maries County residents, and he shared his thoughts.

“Even though I am disappointed I am not the representative for Maries County, it will always be a part of me and I will continue to do what I can to help Maries County and the Belle community,” said Sassmann. The new 61st District will only include the northern, Osage County portion of Belle. “I have always associated my life with Maries County,” said Sassmann.

Maries County voters will be selecting their representative for the 143rd District which comprises communities south of there including Doolittle and Newburg in Phelps County, and the Texas County towns of Edgar Springs, Licking, Houston, Raymondsville, Somerville and Cabool.

As of the opening of filing, three Republicans have signed up seeking the 143rd District’s term. Those including, in random numeric draw for ballot placement, Rhipil Lohmann, Rolla, Bennie Cook, Houston, and Christopher Davis, Rolla. Cook is currently the state representative for the 142nd District.

Two other districts in the region south of here include the 120th and the 122nd.

As of Tuesday morning, Republican Ron Copeland, Salem, was the lone candidate to file for the 120th District’s seat which includes Cuba Lakes, Cuba, Leasburg, Bourbon, St. Cloud and West Sullivan in Crawford County, and the Dent County community of Salem.

The 122nd, which includes St. James and

Rolla in Phelps County has a two-party race. Republicans seeking the seat include Tara J. Peters, Rolla, and Randy K. Barr, Rolla. She filed on Feb. 23 and he filed Feb. 28.

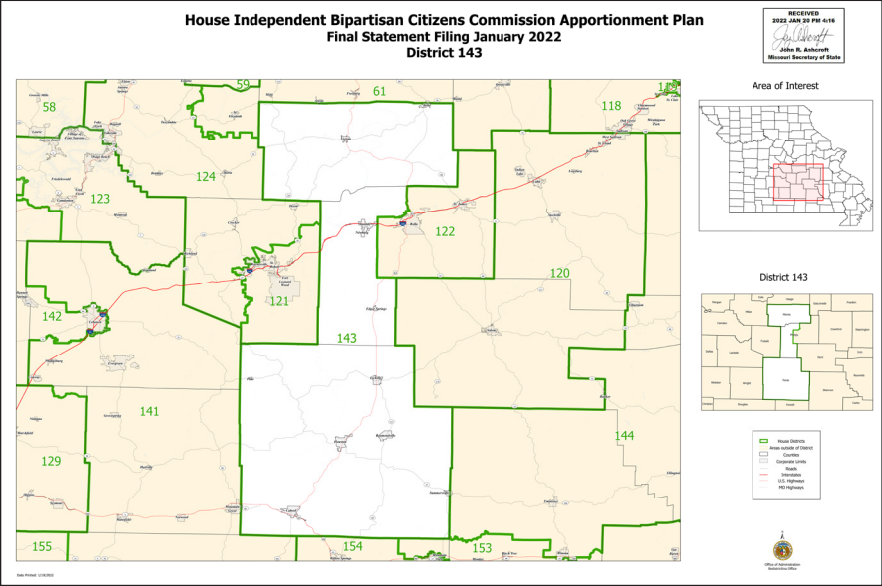
Democrat Lisa McCarthy, Salem, filed on the opening day.

John Simmons, a Republican from Washington, is the lone candidate to date to file for the 109th District seat which comprises the northern portion of Franklin County including the Berger, New Haven and Washington communities.

In the 118th District which includes the Franklin County communities of Gerald, Beaufort, Leslie and rural areas south into Washington County as far as Potosi, has one Republican and one Democrat signed up as of Tuesday. Mike McGirl, Potosi, is the Republican, and Sally Brooks, Cadet, is the Democrat.

And the 119th District, which includes Sullivan, Union, St. Clair and Pacific, has one Republican signed up to date — Marty L. Marler, Sullivan.

(With reporting by Dave Marnier and Roxie Murphy)



SASSMANN WILL lose Maries County and gain the northern halves of Osage and Gasconade counties that were represented by former representative Aaron Griesheimer before his resignation in January 2022 along with much of Montgomery County. **MARIES COUNTY** now is part of the 143rd House District

Redistricting each 10 years

Filing opened Feb. 22 for all 163 members of the Missouri House of Representatives who are up for re-election.

Due to a passed 2018 citizens’ initiative to the redistricting process, and a second refined voter-passed legislation in 2020, Missouri will experience its first redistricting since the 2010 census.

Redistricting, the process used to draw new congressional and legislative district boundaries, this year results in all 163 members of the Missouri House of Representatives standing for election. This process occurs every 10 (decenal) years.

A redistricting office is created prior to the 10-year census to help the Missouri House and Senate Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commissions with redrawing legislative district lines. The House has approved its new districts. The Senate has not.

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employees will benefit from increased wages and benefits while our taxpayers and patients will benefit from increased staffing, upgraded equipment, and ambulances. Joining forces with Osage Ambulance District will provide the stability we desire in our emergency services. Josh Krull has proven to be effective in managing an ambulance district by improving both financial stability and the emergency care provided. We are excited to see this change for our district.”

OAD board members will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The OCAD board, Krull said, will meet this month to review the transition, and determine how often meetings will need to be held, aside from setting the tax rate in August.

FINANCIAL/BUILDING DETAILS

“We are consolidating management, insurances, the vehicle fleet, medical supplies, etc., which will allow us to save money and improve the situation,” Krull said.

OCAD’s building loan will be paid off in five years under the current plan instead of the 14 years left on the note taken out in 2019.

OCAD will use existing funds to pay \$80,000 toward the building and retain \$50,000 in cash to handle miscellaneous expenses.

After that, under the agreement, OCAD will transfer all other cash assets to OAD, and Krull will oversee the management of those funds.

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, Ozark Central will pay \$50,000 on the building loan, leaving a balance of approximately \$150,603.34. After the \$50,000 building payment and \$10,000 in retention money, OCAD will pay/transfer its FY 2022 tax monies and cash assets in the FY 2023 budget year to OAD. This process will continue through 2026, at which time the building will be paid off.

OCAD will retain \$10,000 in cash in each fiscal year 2028-2032 to achieve its objective of being debt-free, with \$150,000 in cash assets, and no operational costs. All other tax monies will be transferred to OAD.

OAD will prepare OCAD’s annual budget, ensure that election notices are published, tax-setting hearings are publicized and held, necessary audits are conducted, and the annual financial report is filed with the State Auditor’s Office. Tax rates will be set as determined by the state.

OAD will also take responsibility for accurate, honest, and timely billing for Ozark Central and may employ billing companies, collection agencies, and attorneys as needed. OAD will assure compliance with CMS Medicare and Medicaid regulations regarding billing practices. Correction of billing errors and any consequent refunds will be handled by OAD, and OCAD will adopt OAD’s fee structure.

Krull noted that OAD will also obtain adequate insurance to insure all buildings and property titled to Ozark Central and leased to Osage.

Over the course of the contract, OAD will be re-

sponsible for basic maintenance — including snow removal and lawn care service — while major structural repairs or replacement of HVAC systems will be handled by OCAD.

STAFFING CHANGES

Krull will oversee all operations between OAD and OCAD, with the help of two paramedic supervisors, Carrie Hickman and Josh Cohen, who will respond to high-priority calls and help oversee day-to-day operations.

With the merger, OAD now has 53 employees, including nine full-time and seven part-time paramedics, 12 full-time and 16 part-time EMTs, two full-time and two part-time office staff members, and two part-time nurses.

Krull said he is very happy to have extended the recent benefits package to crews at OCAD.

“We just rolled that out for OAD employees and by extending it to OCAD, we had the opportunity to immediately hire four additional paramedics which has been historically difficult to do,” said Krull.

Dr. Mark R. Katsaros, an emergency medicine physician in Jefferson City, will continue his role as medical director.

FLEET IMPROVEMENTS

Four aging trucks that have been used by OCAD will be sold and the proceeds will be put toward the cost of a remount ambulance through Osage Ambulances in Linn.

“We have always worked with Osage Ambulance and their trucks are excellent quality,” said Krull. “The trucks in the OCAD fleet were not Osage built, so they would not fit into our fleet replacement and remount cycle. By having 100% of our fleet be Osage Ambulances, we maintain that local connection both to support our community and to get the best possible vehicles.”

Last year the OAD board had approved two ambulance remounts for 2022 with the first scheduled for delivery on Feb. 23, and the other, 90 days later.

Krull noted that the district has purchased three used trucks that were manufactured by Osage Ambulances and those have been put into service.

“We added decals and stocked them, and they’re part of our rotation,” he added.

That gives OAD a total of 11 trucks in the fleet for both coverage areas, with one ambulance in a primary service

role at Belle and another as a backup. Krull said OCAD had been staffing one crew 24 hours a day, with a second crew working during the day on occasion, and Krull said that will continue.

With the new configuration, there will be six trucks in service between the two district areas on weekdays with one supervisor, three ambulances on the night shift, and five trucks during the day and three at night on weekends. All vehicles will respond to both emergency and non-emergency calls.

Last year, OCAD handled 1,039 calls. Krull anticipates this year that crews will respond to approximately 4,000 emergency and non-emergency calls for service between the two coverage areas.

One of the four OCAD trucks was equipped with a power-load system, and Krull said he plans to invest in the purchase of power-load devices for the vehicles without one.

“These power-load systems are a necessary part of what we do in emergency care,” Krull said. “When we are on a scene, moving a patient can be challenging and in some cases, dangerous, so being able to use these power devices prevents injury and improves overall safety.”

Krull added that medical supplies are fully stocked and another immediate improvement includes the purchase of extrication turnout gear, including pants, jackets, and gloves which are worn by crew members when responding to motor vehicle accidents.

This contract was effective on Jan. 18 and signed on Feb. 16 by all parties. Either district can cancel the contract with 180 days’ notice.

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(158) 500-600 lb. 195.00-218.60	SLAUGHTER COWS: 169
(131) 600-700 lb. 165.00-191.50	High Dressing: 84.00-93.50;
(49) 700-800 lb. 149.00-157.75	Bulk: 71.00-80.00;
(66) 800-900 lb. 146.00-148.50	Low Dressing: 60.00-70.00;
(172) 900-1000 lb. 146.50-148.00	Thin: 40.00 + Down
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Mike Moeller Bobcat Services have yet to be started. Wieberg noted that he has been in touch with Moeller and he has been busy with other projects and hoped to get to the manhole repairs soon. Iachowicz offered to help Moeller with anything he needs.

In other business, the city’s website is up and running.

“The framework is there,” Massman said. “It is very generic and doesn’t have any pretty pictures. It is in its infancy yet.”

The website will be updated with additional information and pictures as time permits.

* Aldermen Stanley Heckman asked if the city still owned the alleyway between the Pink Elephant and Westphalia Inn.

“I was asked if the city was going to maintain it or abandon it,” Heckman said.

“Until we would request to officially abandon it and disperse the property, it is recorded in Linn as owned by the city,” Massman responded. “It is not the only one. None of them have been maintained but they are still the property of the city.”

* Wieberg asked if the city was going to remove snow from off-street parking areas. He said he was asked by a business owner why those areas weren’t included in the snow removal if they were owned by the city.

“We have never plowed off-street parking,” Massman said. “There is no way we could get someone to clean out everyone’s driveway, off-street parking, and in front of their homes and businesses. The driveways are an extension of their own property just like the sidewalk. It is no different than trimming shrubs or cutting your grass.”

* License renewals have gone out to all businesses within the city limits.

* The city of Westphalia had the following expenses: city fund (\$7,727.46), sewer system (\$6,424.50), and special road district (\$4,871.14), and the following receipts: city (\$8,019.16), sewer (\$8,861.85), and special road district (\$19,281.64).

* Westphalia had the following account balances: city checking (\$170,108.01), sewer system checking (\$29,624.48) special road district checking (\$45,686.13), and special road district savings (\$5,111.24).

* The city holds the following certificates of deposit: city (\$439,137.24), sewer system (\$521,207.89), and special road district (\$521,448.70).

* Aldermen discussed preliminary numbers for the city’s budget which will be voted on at the March meeting.

* The next meeting is scheduled for March 29 at 6 p.m.

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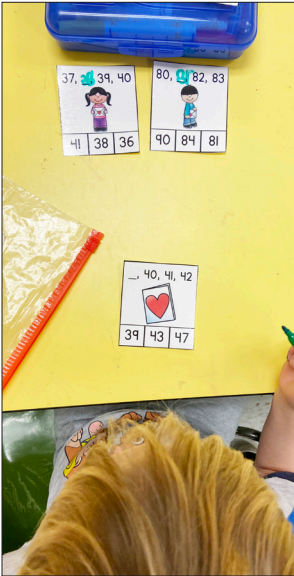
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Linn Elementary kindergarten teacher Amy Holtschneider engages her students in fun learning activities for Valentine's Day. Students here are seen playing phonics BINGO and number sense heart puzzles.

Local Youths Compete/Place in 4-H State Meats Judging Contest

COLUMBIA – Forty-eight Missouri 4-H members competed Feb. 19 in the 4-H State Meats Judging Contest on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

Held in partnership with the MU Meat Science Program, the contest gave competitors the opportunity to develop their judging skills and explore career and educational opportunities, said Maria Calvert, MU Extension state 4-H agriculture and natural resources educator.

Results – Junior division (ages 8-13)

TEAMS:
First Place, Monroe County 1
Second Place, Osage County
Third Place, Jasper County

INDIVIDUALS:

First, Gianna Quinn, Monroe County
Second, Aiden Wimmer, Callaway County
Third, Robert Quinn, Monroe County
Fourth, Faith Calvin, Jasper County
Fifth, Aubrey Youse, Monroe County
*Sixth, Blake Steen, Osage County
*Seventh, Josie Schulte, Osage County

Youths involved with the meat judging program develop key life skills to aid in future career success and success as lifelong consumers, Calvert said. She noted that 98% of participants feel they are educated consumers of agricultural products and are comfortable sharing their knowledge of agriculture with others. A majority (75%) said their involvement in this project area and contest has encouraged them to continue their education in a related field. After competing, more than 60% of the youths expressed they had more knowledge in the areas of carcass judging, cuts judging, cut identification, meats judging terminology and giving reasons.

Major support for Missouri 4-H agriculture and natural resources programs is provided by the Missouri 4-H Foundation in partnership with Bass Pro Shops, Corteva Agriscience, Crader Distributing Co., FCS Financial, Missouri Association of Meat Processors, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Holstein Association, Eunice Campbell, and Robert E. “Bud” Hertzog, DVM.



Birth Announcement

Emelyn Dolores Bruemmer

Kurt and Liz Bruemmer of Westphalia would like to announce the birth of a daughter, Emelyn Dolores, Dec. 15, at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. She weighed 9 lb. and 1oz. and was 21 in. long.

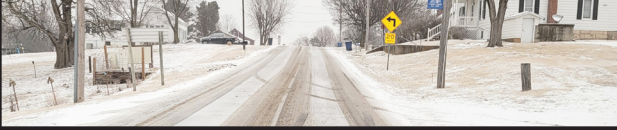
Grandparents are Donald and Joyce Holterman of Westphalia, Dennis and Jonie Bruemmer of Rich Fountain and Bruce Rowden of Brinktown.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Maxine Massman of Folk, Robert and Dolores Holterman of Westphalia and Herb Rowden of Brinktown.

Emelyn joins brothers Liam and Lucas at home.

OUR LIFE IS
MARCH
WEATHER,
SAVAGE AND
SERENE IN
ONE HOUR.
- RALPH WALDO
EMERSON

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	Precipitation
Feb. 21	70	58	0.01
Feb. 22	50	15	
Feb. 23	20	19	0.07
Feb. 24	25	14	0.19 (1 in)
Feb. 25	25	11	T
Feb. 26	38	17	
Feb. 27	53	30	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday Night-Mostly clear, low around 39. Southwest wind 7 to 9 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Thursday-Sunny, high near 57. East wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 39.

Friday-Mostly cloudy, high near 65.

Friday Night-A 20% chance of showers after midnight. Mostly cloudy, low around 52.

Saturday-A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, high near 72. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Saturday Night-A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 46.

Sunday-Showers likely. Partly sunny, high near 65. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Sunday Night-Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, low around 38. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Schollmeyer News

Friday morning Fred and Diane travelled to Columbia to deliver a painting to the Columbia Art League for the upcoming exhibit “Tiny Things.” That evening they went to Calvary Lutheran School in Jefferson City to watch their grandchildren Carly and Jack Schollmeyer compete in an archery tournament.

Saturday Fred and Diane went to Linn State Technical College to watch their granddaughter Cora Bax compete in a volleyball tournament.

Sunday they drove to Our Lady of Help Christian Church in Frankenstein to attend the visitation for Diane's aunt, Annebelle Brandt.

Jim, Dave and Glenda had dinner at the Missouri

he had no problems. I worked in my spare bedroom sorting items for the booth, auction and rummage sale. The coyote that I have been seeing came out today in the same spot in the field. I watched it for awhile. He must have caught a mouse because he would leap into the air and come down. He finally went back into the woods. We saw deer and turkeys again in the field. I did some laundry and read.

Friday, I got up around 5 a.m. and decided it looked too bad to try to go to work. I contacted my boss and went back to bed. I found out later that school was called off. I am glad that I decided not to go because by the time it was called off I would have been almost there. We watched a documentary on Abe Lincoln on the History channel that I had recorded, only to find out that I did not record the ending. I looked to see if it was going to be on again and no luck. Around 5:30 we headed to Wardsville. On the way we saw 24 deer. We attended the Blair Oaks Bullseye State Competition. Lorelei scored 220/300 for St. Stanislaus, Grade 5, Rank 129 out of 166 Overall Girls, Rank 12 out of 23 Grade 5 Girls. We are so proud of her. It is so wonderful to watch our granddaughters in their sports and activities.

Saturday, Bernie went to dialysis and I got up early to get him going. After he left I went back to bed. The coyotes were so loud they sounded like they were right next to my window. I got up and looked but they were not there. I got up later and headed to Jefferson City. I went to Gerbes and picked up a few items, went to take my auction items to J S Vintage and picked up my other items that did not sell. I did make a few purchases while there. I went to Calvary Gifts and found a few items there. I went to Dogwood Vintage and purchased a few

items from my sister Carol's booth. I went to Taco Bell for lunch before heading home. Bernie had already eaten and was in the process of taking his much needed nap. I did some laundry and read. I did work on some items to take to the Old School Antique Mall. Later, we went to Linn, put gas in the F150, took items to the Old School and headed to St. George hall to support the benefit for Sherry Paulsmeyer. I got dinners to go. We came home and I made Bernie some supper because he could not eat chili and hotdogs. He did enjoy the dessert from the benefit. We spent the evening reading.

Sunday, we got up for church and there were over 38 turkeys in our field, maybe more. We attended the Catholic Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Chamois. We came home and read the Sunday paper. After lunch, we watched a documentary “Freedom on the Range”. I had recorded it from the INSP station. It was really good. Bernie took a nap. Later we headed to Wardsville Lion's hall for the Pack 332 Blue and Gold 2022. Caroline received the Scout Sunday and Critter Care awards. Lorelei received the Arrow of Light and Bridging Ceremony. Sarah received Adult Leader Recognition for the Popcorn Kernel. Supper was served by Rancheros. We are very proud of both of our granddaughters. Aaron's parents Tess and Bruce Weeks, from Caledonia came up for the ceremony. On our way home we saw 31 deer. We were thankful that they stayed in the fields instead of the road.

Lorelei is officially a member of BSA Troop 3011! Members of 3011 and the Mic-O-Say Tribe were there to welcome her as she crossed the bridge from Cub Scouts to BSA. She is excited to have a good group of girls to work with.

ST. AUBERT NEWS

By: Marian Forck

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Monday, I was off school for President's Day. I never did understand why we aren't off for all of the presidents' birthdays, I guess that would be too much time off. Bernie and I went to the YMCA for a work out. We went to Menards to get bird seed because Bernie loves to feed the birds and watch them.

We also went to Sam's and Walmart and ate lunch at Taco Bell. On the way home, Bernie saw two eagles. We stopped in Linn to fill up the truck at Breaktime. We saw deer and turkeys at our place in the afternoon. Our son-in-law Aaron Weeks came over and cut and hauled wood for Bernie. The temperature was in the 70s.

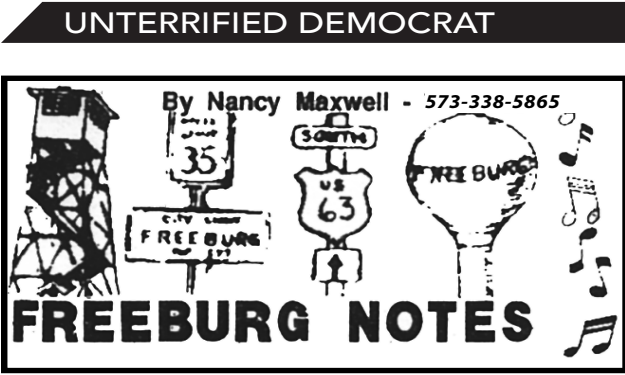
Tuesday, the temperature was 32 degrees. It was a little cool compared to Monday. After work I ran some errands.

I saw deer and turkeys today. In the evening, we watched TV and read.

Wednesday, the temperature was a lot colder. High was 19 degrees. That is Missouri weather. It changes so fast.

I went to Gerbes to get some groceries and filled up my car at Breaktime before the snow came. On the way home it started sleeting the closer I got to Linn. We read after supper.

Thursday, school was called off. Bernie went to dialysis and I called later to make sure he made it okay. He said



Good morning. What a beautiful sunny weekend. So glad to see most of the snow and ice has melted away. Now we just have mud to contend with! Noticed today that some of my “Surprise Lilies” (or as some people call them “Naked Ladies”) have started shooting up – they are a little over an inch above ground! I read an interesting article the other day that said since ancient days, people have used natural events as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: blooming crocuses are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach. I’m afraid it’s way too muddy to get anywhere near our garden – that may have to wait till next weekend since it’s supposed to be in the 60s all week.

Our sincere sympathy to Irma and Joe Richter and family on the death of her sister, Lillian Redel, age 85, of Jefferson City who died Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Stone Bridge Nursing home in Westphalia.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City. Burial followed in Resurrection Cemetery in Jefferson City.

Mary Plassmeyer along with Bernice Schroeder, Katie Plassmeyer, Lisa Sanchez and daughters, Anna and Olivia returned home Monday following a four-day trip to Biloxi, Miss. where they visited with her daughter, Allison and Easton Parmely. Easton is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base. The ladies had a great time. Allie and Easton are expecting their first bundle of joy in April!

Doug and Bev Struempf along with friends, Lynn Behm, Jeff and Susan Doty, Tim and Tracy Staton, Scott and Lois Pitcher and Mary Burger enjoyed a relaxing, fun vacation in sunny St. Lucia in the West Indies. They enjoyed great food, beautiful waterfalls, lovely beaches, a “drive in” volcano (which last erupted in 1766) and saw cashew, mango and banana trees. It was an awesome time with lots laughter and fond memories.

Monday evening the Holy Family Lady Knights fifth grade basketball team defeated St. Peter 19-14 in their first game in the Catholic bowl. Wednesday evening they lost to St. Joseph (Westphalia) to end their season. A big thanks to Kristi Beck for coaching the girls.

The Holy Family Knights sixth grade boys basketball team lost 30-21 to St. George (Linn) Wednesday evening to end their season. Charlie Berhorst scored nine points, Toby Libbert scored four points, Cooper Berhorst scored four points, Roland Nivens scored two points and Brady Stegeman scored two points. Thanks to coaches Ryan Libbert, Ben Berhorst and Maya Libbert who coached the boys this year.

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 and kindergarten must be five by Aug. 1. For an appointment or more information call the school at 573-744-5200. Kindergarten screening will be March 23. Registration for

new students entering Holy Family through eighth grade is now open for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Debbie Reinkemeyer at dreinkemeyer@holysfamily freeburg.com or call the school at 573-744-5200.

Nikki Stoebe and fiancée, Matthew Johnson and family enjoyed the weekend in Branson at the Grand Country Resort.

Winners Friday evening in the play-off games at the Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus Pitch tournament were 1) Steve Schnieders and Dennis Versluis; 2) Zach Massman and Brent Huber; 3) Maurice Stuecken and Alan Dickneite and 4) Zach Boehm and Travis Otto.

Happy birthday to Sheri Struempf who celebrated her 44th birthday Feb. 24, to Judy Haller who celebrated her 68th birthday Feb. 25, Olivia Howard who celebrated her 24th birthday Feb. 25, to Julie Wieberg who celebrated her 54th birthday Feb. 26, to Landon Bassett who celebrated her 15th birthday Feb. 26, to Esther Laubert who celebrated her 95th birthday Feb. 28, to Caley Libbert who celebrated her 28th birthday Feb. 28, Tom Grellner who celebrated her 84th birthday Feb. 28, to Garrett Borgmeyer who celebrated his 18th birthday Feb. 29, to Michael Oliver who celebrated his 15th birthday March 1, to Cole Bauer who celebrated his 31st birthday March 1, to Derek Stuecken who celebrated his 49th birthday March 1, to Rose Ann Scheulen who celebrated her birthday March 1, to Krista Welschmeyer who celebrated her 49th birthday March 1, to Chris Fick who celebrated her 87th birthday March 2, to Brenda Wieberg who celebrated her 41st birthday March 2, to Trey Rudroff who celebrated his 34th birthday March 2, to Jamie Wiles who celebrated his 49th birthday March 2 and to Abe and Eli Woodruff who celebrated their 12th birthdays March 2.

Congratulations to Kinzie Haller, daughter of Glen and Becky Haller, who won first place in the regional Knights of Columbus free throw contest in the 10-year-old age group Sunday at Fr. Tolton High School in Columbia.

She will now advance to the state level which will be held Sunday, March 20 at 1 p.m. at Fr. Tolton High School in Columbia. Good luck, Kinzie.

The Holy Family Lady Knights seventh grade girls basketball team lost to St. Joseph (Jefferson City) Tuesday night in the Catholic Bowl. The girls then played in the Show-Me games in Columbia. Friday evening they lost to Mid-Mo Mercury 33-30 and suffered a loss to Columbia Venom. Sunday they lost to the champion Havoc of Columbia. They earned a bronze medal. Thanks to Travis Crede who coached the girls’ team this year.

Brenda Becker, Chelsea Becker, Paige and Nick Laferty and family returned home over the weekend after a fun week in sunny Florida where they enjoyed Disney World and fun on the beach! Glad they brought some of that Florida sunshine back with them.

The Freeburg Community Fire Association will hold their yearly meeting Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the firehouse.

The Holy Family Knights and Lady Knights archery teams finished third in the Blair Oaks Bullseye State Qualifier shoot over the weekend.

Tyler Bexten scored 287 to finish second in the eighth grade boys ranking; Ethan Kloeppel scored 278 to finish first in the sixth grade boys ranking; Connor Knoll scored 276 to finish first in the seventh grade boys ranking; Toby Libbert scored 274 to finish second in the sixth grade boys ranking; Xavier Knoll scored 273 to finish third

in the seventh grade boys ranking; Dawson Woodward scored 272 to finish fifth in the eighth grade boys ranking; Cody Mosley scored 270 to finish seventh in the eighth grade boys ranking; Tyler Rowden scored 267 to finish fifth in the sixth grade boys ranking; Gage Curtis scored 261 to finish seventh in the seventh grade boys ranking; Alexis Curtis scored 249 to finish fifth in the fifth grade girls ranking; Eli Woodruff scored 249 to finish 11th in the sixth grade boys ranking; Grace Veasman scored 240 to finish eighth in the fifth grade girls ranking; Lily Falter scored 239 to finish ninth in the fifth grade girls ranking; Evan Simmons scored 238; Katie Kloeppel scored 236 to finish first in the fourth grade girls ranking; Holly Bliss scored 232; Wyatt Redel scored 229; Reese Nivens scored 229; John Stephens scored 228; Roland Nivens scored 227; Morgan Murphy scored 221; Gavin Kempker scored 220, Avery Perrey scored 218; Tyler Reichel scored 208; Alexis Rudroff scored 208; Abe Woodruff scored 192; Kamryn Lee scored 191; Claire Neier scored 186 and Riley Steifermann scored 144.

The teams will shoot again this week at St. George School in Linn. Good luck.

Maya Libbert scored 282 to finish first in the 10th grade girls ranking; Meaghan Fick scored 280 to finish third in the 12th grade girls ranking; Garrett Borgmeyer scored 279 to finish ninth in the 12th grade boys ranking and Curtis Falter scored 261 to finish 10th in the 11th grade boys ranking as part of the Fatima High School archery team who shot Saturday in the Blair Oaks Bullseye State qualifier.

Joyce Robertson of St. Charles visited over the weekend with her sister, Sara and Wayne Henderson and other family and friends in the area.

Enjoying a barbeque Sunday afternoon at the home of Gerhard and Virginia Bax were Cindy and Bryan Luebbering of Taos, Brenda and Chris Feeler and Todd and Rachel Feeler and daughters, Bonnie and Brooxie, all of Vienna.

Some good news on Maggie Dickneite who was involved in an automobile accident seven weeks ago – she finally got to go home Friday! What a wonderful day for her parents, Gerard and Bridget and sisters, Hailey, Gracie and Sadie. Please continue to pray for Maggie as she still has a long road to recovery still ahead of her.

The students at Holy Family School will have the Stations of the Cross every Monday at 8:30 a.m. during Lent beginning Monday, March 7. The seventh and eighth grade students at Sacred Heart School will lead the Stations of the Cross Friday, March 4 at 2:45 p.m.

The Freeburg Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. beginning this Friday, March 4. All parishioners are invited to attend.

In case you haven’t heard, the bridge over the Gasconade River on Highway 89 will be closing Monday, March 7 for repairs – it should be closed approximately three months. Yes, that means going the long way around to get to Belle and Bland!

Saturday evening about 100 people attended the one-act double feature plays presented by the Fatima Drama Club entitled “Check Please” and “Bad Auditions by Bad Actors”. Both shows were quite entertaining. After the shows, seniors Thomas Libbert, Isaac Falter, Collin Bridges, Reagen Kliethermes, Coy Starke and Ian Bexten were recognized and honored for their involvement in the

Drama Club as well as other clubs and activities at Fatima by director, Levi Maxwell.

Folks at Sacred Heart parish in Rich Fountain are busy gearing up for their first fish fry of the Lenten season. It is scheduled for Friday, March 11 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. I always look forward to their fish fries – they are so good!

Scheduled to clean Holy Family Church the first two weeks in March are Joy James, Janet Pointer and Paige Welschmeyer. Scheduled to clean the last two weeks in March are Kathy Hilkemeyer, Nancy Maxwell and Tricia Burkhardt.

Thanks to Cara Dickneite, Maura Falter, Nancy Maxwell, Erin Fick, Bev Struempf, Jody Stuecken, Marcie Struempf and Jessica Bax who volunteered their time to clean the Lord’s house in February.

The Holy Family “Soul Squad” will meet Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the basement of Holy Family rectory. All high school students are invited to attend.

Confirmation and PSR classes will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Confirmation will be held March 30 at Sacred Heart Church.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, First Communion will be Saturday, March 26 at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish and Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish.

Have a good week, enjoy the sunshine and keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.



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Moonshiners Car Club at the Claysville store today. This is by the Katy Trail. They are members of the Car Club.

Household Hints
***Fine sandpaper makes a good pattern for quilt blocks. Material laid on it won’t slip so badly while cutting out blocks.

***Boil potatoes or carrot peelings in the tea kettle to remove lime.

Jokes of the Week
***What did the evil chicken lay? Deviled eggs

***Knock, knock. Who’s there? Nobel. Nobel who? No bell, so I just knocked.

I heard that Jeannie Best contracted COVID and had a hard time getting over it. That is all that I have heard regarding her. Please continue to pray for her.

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. At this time, I am asking for prayers for my husband Bernie. 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. I am asking that you pray for each other. There are so many people that are struggling with many illnesses. God listens to our requests and he will answer them in

due time. When times are hard, turn to the Lord in prayer.

Remember to do a good deed for someone. Wear a smile on your face everyday. Take time to enjoy the nice weather. I am so ready for spring. How about you?

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.

New Rules Mean More Osage County Residents are Eligible for Missouri Medicaid

Linn – The rules have changed. Now, more Missourians can get low-cost or free health insurance through Missouri’s Medicaid program, MO HealthNet. This includes many Osage County residents. Many adults who

have not qualified before, including those without children, are now eligible. For example, a single adult making up to \$1,482 a month or a family of four making up to \$3,048 a month can now get covered. Medicaid coverage

includes doctor visits, mental health care, dental services, prescription medication, and more.

Missouri Medicaid enrollment is open all year. And there is free local help available to help you apply. Executive Director

Cale Mitchell from Spectrum Health Care encourages all Missourians to see if they’re eligible, even if they have applied for Medicaid in the past. “We know health insurance can be tricky, but we are here to assist you with every

step. We have a team of experts to help you understand Medicaid, figure out the application, and enroll. Even if you have looked before, it’s worth trying again because more people are eligible than ever. Call Kate King at

573-242-5586 for free help today.” Residents can also call 1-800-466-3213 or visit CoverMissouri.org/help to find a trained assistant near you.

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FISH FRY

Friday, March 4

St. George Church

LINN, MO

4-7 p.m.

Drive thru Only

Fried Fish, Chips, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, and Cole Slaw

FISH DAY
Saturday, March 12

Orders must be placed by Thursday, March 10th

8:00AM – 9:00AM
• MFA ARGYLE
• 573.728.6202

10:00AM – 11:00AM
• MFA VIENNA
• 573.422.3182

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March 11, 2022

Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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SERVING - DELICIOUS FISH, HUSH PUPPIES, COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS, PARSLEY POTATOES, HOMEMADE BREAD

Proceeds will benefit the Parish

Argyle/Koeltztown

Relay For Life

DRIVE THRU FISH FRY

March 4

St. Boniface Center – Koeltztown

Serving from 4:00 – 7:00 pm
(Follow signs for drive through entrance)

\$12 per plate

Fish, Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Salad & a cookie

(No substitutions)



TINY PIRATES EARLY LEARNING CENTER
Early learning fun is just—well, so much fun! The preschoolers at Chamois have “adopted” a cow. Farmer Alfred Brandt owns the calf, but he sends pictures to show how she is growing and to teach the kiddos about life on the farm as a cow. In January, Farmer Alfred sent this letter and the picture of Snowflake.

*Happy Moo Year!
Welcome back. I hope you had a fun break! I'm excited to give you an update on Snowflake.
She is now five months old, weighs 325 pounds, and is growing quickly! She spends time with other calves and has transitioned to eating food for adult cows. In the winter, we keep our cows comfortable and warm by adding extra hay in the barn. Sometimes, the little cows even wear coats just like you do!*

*Dairy cows make milk, but that's not all. That milk is used to make cheese, yogurt, ice cream, butter and other dairy foods. Download the fun and educational dairy activities below to learn more.
Farmer Alfred Brandt*

Now that was a mooving letter! Yes, it takes a village. Thanks to the teachers, parents and leaders like Farmer Brandt who are helping to grow the next generation of Americans.

SHOW ME CONFERENCE ART SHOW
The junior high winners in the 2021 – 2022 Show Me Conference Art Show were announced. Congratulations to all the budding artists under the tutelage of Joyce Wright.

Ceramics: Honorable Mention – Julissa Mitchem; Chalk/Oil Pastels: Third Place – Preston Hord and Honorable Mention – Brittney Patridge; Other Media: Second Place – Devin Slusser and Third Place – Brittney Patridge; Paper Mache: First Place – Julissa Mitchem; Tempera: Second Place – Kael Holloway.

SHERRIE'S BENEFIT
The weather held and a large crowd turned out Saturday afternoon and evening for the Sherrie Paulsmeyer Benefit held at St. George's Church Hall in Linn. Defying her cancer, Sherrie looked radiant and beautiful as she smiled, hugged and greeted her many guests. What an assortment of items were donated for both the Silent Auction and the Live Auction. The girls behind the organization did an awesome job: Laura Adams, Robin Lienenke, Veronica Hoffman and Janice Frank. The ladies of St. George Church served a delicious meal of chili and all the goodies that go with chili, hot dogs, cakes, cookies, along with choices of drinks. One could just feel the positive energy and out-pouring of God's love.

BEATLE CHURCHES
When I visited Liverpool, England, I attended churches that the boys had gone to when growing up in their home town. My first trip was in 1998 and a group from the tour attended Sunday morning services at the Liverpool Cathedral. The Cathedral was built between 1904 - 1978. In 1953, Paul, 11, tried out for the choir in the Liverpool Cathedral, but he didn't make the cut. It just goes to show, you should never give up. When Paul grew up--well you know he became a Beatle—but he also composed the Liverpool Oratoria and it was performed in the Liverpool Cathedral in 1991. The Liverpool Cathedral was also the setting for the John Lennon Memorial Service in 1980. I wrote this in my journal June 28, 1998. Lennon/McCartney songs were played on the huge organ here for a memorial service for John. Church service was held in a smaller chapel. There were 16 in attendance, including the 13 from our group, the pastor, helper and another man up front (Attendance would have been pretty slim if we hadn't gone!).

On my second trip to Liverpool, I attended St. Peter's Church in Woolton. This is the church that Aunt Mimi and Uncle George took nephew John to. He also attended Sunday School and was briefly a member of the church choir. Uncle George is buried in the cemetery by the church. And there is a tombstone of Eleanor Rigby also in the cemetery at St. Peter's. This is the church that was

having a fete—which is like our church picnics—on the sixth of July in 1957, when John's young rock and roll band The Quarrymen (All the band members attended school at Quarry Banks High School.) were playing. The band was on a lorry (truck) in the parade, then performed in the afternoon on the grassy grounds behind the church, and finally played for a dance in the evening at the church hall across the street. A friend and classmate of Paul encouraged Paul to attend the fete and meet this John Lennon fellow. And so, John, 16, and Paul (who had just turned 15 on June 18) met. Paul was impressed with John—even though he didn't know all the words to the songs and just made them up as he went along, and he was playing banjo chords on his guitar. Paul played Twenty Flight Rock and impressed John with his playing and the fact that Paul knew all the words. The result: Paul “Passed the Audition.” The next day John asked Paul to join his band. A lot of people refer to this as the beginning of the Beatles, but I beg to differ. Paul and George already knew each other and were already sharing their love of guitar. They rode together on the same bus to school. George's father drove the bus.

St. Barnabas Church was the church I visited on my third trip to England. St. Barnabas sits right on the roundabout on Penny Lane. “Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes!”

Here is what I wrote in my journal about my visit to St. Barnabas Church.

Sunday, June 1, 2003. Took cab to Penny Lane, St. Barnabas Church. Peg let me in. She'd been to the States once. Met Barb the church secretary. Took pictures of the church. Peg told me that Paul used to sing in the church choir here. Paul was best man in his brother's wedding here, too. I told her I'd visited the Cathedral on my first trip, St. Peters in Woolton on my second, and now I'm visiting St. Barnabas. Peg said, “Barny's is best!” Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Met Stephanie who does the greenery. Peg brought me brochures. Barb does the flowers. The priest asked me where I was from and when I said “Between St. Louis and Kansas City,” he said, “I love your accent.” I told him I loved his. He's Welsh. Communion was kneeling at the rail, a common flask of wine and wafers. They are a bit more wordy than we are. Apostles' Creed sounded much the same, but there were extra words. Our Father, they used trespasses. But finished like we do. I left a check. So, I need to remember to get that one back from the bank. (I had to beg Rhonda for it, but I got it and it is in my scrapbook!)

THE LIBRARY
I've just finished a stack of books and must return them to the library and get a new set. One of the books I read is Paul Apostle of Christ – The Novelization of the Major Motion Picture. Luke visits Paul in prison while Paul is awaiting his own execution. Paul tells Luke the stories that will become the books of Luke and Acts in the New Testament of the Bible. Rome under the Emperor Nero is an absolute horror for Christians. The author is Angela Hunt.

In the book, Luke reads the words Paul has written, as Paul is being prepared for decapitation.

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. In the future there is reserved for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—not only to me only, but also to everyone who has longed for His appearing.”

The blade whistled through the air...and then Paul's eyes open. There are the people he had been seeing in night visions, smiling at him, welcoming him, patting him on the arm. He no longer hurts and can stand tall. He is healed! He is renewed! Friends who have gone before him meet him. The crowd parts and there is Christ! Jesus's glowing smile shines on Paul as Jesus says, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Well done, my friend. Welcome home.”

What comforting words to those who know and believe in Jesus. Why wouldn't everyone want to?

LECTIONARY FOR MAR. 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
First Reading and Psalm: Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17 or Isaiah 58: 1 - 12 and Psalm 51: 1 - 17;
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 2b – 6: 10; Gospel: Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21

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
As we pray for Ukraine, let us remember “With God's Power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine. To HIM be glory in the church and in CHRIST JESUS for all time, forever and ever. Amen”

Ephesians 3: 20

UPCOMING EVENTS
Feb. 24 – This Event was cancelled. No word on rescheduling yet. Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association Meeting, Chop House, Linn, 5 p.m.

Mar. 2 – Ash Wednesday

Mar. 3 – Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Hermann Middle School, 4:30 p.m.; Lincoln Day Banquet, Westphalia Lions Building, Social at 5:30 p.m. and Meal beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 7 – Chamois Historic Preservation Commission work day at Townley House, 9 a.m.

Mar. 10 – Chamois Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 1 p.m.

Mar. 14 – Chamois Lions Club at Riverside Park, 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 – The Drew Redeker Collection of Morrison History will be showcased at St. James United Church of Christ, Morrison, 2 p.m.

Mar. 29 – City of Chamois Clean-Up Day

Mar. 31 – Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association meeting at Four C's Edge, Freeburg, 1 p.m.

Apr. 23 – Benefit Bake Sale for Sherrie Paulsmeyer at the VFW Craft Fair, Linn

Apr. 28 – Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association meeting at Westphalia Pizza, 5 p.m.

May 2 – 6 – Teacher Appreciation Week

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

February – **March** – The Missouri Art Education Association celebrates Youth Art Month by featuring artwork of students in an exhibit on the third floor of the Capitol Rotunda. Included in the exhibit are four Osage R-1 students. (See above article.)

Mar. 4 – Third Quarter Ends

Mar. 5 – District Elementary Choir at St. James

Mar. 7 – FFA Contest

Mar. 9 – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 14 – Teacher Professional Day – No School for students

Mar. 21 – Junior High Track at Linn, 3:30 p.m.; Bus inspection, 1:00 p.m.; Missouri Art Education Association Exhibit Awards and Recognition Ceremony on first floor of the Capitol Rotunda, recognizing four Osage R-1 Students. (See above article.)

Mar. 22 – High School Track at Russellville, 4:00 p.m.; Ag Contest at Owensville

Mar. 23 – Spring Sports Pictures; Ag Contest at Owensville

Mar. 24 – High School Track at Linn, 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 26 – Solo and Ensemble Contest

Mar. 28 – Student Council Blood Drive, 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 29 – Junior High Track at Fatima, 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 31 – High School Track at Linn, 1:00 p.m.

June 30 – Grant Applications due for \$500 grants awarded to teachers and staffers by the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation

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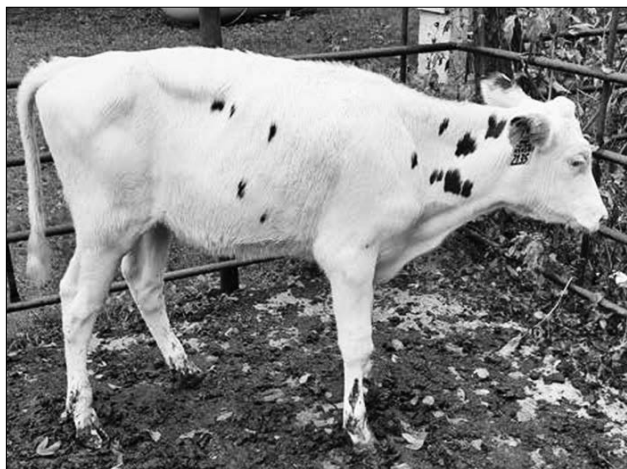
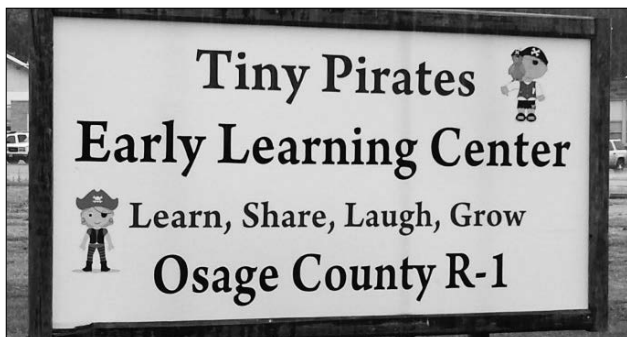
YouTube: Chamois Pirates

“AND IN THE END...”

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

*Until next time,
Susan Sundermeyer*

(granddaughter of Bertha Sundermeyer, one of the original Appletown feminines and author of The Appletown News!)

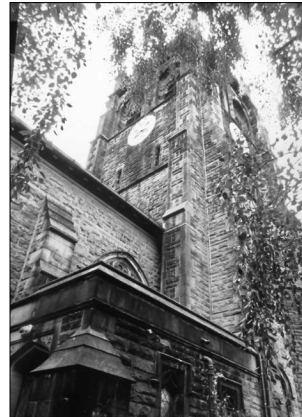
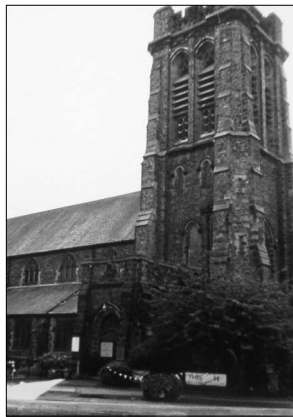


Tiny Pirates' adopted calf, Snowflake owned and raised by Farmer Alfred Brandt.

Beatle Churches



The Liverpool Cathedral was built between 1904 - 1978.



St. Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool (**above right**) - John and Paul met on the church grounds at the Church Fete July 6, 1957. St. Barnabas Church (**above left**) on the Roundabout on Penny Lane.

Missouri Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 7-11

JEFFERSON CITY – Dec. 10, severe storms and six confirmed tornadoes in Missouri killed two people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes and buildings, as well as 20 large transmission towers and lines that move power between Missouri and Arkansas. The storm system serves as another reminder that deadly tornadoes can strike any time of year.

To prepare, from March 7 to 11, the National Weather Service, State Emergency Management Agency and local emergency managers encourage Missourians to learn more about severe weather and how to protect themselves during Missouri Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Missouri's annual Statewide Tornado Drill will also be held Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. (Some Missouri communities may choose to conduct the drill on a different day due to conflicting local events.)

“Although many Missourians associate severe weather with the spring and summer months, there

is no tornado season,” State Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Remillard said. “Dangerous and sometimes deadly tornadoes, thunderstorms and flooding can happen year-round. That's why it's incredibly important to have an emergency plan in place and talk to your family about when to take action before severe weather strikes your area.”

At 10 a.m. on the day of the tornado drill, NOAA Weather Radios set to receive the Routine Weekly Tests (RWTs) will alert listeners that the tornado drill has begun. Outdoor warning sirens will also sound across participating Missouri communities. At that time, participants should practice taking cover in their designated shelter.

Schools, businesses and families are all encouraged to participate in the statewide tornado drill. Educators are encouraged to use the tornado drill as an opportunity to include tornado facts, meteorological information and safety tips into their lesson plans.

NWS provides safety tips and educational information about tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, lightning and the importance of NOAA Weather Radios on its Severe Weather Awareness Week page: <https://www.weather.gov/lx/severeweek>.

Each day during the week focuses on a different

safety message:

- * Monday, March 7 – Receive Weather Information Day
- * Tuesday, March 8 – Tornado Safety Day
- * Wednesday, March 9 – Lightning Safety Day
- * Thursday, March 10 – Hail/Wind Safety Day
- * Friday, March 11 – Flood Safety Day

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- Friday, March 18 - Pork Loin
- Friday, March 25 - Salmon

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

- Friday, March 11 - “Ben Hampton”

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OUTDOORS IN THE OZARKS

The Weird Story of Two Walleyes

I will swear with both hands on two bibles that this is the truth, but heck, I wouldn't blame you for not believing it. It was the first week of March maybe a half dozen years ago when three of us were fishing up a river where



by **LARRY DABLEMONT**

white bass run in the spring. It was above a reservoir, and in late February and most of March, walleye came up the river too.

What made it an unusual situation was that small-mouth bass, about that time of year, moved slowly, bit by bit up that river, in a 5 or 6 mile stretch of water, and there were a lot of them, good chunky brown bass that fought hard and made a fishing trip exciting when you found them. There were smaller male white bass with them and a couple of times that day, using that special

little 4 inch minnow lure I would catch two fish at once. It was always a smallmouth that would take it, then he'd be swarmed by the white bass and one of them would get the other treble hook.

Later in the afternoon, one of my fishing partners, fishing a longer, multi-colored suspending rogue about 6 inches long hooked a big fat walleye and landed it. It was beauty about 6 pounds. Even so, I kept fishing that black and white Rapala topwater minnow, jerking it down to run about two feet under the water, nailing small-mouth that would often be better than two pounds. On my light-action spinning rig they'd bend that rod and strain the six-pound line.

And then all at once, something came up from the depths and just took it with him. He fought a good while and I could see it was a nice walleye, I think between four and five pounds. The medium light rod and six pound line should have handled him just fine, but I assume there was a nick or weak place in the monofilament near where I had tied it on. I have mentioned often that a fisherman

who is hooking quite a few fish should retie the lure every now and then, but, like the old boy in the pool hall who came in limping with a gravel in his boot, and replied that he hadn't removed it because "I jest ain't had the time", I used the same excuse.

So I watched my line snap and the hefty walleye dive for the bottom, gone and happy about it, I presume. Complaining and tying on a similar lure as I did, I just never figured it would work as well, and I was right. We just drifted down the river and while my fishing partners kept catching fish, I wasn't. Up 'til now, this story may be a little boring, but from here on out, you'll have to believe what is hard to picture. My two fishing partners saw it happen and will vouch for me.

Thirty minutes and a couple hundred yards below the walleye that took my lure, I cast into some swirling current and reeled back, on the rear hooks of the new lure I had tied on, the lure that the walleye had broken off, and somehow found a way to shed. Now folks, if that had been the end of the story that would have been enough to make it a good one. But of course, as my outlook brightened and all three of us marveled at the fact that something like that

had happened, I followed my own advice, cutting the last three feet of line from my reel, and tying that old dependable lure I thought I would never see again.

And as we drifted down into a stretch of dark water below a high shade-the-river bluff, a fish engulfed it out in deep water between the bank and the bluff, and right quick I knew he wasn't a bass and it was big and it was a walleye. Amazingly she was just nearly identical in size to the one that broke my line an hour or so before. It was one of those fish you might tell everyone weighed five pounds but really wouldn't quite make it.

You can see the picture of that fish on my BlogSpot and judge for yourself. Several of that day's photos can be seen at www.larrydablemont-outdoors.blogspot.com But pictures never really tell the story, they can exaggerate things a little bit. But those who know me well know that I am not one to exaggerate unless it is a rare case where I am forced to. And that trip isn't one of them. It happened just as I have written it... the day the river gave me back my lure and a walleye maybe just a little bit bigger than the one who first took it away!

Remember When...

from the pages of our past

100 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT FEBRUARY 23, 1922

The Oak Terrace Poultry Farm in Westphalia, has begun the process of incubation with a 20,000 egg capacity and all baby chickens have been contracted for according to George Player, manager. This industry is a great forward step for the town and as Mr. Player is a wide-awake businessman, there is no doubt but what he will make a success of the chicken business.

75 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT FEBRUARY 27, 1947 M.F.A. Speakers Held Interest at Freeburg Saturday

More than 300 Osage County and Maries County farmers gathered in the Freeburg school hall last Saturday, when the annual meeting of Freeburg Exchange 280 was held.

An impressive list of speakers and visitors were in Freeburg for the meeting, among whom were J. M. Silvey and Roy L. Reed, representing the Columbia M.F.A. office, Hoyt Shumate and John Matthews representing the MFA Milling Company and Larry Brozard and Mike McLaughlin who represented the M.F. A. Farmers Livestock Commission Company. Reverend Sylvester Bauer gave a thought provoking address touching on the necessity of better human relations. Henry Willibrand, an informed talk, made some excellent suggestions relative to the newly formed M.F. A Insurance Company, and Frank Rehagen spoke also on the subject of M.F.A. Insurance.

A board of directors was elected, composed of Otto Rehagen, H.D. Schwegler, Geo. M. Kloeppel, Hubert Reinkemeyer and Jos. H. Lauberth. Manager August G. Bauer gave an audit report of the Freeburg Exchange which showed sales of \$379,470.00 in 1946. This was an excellent year's business and the directors recommended a 3% cast patronage refund on 1946 business.

The Light is on Us

Much comment in other localities has been heard in the past few months concerning the efforts Linn is making toward progress.

New buildings are going up in town, new businesses are opening their doors and new faces are being seen, giving proof that the town can and will grow. If we are to really keep pace with neighboring communities though, we must show those who are eyeing the possibilities of going into business, or coming here to live that we have the push and drive that it takes to make a really worth while community. We must get rid of the sickening stench that rises from the creek south of town settling down over the hillside like an evil cloud freighted with disease and death. We must get rid of the clouds and swarms of filth bred and germ carrying mosquitoes that plague the existence of anybody wanting a breath of cool air in the evening after sun down.

There is only one way this can be accomplished and that is for the people of the town to band together as a unit, and to bond our selves for the necessary money. Other and smaller towns are doing it and Linn can do it too.

In other parts of the county many people are looking to the county seat today for the civic leadership they believe is here. They see the signs of growth on

every hand, and they know the needs of the town, as well as do those who live here. Therefore a sewage disposal system will not only be of incalculable benefit to the town itself, it will advertise to people everywhere that Linn is a good place to come to and to live and work in. Those who do come will cheerfully bear their part of the expense of payment for, and up-keep and maintenance because no man who has lived in a clean town, but wants his new home to be in that kind of a town and any man who hasn't, usually doesn't want to take his family into another town where decay instead of progress dominates the community and its people

50 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT FEBRUARY 24, 1972 Court Closes Dump

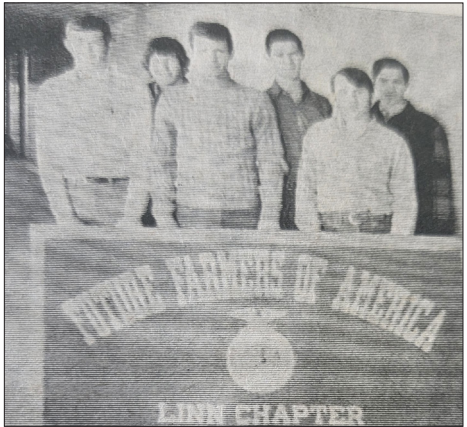
The Osage County Court met with landowner Herbert Kramer to make arrangements for closing of the dumping ground on the Rich Fountain-Westphalia road last week.

The dump, mostly on the county road right-of-way, will be dozed and covered with soil by Mr. Kramer. Work on the project started this week. The court agreed to pay Mr. Kramer \$200 for labor involved in cleaning up of the illegal dumping ground.

No dumping is permitted on the site and anyone caught dumping will be prosecuted.

Few dumping grounds remain in Osage County, thanks to the efforts of Conservation Agent Gary Howard who is doing his best to do away with these unsightly areas.

FFA Week



Linn FFA Chapter officers (1971-72) are, from left to right, Sam Boyce, treasurer; Randy Schaefer, reporter; Duke Pointer, president; Billy Brouk, secretary; Gary Schaefer, vice president and Steve Thomeczek, sentinel.



Shown above are the officers of the Fatima FFA Chapter. Kneeling from left to right are: Herman Mengwasser, 3rd vice president and Mark Loehner, 2nd vice president and sub-district 12 treasurer. Standing from left to right: Frank Haselhorst, sentinel; Gus Boessen, reporter; Charles Kloeppel, treasurer; Bill Bax Secretary; Connie Reichel, vice president and Steve Berhorst, president.

DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

Shooting sports fund conservation through excise tax

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, known as the "Pittman-Robertson Act" was passed in 1937 to provide federal funds for state management of wildlife. The money is collected from an 11 percent excise



by **BRANDON BUTLER**

tax on sporting arms, ammunition, bows, arrows, and their parts and accessories. Meaning, every time someone buys guns, bullets or archery equipment, they are contributing to the pool of money distributed across the country to take care of wildlife and wild places.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website, the funds are appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior and apportioned to states on a formula basis for paying up to 75 percent of the cost approved projects. Project activities include acquisition and improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife into suitable habitat, research into wildlife problems, surveys and inventories of wildlife problems, acquisition and development of access facilities for public use, and hunter education programs, including construction and operation of public target ranges.

When I was young, 13 or so, Dave Miller, the farmer whose land I hunted, called me the "aerator." He said with as many arrows as I stuck in the ground missing deer, he didn't need to waste his time aerating his fields. I was taking care of it for him. It's wild how 30 years later I can still vividly see this beautiful buck walking towards me along a trail carved through shin deep snow. At 20 yards, I missed him by at least two feet. The nickname was well earned.

My early accuracy with firearms wasn't much better. When I was growing up in Indiana, you could only hunt with muzzle-loaders and shotguns. This is before the more accurate inline smokepoles came around and when only the wealthy could afford rifled slug barrels. I threw more knuckle balls at deer I missed than I care to admit.

Overtime, I've become a much more accurate marksman with both gun and bow. Learning how to control my nerves was a big part of this improvement, though I still struggle with knees knocking as heavy horned bucks approach. The by far biggest reason for my improvement was practice. I began to shoot a lot. While I still consider myself a hunter who shoots, instead of a shooter who hunts, I do send a lot of ammunition down range.

These days, it's been much harder to let loose of the ammo I have on hand, because replacing it has at times been impossible. And, I don't believe the current outlook of purchasing ammunition is very bright, with all the chaos in the world. So if you want to continue shooting, like I do, but fear letting loose of too many rounds, then you have to practice smarter.

It's not too often anymore that I come across a tool that I feel really improves my ability to shoot or hunt. Over the last couple of decades, I've been introduced to so many trends from scent control to stabilizers to lasers that it seems like the industry marketing minds want you to believe it was nearly impossible for the early pioneers to kill anything without today's technology. I tend to shy away from technology when it comes to hunting and shooting, but at the Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA) conference last summer, I was introduced to Mantis.

The POMA conference always includes Shooting Day at the Range, where numerous manufactures are on hand to let us outdoor communicators test out their equipment. It's always a blast, pun intended. When I made it to the Mantis booth and saw everyone huddled around a smart phone, I thought I'd just walk on by, but curiosity kills the cat. So I checked it out. I'm glad I did, because their tools for improving shooting accuracy are pretty cool.

In a nut shell, you attach a sensor to whatever firearm or bow you are shooting and download an app to your phone. When you shoot, the sensor collects all the data on your movement and sends it to the phone. So you can see if you are flinching, dropping your hands, moving one way or another. You can track your progress to see if you are consistently making the same errors, and hopefully, you'll start to see that you are steadily improving.

A great feature about the system is you can use it while dry firing your gun. You cannot dry fire bows. You don't want to dry fire your gun

without a dummy cartridge, known as a snap cap. These are very cheap. Buy one for every firearm caliber you want to practice with, then attach your Mantis, and pretend you are firing live ammunition. Through the app, you will see your movement and hopefully build better shooting practices through increased muscle memory.

It works really well on bows and cross-bows, too. Although you do have to actually shoot arrows or bolts. I have been using it on my traditional bows, which I know, I am using an advanced piece of technology and software on a piece of wood I use to fling sticks. Quite the oxymoron. But it really helps. I can see what my hands and arms are doing when I release the arrow. Because if I'm being honest, when it comes to traditional archery, the aerator is alive and well.

The importance of purchasing ammunition and equipment that funds the Pittman-Robertson Act is huge. And I just gave you a tip that should reduce the amount of ammunition you need to buy. So I'm working counter to my own desire to see the most money as sensibly possible sent to fund conservation. I have contributed a lot over the years and plan to for the rest of my life, but maybe not as much from purchasing ammunition. Just make sure you spend the money you save on ammo to purchase that new rifle you've had your eye on.

See you down the trail...

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INVITATION TO BID OSAGE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT BID #22-01

LINN ELEMENTARY VRF PIPING REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Osage County R-II School District will receive sealed bids clearly marked "Bid #22-01 Linn Elementary VRF Piping Replacement" on or before 11:00 A.M. CDT, Tuesday March 22, 2022 to Osage County R-II School District, Attn: Dena Smith 141 Wildcat Drive, Linn, MO 65051. There will be a public opening of the bids immediately following at the Osage County R-II Central Office. Use the link below to download the plans and specifications. Search "Linn Elementary".

<https://www.x-rhodesplanroom.com/jobs/public>

There will be one (1) bid package associated with this bid. Please reference the detailed scope of work narrative provided in the bid documents.

Prospective contractors are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 A.M. CDT at Osage County R-II Central Office, 141 Wildcat Drive, Linn, MO 65051. In the event of inclement weather, an alternative location may be provided.

The School District reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, or to advertise for new submittals if deemed necessary.



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Struemph-Struemph finds a thrilling hobby not far from home

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Freeburg native Dale Struemph of Team Struemph-Struemph wasn't expecting to fall in love with rally racing but that's exactly what happened in the spring of 2019 when he attended the 100 Acre Wood Rally (100 AW) in Crawford and Dent County put on by the American Rally Association (ARA).

"They've been holding this race since 1977 and I had no idea it was there," he said. "It's really cool. I saw it and knew it's what I wanted to do."

Invited to watch the race by Darrell Hindman on his farm, Struemph was chatting with well-known race enthusiast Garrett Hamilton when the conversation turned to his potential involvement as a participant.

"I just decided I wanted to do it," said Struemph, noting that the company for which he works, Living the Dream Outdoor Properties, offered to sponsor him.

In the world of rally racing, professionals eventually earn sponsorship opportunities that can pay big bucks but Struemph said he

is nowhere close to that level as an amateur. "Living the Dream Outdoor Properties is our 'official' sponsor but we're largely self-funded," said Struemph, whose co-driver/navigator is his brother, Greg Struemph.

With the onset of the COVID pandemic, spring races in 2020 were pushed off, and Struemph used that time to find a race-ready vehicle. He settled on a 2005 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS, which was located in Buffalo, NY.

"I called my brother and asked if he wanted to go get it with me," said Struemph. "I picked him up along the way in Indiana and we trailed it back to Missouri."

Unfortunately, there isn't much opportunity to practice this type of racing, which is held in stages on gravel roads, with cars reaching speeds of 120 MPH among professionals. "I've gone as fast as 100 MPH," said Struemph. "This kind of racing goes back to the days of bootlegging. You drive as fast as you safely can. I had no racing experience before this. I have a need for speed but also a healthy respect for the law so I don't have an opportunity to get out and practice."

On average during the 100AW in Potosi and Salem last spring, Struemph averaged 50 MPH with 14 stages ranging from six to 12

miles each.

Struemph said there are five classes of vehicles and he drives in the naturally-aspirated motor division, meaning his Subaru is not turbo-charged.

"I like to think we are a fan favorite," he said. "People are there to have fun, and we love talking to other crews, volunteers, and fans."

At the 100 AW, Struemph explained the total race is 278 miles but only 120 of that come in stages on gravel.

Each car in the race is ranked from fastest to slowest based on previous entries. At the start of his career in fall 2020, Struemph had no time for comparison, so he began near the back of the field. At the beginning of each stage, each car is held for one minute to give the leading vehicles time to create space.

"The goal is to keep cars from bunching up on these gravel roads," Struemph noted.

Each stage time is recorded but the time between stages is not; however, there is a deadline to reach the next stage. They are given ample time to reach the next stage to avoid any speeding on open roads, Struemph

See **Hobby** on Page 12



SUBMITTED PHOTO

DALE STRUEMPH, right, is thrilled with rally racing, especially since his brother, Greg, serves as co-rider and navigator in races that take places on gravel roads in stages.

Sheriff welcomes three new employees with a lot of experience

Gray brings seven years as a conservation agent to his role as an Osage County deputy

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Sgt. Chad Gray, 34, is no stranger to law enforcement but he recently made the move to the Osage County Sheriff's Office from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Gray was asked by Sheriff Mike Bonham to join his team. "I really enjoyed serving the people of the county as the conservation agent and desired to see how I could contribute to the Sheriff's Office," said Gray, adding there's not much difference in terms of enforcing the law. "There are few variations in calls for service, but it's the same faces and road numbers."

Bonham is happy to welcome Gray. "He brings a unique skill of organization and leadership with straight-forward approach to law enforcement, and a desire to help his community will serve sheriff's office and community well," Bonham said.

Before working for MDC for seven years as an agent, Gray worked for a pest control company in the St. Louis area, and interned with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, maintaining and producing habitat for wildlife.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Range, Fish, and Wildlife in 2013 from Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, where he also graduated from the law enforcement academy.

He also met his wife of 10 years, Arianne, while in college.

Originally from Edwardsville, Ill., where he lived for about 23 years, Gray said there is little in this world that is more important to him than family.

"Our county has deep roots and many family trees that make up most of our communities today," he said. "It is important to me to see the families, or people, of Osage County have a safe place to live, work, and experience life. I desire to see our communities flourish and become a place where people have good relationships with neighbors, landowners, and businesses owners. All these things can be achieved through sound, proactive law enforcement."

Ryerson serving as new OCSO jail administrator

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Belle native Rick Ryerson, 54, is the new jail administrator at the Osage County Sheriff's Office and said that while this is a smaller agency than he's used to with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a trooper from 1990-2022, he's happy to be part of the team.

"I had heard good things about the agency and was impressed with the forward-thinking of the sheriff and the professionalism of the officers under his command," said Ryerson, who was looking for a second career and wanted to live in mid-Missouri. "It just seemed like a good fit for me and something I wanted to be a part of."

Sheriff Mike Bonham said Ryerson is the right person for the job. "He will bring a wealth of law enforcement experience and I believe has

Pappas has extensive training, military, and law enforcement experience

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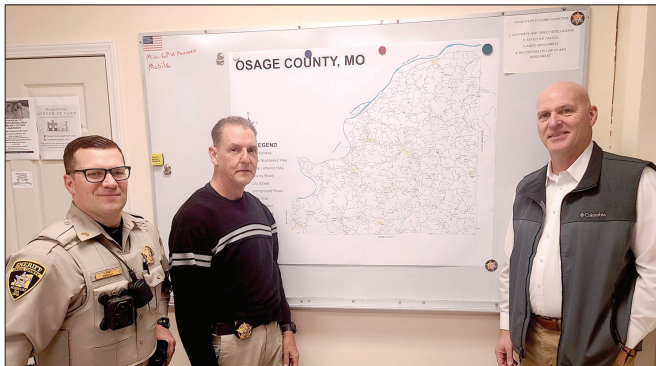
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Lt. Nick Pappas, 53, has a breadth of experience that makes him a valuable addition to the Osage County Sheriff's Office.

"Lt. Pappas is very qualified to take the reins of investigations involving serious crimes against the people of our county," said Sheriff Mike Bonham. "His training and experience put him head-and-shoulders above most investigators, and I believe the citizens of the county will like is down-to-earth style."

Pappas chose to join Sheriff Mike Bonham because of the positive work environment that is focused on teamwork and serving the community to the greatest extent possible. "The OCSO is better funded, equipped, and trained, which allows a higher quality of work to be performed for the citizens of the county as well," said Pappas, an Independence native who began his law enforcement career in 1997. "I hope to have a positive impact and influence in Osage County, and provide the highest quality of investigation I can for citizens."

Pappas has earned several degrees, including an Associate in



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SGT. CHAD Gray, Lt. Nick Pappas, and Lt. Rick Ryerson bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective roles with the Osage County Sheriff's Office.

Agent for a 12-agent team with responsibility for a rather large area consisting of everything 50 miles south of Baghdad to the Kuwait border.

Following retirement, he began working with Battelle Memorial Institute as a government contractor specializing in law enforcement and counterterrorism. While with Battelle, Pappas served as an instructor, working with two others to provide training to the National Guard Civil Support Teams across the U.S. on Chemical and Biological Warfare familiarization. He has also taught at the U.S. Army Counter Explosives Hazard Center, where he instructed Counterinsurgency Techniques, Improvised Explosives Device (IED) Defeat, and legal aspects of counterterrorism and counterinsurgency.

Pappas served as a reserve detective for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and then as a Richland Police Officer until 2014. In February 2014, he took the position of assistant police chief and then chief in rural Crocker, which has an estimated population of about 1,100 people and just under 500 homes encompassing only about 1.5 square miles of land.

While there was an extremely heavy traffic flow due to Hwy. 17 passing through the center of town there was limited businesses.

"Compare this to Osage County and I think you can see the difference," said Pappas. "The position I hold is less responsibility in that I no longer focus on the entire daily operations of an agency. My primary responsibilities are investigations and those additional duties and/or assignments the sheriff needs me to complete."

Because he is trained and experienced in emergency management, Pappas served as the emergency manager for the same municipality.

He is a licensed law enforcement instructor in Missouri and has experience with the Missouri Sheriff's Training Academy instructing courses, from crime-scene processing to officer well-being.

In 2018, Pappas was appointed Pulaski County coroner by former Gov. Eric Greitens and currently serves as a deputy coroner in Pulaski.

"I believe we are very fortunate to add the talent and experience to the Osage County Sheriff's Office. Each one of these individuals brings a different background and experience," — Sheriff Mike Bonham

the right temperament for the job," Bonham added. "He has engaged the position with a steady hand and willingness to serve our community."

Ryerson, who served in the US Air Force from 1985-89, graduated from Mineral Area College in Park Hills with an Associate in Criminal Justice in 1994 and the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in Jefferson City in 1990.

Ryerson is pleased to be a part of Bonham's team. "As the new jail administrator, it's important to me to understand my role and to facilitate effectively between the needs of jail staff to perform their duties well and to reduce the liability of the agency," he added.

Law Enforcement in 1998 from Central Texas College, a Bachelor in Criminal Justice in 2007 from Columbia College, a Master's in Environmental Management in 2009 from Webster University, and a Master's in Criminal Justice from Columbia College in 2014.

In 2000, he graduated from U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Course, three years after he begin his law enforcement career as a CID investigator.

After more than 20 years in the Army, Pappas retired as a Chief Warrant Officer Two (CW2) Criminal Investigation Special Agent in September 2008, the same year he obtained his Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) license.

His military career culminated as the special agent in charge of the Fort Leonard Wood CID office. While on active duty, Pappas deployed to Iraq during 2003-04 and was the supervisory Special

replacing them is at the expense of those who have them.

Holy Family in Freeburg was trained on using their AED. Guardian Angels Church in Brinktown will take an AED and a training date will be set. Maries R-1 School will take one. Board Vice President Steve Maxwell will check with Turkey Hill about the unit/units it has. New Maries County Conservation Agent, Tex Rabenau, who also is a paramedic, will take one. Lanning said they used to have an agreement saying what MOAD will cover and what the owners of the AEDs will do.

* Butler reported some of the active employees are working more. Board member Laura Stratman asked if there is one full crew at one base in place every day and Butler said yes. Victor Stratman said he thinks the district

should only accept transfers if there are two crews in place, with one at each base, so there will be a crew available if people need an ambulance. He said he knows MOAD needs to make money and Laura Stratman noted the district does not do that many transfers.

Maxwell said he thinks they should accept the transfers if they can do them. Butler said for a transfer from Jefferson City to St. Louis, which Lanning said takes about six hours, MOAD is paid about \$2,800 and the district needs the money. Most of the transfers are from Rolla to Columbia.

Laura Stratman said it would be possible to have a full staff and not go out at all. Butler said they don't do many transfers. Part of the problem with the time spent is that the hospital is not ready when MOAD gets there with a patient and has to wait. Before they accept

a transfer, Butler calls the insurance company to make sure MOAD will get paid for it.

Victor Stratman and Laura Stratman both told Butler, "You are doing a great job," for which she said thank you.

* Butler reported that a new person plans to come to work for the district once they can get the proper paperwork and take the EMT test to get a license. They were working on obtaining the certification and COVID-19 messed it up.

In related news, Butler said that last year, MOAD did not work eight-hour shifts as first responders but is allowing it now to help fill out the schedule. Butler said these employees have "stuck with us through our worst times" and she wants to bring back these shifts.

MOAD will charge for equipment used on cardiac arrest calls even when they don't transport

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Maries-Osage Ambulance District (MOAD) board members recently decided to bill for responses to cardiac arrest calls when they do not transport.

At the board's February meeting, Administrator Carla Butler said that in the past, MOAD has not charged for these calls and as a result, the district is leaving a lot of money on the table when it could be billing for them. She said the district and other rural ambulance districts are struggling financially. Yet, they are responding to these calls and spending money, but traditionally have not been billing for them as a courtesy to the taxpayers

of the district. She said when the person dies and is not transported, MOAD has not billed for its services.

Paramedic Chip Smack said the district has an expense in the outlay of medical supplies used when they respond to cardiac arrest calls. They use supplies costing about \$500 per response. Butler said they can bill the patient's insurance company and can train MOAD crews to get insurance information when responding to these types of calls. The board agreed the responses can be submitted to insurance for payment.

In other business, MOAD is giving away seven AED units to organizations in the communities it serves. The ambulance district will train people to use them, will test them as needed at the ambulance base, and will replace pads. But, if the pads are left to expire,

A NEW ADVENTURE

Severe sanctions don't include oil

After Russia invaded Ukraine last week, the price of oil surged to \$100 a barrel for the first time since 2014. Thanks to Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden, get ready for \$5 per gallon gasoline.

For over three months, President Biden told the world that Vladimir Putin would feel the wrath of America with “severe sanctions” should Russia invade Ukraine.

Those sanctions — which according to Biden are not immediate — do not include oil.

Did you know that America imports oil from Russia? Last year we imported a record 232 million barrels of oil from the Soviets.

According to Politifact.com, the most recent data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows that the U.S. imported 25.32 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia in May 2021. This set a new monthly record for Russian oil imports.

Currently, there are two dozen ships

by DENNIS WARDEN



on the way to America with 12 million barrels of Russian crude oil.

According to Wikipedia, Russia is the world's leading natural gas exporter and the second-largest oil exporter. The increase in oil prices just made Putin's bank account expand exponentially.

Remember the good ole days when America was energy independent. In case you forgot, that was during the end of Donald Trump's presidency.

When Trump left office, we produced more oil than we were consuming. For the

first time in 50 years, America had a four percent domestic oil and gas production surplus.

Trump's energy policy was one of his biggest successes.

Since Biden took office, that surplus changed to a four percent deficit. It all started when Biden entered the White House and declared war on American oil.

In addition to killing the Keystone Pipeline, Biden reversed almost all of Trump's drilling policies within days of taking office.

This was done to appease the climate change activists in the Democrat party.

Interestingly, Biden's war on oil did not slow down Americans' demand for oil by a single barrel last year. It did nothing to save the environment. It hurt the environment.

Instead of producing all our oil — where we have higher environmental standards — we pay Saudi Arabia and despots like Putin to transport oil in massive ships across the Pacific and Atlantic oceans to

America.

When the Biden Administration was asked about our reliance on Russian oil, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said, “We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, on oil in general, and we need to look at other ways of having energy in our country and others.”

According to Jared Gordon, an Aerospace Engineer, the average industrial wind turbine produces the equivalent energy of 7.4 barrels of oil per day or 2,700 barrels per year.

Assuming those numbers are correct, it would take an additional 86,000 new turbines to replace just the oil we imported from Russia last year. That doesn't sound bad until you realize there are currently a little over 70,800 turbines operating in the U.S.

If the truth were told, Biden probably would stop buying oil from Russia, but that could cause hyperinflation and a recession in the U.S. if not the world. Biden would

get the blame, and his approval numbers would drop more.

The problem with buying oil from a foreign country is that it gives them leverage and power to the seller.

Don't get me wrong. Even if America were still energy independent, the war in Ukraine would cause the price of gas to rise. But we would not be paying a communist tug.

Putin now looks to join the ranks of Vladimir Lenin, Chiang Kai-Shek, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Mao as communist dictators known for murdering millions.

As a nation, we can do more than pray for the Ukrainian people — which we should. Here are three charities recommended by Charity Navigator engaged in relief and recovery efforts in Ukraine: Save the Children, Project HOPE and Global Giving.

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Ukraine Hurt by Dishonest Dems!

People wanting the truth, will listen to Fox News, the top-rated cable news program for the last twenty years, according to Forbes. Fox had 95 of 100 top cable news telecasts last month. More liberals, tired of the gross exaggerations and misleading information of CNN and MSNBC, are now watching the trust-worthy Fox channel! Tucker Carlson is the ratings king with news and Fox Nation! With mid-terms fast approaching and Biden disasters piling up, Democrats are spreading their blasphemous Trump insults. Stupidity was placing Biden and Harris in jobs they had no ability to perform and it's endangering the world!

Bill Clinton forced Ukrainians to give up their protective arsenal with assurances from the U.S., Russia and NATO that their security would be protected. Obama did nothing when Putin took Crimea, but gave them blankets. Trump slapped heavy sanctions on Russia, blocked Nord Stream 2 pipeline (NS-2P), attacked Syria after it used chemical weapons, wiped out Russian mercenaries in the Middle East and sent military aid

to Ukraine. Biden completely shut “ALL” American energy production down, allowed Putin to finish the NS-2P, resulting in European countries and America enriching Russia, because sanctions on the SWIFT banking system didn't cover Russia oil sales!

Trump put “America First” over the globalists and why he/his family have had unending lawsuits. The two-year Moeller investigation failed and why the 18 Hillary attack dog lawyers destroyed their cell phones and 33000 of Hillary's subpoenaed emails. Durham revealed the criminal, Hillary paid a Tech Company to infiltrate the Trump Tower and White House servers and implant false info to tie Trump to Russia! Trump made America #1 with affordable energy production, resulting in high-paying jobs and dropping carbon emissions to a 25-year low! Biden's inflation is at a 40-year high and rising. Biden's lack of cognitive ability has caused Russia, China, Iran and probably North Korea to unite, due to his disasters in Afghanistan and his weakening of America's economy.

The BIG LIE is that Biden and Harris are controlling anything in the White House. Harris' success was being mistress to the married, powerful, Willie Brown. Harris belligerence & dysfunctional attitude caused eight staff to quit---she's not presidential!

The Biden family, numerous politicians, globalist that control the media, universities, athletes, Wall Street and Hollywood are willing to sacrifice our freedoms for money. China put \$200,000,000 in Dominion voting machines that forensic evidence indicates, Trump votes were switched to Biden.

The Mazars accounting firm handling Trump's taxes, said all work was performed in accordance with accounting standards & principles and didn't contain any discrepancies. They called both NY investigations “moot”! Trump's assets are \$2.5-\$3 billion---he isn't poor, financially or mentally! Libraries are not enemies-use them!

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WORLD ENERGY COMMENTARY

Higher oil and gas prices will fuel Russia's military to prosecute its war in Ukraine; U.S., OPEC need to speed up production

BY ROBERT ROMANO

“Our sanctions package is specifically designed to allow energy payments to continue.”

That was President Joe Biden's statement on Feb. 24 on how U.S. and Western sanctions on Russia for invading Ukraine would impact Russian oil and natural gas exports. So far, the answer is they won't, despite calls by some to cut off Russia from global energy markets.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba called for a full embargo on Feb. 26 on Twitter: “I demand the world: fully isolate Russia, expel ambassadors, oil embargo, ruin its economy.”

Here's the problem: With Russia still accessing global commodities markets, higher oil and gas prices will fuel the ability of Moscow to prosecute its war in Ukraine. On the other hand, suddenly removing Russia — the number two oil exporter in the world behind Saudi Arabia — from global commodities markets could have severe unintended economic consequences, for example, by potentially sparking hyperinflation in the energy sector.

Oil prices are already very high, with Light Sweet Crude trading at

\$91 barrel and Brent Crude at \$98 as of Feb. 25. Natural gas in the U.S. remains elevated with Henry Hub Natural Gas at \$4.4 per 1,000 cubic feet, and in Europe prices on the Title Transfer Facility (TTF) in the Netherlands are up to \$25.72 per 1,000 cubic feet.

If there is an embargo, the American people and the peoples of Europe and the UK have to be prepared for higher prices.

Much higher prices.

It is a move that could weaken the U.S. and European economies, immediately sparking a massive recession, likely further weakening the political administrations there. And who knows how long it will last or where it will lead geopolitically.

And it might not save Ukraine.

On the other hand, if there is still a desire to somehow curb oil and gas subsidies to Moscow without a full-blown embargo, then the goal must be to reduce the price of oil and be prepared to continue supplying Europe in the worst case scenario of a wider war.

There's no other way.

That is why the U.S. and OPEC need to offset Russian energy dominance in Europe by dramatically increasing production. Saudi Arabia

can take care of the oil, and the U.S. can take care of the natural gas.

On the natural gas side, in 2020, the European Union imported 9.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, according to Eurostat. And about 41 percent Europe's imports come from Russia, or about 3.73 trillion cubic feet a year, 24 percent from Norway at 2.2 trillion cubic feet and 11 percent from Algeria at 1 trillion.

The Nord Stream 2, currently suspended by Germany because of the war, was built from 2018 and finished construction in September 2021 at a cost of \$11 billion, and would double the current pipelines' distribution of 1.9 trillion cubic feet a year to 3.9 trillion cubic feet a year. In November 2021, Germany delayed final regulatory approval of the pipeline project before the war. Germany already purchases about 55 percent of its natural gas from Russia before the new pipeline has even gone online.

To offset Russia on natural gas would require global production to increase by about 5.6 trillion cubic feet a year: Russia's current 3.7 trillion plus the 1.9 trillion Nordstream 2 was supposed to produce.

Could the U.S. help?

In 2020, the U.S. produced about 36.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas

in 2020, and consumed about 30.5 trillion cubic feet and exported 5.3 trillion cubic feet, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Of those exports, about 793 billion went to Europe. In 2021, the number was about the same at 776 billion, according to the European Commission.

Assuming the U.S. were the only source increasing production of natural gas, it would have to more than double exports by about 5.6 trillion cubic feet to 41.8 trillion cubic feet in order to completely offset Russia, a 15 percent increase.

But there's a problem: the EIA only projects a 1.9 percent increase in U.S. gas production in 2022.

One area that is lagging behind is natural gas leasing on federal lands, which Biden is delaying while the administration considers the fallout of a federal court ruling blocking higher cost estimates of climate change from being used when making rules for carbon regulations. Even there, though, the landscape is challenging.

About 4.4 trillion cubic feet of gas in the U.S. comes from federal lands. For an offset to come from federal lands would require more than doubling leasing and production

BLAINE'S BULLETIN

State of the Union 2022

While it did not officially receive the name “State of the Union Address” until 1947, America's presidents have been delivering these addresses to update the country since 1790. The speech logistics have evolved over the years, but it now takes place in the Capitol in front of a joint session of Congress. It is an opportunity each year for the American people to hear from the President regarding what is working for our country and what is not. This year, there is certainly plenty to talk about. Our nation is currently dealing with historic inflation, a labor crisis, an unsecured southern border and now, a Russian invasion of Ukraine. While we are all well-aware of the state of the union, the President must make clear his plan to tackle these issues.

As you have noticed while grocery shopping, pumping gas, or buying basically anything, inflation is at a 40-year high, and it is hitting American families, businesses, and their customers hardest. Inflation is a tax on all Americans and has gone up every month during the Biden Administration. Sixty-one percent of small business owners were forced to raise their prices last month to keep their doors open. The consumer price index has gone up seven and a half percent in the last year which is the highest reading since 1982, and inflation is now costing the average American household an extra \$250 a month. Russia's invasion of Ukraine will exacerbate our inflation problem immensely. Because the cost of energy is a significant driver of inflation, the spike in oil prices caused by the invasion will have harmful effects throughout our economy. President Biden's solution should be to remove his moratorium on oil and gas leases on federal lands, and actually work with Americans to reinvigorate our energy sector and reduce oil prices.

Another plan we need clearly laid out by the President is his and our allies' response to Russia's attack. Putin has made his intentions to overturn the Ukrainian democratic government and begin his rebuild of the Soviet Union clear. I am pleased that the West has imposed severe sanctions and is committed to supporting Ukraine. Pressure on Putin must continue to intensify, and it must be made clear to the world, specifically China, that unprovoked aggression against sovereign nations like Taiwan will not be tolerated. I hope President Biden will deliver that message Tuesday night.

Another major obstacle for our economy is the massive labor shortage we're experiencing. We've all seen the “help wanted” signs at our local hardware store or coffee shop, or the signs in restaurants thanking patrons in advance for their patience as they are short-handed. Here in Missouri, we are fortunate to have a governor who saw that extended unemployment benefits from the CARES Act were no longer necessary and were actually doing more harm than good to our workforce. With excess unemployment benefits and other programs that disincentivize work coming to an end, we should see more people reentering the labor force. However, our economy would greatly benefit from a commitment to the government to get out of the way and let small businesses and job creators do what they do best.

Lastly, we need a renewed



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commitment to national security, particularly at the southern border. January 2022 saw a 96% increase in migrant encounters from January of last year. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported there were 153,941 migrant encounters last month, and of those 62,573 were reportedly released into the United States by the Biden Administration. Nearly 63,000 people crossed our border illegally and were simply let go. As illegal crossings are going up, ICE deportations are drastically dropping. They are down 70% from 2020, meaning illegal immigrants continue to flow into the United States unchecked with virtually no consequences. The open-border policies from this administration are inviting more migrants than CBP can handle and allowing dangerous criminals to slip through the cracks. This isn't fair to the migrants who try to come to this country legally through the proper channels, and it certainly isn't fair to American families who expect the government to provide national security. Acknowledging these failures and announcing a new plan would at least prove that the President is listening to the American People and working in our interest.

I do not write all of this to simply complain, but rather to show the areas our country needs to improve upon. And much of that progress begins with the government operating responsibly. We need less red tape and regulation so American businesses can get back to supporting our local economies. We need government programs to stop encouraging people to stay home rather than joining the workforce. We need a safe and secure border. And we need strong foreign policy to keep our country and the rest of the world safe while holding crooked leaders accountable. While I'm not holding my breath, I hope we'll hear how President Biden plans to accomplish these things so America can get back to thriving and people realizing their dreams.

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DALE STRUEMPH of Team Struempfh-Struempfh takes this jump at a rally event. He said it was among the most exciting aspects of racing he's experienced. Dale Struempfh of Freeburg of Team Struempfh-Struempfh is officially sponsored by Living the Dream Outdoor Properties.

Two COVID cases reported in last week

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With just two new cases reported in the previous seven days, Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin on Tuesday said she's pleased with the direction the pandemic is headed.

"Things appear to be quieting down and that's a good thing," she said.

The overall number of COVID cases has increased to 3,502 — up from 3,492 last week, which includes one breakthrough case, bringing that total to 463. Neither of the newly reported cases required hospitalization and neither were under the age of 18, giving that group a total of 585.

At this point, according to DHSS, 45.8% of county residents have been fully vaccinated, and 26.72% of those have received a booster shot. No new deaths have been caused by COVID, leaving that total at 29.

OCHD staff administered seven vaccine doses last week, none of which were pediatric.

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.

Last week, the health department ad-

ministered no flu shots, and no additional flu cases have been reported, leaving the total to date at 22.

Sallin noted that in April, OCHD will begin offering walk-in clinics on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition to COVID vaccinations, the department will offer all immunizations and other services.

Other projects include blood draws at Quaker Window Products in Freeburg to assist with medical checkups. "They are seeing huge savings by having us handle their labs because we can do it much cheaper than other agencies," Sallin said. "We're doing it on-site so there's a benefit in that the employee isn't missing work time to go to a lab."

Sallin added that she will also offer booster shots to Quaker employees in the near future.

Any Osage County business interested in taking advantage of either service is encouraged to contact the OCHD office.

Finally, because of the recall of Similac baby formula, there have been a lot of questions about alternatives. Sallin said there is a phone app for Women and Infants, and Children (WIC) called WIC Shoppers, which outlines the formulas that will be approved by the FDA.

Anyone with questions about this issue is encouraged to contact OCHD.

"We're happy to help with any situation," said Sallin.

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noted.

"You can't beat up your car on stages. It really becomes a test of both speed and endurance," said Struempfh. "You have to know how to finish without tearing things up. We're not the fastest but we have a lot of fun."

Struempfh finished his first three races without destroying his Subaru, though in the Show-Me Rally at Potosi, he slid too far and sideswiped a ditch in the Central Super Regional Championship in the Mark Twain National Forest.

"I thought for sure I had wiped out the whole passenger side but there was no serious damage," he said. "There will be though. If not, you're not driving fast enough."

Struempfh later met five guys that witnessed his ditch experience who were impressed that not only did the car sustain little damage, but that he pushed on.

"They loved our grit," he said. "They wanted to sponsor me for a day and that was really cool."

At his first race at 100 AW, it had rained the previous few days so the roads were wet — some under water — and muddy. "We did all I could to survive," said Struempfh, noting the song, "Stayin' Alive" became a theme. "That song was in my head as I focused on just getting through each stage."

Half the field of 90 cars did not finish that race and Struempfh held on to earn 37th place. "It was labeled as some of the toughest conditions they had ever seen at 100AW," he said.

After three or four stages, drivers usually take an opportunity to regroup for service to the vehicle. Struempfh relies on crew members, Kayden Struempfh, Greg Struempfh, Justin Haines, Troy Wood, and Willy Orscheln. Hamilton is an honorary crew member. After racing with Struempfh in his inaugural rally at the 2020 Show-Me Rally, Hamilton moved to New York.

"These guys do a great job of making sure the car is ready for the next stage," said Struempfh.

To maintain the highest safety level possible, the ARA handles everything, from setting up the course to obtaining landowner permission to correcting the roads after each rally. Areas along each route are roped off and driveways blocked, with plenty of notice that the rally is coming through.

In most rallies, Struempfh said the car is tracked via GPS, which records time and location. "I check in with the crew after each stage with updates and the ARA tracks everything online," he said. "The ARA does a great job and has a lot of volunteers."

While on gravel, despite the one-minute delay, Struempfh said there's no guarantee what will be waiting ahead. "My biggest fear is go-

ing around a corner and finding a car stalled in the middle of the road," he said, adding he's constantly scanning for large rocks displaced by leading drivers and even car parts such as bumpers. "Anything can happen out there but so far, I've avoided any serious issues."

With GPS, drivers who crash or stall can send messages, with yellow indicating damage but no injuries. A red message indicates someone's vehicle is disabled and the driver or co-driver is seriously hurt.

GPS is only used in the larger races, so drivers have signs in their vehicles to alert those who follow in the event of a crash in a smaller rally. Signs matching the color scheme of the GPS signals are used to convey the situation.

Struempfh explained that if no sign is displayed, drivers have a responsibility to stop and assess the situation if they come upon a disabled driver. "The next car to come along will pass the word at the next radio station," Struempfh said, noting that drivers are not penalized for the time they spend helping in that situation. "They never want to dock you for checking on the well-being of another car."

If an "OK" sign is displayed and there are no injuries, racers may pass and continue if the situation safely allows, Struempfh said.

Each driver is required to meet the safety requirements for their vehicle, including a roll-over cage, five-point harness, fire-resistant suit and shoes, a helmet, and a neck restraint to prevent serious harm in the event of a crash. Each vehicle also must have an electric kill-switch, a fire-suppression system, and fire extinguishers, along with the signs.

Dashcams are also standard fare, with foot-

age reviewed to ensure safety and verify events. "Things look pretty slow from the outside but it's actually pretty fast in the seat," Struempfh said.

Along the route, a paramedic team follows the last racer to help in the event of an emergency. "They make sure everyone is accounted for after each stage," Struempfh said, noting that firefighters are also near each stage.

Because the rally route changes with each event, there's no way to practice the course route other than a 12-hour window the day before to conduct reconnaissance in which the driver and co-driver gather pace notes while driving at slow speeds. These are the notes the co-driver reads back to the driving during the race, alerting him of the severity and direction of every turn and the yardage to that turn. "They mix it up all the time," said Struempfh. "Sometimes you run the same road but backward from the time before. There are a lot of options in the national forest area to set up each stage."

Next on the calendar for Struempfh is the National Championship series 100 AW in Potosi and Salem March 18-19, followed by the Missouri Ozark Rally Central Regional Championship on June 30 in Eminence, and the Central Super Regional Championship Nov. 4-5 at Potosi.

Struempfh said he's looking forward to the PARC Expose, open-to-the-public car show, ahead of each day of the 100 AW rally. "It's a blast," he said. "Anyone who has never seen this kind of race should check it out."



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FATIMA STUDENTS of the quarter recognized at the February meeting are Conrad Schulte, Austin Royston, Sarah Greene, and Christopher Wilde.

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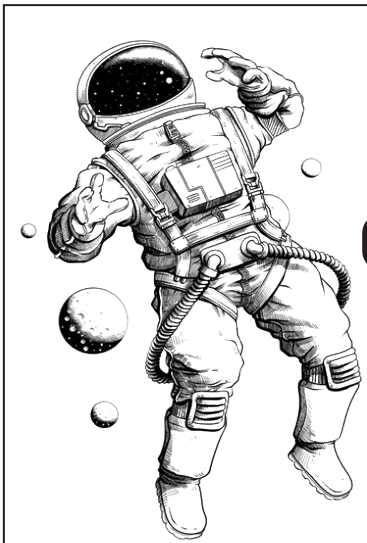
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Fatima dominates Fulton in district opener, faces Helias next

Fatima's 28-5 lead after the quarter was just the beginning of what turned into a 71-16 win on Monday against Fulton (4-19) in the first round of the Class 4 District 9 tournament at Blair Oaks. The Lady Comets improved to 17-9 on the year.

"We knew coming in we wanted to turn the tempo. We knew their bench was short, we wanted to get as many possessions as we could," Coach Matt Baker said adding the game plan was simple. "Limit turnovers, rebound the ball, defensive intensity. I think tonight, even when we got a decent lead, we backed up and didn't press but the intensity didn't drop."

Baker added that it was great to get a win in the Lady Comets' first-ever game at the new Blair Oaks facility.

"I definitely think it was a benefit to get into the gym," Baker said. "To get the shooters on the floor and play in here, that will help us."

Alli Robertson (4-6 3PT, 2-2 FT), who led all scoring

with 16 points, posted 13 in the first quarter as the Lady Comets used a 16-2 run to start the game. Fatima drained three treys in the first quarter, and in the game, covered 11-29.

Defense was the catalyst for Fatima.

"We were worried about (Kiah Pittman) but Fulton is missing a bunch of players so their bench was short," said Baker. "We knew coming in we wanted to turn the tempo up and get as many possessions as we could."

Fatima scored 39 points off 29 turnovers and posted 22 second-chance points.

After Fulton's eight-point second quarter, Fatima sunk four more treys and led 42-13 at intermission.

The Lady Comets extended their lead to 59-13 through the third quarter. Fatima's defense shut down the Lady Hornets in the third quarter and allowed a three-pointer with just over a minute to play in the fourth, using a 12-3 edge to close out the game.

Morgan Luebbering

added 13 points, while Emma Bower had nine points, including a three-pointer, all in the first half. Also scoring were Lucy Crede (2 treys, 7), Vivian Bax (2 treys, 6), Lydia Brunnert (2-4 FT), Anna Eichholz (2-3 FT), Ellie Brune (treys, 5), and Claire Bexten (treys, 3).

Robertson led with three assists as Bower, Eichholz, Kaitlyn Plassmeyer (KP), Brune, and Kristen Robertson each added two, and Bexten, Luebbering, and Caleigh Huot dished it once apiece.

"The girls did a good job of finding their teammates and sharing the ball," said Baker.

On the glass, the Lady Comets won the rebounding battle 41-17, as everyone on the roster was involved. Luebbering and A. Robertson grabbed six apiece, followed by Bexten and Huot (4 each), Eichholz, Brune, and K. Robertson (3 apiece), Brunnert (2), and Bax and Bower (1 each).

All 12 players on the Fatima roster got into the

game in the first half.

"That's a good thing," said Baker. "It's a long season. It's nice to have games like this where you can get kids that might not necessarily get to see time in districts get into the game. That was a plus for all of them."

Baker said that players coming off the bench provide a depth other teams would envy. "They're all doing great things," he said. "Lucy and Ellie did a great job and Claire shoots the ball well and never turns it over. She's one of our unsung heroes. She does a ton for us and you can blame me that she doesn't get as much playing time."

Choosing starters is not an easy prospect. "I don't know if it's right or wrong but we never talk about playing time or stats," Baker said. "Normally, this year being an exception, our starting lineup doesn't change much. This year,

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FATIMA ASSISTANT Coach John Fick is very happy with Alli Robertson's steal in the first quarter of Monday's district win over Fulton. She led all scorers with 16 in Fatima's 71-16 win.

PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON

Fatima wins final regular game at SoBoCo

Fatima (20-4) on Tuesday of last week ended the regular season with a 63-43 win on the road at Southern Boone in Ashland after establishing the tone early.

"Southern Boone has always been notorious for how hard of a place it is to play," said Coach Ryan Robertson. "We were able to get on the glass and get out and run early, which set the tempo. Our energy and enthusiasm were contagious at the beginning."

Holding the Eagles to just seven first-quarter points, Fatima staked to a 25-7 advantage going into the second, where things took a bit of a turn.

"They did a good job switching up the defense after the first quarter and keeping us a little off-balance," said Robertson.

Still, the Comets won the frame 19-13 for a 44-20 halftime lead.

A defensive third quarter led to a 6-5 score, and in the fourth, Southern Boone outscored Fatima 18-13 but it was not enough to upset the apple cart.

Overall, Fatima covered 44.1% from the field, and shot 54.3% from two-point range, with a mark of 7-24 from long range, and 4-7 from the FT line.

Fatima outscored Southern Boone 15-0 off

turnovers and posted double the number of second-chance points (14-7) on the way to this win.

Three players reached double figures for the Comets as Lee Verslues went 3-6 from long range and scored 16, Nate Brandt (treys) added 14, and Levi Robinson (treys) posted 13. Also scoring were Cooper Kleffner (treys) with nine, followed by Leo Peters (4), Matt "Munchie" Robertson (3), and Easton Haslag and Nate "Kevin" Lehmen (2 each). Brandt posted four assists and Peters and Verslues added two apiece.

On the glass, Brandt snagged a team-high eight, as Peters added seven, followed by Robinson (6), Kleffner (5), Jacob Vanderfelt, Verslues, and Jack Robertson (3 each), and Haslag (2).

Fatima's defense was solid, with a pair of blocks and two steals from Brandt, as Ty Fortson and Logan Kliethermes each added a block, and Robinson (2), and Haslag, Brody Troesser, J. Robertson, and Lehmen finished with one apiece.

Overall, Robertson said he was pleased with the boys' performance.

"We finished the regular season on a good note," said Robertson. "Now it's time to get to district play and refocus. We are only



AUSHARA HOSTETLER and Hannah Hackmann harass a Steelville player in Saturday's Class 3, District 9 championship game. Hostetler was named All-District. Above right, Autumn Baker gets a hand on the ball during a rebounding opportunity.

PHOTOS BY NEAL A. JOHNSON

Lady Cats fall in C3D9 title game

After a rough start in Saturday's Class 3, District 9 championship game at Dixon, the Lady Cats battled but couldn't make up ground in a 65-35 loss to Steelville.

"It wasn't pretty but I'm proud of the girls for not giving up," said Coach Brandi Moore. "We had a really slow start and part of that is the fact that Steelville pressed us early. They hadn't done that much but it was effective. Our youth showed. I thought we'd be a little more aggressive and confident but we didn't execute well against that pressure, and we dug ourselves a hole too deep to climb out of."

Linn didn't score until the 3:41 mark of the first quarter but that was negated by a charging call. With 3:02 to play, the Lady Cats got on the board but that was all they would get in the first quarter.

"Things were better in the second," said Moore, noting the girls were in a tough spot due to the weather. "We couldn't get into the gym for practice before this game so we were off for three days. That hurts with our inexperience against a good team like Steelville."

With an hour of warm-ups before the game, the Lady Cats tried to get into a rhythm but Moore said it took a while before that

kicked in and the girls began to score.

"The girls finally relaxed a little bit and played like they're capable of playing," said Moore.

In the second, Linn put nine points on the board to trail 37-11 at the break.

"We talked at halftime about being more aggressive and the girls responded," said Moore, whose team won the third quarter, 14-13. "We made a few runs here and there but didn't make an impact. Their height hurt us because we normally like to throw the ball over opponents and create space but we weren't able to do that."

Aushara Hostetler, who earned All-District, went 3-3 from the line and 4-12 from beyond the arc, finished with a team-high 19 points.

Autumn Baker was perfect (4-4) from the line for half of her eight points, as Kiana Hostetler added six (4-6 FT). Vivien Baker, A. Hostetler, and K. Hostetler each provided a pair of assists.

On the glass, K. Hostetler led with eight rebounds as V. Baker added five, followed by A. Hostetler (4), A. Baker (4), Hannah Hackmann (3), Emma Monnette (2), and Macci Blauvelt (1).

Defensively, A. Hostetler posted three blocks and a steal, while V.



KIANA HOSTETLER puts up a breakaway shot during the first half of Saturday's game.

Baker had a block and a steal, K. Hostetler counted two steals, and A. Baker had one steal.

"The good thing about this game is that our younger players got a lot of experience," said Moore. "Hopefully, this builds confidence for the next time they're in a big game."

As the second seed with a first-round bye, the Lady Cats didn't play until the

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EMMA BOWER helped the Lady Comets to a great start in Monday's game with nine points in the first half, including a three-pointer and this short shot. Below, Vivian Bax navigates near the basket in the fourth quarter.



VIVIEN BAKER, above left, offers a soft floater in Saturday's game against Steelville. Kylie Peters, above right, looks for a teammate to dish the ball to in the second half. Below, Linn cheerleaders urge on the crowd at Saturday's district championship game.



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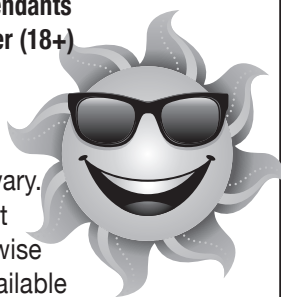
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JUDGE SONYA DAY BRANDT

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Deceased.

Case No. 22OS-PR00012

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Date of the decedent's death: February 6, 2022

Date of first publication: March 2, 2022

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JUDGE SONYA DAY BRANDT

In the Estate of
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February 9, 16, and 23, 2022 and March 2, 2022

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BRITT WINSLOW sends a putt to the hole in practice Monday at the Osage Country Club as Austin Wolfe, and Connor McDaniel look on. Below left, Wolfe prepares to tee off, and at right, Jett Maasen watches his ball after a great drive.



Spring Sports Begins, More Photos Next Week



TRYTEN REYNOLDS, top left, finds something amusing as he offers the ball in a hitting drill in Monday's practice at Linn. Above right, Trevor Murray throws the ball back to his partner for another fielding drill. Logan Martin, below left, makes a nice shoestring catch, and at right, Elijah Baker works on a hands drill.



Linn ends season to Iberia in district opener to end at 9-15

Linn (9-15, 3-3 Show-Me) lost a close game to Iberia, 70-67, to end the year in the first round of the Class 3, District 8 tournament at Dixon.

“You win with class and lose with dignity,” said Coach Braden Ham. “I could not be more proud of how we handled ourselves throughout the game and in the end. We played with more confidence, togetherness, and outward passion than we had all year.”

In a game that saw Linn hit 49% from the field, the Wildcats were evenly matched against the Rangers in most categories. “We shot the ball really well and attacked the rack well,” said Ham. “Defensively we hustled all night.”

The Cats held a 20-17 lead going into the second but Iberia flipped the script, winning that frame 21-13 to make it a 38-33 score at the half.

On the night, Linn hit 9-24 from three-point range and covered 8-13 from the FT line.

A surge in the third — 17-11 — put the Wildcats right back in the thick of things but in the fourth quarter, Linn came up a little shy of tying the game.

Austin Grellner, who was named to the All-District team, hit a trey and went 3-5 from the line on his way to 24 points, and Noah Hall went 4-7 from long range and 2-3 at the stripe, posting 16 points. Also scoring were Ashton Keilholz (2 treys), Keagan Heywood (2 treys), and Zach Dodson, each with eight, Dillan Blauvelt (2), and Zach Hatfield (1). Grellner’s five assists also led the team as Dodson pitched in three, Heywood and Keilholz each added two, and Austin Wolfe, Hatfield, and Hall finished with one apiece.

On the rebounding front, Dodson snagged a team-high six, followed by Heywood (5), Grellner (4), Blauvelt and Hall (3 each), Keilholz (2), and Hatfield (1).

Dodson posted two blocks and a steal to go with a pair of steals from Keilholz, as Blauvelt, Grellner, and Hall chipped in a steal each.

Ham said that while the objective is always to win but short of that, it’s important to make the opponent earn the victory and everything that comes with it. “Iberia played well and earned that victory,” he added. “It’s never a good feeling when you lose, especially when it is the final one. We are proud the guys left no stone unturned. We played four quarters of confident, passion-filled basketball. They gave us everything. It did not work out for us in this instance but the finishing touches were put on the foundation last night in terms of that level of passion, togetherness, and confidence becoming the Linn standard. I have mentioned the 212 culture and attack mentality before. Last night we were a 212 team. Thank you to the parents for welcoming me as you have and allowing me to coach your boys hard. You are easily the most supportive group as well as the most helpful group of parents I have worked with.”

An awards ceremony for JH/HS has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 10 in the fieldhouse.

Fatima falls to Southern Boone in regular-season finale

In Fatima’s final regular-season game at Southern Boone, the Lady Comets lost 63-34.

“On Tuesday night, we took one on the chin in Ashland,” said Coach Matt Baker. “The crazy part was even though SoBO had their best shooting game of the season, we were a few missed layups away from being in a completely different position. On the positive side, I felt like our kids took a few things from this loss. People forget just how young this team is and sometimes we look like it. Unfortunately, tonight was one of those nights.”

After falling behind 28-11 through the first quarter, the Lady Comets didn’t find much more offense, with six points in the second and five in the third. However, Fatima scored 12 in the final period.

On the night, the girls shot 30% from the field and sunk three treys while going 1-5 from the stripe.

Alli Robertson led with 11 points, including one of the treys, as Morgan Luebbering added eight, Ellie Brune (trey) scored six, Lydia Brunnert put in four, Claire Bexten (trey) added three, and Vivian Bax finished with two.

Lucy Crede, Brunnert, and A. Robertson led with six rebounds apiece, while Luebbering grabbed five, Bexten pulled down four, Brune had two, and Anna Eichholz finished with one.

In the JV game, Fatima claimed a 43-22 win.

“I feel like the girls had an all-around great team win,” said Coach John Fick. “The most surprising aspect for me was the girls’ ability to handle the ball pressure. All season long we would have a few good moments that showed it, but the girls finally pieced it together on Tuesday night. The Lady Eagles did a good job pressuring us but instead of picking it up like we have done, we just made the easy pass out of it and played team ball.”

As a team, Fatima went 14-29 from the free-throw.

“We left a lot of easy opportunities off the board,” said Fick.

Payton Wieberg led with 12 points as Madelyn Backes and Jaiden Wieberg scored eight each, Vivian Bax and Lucy Crede put in five apiece. Mia Kliethermes added three, and Carly MacLellan finished with two.

“Overall, I’m proud of the girls with how they played the whole season,” said Fick. “There has been improvement within every one of them as the year progressed. I’m excited for what the girls can bring to the table next season.”

The JV Lady Comets ended the season at 11-4.



THE ST George varsity girls won CMPALS Championship and finished with a record of 8-1. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Paige Senevey, and Heslie Higginbotham; and in the back row, Coach Jason Dudenhoeffer, Paige Loethen, Nicole Grellner, Ava Warren, Ellie Dudenhoeffer, Ali Russell, and Coach Andy Warren.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



THE ST. George JV boys won the 2022 CMPAL basketball championship and completed an undefeated campaign at 12-0. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Lake Bennett, Gus Peters, Mac Klouzek, Matthew Jansen; and in the back row, Coach Jeff Heckman, Tyler Wagner, Joseph Brandt, Cody Heckman, and Coach Eric Brandt.



CALEIGH HUOT, left, sends up a difficult shot under the basket in Monday's win. Above, Ellie Brune pauses for a mid-range shot. Below, Claire Bexten rips all but her opponent's fingers off in this tussle for the ball.



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though, we're so young. We've had some kids that have shined and got a chance for them to step up. When the girls get on the floor, they work their butts off."

Brunnert is another unsung hero, Baker added. "She does a lot for us," he said. "She's a rebounding fool and tough as nails. Lydia doesn't get as much credit for her rebounding but she gives Morgan enough breathing time when she's on the floor."

Against Fulton, Fatima's defense counted 19 steals split between Brune and K. Robertson (each with 4), A. Robertson (3), Brunnert,

Crede, and Bax (2 apiece), and Bexten and Eichholz (1 apiece). Luebbing had the team's lone block.

Baker said the Lady Comets' schedule has been brutal in preparation for districts. "We're just trying to find people to play us and give us different looks," he said. "That's been harder on the kids than I expected. We have a talented team and trying to keep them focused on the long-term goals is important."

Third-seeded Fatima advances to take on second-seeded Helias (19-7) in the semifinals at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

It will be the third game this season between the Lady Comets and Lady Crusaders.

"The first time, we real-

ly played them tough, we were up late in that game," Baker said. "They hit some big shots, and the second time, they caught us after the Rolla Tournament, and (Adalyn) Koelling caught us and put it on us. We're going to try to keep her under control as much as we can, which is a tall order. It's March, and you have to shoot the ball well, and hopefully, guard a little better than the last time. They're probably one of the most talented teams in the area so it's going to be a tough game for us."

Helias came back to win the first meeting 58-55 in the Comet Classic championship game in December, and in their regular-season meeting, Helias posted a 63-44 win at Fatima.



THE OSAGE County Volleyball Club (OCVBC) 18s team took first place in the OCVBC Smackdown 18s Tournament held Feb. 27 at State Tech. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Leah Markway, Ava Bock, and Jenna Bax; and in the back row, Coach Michelle Fischer, Samantha Bax, Lauren Strope, Grace Farris, AnnaBelle Massman, and Coach Curtis Fischer.

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THE OSAGE County Volleyball Club 13s team earned second at Sunday's 13s OCVBC Smackdown tournament at State Tech. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Abby Rogers, Ali Russell, Leah Muenks, and Jorja Kempker; and in the back row, Coach JoDee Massman, Sophie Hertzling, Nicole Grellner, Elli Dudenhoeffer, Addie Lehnen, and Coach Whitney Williams.

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LINN SENIORS Macci Blauvelt and Ellie Monnette return to their teammates with the second-place plaque after Saturday's game. Below, Emma Monnette rips the ball away from her opponent.



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THE LADY Cats finished in second place at the Class 3, District 9 tournament last week. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Emma Monnette, Hannah Hackmann, Ellie Monnette, Macci Blauvelt, and Kylie Peters; and in the back row, Coach Brandi Moore, Kiana Hostetler, Autumn Baker, Aushara Hostetler, Natasha Jewell, Vivien Baker, and Asst. Coach Ron Lebel.

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Cats kept the ball outside and forced Iberia to come out and defend. "They had to be careful though because of our quickness," she added. "Linn was also assertive around the basket and that led to fouls, with the team hitting 16-25 on the night.

Foul trouble early limited options for the Lady Cats but Moore said she's happy with the result. "The girls put in a great effort," she said. "The nerves were there early but they pushed through."

Linn forced several turnovers but Moore said Iberia handled the pressure better in this game than in the season-opener.

When the Lady Cats backed off and played half-court defense, Iberia was able to force the issue and

score. "We made some tough free-throws down the stretch and they missed some big shots," Moore said.

At the end of the game, with eight seconds left on the clock, Linn held a four-point lead and Moore stressed the importance of finishing strong.

"I told the girls not to foul, and even if they scored, just to hold the ball because there wasn't enough time for them to score four points unless we gave them something to work with," she said. "I'm proud of the way they executed and finished the game."

A. Hostetler led the team with 24 points, going 4-10 from three-point range and 4-4 from the stripe as she collected nine rebounds. V. Baker added a 7-12 mark at the free-throw line as part of her 15 points and 10 rebounds gave her a dou-

ble-double, and A. Baker went 4-6 from the line and scored 10 to go with eight rebounds.

Also tallying points for the Lady Cats were Hackmann with seven, K. Hostetler with two, and Ellie Monnette with one. In the assists column, A. Baker led with six as A. Hostetler added three, and K. Hostetler, and Emma Monnette each dished it once.

K. Hostetler added five rebounds to the mix as Emma Monnette grabbed three, and Hackmann posted two.

Defensively, A. Baker posted a team-high five steals as V. Baker and A. Hostetler added three each, and the Monnette sisters and K. Hostetler pilfered one apiece. A. Hostetler also had two blocks.

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Generations of Missouri

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Floods Chapter Eight

Barbara, age 47 & Lauren, age 16 | 1993

Lauren's alarm clock went off at 6 a.m. It was a summer Saturday, but Lauren was now up.

Her mother, Barbara, poked her head into the room. "Wear old clothes," she reminded Lauren. "I packed a cooler full of cold bandanas to wear around our necks."

This was the last thing Lauren wanted to do today. She'd rather sleep in and go to the pool. But her mom insisted they go to Ste. Genevieve to sandbag. Sandbagging did not sound fun. Lauren grew up in St. Louis. But she'd never thought much about either the Missouri or the Mississippi Rivers. She'd been to the Arch and watched fireworks on the riverfront, but the rivers had never impacted her life. This summer, though, lots of snowmelt from up North combined with rain here had created a disaster. Both of the rivers were flooding! Homes were being swept away. Towns were flooded. Farmers were losing crops.

As Lauren and her mom arrived in Ste. Genevieve, they were appalled to see the brick town square flooded. The river was so close to breaching the levee that Barbara had volunteered herself and Lauren to be sandbaggers.

"Thanks for coming!" the coordinator said. "The sand and bags are over there. Fill the bags with sand, then throw them in the wheelbarrows. See where we're stacking them?"

Lauren stared at a massive line of sandbags piled up along the swollen river. Volunteers were hoisting bag after bag, buttressing the levee.

Lauren's family traditionally witnessed and participated in making history, but this was on another level.

Ten minutes into sandbagging and Lauren dripped with sweat. The chilled bandannas helped, but the

August sun was relentless. And sand was heavy. They joined into the repetitive work of filling, then throwing sandbags into the wheelbarrow, alongside other volunteers from all walks of life. All the while, the river lapped at the sandbag wall. Lauren was one of the youngest, but she was an athlete, and she kept up.

Many hours and sandbags later, the crew called it quits. Lauren knew her arms and back would be sore tomorrow.

Across the street, there were folding tables lined with tin platters of food.

"Thank you all for your help!" an older woman called. "Come eat!"

Lauren and Barb loaded their plates and sat on the curb for a well-earned dinner.

"Thank you all for coming. That's my house there," she said, nodding to a bungalow across the street. "I've lived there for fifty years. If the river reaches it..." she trailed off while dabbing

her eyes. Lauren looked to the river, then back toward the house. "Mom," Lauren said as they walked to their car. "Let's come help again next Saturday." Barb nodded proudly as they began their drive home.

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