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Vienna Eagle fall baseball opens season Monday. See sports pages 7-8,12.



Belle rate study indicates water rate increase needed, sewer OK

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BELLE — Missouri Rural Water Association’s Liz Grove informed the Belle Board of Aldermen on Aug. 9 that while the sewer rates looked good, the town needed to raise water rates to become compliant with the state or they would not be eligible for bonds.

Grove explained that the city of Belle is a member of the association and she has been working with Public Works Director Tony Baretich to complete the rate study for water and sewer.

“We looked at your water rates,” Grove began. “We looked at your sewer rates. Your sewer rates are ok, but the water was the main concern and that is what we spent a lot of time on.”

The city didn’t have a budget prepared during the rate study, but they had year-to-date for the previous 11 months and she used that as a guide.

“We annualized those figures for the rate base and increased — I thought I doubled them — the fuel costs, as well as left room for some raises,” Grove said. “I don’t count in penalties and late fees as revenue for rate studies. That is pretty volatile. It’s not dependable.”

However, renting out the water tower to the internet and satellite companies can be used as an income.

“Your current rates do not cover your expenses by a little over \$9,500 a year,” Grove said. “You are about \$9,500 in the red. So you do need to raise your water rates.”

She gave the board three options to consider when using a cost per gallon for 5,000 gallons, which is the average residential use.

Option one would raise the minimum for the first 1,000 gallons to \$8.03, and the cost per each additional 1,000 gallons would \$1.65. Under this plan, the city would break even. — This would increase

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First day at Maries R-2

The first day at Maries County R-2 Belle Elementary School was met with the smiling faces of teachers greeting students at the door. Becky Lansford (photo left) was assisting at parent drop-off when Cora and Ella Langston, second and fourth-grade students new to the district were disembarking from their vehicles. Lansford welcomed the new students as she asked if they were ready for their first day and if they need a guide to the classes. Both girls smiled and assured her that they were ready to go!

PHOTOS BY ROXIE MURPHY

Heartland Regional Library hosts conversation to help friends, family members reduce suicide in communities

Keeping firearms stored safely, including off site when suicide is an immediate concern

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VIENNA — One of the adult programs offered by the Heartland Regional Library System was held last week at the Vienna Library. It was titled “Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes.”

Four persons attended the presentation given by Safer Home Collaborative Field Coordinator, Kurt Dudenhoeffer. The presentation he gave is based on counseling on access to lethal means. It is one part of suicide prevention. The focus is on creating suicide safer environments. It is to help Missourians realize some facts about suicide in order to be able to help friends and family members who may be thinking about killing themselves.

Dudenhoeffer, who also is a NRA member, said the reason he is talking about firearms and suicide is because

suicide is a leading cause of death. Home is the primary setting where young people obtain firearms used in suicide. Talking about suicide is a research-informed best practice for preventing suicide. Gun owners have a role in preventing firearm suicide. Suicide is generally preventable.

He said the 10 commandments of firearm safety are:
—Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
—Always point the muzzle in the safest direction.
—Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

—Be sure of your target—and what’s beyond.
—Know how to safely operate and maintain your firearm before shooting.
—Be sure that your firearm is safe to operate.
—Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible.
—Wear eye and ear protection when shooting.

—Never use alcohol or other drugs when operating or cleaning firearms.

—Safely store all guns and prevent theft and unauthorized access.

And a new one:
—Consider temporary off-site storage if you or a family member may be suicidal or going through a rough time.

In Missouri, according to 2016-2020 statistics, 54 percent of firearm deaths were suicide. The number reported was 3,462, which is more deaths than by homicide and legal intervention, which was 2,801.

Dudenhoeffer said there are three types of risks for suicide: individual, relationship and community and societal. Reasons range from mental health challenges such as depression, job loss, childhood abuse and neglect,

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Maries County assessed valuation increases by over \$10 million, reaching new tier in state statute salary schedule

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MARIES COUNTY — As a general rule, Maries County’s assessed valuation increases every year. In 2022, the assessed valuation increased from 2021 by \$10,248,300 to \$164,540,409. This increase in assessed valuation also put Maries County on a higher level with the state statute based salary schedule.

At last Thursday’s Maries County Commission meeting this statement was met with silence as the commissioners, county clerk and county treasurer wondered where money will be found for statute required raises for county officials.

County Clerk Rhonda Rodgers said Assessor Dana Simmons said she thought the over \$10 million increase in assessed valuation did indeed put the county into a new area. Rodgers said at first she was skeptical because

she knew it took a large increase in assessed valuation to move into a new, higher rung on the ladder. But, at the meeting she checked it and the previous assessed valuation spectrum is \$131,000,000 to \$159,999,999. The county’s new over \$164 million assessed valuation easily surpasses that level.

Rodgers checked the numbers and said the new county assessed valuation will raise several elected officials to \$41,000 annually. However, during the past several years, meeting as the salary commission every other year, the elected officials (not the circuit clerk and recorder) voted to take cost of living adjustments (COLA). So, the elected officials are already at or above the \$41,000 salary.

Presiding Commissioner Victor Stratman said an increase in the county’s assessed valuation is a positive for the county. It is an achievement, he said.

Rodgers said it is good because it means Maries County is having growth. Homes are being built,

vehicles being bought, and businesses being started or locating here. It’s good for everyone.

Validity
Maries County was back in the news last week when the Jefferson City newspaper ran a story about the Ron and Anne Calzone lawsuit versus the Maries County Commission.

The Calzone’s appealed the lawsuit to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, which filed a mandate on Aug. 10, 2022, sending a portion of the lawsuit back to the Maries County Circuit Court. The Appeals Court reversed Beger’s finding in favor of the Maries County Commission. Instead it found the commissioners violated the Sunshine Law when the courthouse was closed to the public in 2020 on April 9, April 13, April 16 and April 20. The commissioners did this as on April 3, 2020 Gov. Parson issued a stay at home order because of the Covid-19 coronavirus and the commissioners closed the courthouse to the public.

The lawsuit asserted and the Appeals Court agreed the commissioners did not do this properly as they did not allow the public to attend their commission meetings on those dates. Although the commissioners created a phone line for the public to call in and listen, they failed to post any notice in a place visible to the public of the meeting dates, time, place, agenda, and the phone number.

The lawsuit has been sent back to Judge Beger to determine whether the public interest in the enforcement of the policy of Missouri’s Sunshine Law outweighs the public interest in sustaining the validity of the action taken in the close meetings and for entry of a judgment consistent with that determination.

At last Thursday’s commission meeting, it was discussed that the judge could determine that all bills the commissioners approved paying at those meetings

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New Farmers Market opens near Vichy

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Becoming independent

It was the summer of my sophomore year in college when I cut the strings from my parents and became independent. That was the summer I signed up to sell books door-to-door for Southwestern Publishing out of Nashville.

My mother was worried. It was one thing for your teenager to be 90 miles away, attending college at Mizzou. It was entirely different to hug your son goodbye for the summer as he headed off to an unknown state to sell books.

I ended up in the states of West Virginia and Virginia. That was on purpose. The company did not want you selling close to your home. The long-distance made it harder for you to quit and head return home.

The company gained a little credibility when mother realized that a couple of books we had on our bookshelves were from Southwestern Publishing.

I was not a green hand as I had some previous experience selling door-to-door. I started as a youngster selling Christmas cards to our neighbors. Later, when I was a Cub Scout, we sold peanut brittle to family, friends and neighbors.

My favorite place to sell peanut brittle was Brown Shoe Factory in Owensville. I would load my little red wagon after school and pull approximately six blocks to the factory before they let out at 4:00 p.m. It was an easy sell.

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



Admittedly, it's easier to sell as a little kid. That is why there are hundreds of companies providing products for youth fundraisers.

It is hard to turn them down. The best excuse is, "I already bought from someone else."

When our group from Mizzou left that summer, our first stop was Nashville, Tenn., to spend a week in training. We learned about the different books we would be selling, how to handle objections, and the importance of a positive attitude.

I remember one of my favorite stories from that week of training. A researcher hears about 4-year old identical twins — on optimistic and the other pessimistic. The pessimist is never happy, always complaining. His brother is the complete opposite — the world's greatest optimist.

The researcher could barely believe this, so he designed a test. The pessimistic boy is locked in a room full of toys. His brother is locked in a room with a large pile of horse manure.

After leaving them alone for an hour, the professor enters the pessimist's room. Sure enough, the young boy is sitting in the corner of the room pouting. He complains that there is no one to play with him.

Entering the room of the optimist, the researcher is surprised to see the boy in the middle of the manure, throwing it everywhere.

He has to yell at the boy to get him to stop. His question is, "What are you doing?" The 4-year-old optimist replies, "with all this horse manure there must be a pony in here somewhere."

That summer was the start of my career as a salesman and it was the start of my positive attitude.

I always had a good attitude up to that point, but that summer I learned the significance of keeping a positive attitude. That was accomplished by reading good books like *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale and *See You At The Top* by Zig Ziglar.

I also listened to motivational cassette tapes from Ziglar.

We knocked on doors six days a week, Monday through Saturday, stopping on Sunday for motiva-

tional meetings. This left little time to get in trouble. But, it didn't stop us.

One Sunday after our meeting, a small group of us felt the urge to play golf. There were just two problems; no one belonged to any of the country clubs in the area, and we didn't have any golf clubs.

The first thing we had to do was locate some clubs. This was accomplished by knocking on doors. "We are college students from Missouri selling books door to door wanting to play a little golf. Do you have any clubs we could borrow?"

Believe it or not, it worked. Unfortunately, we were not able to use the clubs for very long. It only took four holes — after sneaking in on the middle of a course — before the groundskeeper kicked us off.

On another weekend, two of us played hooky and drove to Washington, D.C., to visit our nation's capital. After spending Saturday at our favorite Smithsonian museums, we found a nice place to sleep. It wasn't the Hilton, Ramada or Holiday Inn. We found a place to sleep that fit our budget — FREE.

We slept in my 1972 Chevy Nova at the parking lot of the Lincoln Memorial.

That summer did a lot to help me become the person I am. It gave me confidence to set out and accomplish my goals as a young man.

MAIL BAG

Integrity of journalism lost in 'A New Adventure'

To the Editor:

When I was younger, I used to watch Nick News hosted by Linda Ellerbee — a news show geared towards children that aired on Nickelodeon in the early 2000s that discussed things such as the environment, politics and entertainment. That program sparked something in me: a passion for journalism. I didn't quite understand it then, but listening to stories about people with different struggles and backgrounds than my own made me realize that the world is bigger than Belle, Missouri.

As I got older, I learned to respect journalism and the utter importance it has on a well-functioning democracy, that the media truly is the unnamed fourth branch of our government.

However, in order for a democracy to function well, the people need to get their information from a well-organized, un-

biased collection of ideas, facts and events, then evaluate and make their own decisions. A good journalist is responsible for such things: objectivity, truth and accuracy. The recent 'A New Adventure' articles have shown the opposite, that the integrity of journalism has been lost.

You have the power that people want — to help shape the community for the betterment of itself, however this narrative will only harm. Respect your readers and give them unbiased information so they can come to their own conclusions, instead of perpetuating this echo chamber and egregious disrespect to the art of journalism.

Because, if the standard isn't met in the editor's own article, why should we believe it's made in the rest of the paper? Respectfully,
Kelsie Bethune, Belle

PUBLISHER'S RESPONSE

Publisher replies to concern from reader

Kelsey, thanks for your concern about my column "A New Adventure." First of all, my column is placed on the "Editorial/Opinion" page because it is an editorial. It is not a news story. It is not the opinion of the editor (I am the publisher) or anyone else who works for me. That is why my name is on it.

Editorials have been a part of newspapers since the 19th century. It is part of journalism.

In your letter, I feel you accused me of lying and misleading my readers. I wish you would have given an example so I could better defend myself. Knowing that some will disagree with my conclusions,

I am conscientious about researching and verifying anything in my column.

From the date of your letter, I assume you are referring to my Aug. 10 column, "No end in sight." That column includes data from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, along with a YouTube video by Tony Heller.

I do not make things up. I simply offered data others do not want you to be aware of concerning the environment. Also, I never denied that the climate is changing. I simply don't buy into the claims that the world will end.

You may not know this, but each of my columns is also on our website. If you look there, you will find links showing where I acquire all my information for each of my columns.

I invite you and anyone else who does not believe what I write to check out these links before accusing me of deceiving my readers.

Thanks again for your letter. It takes a lot of courage to put your name in print and share your opinion.

— Dennis Warden, owner and publisher, *The Maries County Advocate*

ENERGY COMMENTARY

America needs a common sense Energy Policy

BY GARRETT HAWKINS

No matter your political leanings, nobody can deny that our lives rely on affordable and abundant energy. We need it for obvious things like fueling our cars and tractors, heating and cooling our homes, and running the factories that make the things we use every day.

Energy is also crucial to many things we don't think about every day. For example, natural gas is a key ingredient in producing the fertilizer that nourishes our crops, providing the food we all eat every day. Diesel powers the water pumps that irrigate our crops during the dog days of summer. Propane heats our barns to keep animals comfortable in the winter.

The runaway energy inflation we have experienced over the past two years is impacting farmers and ranchers dramatically. It has increased our input costs across the board, increasing the cost of production for food, fiber, and fuel and driving up prices throughout the supply chain. Farmers are price-takers, meaning that we cannot increase the price at which we sell our products to make up for increased input costs, some of which have doubled or tripled.

Between November 2020 and June 2022, the nationwide average diesel price went up 141 percent. Urea, a key source of nitrogen in fertilizer, increased 294 percent between April 2020 and April 2022. The overall cost of fertilizer to grow one acre of corn has risen by 62 percent since last year. These increased production costs are making their way through to consumers. American Farm Bureau Federation's annual July

4 marketbasket survey found the cost of a summer cookout had risen 17 percent in the past year, with beef up 36 percent, chicken up 33 percent and pork chops up 31 percent. These rising prices are a big part of why our economy has contracted for two consecutive quarters, which is the traditional definition of a recession.

With all of these challenges, the last thing we need is for Congress to pass another massive spending bill that does not directly address inflation and our nation's energy needs. Congressional Democrats pared back and cleverly renamed their massive green wish list as the Inflation Reduction Act. Arguably, this bill will have the exact opposite effect of the authors' stated intention of reducing inflation.

In fact, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office described the bill's impact on inflation as "negligible." Rather than focusing on policies that will bring down inflation, it spends billions on climate and the Internal Revenue Service while placing further burdensome taxes and regulations on hardworking Americans. These are not the policies families need to help them weather the storm of high energy prices and inflation as our economy is in the midst of a recession.

At Missouri Farm Bureau, we believe a different approach is needed to truly reduce costs and help working families. In particular, we support a comprehensive "all of the above" energy production plan. This means encouraging oil leasing and drilling, increasing domestic oil refining capacity, and supporting Amer-

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TIMELY COMMENTARY

August Sister's Day

Another Sisters Day has come and gone. This time it was my turn to be hostess. I never mention what a chore it is to host this wonderful day unless it is my turn. I know it is no harder for me than any of the others but I can use facts to describe my experience. I thought for several days and changed my mind many times before I came up with a menu. Gathering the supplies to prepare the meals came next. Since I held it in the community room at the complex where Lucy and I live, I didn't have to worry about what shape my apartment was in. It did however, take me five trips with my walker to get everything up to the community room and back. When the day arrives, I am excited to have them all come and I'm glad it was my turn. Once completed I know it was more than worth the effort.

Those in attendance where: Lucy Branson, Mary Jo Crider, Linda Crider, Pam Hale, Susie Kleffner and special guest Mellissa Johnson, Lucy's granddaughter.

The table was set and coffee made when the girls started to arrive. The breakfast I prepared consisted of a tasty breakfast casserole and cinnamon swirl bagel and plain bagels with honey and almond cream cheese and garden cream cheese. While I'm on the subject of cream cheese, last month I reported we had cream cheese with our Frito's of course it was sour cream. My bad! Sorry! Breakfast was accompanied with lively conversation.

We talked about pawn shops. Taking stuff to sell or to be held. Most of what we know about them is what we saw on TV mainly Pawn Stars. Next was the subject of our young men who are currently and have been in the military. Of the two who are still in one is currently stationed in California. He will get out when his time is up and go on to college. The other one is stationed in the state of Washington and is a lifer, I think. Several others have been in and out and moved on with life. We proud of them all.

Mellissa is busy with her life and helping Lucy. Lucy has been having a hard time with her health for a while now. She seems to be doing a tiny bit better since her last stint in the hospital. We have all been praying for her. I image heaven looks like the beginning scene in It's a Wonderful Life. When all George Bailey's friends and family are praying so hard for him. Don't slow down now I think it might be beginning to work. Please God.

We discussed the way things were done in the old days compared to now. In the days passed you went and helped your neighbor or family when they needed it and they came to help you when you needed it. There were never any expectations of how they would repay you or what was in it for you.

Lucy discovered that her home health nurse worked in Westphalia Hills and helped take care of sister Georgia. That brought us around to Mom, Anna Crider when she was in Maries Manor. We all have our stories about that. People still talk about how she walked so straight and tall around town. Mom always dressed to the nine's. She took pride in her appearance and taught us to do the same. The girls who live in the country are still having problems with varmints. You can sit on the porch with your gun all night and never see one. It is like trying to kill a fly that is driving you crazy. You pick up the fly swatter and you never see it again.

We got to talking about a building in town where old Doc Howard's office used to be. That led to talking about where we were born. I said Lois and I was borne in Doc office by Miss Murphy's store. All our siblings were born at home. Susie was born in Doc's office too. Pam doesn't know where she was born but she is pretty sure she was.

We decided that since there is only six of us now we would draw for months to host sisters day. We have been going chronologically but by doing that way, we have the same two months each year. So, we drew and will begin the new rotation in October.

We talked about the pros and cons of taking Tylenols. I didn't know there were and cons.

Pam had tire troubles this morning and had to air one up in the rain. It was low again so she called Darrell to come and take care of it up.

One of the neighbor ladies stop by to see how Lucy was doing.

We played Bingo. We have a set here that has cards instead of little balls. We played eight or 10 games and everybody won some, except Lucy. Ha!

We had lunch about noon. It consisted of Barbequed Pulled Pork on a bun, homemade potato salad, a raw vegetable tray with dip with pear slices with cool whip and cookies for dessert. Shortly after lunch we broke up the party. A couple of us had afternoon doctor appointments. So, the ones that didn't helped me get my things back home. With hugs and good wishes, we said goodbye. As I will do to you now. Take care and God Bless you.

Thought: Don't be a prisoner to your past. It was a lesson, not a life sentence.

Fun Fact: It is hard to be a woman. You must think like a man, act like a lady, look like a young girl, and work like a horse.

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MFA annual meeting, open house

Farmer's Elevator-MFA in Vienna and Argyle, held its annual meeting and open house last Friday. General Manager Tommy Haller said the event went very smoothly with a good turnout. He things about 150 to 200 people came out for the event. Dinner was included and the local agriculture producers enjoyed getting together and visiting. There were 22 attendance prizes won during the day. Board members elected were Bill Meier and Travis Reichel. The friendly staff of the Vienna MFA (above right) who helped with the annual meeting and open house last Friday. Justin Duggan is in sales, (left) Daniel Heavin is counter help and truck driver, and Tommy Haller is general manager.

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Maries County Fair season passes available

The 76th Annual Maries County Fair begins next Wednesday, Aug. 31 and season passes are currently selling at local establishments. Season passes are \$35 and carnival rides are included with the season passes and with all paid daily admission at the fair. Get season passes at G&W Foods, Vienna Quik Spot, MFA, Heartland Library-Vienna, Crossroads Convenience Store and the Maries County Bank locations in Vienna, Belle, Vichy, Dixon and Argyle.

MOAD reports increased number of routine non-emergency transfers during month of July

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VIENNA — At the August board meeting of the Maries-Osage Ambulance District, District Administrator Carla Butler, during the operations report to the board, was happy to report the district had nine routine non-emergency transfers during the month of July.

Butler said MOAD usually does not have that many transfers, which is a responses that bring in more money to the district. She said MOAD will do one or sometimes two transfers in a day. But, MOAD only accepts routine non-emergency transfers if there are two crews on duty at the same time. She said they never accept a routine transfer when there is only one crew available in the district. That crew must be available for emergencies.

Also in the operations report, she said during July the district ambulances had 61 responses. Of these 45 were in the Vienna zone and 16 were in the Freeburg zone.

Of the Vienna responses, 25 were urgent emergencies, 16 were dry runs, and four were routine non-emergency transfers.

Of the Freeburg responses, five were urgent emergencies, six were dry runs, and five were routine non-emergency transfers.

In other operations and financial reports at the August MOAD board meeting:

—July income was reported at \$30,380.43 and expenditures were \$55,624.10 for a negative net income of \$25,243.67.

Of the income, \$618.06 in Maries County taxes, \$146.66 in Osage County taxes, \$13,632.66 in service fees, \$15,959.63 in sales tax, and \$23.42 in interest income.

Butler said service fees were down for the month due to the billing clerk having a death in the family and a QI person out with illness. She said the billing is about three weeks behind. Another factor in the increased expenditures is there were three payrolls in July.

Looking over the budget, it appears to be on target. Butler said they budgeted \$15,000 for vehicle fuel and have \$3,112.93 remaining in the budget. She said they will go over in fuel costs line of the budget. In July fuel costs were \$1,837.99.

—It was reported 52 MOAD calls were dispatched in July by Maries County Dispatch, and 17 calls were dispatched by Osage County.

—The ambulance district during July had four active paramedics and nine active EMTs. There was one crisis pay shift in July. Butler said there are two EMTs picking up shifts. With the bonus, additional weekend pay, she said one employee works all weekends. She said, “Weekends look good because of the pay increase.”



KURT DUDENHOEFFER gave an adult presentation last week at the Vienna Library dealing with a very serious subject—suicide. Much of the presentation dealt with suicide by firearms as it is the most common suicide attempt to be fatal. Properly storing firearms is a way to prevent some suicide gun deaths.

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bullying, relationship problems, sexual violence, barriers to health care, stigma associated with mental illness or help-seeking, and easy access to lethal means among people at risk.

Persons around someone who is considering suicide may observe some warning signs. These are a change from what is typical or expected from the individual. They include mood such as being depressed, angry, impulsive or lethargic. Major life changes such as facing a breakup, having legal or money challenges or another personal loss. Substance use or misuse such as increase in prescription or recreational drugs or alcohol. Persons can observe behavior changes such as withdrawing from usual activities, writing or drawing about suicide or death. Also absenteeism, reckless behaviors, giving things away, and acquiring or having access to lethal means. Some people considering suicide display emotions of hopelessness, feeling trapped or stuck with no way out of circumstances, or unexplained euphoric shift like the weight has been lifted off their shoulders.

Dudenhoeffer said about 10 percent of the people who attempt suicide eventually die of suicide. The time between suicide as an option and an attempt, according to survivors of near-fatal suicides, said an hour or less (45%) and 24% said less than five minutes. Putting time and distance between

a suicidal person and lethal means may save a life.

The leading lethal means of suicide in Missouri are poison, suffocation and firearms. Only 1 to 2% of those attempting suicide using sharps or overdose succeed. But, 90% of persons who use firearms do succeed and become fatalities. Dudenhoeffer said it's hard to take back a pull of the trigger.

The focus of the program is on firearms because of the statistics. In Missouri 60% of suicides are with a firearm and they are almost always fatal. For many, committing suicide is done on impulse, within 10 minutes between thoughts and action. Availability of a firearm plays a big role as 46% of Missourians have access to a firearm in the home. Firearms are culturally accepted in Missouri, which is a state that ‘shall issue/open carry’ laws.

Access to firearms increases suicide risk as suicide rates vary with the rate of firearm ownership. Among youth 82% who die by suicide used a firearm owned by a family member, usually a parent. Parents underestimate the likelihood that their children have or could obtain their firearms. Among the sexes, men who own handguns are eight times more likely to die of gun suicides than men who don't own handguns. And, women who own handguns are 35 times more likely than women who don't. Two out of three firearm-related deaths

in the US are a suicide.

Gun owners aren't likely to be more suicidal, just more likely to die if they make an attempt.

Persons who feel an individual they know may be suicidal are asked to act quickly and talk to that person. Stress your concern for their safety. When approaching them about it, do it where it's convenient, familiar, private and safe. Express care and concern for their well being. Ask directly about suicide, saying, “Are you thinking about suicide?” or “Are you thinking about killing yourself?” To help with this, practice asking the question.

When the answer is no, thank them for being honest and express concern for their safety. When the answer is yes, explore access to lethal means. Call the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988. You are not alone in this conversation. And, continue the conversation and follow up steps. What changes can be made to reduce access to lethal methods such as removing ammunition from he home or in-home or out-of-home safe storage options, or to render the lethal method inoperable? Tell them that time and distance can reduce the risk of suicide death.

Work together to create a plan to keep them safe. The goal is to keep them safe until they can get help or help can be brought to them. Don't leave them alone until you trust they can be safe. Provide them with resources to access help for themselves in the event they need help in the future. And, keep the conversation going. Putting time and distance between a suicidal person and highly lethal means may save a life.

For on-site storage of guns, consider locking all guns unloaded in a gun safe or lock box. Change the combination or key location in the event the person at risk for suicide knows them. Layer safety with a trigger, cable, or clamshell lock. Remove a key component of the firearm such as the firing pin. Consider distraction techniques such as photos of loved ones or reasons for living in the safe, freeze keys to the safe in ice. Surrender safe keys to a trusted friend. Store keys in a safety deposit box at the local bank.

With personal protection fire-

arms, know that suicide is a greater risk than home invasion. Consider other means of self defense such as a baseball bat, mace or pepper spray or home security system.

Shift toward safety by keeping guns unloaded and locked as this lowers the risk of suicide. Hiding guns is usually not effective; family members usually know the hiding places. Those familiar with firearms may be at higher risk for firearm suicide. Hunter safety education is not a protective factor for firearm suicide.

It's not just firearms, as it is important to reduce access to other lethal methods. Dispose of out-of-date, unused, or excess medications and over the counter remedies. Store large quantities and unused medications in a pill safe or lock box. Reduce quantities of prescription and OTC medications, especially those used to control pain. A person at risk for suicide should not control lethal quantities of medication.

In closing, Dudenhoeffer said when talking to a person who you suspect to be considering suicide, to begin with concern and empathy—“I care about you and want you to be safe.” Ask directly about suicide—“Are you thinking about killing yourself?” Focus on increasing safety and discuss the temporary nature of both suicidality and limited access to lethal means. Involve others in preventing suicide. Call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by calling 988.

Energy Policy • From page 2

few examples of policy reforms that would actually encourage domestic energy production and reduce inflation.

Gimmicky partisan wish lists and word games are not going to make energy more abundant long-term, which is what Americans need. We need to make smart investments today that will ensure a stable domestic energy supply for decades to come. American energy independence can be a reality, but only if our political leaders stop playing games and start using common sense.

Garrett Hawkins is a farmer from Appleton City and serves as the President of Missouri Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization.

Annual Book Sale

Saturday, August 27* thru Saturday, Sept. 3
9:00AM–7:00PM (close 3:00PM Sat., Sept. 3)
*(*Closed Sunday, August 28th)*
Visitation Catholic Church Basement
108 N Coffey Street
Vienna, MO 65582

Donations of gently used books accepted until Friday, August 26th. Please drop off at the Vienna branch of Heartland Regional Library System.

Volunteers for book sale needed and appreciated. Sign up at Heartland Regional Library, Vienna branch or call (573) 422-9866

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Pride in our past... Investing in your future.

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Monday, August 29th | 5:00 p.m. | Vienna Ball Park
Free Porkburgers, Hotdogs and water while supplies last.
Drawing for prizes. Sponsored by The Maries County Bank

76th Annual Maries County Fair
Aug. 31st thru Sept. 3rd - Vienna City Park
Wednesday - Little Mr. & Miss and Fair Queen pageants
Thursday - Performance by Michael Ray at 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Livestock Show 8:00 a.m. Awards Ceremony at 5:45 p.m.
Truck and Tractor Pull 7:30 p.m.
Saturday - Parade at 11:00 a.m. Demo Derby 7:00 p.m.
D J Dance Party 10:00 p.m. till closing
Advance Season Passes \$35.00 - All admission includes Carnival Rides
Daily Admission: Wednesday - Free
Thursday - \$40.00, Friday - \$30.00 and Saturday - \$30.00
Passes available at area business including The Maries County Bank

Holy Family Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 4th | 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Freeburg MO
Serving: Fried Chicken & Roast Beef, Real Mashed Potatoes
Carry Outs Only \$15.00. Outdoor seating and Indoor
Air Conditioned seating available. No Table service.
50/50 Raffle & Bingo * Quilt Auction 5:00 p.m. * Games
Kiddie Tractor Pull * Sandwich Stand & Refreshments
Live Music: Osage Angels 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Shiloh 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Vienna Knights of Columbus BBQ Stand
Saturday, Sept. 3rd | Vienna KC Fry Shack | Before and After the Parade
Serving: BBQ Pork Steaks, Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs & Soft Drinks

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AREA OBITUARIES

Norris Bassett
1936-2022

Norris James Bassett, 85, Carmel, Ind., formerly of Dixon and Vienna, passed from this life Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, in St. Vincent Medical Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

He was born Nov. 5, 1936, a son of Wayne Johnson and Opal Lillian (Doyel) Bassett near Dixon, in Maries County.

He was united in marriage Sept. 1, 1957, at Vienna, in the old United Methodist Church, to the former Miss Joyce Lee Edwards, and to this union, two sons

were born.

Norris was a 1954 graduate of Dixon High School, and after graduation, he continued his education at Rolla School of Mines and Metallurgy (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) obtaining his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1959. After moving to Indiana, Norris received his master's degree in engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., in 1967.

In 1959, he entered federal service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reserves, where he served until 1967, when he was honorably discharged at the rank of First Lieutenant (1LT). A man of excellent character, his "honorable discharge" is a testimony of selfless and dedicated service to his country.

Norris was a beloved and dedicated husband, son, father, grandfather, and friend to many. He was a quiet, thoughtful, generous man who had great strength and was always ready and willing to assist those in need. Norris was a former longtime member of Central Christian Church, Anderson, Ind., where Norris and Joyce lived for 50 years and raised their sons, prior to moving to Carmel, Ind., for retirement. He loved spending time with family and friends, reading, genealogy, boating, and fishing.

After moving to Indiana, he spent his entire working career starting in 1959, with General Motors Corporation, Delco Remy Division, as an electrical engineer, in Anderson, Ind., retiring in 1992.

He was preceded in death by parents Wayne and Opal Bassett; father-in-law Ernie Edwards; mother-in-law Myrene (Barnhart) Edwards; brothers-in-law Tom Rosenburg and Lloyd Shanks; and great-nephew Blake Wagner.

Norris is survived by loving wife of 65 years Joyce Bassett of Carmel, Ind.; sons Stephen Bassett and wife Julie of Austin, Texas, and Clark Bassett and wife Jill of Carmel, Ind.; grandchildren Andrew Bassett of Grand Haven, Mich., Sierra Miller and husband Cole of Austin, Texas, Noah Bassett of Grand Haven, Mich., Spencer Bassett of Austin, Texas, and Mia Bassett of Carmel, Ind.; brother Donald Bassett and wife Bonnie of Ballwin; sisters Janice Rosenburg of Rolla, and Arlene Shanks of Vienna; sister-in-law Colleen Barnhart and husband John of Vienna; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, other extended family members, and many friends.

Memorial funeral services will be held for Mr. Norris J. Bassett Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home Chapel, 406 South Main Street, Vienna, Missouri 65582. Honorary pallbearers for Mr. Bassett will be his beloved sons and grandchildren: Stephen Bassett, Clark Bassett, Andrew Bassett, Sierra Miller, Noah Bassett, Spencer Bassett, and Mia Bassett. Private family inurnment will be in Vienna Public Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Norris J. Bassett are suggested by his family for organ donation organizations, kidney disease research and assistance foundations, or the charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Phyllis Hollingsworth
1942-2022

Phyllis Ann Hollingsworth, 80, St. James, passed away Aug. 16, 2022, surrounded by family.

She was born Aug. 2, 1942, to Charles and Virgie Alvena Huston in Vienna.

She attended school in Vienna and was a graduate of Metro Business College. She was a member of the Liberty Church of Christ in Belle and the St. James Church of Christ.

She worked at various healthcare facilities, including the Rolla Diagnostic Center, Missouri Baptist Sullivan Hospital and Missouri Veterans Home in St. James. She was a personal care giver for 24 years and traveled the country fighting for the rights of the disabled. Phyllis also served on the board for the Tri-County Center for Independent Living and with the People First organization.

She was preceded in death by parents Charles and Virgie; brother George Huston and wife Blanche; and infant brother Edward Huston.

She is survived by daughter Debbie Schwaller; sons Roger Hollingsworth and Dale Hollingsworth and wife Janie; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and brothers Jim (Shirley) and Don (Denise).

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 20, at Jones Funeral Home with Bro. Lynn Huggins officiating. Burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Vichy.

Arrangements entrusted to Jones Funeral Home, St. James.

Emil Jones
1984-2022

Emil "Nene" Ulises Jones, 37, Belle passed away Friday Aug. 12, 2022.

He was born Sept. 27, 1984, in El Peten, Guatemala, and moved to Missouri at the age of 3.

He was a graduate of Belle High School.

Emil graduated from the police academy in 2010 and served as a Cole County sheriff's deputy from 2010 to 2016. He was also employed with ABB from 2016 to present.

Emil was a loving father, son, brother, and uncle.

He enjoyed spending quality time with the ones he loved and creating lasting memories. He was a great storyteller and always made people laugh with his outstanding personality. He was always willing to help others in need and had a big heart.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, cooking, and spending time on the river.

He will be tremendously missed by those who love him.

He is survived by children Haiden and Makayla Jones; parents Consuelo and Eugene Jones; siblings Cassie Schneider, Arielle Hicks and Shane Jones; nieces Jailyn Schneider and Kinsley Fairbanks; and nephew David Schneider all from Belle; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

A celebration of life for Emil will be held Aug. 27, at 2 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ Belle Restoration Branch, 35024 Hwy. EE. His wishes for those attending were to wear bibs or casual attire.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Nene's Children's Memorial Fund at Maries County Bank.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann's Chapel, Belle.

MARIES COUNTY
ASSOCIATE COURT

HON. JUDGE KERRY ROWDEN, PRESIDING

—**Mikel Reynolds, 19**, Belle, pleaded guilty to the infraction of fail to display plates on motor vehicle/trailer and was fined \$100. Pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was fined \$100.

—**Emily Chambers, 22**, Rolla, failed to appear, warrant ordered with bond set at \$200, on a misdemeanor charge of fish without a permit-MO resident.

—**Leisa Anderson, 56**, Vienna, pleaded guilty to infraction of second degree trespassing and was fined \$100.

—**Steven Vinson, 26**, Belle, waived formal arraignment and pleaded not guilty to the felonies of second degree domestic assault, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful use of weapon and tamper or attempt to tamper with a victim in a felony prosecution, and two misdemeanor counts of violation of order of protection for adult. Criminal setting is Sept. 9.

—**Kody Kleffner, 28**, Vienna, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor DWI, sentenced to 30 days in Maries County Jail, granted a suspended execution of sentence (SES) and placed on unsupervised probation for two years. Pleaded guilty to misdemeanor failed to register motor vehicle and fined \$100. Pleaded guilty to infraction of no seat belt and was fined \$10.

—**Danny Markum, 52**, Jefferson City, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court, Judge Hickles court, on the felony of possession of controlled substance and misdemeanors of driving while revoked/suspended-second or third offense, possession of marijuana, and fail to display plates on motor vehicle/trailer. Arraignment is Sept. 9.

—**William Wyrick, 30**, Owensville, waived preliminary hearing and was bond over to circuit court, Judge Beger's court, on two felony counts of possession of controlled substance. Arraignment is Aug. 22.

—**James Michael Ell, 40**, Belle, was granted an OR bond. Defendant to be drug tested every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and not to consume alcohol and no contact with victim. Defendant is charged with felony second degree domestic assault.

—**Jonathan Spoon, Leasburg**, was granted an OR bond. Defendant is not to consume alcohol as condition of bond and no contact with victim. Defendant is charged with felony second degree domestic assault.

—**Frankie Turner, 40**, Belle, failed to appear, capias warrant ordered. Defendant released to Osage County. In Maries County defendant is charged with the felonies of unlawful use of weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm, fourth degree domestic assault-third or subsequent offense, and third degree domestic assault, and four misdemeanor counts of second degree endangering the welfare of a child.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
Osage County Farmers
Mutual Aid Assn.
ARGYLE VFW HALL
September 12, 2022

7:00 p.m.

- To present annual report
- Elect two directors
- And other matters of business properly presented

Larry Sestak, President

Attendance Prizes and Refreshments!

MARIES COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

7/22/2022 to 8/18/2022

Denise Wann, Denise Choate AKA, Denise L. Ray FKA, Charles D. Choate Jr., parcel in Section: 6, Township: 39, Range: 7; to Tammy Lambeth.

Dry Creek Farms LLC, parcels in Section: 26, Township: 39, Range: 10; Section: 27, Township: 39, Range: 10; to Andrew Pointer, Douglas Otto, Ryan Ruprecht.

Andrew Pointer, Emily Pointer, Douglas Otto, Adrienne Otto, Ryan Ruprecht, Kristi Ruprecht, parcels in Section: 26, Township: 39, Range: 10; Section: 27, Township: 39, Range: 10; to Dry Creek Farms LLC.

Rhonda J. Witte, Rhonda J. Koch FKA, Rhonda Kock FKA, parcels in Lot: 10, Block: G, H.H. Johnson 2nd Addition Subdivision; Lot: 11, Block: G, H.H. Johnson 2nd Addition Subdivision; Lot: 12, Block: G, H.H. Johnson 2nd Addition Subdivision; Section: 20, Township: 41, Range: 7; to Rhonda J. Witte.

Gary D. Terry, Linda L. Terry, Julie A. Terry, Paul Terry, David Terry, Jennifer Terry, parcel in Section: 5, Township: 39, Range: 9; to Todd C. Feeler, Rachel A. Feeler.

Robin L. Collier Co-Successor Trustee, James J. Walls II Co-Successor Trustee, Walls Revocable Trust The, parcel in Section: 2, Township: 39, Range: 7; to James J. Walls II.

Sharon Hertzling Trust Agreement, Sharon Hertzling Trustee, parcels in Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 9; Section: 22, Township: 41, Range: 9; to Austin Distler, Samantha Distler.

Bonnie S. Ridenhour, Thomas P. Ridenhour Deceased, parcel in Section: 13, Township: 39, Range: 8; to Jimmy W. Sherrill, Kathryn R. Sherrill.

Timothy Koenig Trustee,

Dorothy E. Koenig Trust Agreement The, parcel in Section: 2, Township: 40, Range: 7; to Clayton O. Stockton, Katie A. Stockton.

T&L Williams Properties LLC, parcel in Section: 3, Township: 38, Range: 11; to David J. Schumacher.

Ryan P. Scott, parcel in Section: 6, Township: 40, Range: 7; to Paulette Scott.

Ryan P. Scott, Paulette Scott, parcel in Section: 6, Township: 40, Range: 7; to Paulette Scott.

Paulette Scott, parcel in Section: 6, Township: 40, Range: 7; to Sunset Heating & Cooling, LLC.

Jill McWhorter, Julie McWhorter, parcel in Section: 15, Township: 39, Range: 7; to Russell Hale, Tosha Hale.

Russell Walje, Kirstin Walje, parcels in Lot: 4, Block: 3, Town of Summerfield; Lot: 5, Block: 3, Town of Summerfield; to Donna Hughes, Jim Martinson, Jeffrey Haynes.

FCNB Bank, FNA First Community National Bank, parcel in Section: 29, Township: 40, Range: 9; to FCNB Bank.

Rodney Barnett, Miranda Barnett, Miranda Reynolds FKA, parcels in Lot: 2, Block: 7, J.L. Birdsong Addition to the City of Belle; Lot: 3, Block: 7, J.L. Birdsong Addition to the City of Belle; to Brittany J. Guynne.

Jeremie L. Keathley, parcel in Section: 35, Township: 39, Range: 8; to Anthony J. Leier, Nancy E. Leier.

Arnold T. Bax, Ann M. Bax, parcel in Section: 29, Township: 40, Range: 9; to Arnold T. Bax Trustee, Ann M. Bax Trustee, Arnold T. Bax and Ann M. Bax Trust Agreement.

William W. Sherman, Mareta Sherman, parcel in Section: 2, Township: 39, Range: 8; Joe Sherman, Samantha Sherman.

William W. Sherman, Mareta Sherman, Bill E. Sherman, Edna M. Sherman, parcel in Section: 35, Township: 40, Range: 9; to Joe Sherman, Samantha Sherman.

Claudia Birl Scherstuhl, Claudia Burl Smith AKA, Claudia B. Smith AKA, Claudia Smith AKA, Claudia Birl Smith AKA, parcel in Section: 19, Township: 41, Range: 7; to Travis Smith, Laura Smith.

Caleb Draggoo, Mariah Draggoo, parcel in Section: 11, Township: 38, Range: 11; to Ralph J. Martin, Pamela S. Martin.

Gary Viessman, Donna Viessman, Rhonda Williams, Kevin Williams, parcel in Section: 20, Township: 40, Range: 9; to Mark Viessman.

Arthur B. Hance, Sonya Hance, parcels in Lot: 2, Building Trades Subdivision; Lot: 5, Building Trades Subdivision; Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 7; to Eric Baumgartner.

Kenneth L. Moore, Lavaunne Moore, parcel in Section: 1, Township: 39, Range: 11; to Jesse Carroll, Kirsten Carroll.

Ralph B. Buschman Trust, Linda Strode Trustee, Mattie L. Buschmann Trust, Sharon L. Klienschmidt Trustee, parcel in Section: 25, Township: 40, Range: 10.

Snelson Living Trust, Mark W. Snelson Trustee, Courtney Snelson Trustee, Casey R. Snelson, Sarah E. Snelson, Adam C. Backlenberg, parcel in Section: 28, Township: 39, Range: 11; to Jerome F. Welschmeyer.

Donald R. Bade, Victoria L. Bade (Woods), parcels in Section: 17, Township: 39, Range: 9; Lot: 1, Section: 4, Township: 39, Range: 9; to Donald R. Bade and Victoria L. Bade (Woods) Trust, Donald R. Bade Trustee, Victoria L. Bade (Woods) Trustee.

Thomas C. Campbell, Karen M. Campbell, parcels in Section: 33, Township: 40, Range: 10; Lot: 7, Section: 5, Township: 39, Range: 10; to Thomas C. Campbell and Karen M. Campbell Trust, Thomas Campbell Trustee, Karen M. Campbell Trustee.

Richard L. Kitchen, Janice J. Kitchen, parcel in Lot: 21 Indian Ford Resort; to Donald H. Vandegriffe.

Rita A. Messersmith, parcel in Section: 4, Township: 39, Range: 11; to Daren Eads, Tammy Eads.

Frank P. Shasserre, parcels in Lot: 40 Gasconade Getaway; Lot: 41 Gasconade Getaway; Section: 31, Township: 40, Range: 8; Section: 36, Township: 40, Range: 9; Section: 1, Township: 39, Range: 9; to David Baker, Laurel Baker.

Becky Ousley, Lot: 4, Block: 2, City of Vienna; Lot: 3, Block: 2, City of Vienna; Section: 20, Township: 40, Range: 9; to John C. Bridges, Olivia Bridges.

Joan M. Olson, John Gerarad, parcel in Section: 9, Township: 40, Range: 9; to Joan M. Olson.

Belle City of, parcels in Lot: 5, Block: 20, City of Belle; Lot: 6, Block: 20, City of Belle; Section: 20, Township: 41, Range: 7; to Lance Cuckler.

B&R Rental Properties, LLC, parcels in Section: 29, Township: 40, Range: 9; Lot: 6, Hayes Subdivision; to Emily R. Lopez, Nestor Lopez.

Wayne Langston Trustee, Marilynn Langston Trustee, Wayne Langston and Marilynn Langston Trust The, parcel in Section: 10, Township: 40, Range: 7; to Garrett W. Langston, Sarena M. Langston.

Patrick Nagel, Marie A. Nagel, Sandra M. Rels, Janet J. Johnson, parcels in Block: 1,

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News Briefs

VIENNA FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE STARTS SATURDAY

The Friends of the Maries County Library annual book sale begins Saturday, Aug. 27 and runs through Saturday, Sept. 3. The sale is held in the Visitation Church Basement in Vienna.

The book sale is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day except for being closed on Sunday, Aug. 28 and on the last day of the sale, Sept. 3, it will close at 3 p.m.

To be a volunteer at the book sale, contact the Vienna Library at 422-9866.

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Vienna during September is requesting local donations of dish detergent 12 to 15 oz. Donations can be dropped off at local churches.

To make a monetary donation, mail a check to Treasurer Kay Wieberg, 32541 MCR 213, Vienna, MO. 65582.

The food pantry distributes food on the first

MARIES COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD SETS 2022 TAX RATE

At its monthly meeting held at the Iberia Library, the Maries County Library Board met before the regular meeting and set the 2022 tax rate.

The tax rate was set at 0.1605, which is the same tax rate as the previous year. Last year the library's tax levy generated revenue in Maries County totaling \$247,639. In 2022, due to an increase in the assessed valuation, the same tax levy will bring in revenue totaling \$264,087.

The Miller County Library Board also met before the regular meeting in Iberia and approved a tax rate of 0.1251, which will generate revenue totaling \$639,483. The previous year the same tax rate brought in revenue totaling \$594,625.

Both counties together make up the Heartland Regional Library System with library branches in Belle, Vienna, Iberia, and Eldon.

MAN INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE-DEER ACCIDENT

A 22-year-old man was injured in a collision with a deer when his motorcycle struck it early Tuesday morning in Maries County.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported Austin J. Watring, 22, St. James, received minor injuries and was transported by private vehicle to Phelps Health in Rolla.

The accident occurred at 12:40 a.m. on Highway 28, three miles north of Highway 63, when Watring, driving a northbound 2007 Kawasaki motorcycle, struck a deer in the roadway, causing the motorcycle to overturn. He was wearing a safety device, the patrol said.

The Kawasaki received extensive damage

DIXON MAN INJURED IN HARLEY ACCIDENT

A Dixon man received serious injuries in a motorcycle accident Thursday morning in Maries County.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported Jacob E. Stoneking, 21, Dixon, was transported by medical helicopter to University Hospital in Columbia.

The patrol said the accident occurred at 7:15 a.m. on Highway N, nine miles north of Dixon when Stoneking, driving an eastbound 2022 Harley Davison 48, was overturned in the roadway and the driver was ejected. He was wearing a safety device, the patrol said. The Harley received minor damage.



Information on scams presented at the '55 & Older' luncheon

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BELLE — During the monthly 55 & Over luncheon held at the Belle/Bland Community Center on Aug. 17 guests were given a presentation on recognizing and protecting themselves and family members from scammers.

The information was provided by local Dollar General Manager Theresa Copeland Johnson and Corporal R.A. Tyler from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, both of whom are passionate about preventing the elderly from falling prey to this kind of criminal activity.

"At Dollar General, we get a lot of elderly coming in trying to buy gift cards," said Johnson. "They are being scammed, blatantly. We try to talk them out of it. I got to talking with Trooper Tyler and decided we would do a presentation. I have hand-outs and she's doing her presentation."

Johnson said that she has been warning people of gift card scams for the last 10 years and considers it a personal mission to help as many as she can avoid the loss.

"I plan on telling these guys that if you have an issue, or you don't know if it's legit or not, come see me," said Johnson. "If I'm at DG come see me. I don't want to see anybody scammed again. I'm going to do my best to help. This is my passion. This is my passion through Dollar General."

During her presentation, Tyler warned people how

scammers can make a phone call appear to be from a relative or friend's phone number. This is called "spoofing" and is a particularly effective scam as most of the time the scammer will pretend to be a relative in trouble.

Tyler said a lot of these scammers will pretend to be in trouble and request money be sent to them to help. She warns that you should always make sure you are talking to who you think you are talking to.

Some advice everyone should be mindful of is that if someone tells you to pay them with a gift card, don't do it. Gift cards are for gifts, not to make any kind of payment with.

"If the caller asks for gift cards or prefilled debit cards to pay a fine or a bill," said Taylor. "Most likely it's a scam and you won't get your back if you send gift cards."

If someone contacts you and tells you a loved one is in trouble and needs money immediately, contact the person in question using a reliable number you have for them or go through another family member to verify there is a real emergency.

Scammers also prey upon greed and the age-old adage of "if something is too good to be true, it probably is" should be stressed as well.

"If you are wiring \$2,000 to a seller on eBay for a \$25,000 tractor, it's a scam," said Johnson. "There are a lot of great deals, yes, but there is a much higher chance it is a scam and you should report them. If they are wanting to send you thousands of dollars but need you to wire them money first, it's a scam."

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the minimum by 39 cents and the overage by 29 cents.

"There is not any cushion there," Grove said.

Option two would increase the minimal amount per the first 1,000 gallons to \$8.78 with a \$1.78 overage per any additional 1,000 gallons and build in enough income to give about 10 percent of cushion in the operating expenses.

"That's not a lot. Right now your out-of-city limits customers pay an average of \$4.38 more minimum. If you just added that on top, I took that into consideration," Grove said. "The golf course has a minimum like residential but their volume rate is 62 cents."

Options one and two were to maintain basic services at the lowest rates. Option three raises additional rates for other entities.

"Ten percent isn't enough, really, when you think about things you have to maintain over the long term," Grove said. "So I did a calculation. You still have to pay for a new water tower, even with grant money, in 15-20 years you will still need a new water tower."

She asked for estimations on how much it would be to maintain the water tower, and have it sand-blasted and painted. Alderman Jeanette Struempf said \$300,000. Grove said it depends on how big and what type it is.

"That's not money you are going to raise in one year, you are going to have to put money away," Grove said. "You also need to account for vehicles that you are going to replace every 10 years, which is stretching it. That alone is an additional \$35,000 a year to put away. You need to think about that. To raise another \$35,000, these rates would have to go up by \$1 to raise another \$35,000."

She encouraged aldermen to think about what they want to do with the rate increase because many towns don't charge enough and can't cover the basic expenses to repair and maintain the current system.

"Those are all big ticket items that you have to put money away for and build into your rates," she said.

Options one and two were break-even rates to get the city out of operating in the red. The third option is charging at least \$1 a gallon over to be able to save at least \$35,000 a year.

"If you get the ARPA money, that is great, you don't need to

worry about it," Grove said about the board's conversation with city engineer Terris Cates earlier in the meeting. "You still need to put money away to take care of it over the long-term. That money is very competitive."

Grove said if they have to issue bonds or acquire debt to complete the project, she did not take it into account in their rates study.

"Who knows where interest rates are going to be on a bond when you close? They are going up," she said.

The city gets its bonds from SRF which has the ability to get a portion of the grant along with the bond. It also has one-third of the interest rate of the state's Tripple A rating that they can get.

"Before interest rates started going up they were at one percent," Grove said. "They can go out 30 years."

She added that if they get to the point that they plan to ask for bonds, they can look at its closure.

Baretich said Grove the number of water customers they had — 725 total, however, not everyone pays for water.

"Where we have meters at, we have places that have meters that are not billed," he said. "Meters billed number 698 and varies."

Grove built the rate study off of 725 customers.

"You don't charge the churches?" she asked and the board confirmed that was right. "That is something SRF is going to have some issues with if you go that way.

They think every customer should have a bill."

Grove told the board they need to bump it up a little more based on the inaccurate number.

Her last statement was on affordability.

"State and federal funding agencies look at affordability and the rule of thumb is an affordable water bill and an affordable sewer bill should be two percent of the median household income," Grove said. "That number is for each water and sewer for 5,000 gallons of usage."

Belle residents have a medium household income of \$38,266 according to the latest Census data. Two percent of \$38,266 would be about \$64 for each service — a total of \$168 a month. That would be for a 5,000-gallon bill.

"What they do is they look at that and say if you are below that you can afford to raise your rates and take more loan," Grove said. "Your water rates are well below the two percent median household income."

The city's engineer gave aldermen hope earlier in the meeting that they may be able to receive a 90 percent grant for a water project that would not require a rate change if they receive it.

"I don't want to raise the rates or look at the rates until we find out if we get this grant," Mayor Daryl White said.

The board did not take any action on the rate study.

Logging accident • From page 1

from beneath the tree.

He was flown from the scene to the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia and went into surgery for spinal injuries around 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"He did make it out of surgery around 6:30," Davis said. "They were going to have to wait to see if his spinal injury would heal by itself."

Doctors estimated they would know more about the severity of the injury in the next 48 hours if there is any paralysis.

"They said they put (him) back together as well as they could," Davis said.

The Bland Fire Protection District volunteers are in the

pre-planning stages of organizing a benefit for the Green family.

"We should be getting something together shortly," Davis said. "It will be announced on the Bland Fire Protection District's Facebook page."

Green serves on both the Bland and Belle fire departments as a volunteer.

"He has been on Belle longer than Bland," Davis said. "He was just put back on here."

Green moved out of the area and recently returned for work.

"It's a tragic accident that happens," Davis said about the accident. "It's a dangerous occupation, cutting down trees. It's a guessing game sometimes."

National Parks Service plans interactive trail meetings

National Parks Service (NPS) is hosting an interactive Rock Island Trail meeting from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 at the Belle-Bland Community Center to discuss ideas that will make the local former railroad unique, trailhead locations, and connectivity.

The event will be hosted by NPS Community Planner Ashley Newson.

"We are trying to get community feedback for the trail planning," Newson explained. "This is a chance for community members to provide their input. What's important to them? The trailhead, connectivity, where the connections should be? Should the connections be downtown? At the school? What route to use?"

Newson, who was present at the Rock Island planning meeting hosted by Missouri State Parks in March, said this meeting is set apart from the other. It is not just giving the community information, it is promoting their interaction to decide on the local trail's future image.

"What could make their trail stand out? What is unique about their community that they could use to elevate it?" Newson continued. "We will have posters up to provide opportunities to respond and provide feedback. The maps will be used to identify those important destinations such as schools, and downtown, and look at the trailhead locations as well as trail connections. Begin to identify some routes to those destinations."

Grants and available funds to help communities begin building the trail within city limits will also be discussed.

"The (Meramec) Regional Planning Commission will be there to provide information on grants and resources," Newson said.

Ultimately, the interactive meeting is the prelude to breaking ground. "This will be an interactive meeting, not just about giving information, but an opportunity to coalesce the information and the community start of kicking off the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) grant opportunities."

DHSS currently offers a \$10,000 grant for planning bike and pedestrian routes and amenities. Half of the funds may be used to go towards benches, bike racks and printed materials.

"Efforts tie in nicely since the trail is going to be a big component for the bike and pedestrian plan," Newson said. "The meeting about the trail will jumpstart those efforts."

The open house-style meeting encourages community members in Belle and Bland to drop in and share their views.

Newson and her team will be meeting with community leaders and state representatives on Tuesday morning to tour the trail through town.

A second meeting for the Owensville, Rosebud and Gerald communities will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 31 at the Rosebud American Legion Hall.

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THE VIENNA high school and middle school cheerleaders had a successful camp last week as six of them qualified for a spot on the All American Team, earning the opportunity to travel to exotic locations to be part of parades. Those qualifying include Ava Kloeppel (left), Elizabeth Veasman, Nora Garro, UCA Trainer Lizzie, Camie Doyel, Claudia and Noah Rollins.

Vienna girls excel at cheer camp, some win trip with chance to cheer in faraway places

The Maries R-1 high school and middle school cheerleaders attended a Varsity Spirit cheer camp this week where they worked hard on their skills and six of them qualified to cheer in a parade at a faraway destination.

Maries R-1 cheerleader coach, Roberta Kilmer, said 20 students came out to participate in the camp and it was a very good experience. She is pleased to have five high school students and one middle school student qualify for the opportunity for a spot on the All American Team, and earning the opportunity to travel to Hawaii, Florida, or London to march and cheer in parades there.

Besides being able to perform in a world-re-

nowned parade, athletes will have the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across the US and enjoy a memorable trip to one of the world's most popular cities.

Kilmer said the cheer camp is held for the cheerleaders to grow skills and stunts and to prepare for the school year. The Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) sends a trainer who works with the students for three full days. Kilmer said it rigorous training and at the end of it they invite the parents to a parent showcase when the cheerleaders try out for a spot on the All American Team and an opportunity to travel and be part of a large group of cheerleaders in a parade in a fantastic destination.

Maries R-1 cheerleaders who qualified are Ava Kloeppel, Elizabeth Veasman, Nora Garro, Camie Doyel, Claudia Wieberg and Noah Rollins.

Kilmer said those who choose to go to London will participate in a London New Year's Day Parade. For the students who choose Hawaii, they will travel to Honolulu for National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 7. Middle schooler Noah Rollins has the option of Philadelphia or Disney World for a Thanksgiving Day parade.

Kilmer said the cheerleaders going to faraway places will need to fundraise in order to pay for it. She said they will need the support of the community.



Calm and ready to go for first day at Belle elementary

Maries County R-2 Belle Elementary students were dropped off by parents (above) on Tuesday morning for their first day of school. Parents and students exchanged mostly excited good-byes and good-day wishes. Cassidy Miller (right), a first-year kindergarten teacher in the district, prepares her class for the day with activities.

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Major General Hank Stratman visits Vienna Library for book signing

Vienna native Major General Hank Stratman was at the Vienna branch of the Heartland Regional Library last Saturday for a meet and greet with the community and also to sign the book written about him.

Jeremy Amick is the book's author of "A Global Warrior," an autobiography of General Stratman, who is a Vienna High School graduate. Amick, who chronicles the legacy of United States military veterans, has authored several books and he brought them along as well.

Besides the books, a pictorial display of General Stratman's 33-year military career was set up at the library and the general detailed what the photos represented. The display included photos from Iraq to those picturing famous persons such as Newt Gingrich, Hillary Clinton, and John McCain.

Two young men at the meet and greet were very interested in General Stratman's military experiences. He signed books for Jase Smith, 8, son of Katie and Nick Smith, and for Jack Stratman, 11, son of Sarah and Matt Stratman.

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Belle motocross riders add to summer hardware haul

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Hardware and plenty of it.
That is what was on the line back on Sunday, Aug. 14 during the final stop of the Shades of Gray Faircross series at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.
Four riders from Belle were competing for not only additional hardware during racing in Sedalia but overall series championship bragging rights.
In spite of not posting a win in either one of the three stops, Jase-ton Rodgers edged fellow Belle area resident Barrett Zumwalt for the top spot in the 65cc Junior 7-9 division with 54 points compared to 51 for Zumwalt.
Rodgers placed second at Belle, fourth at the Phelps County Fair in Rolla and seventh at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.
Zumwalt posted a fourth-place finish in Belle, third place in Rolla and eighth at Sedalia to finish just behind Rodgers.
Competing in only one race

throughout the series, William Locklin made the most of it.
Posting a win in Belle, Locklin finished in a three-way tie for second place with 25 points in the 50cc 7-8 division.
Ryder Harrison and Mason Mallow also accumulated 25 points throughout the Faircross series.
Nolie Finnegan and Ellie Gray entered racing in Sedalia tied for third place in the points standings of the 85cc Senior 12-15 division.
After the race at the Missouri State Fair, Finnegan (51) edged out Gray (50) for third place in total points between the three races at Belle, Rolla and Sedalia.
Finnegan began the series with a third-place finish in Belle followed by a fifth-place run in Rolla and a sixth-place finish in Sedalia.
Gray posted a fifth-place finish in Belle before improving her position in Rolla by placing third. She wrapped up the series with a seventh-place finish in Sedalia.
Fellow Belle resident Jancen

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NOLIE FINNEGAN (above, left) and Ellie Gray (right) show off their hardware haul from the Shades of Gray Faircross Series held throughout the summer at the Belle Fair, Phelps County Fair and the Missouri State Fair.
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Vienna softball blanks Stoutland, Richland at Saturday jamboree

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An Eighth Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) softball title.
That is one of several goals for Chandler Harker's Vienna Lady Eagle softball team entering the upcoming 2022 fall softball season.
Competing over the weekend in jamboree softball action at Richland High School, Vienna took on the host Bears and Stoutland's Tigers.
Opening Saturday-morning softball action against Stoutland, Vienna posted a 12-0 shutout against the purple and yellow foes.
Closing the jamboree out against the host Lady Bears, Harker's Lady Eagles left Pulaski County without allowing a single run following a 5-0 blanking of Richland.
Friday night, Vienna will open their regular season on the road in Stoutland against the Lady Tigers with a scheduled 5 p.m., first pitch.

Seniors looking to help the Lady Eagles add more championship hardware to an already crowded trophy case include Madeleine Novak, Abrea Simmons, Riley Rosentreter, Kiera Hollis, Andrea Novak, Nora Garro and Terra Huffman.
With Simmons doing the pitching and Huffman handling catching duties, Harker will be helped by an all-senior battery.
Juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen for the Lady Eagles include Jaelee Stricklan, Katherine Soto, Kara Bastion, Aliyah Griffin, Kayla Hertzling, Cara Petershagen and Eva Hollis.
Sophomores leading the underclassmen will include Ava Kloeppel, Madison Weeks, Aubrey Reeves, Salene George, Adelynn James, Marissa Hollis and Jaedyn Schell.
Freshmen getting their first taste of high school softball will include Julianna Davis, Charlotte Kilmer and Aubrey Schwartz.
Harker will be assisted by Jessica

Colliver and Jason Kampeter.
After opening their season Friday on the road, Vienna will mark their home debut three days later on Monday, Aug. 29 hosting Linn's Lady Wildcats at Vienna City Park also scheduled for a 5 p.m., first pitch.
Tournament action in the regular season will see the Lady Eagles host their annual home tournament on Saturday, Sept. 10 before venturing into Gasconade County the following Saturday to participate in the Owensville Tournament.
In between the two tournaments, Vienna will begin their quest for an eighth consecutive GVC Softball Championship with a road trip to Cuba on Tuesday, Sept. 13 to face the Lady Wildcats.
Vienna will also have home games throughout the fall against Jefferson City (9/8), Newburg (9/16), Cuba (9/19), Jamestown (9/21), St. Elizabeth (10/4) and Richland (10/7)



AVA KLOEPPPEL (above, right) positions herself to field a ground ball at third base during a recent practice session for Vienna's Lady Eagles on their home softball field at Vienna City Park.
PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON



Natalie Gehlert among 13 Lady Tiger softball players

Belle High School (BHS) junior Natalie Gehlert (above) positions herself to field a ground ball from her shortstop position during a recent Belle Lady Tiger softball practice session at Belle City Park. Gehlert joins fellow juniors Miranda Sanders, Nevaeh Kinsey, Emma White and Dakota Butcher making up the majority of Randis Sanders' squad. Led by seniors Ryleigh Long and Rachel Baretich, Sanders' Lady Tigers have six underclassmen led by the sophomore quartet of Savannah Perkins, Ileana Sullinger, Tajel McDaniel and Malorie Reasor. Freshmen Aubrey Rehmer and Cylee Reed round out the BHS Lady Tiger softball team coached by Sanders and assisted by Butch Gehlert. Following their preseason jamboree last night (Tuesday) at Linn, BHS softball will open the regular season at home on Friday against Richland at 5 p.m., before competing Saturday at the Montgomery County Softball Classic.

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DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS and classifications for fall sports with the exception of cross country will be released Friday, Aug. 26 on the Missouri State High School Activities Association’s (MSHSAA) website at www.mshsaa.org.

BELLE AND VIENNA cross country teams will find out their district assignments and classifications Friday, Sept. 9 on the Missouri State High School Activities Association’s (MSHSAA) website.

TRI-COUNTY Soccer Association (TCSA) action will return to the Belle-Bland Soccer Complex this fall beginning on Saturday, Sept. 10 with games being played every Saturday until Oct. 22. A schedule of games will be included in a future issue of The Maries County Advocate when it becomes finalized.

BRYCE GEHLERT’S Belle Tiger fall baseball team hosted a three-team jamboree at Tiger Field last night (Tuesday) with Bourbon’s Warhawks and St. Elizabeth’s Hornets participating. A recap from the jamboree will be along with their home and season opener on Friday, Aug. 26 against Richland will be in next week’s *Advocate*.

RANDISSANDERS’ Belle Lady Tiger softball team traveled north on Highway 89 last night (Tuesday) to compete in a three-team jamboree at Linn High School against the host Lady Wildcats and Southern Boone’s Lady Eagles. A complete recap from that jamboree along with Belle’s home and season opener also against Richland will be in next week’s *Advocate*.

GOOD LUCK to all of the fall sports student-athletes competing throughout Maries County.

BHS SPORTS
THIS WEEK

Tiger Fall Baseball
8/26 BHS vs. Richland 5 p.m.
8/30 BHS at Eugene 5 p.m.

Lady Tiger Softball
8/26 BHS vs. Richland 5 p.m.
8/27 BHS at Montgomery County Softball Classic
BHS vs. St. Clair 10:45 a.m.
BHS vs. Russellville 12:30 p.m.
8/30 BHS vs. California 5 p.m.

Bland Cross Country
9/7 BMS at Vienna 4 p.m.

Belle Cross Country
9/7 BHS at Vienna 4 p.m.

Lady Tiger Volleyball
8/25 BHS in Dixon preseason jamboree at Dixon HS
BHS vs. Dixon 5 p.m.
BHS vs. Plato 5:30 p.m.
8/26 BHS at Chamois 5:30 p.m.
8/29 BHS at Viburnum 5 p.m.



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Schlotlog picked up 14 points for his seventh-place finish in Belle. That point total put him in 12th place overall during the series.

Both young ladies were not finished with the faircross series.

Competing in the Girls 12 and under 65cc-85cc division, both girls moved up a spot in the point standings.

Finnegan finished second overall with 62 points followed closely behind by Gray in third place with 60 points.

Placing second in Belle to go along with a pair of third-place finishes in Rolla and Sedalia, Finnegan posted top-three finishes in all three legs of the series.

Gray’s best showing in the division was a second-place finish at Rolla.

Adding to their hardware haul in the 65cc division, Rodgers and Zumwalt also competed in the Pit Bike Kids 12 and under division.

Entering racing in Sedalia with 38 points putting him in third place, Rodgers picked up 25 points for his first-place finish at the Missouri State Fair giving him the points championship with a total of 63.

Zumwalt placed third in Sedalia placing him second overall with 52 points when adding in his fifth-place finishes from Belle and Rolla.

William Locklin also earned overall series hardware following racing in Sedalia with his second-place finish in the 50cc 7-8 division.



JASETON RODGERS (top) displays his two bikes and all of the trophies and plaques he won while competing over the summer during the Shades of Gray FairCross Series. **BELLE AREA** riders (above, in front, from left) Barrett Zumwalt and Rodgers; and in back, Nolie Finnegan, Michelle Cox and Ellie Gray display plaques and trophies they all won during the Shades of Gray FairCross series held throughout the summer months at the Belle Fair, Phelps County Fair in Rolla and the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

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VHS SPORTS
THIS WEEK

Eagle Fall Baseball
8/29 VHS vs. Tuscumbia 5 p.m.
8/30 VHS at Laquey 5 p.m.

Lady Eagle Softball
8/26 VHS at Stoutland 5 p.m.
8/29 VHS vs. Linn 5 p.m.
8/30 VHS at St. James 5 p.m.

VMS/VHS Cross Country
9/7 Vienna Invitational at Vienna City Park 4 p.m.



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New store to open this week

Maries County Presiding Commissioner Victor Stratman on Monday reported the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Store located at 407 Highway 63 North in Vienna is set to open Thursday, Aug. 25 at 8 a.m. Store hours will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

PHOTO BY LAURA SCHIERMEIER



Is menopause to blame for weight gain?



BY NATHAN RATCHFORD, MD
Phelps Health

Menopause is defined as the natural end of menstrual periods and ovulation. Typically, this is clinically defined as no menstrual cycles for 12 months in a patient with no other cause.

Most women experience menopause between the ages of 45 and 55, with the average being age 51.

Women are often aware that hot flashes and mood swings can accompany this transition, but is menopause also to blame for midlife weight gain?

Weight gain is common during midlife for both men and women. Menopause is typically not attributed to weight gain, however many women experience weight gain and menopause coincidentally due to both occurring at the same stage of life.

Contrary to popular belief, a decrease in the hormone estrogen, occurring during menopause, isn't directly to blame for weight gain.

We know this because menopausal women who are overweight don't lose their weight when they're placed on estrogen. And there are many menopausal women who are a normal weight with low estrogen. More so, weight gain — or lack of weight loss — is multifactorial — caused by genetics, age, lifestyle, behavioral habits, diet, etc. Since most women experiencing menopause often have a disruption in these factors, weight gain is also more common. In summary, many of these factors are timed or influenced by menopause and the decrease in estrogen that

goes along with it.

How Can I Combat This Weight Gain?

If someone is approaching menopause with a normal or near-normal weight already, it's important to remember that the diet and exercise they're used to in maintaining that weight, will likely not be sufficient going forward. As they age, their body will require fewer calories, and they should adjust their diet accordingly. For women entering menopause already overweight, it's important to remember that losing weight is possible — but it takes early and consistent determination.

Diet plays the biggest role in weight gain or loss, and a long-term diet strategy is advised. Fad diets can help someone lose weight in the short run, but it's best to develop healthy eating habits that women can maintain permanently. When considering any new diet, ask your doctor first to determine if it's safe for you.

Exercise also has many benefits, when it comes to combating weight loss.

There are so many different exercises to choose from — it's impossible to make a recommendation that's applicable to everyone. To be fair, any exercise that can be safely and consistently completed is going to be a great place to start. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity. Additionally, weight training will not only help increase metabolism, but it plays a role in bone strength.

Sleep, which can harder to come by during menopause, is also important. Sleep disturbances can affect weight, blood pressure, digestion, mood and more. Adults need at least seven hours of sleep per night.

From a Pear to an Apple

Women going through menopause may

notice a shift from a pear-shaped body during childbearing years, to more of an apple-shaped body during midlife. This increase in belly (or visceral) fat is not only frustrating, but should be taken seriously. Visceral fat increases the risk of cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease. And weight gain — especially obesity — at any age can lead to other health conditions and a reduction in overall health.

I'm Stuck; What Gives?

If a patient has made healthy lifestyle changes, and the scale still isn't budging, women should speak to their medical provider about other possible causes of weight gain, as it most likely has multiple causes. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) may also be a consideration.

The conversation of whether or not to take hormone replacement therapy (HRT) should focus on the patient's overall quality of life. Hot flashes, night sweats, irritability, mood changes and decreased libido can all contribute to quality of life. The pros and cons of starting HRT should be discussed in detail, so that patients can make the right choice for themselves.

To determine your healthy weight, it's important to look at body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing the body weight in kilograms by the square of height in meters. There are free apps and online calculators that are easy to use, which automatically convert feet and pounds. A normal BMI is between 18 and 25.

Plagued by Midlife Weight Gain?

If you are struggling with and not finding a resolution for midlife weight gain, contact your primary care provider or OB/GYN today.

Nathan Ratchford, MD, is a board-certified gynecologist at Phelps Health. To establish care with a women's health provider at Phelps Health, visit phelpshealth.org or call (573) 426-2229.

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Old barn is believed to have been built as a milk house, corn cobs used to space exterior's native stones

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VIENNA — Carl and Phyllis Sandbothe own a 100 acre farm along Highway 63, north of Vienna. It's a fine looking place, with no weeds growing anywhere, flowers blooming, perfect landscaping, beautiful brick home and some fine outbuildings.

They bought the farm in 2000 from Joe and Brenda Weidinger. Carl had a full time job and he couldn't do all the farm work himself so he rents part of the farm to his brother to run cattle. He kept his hay fields though and bales hay and sells it.

"Once a farm boy, always a farm boy," he said, adding, "I was raised by Charlie Sandbothe" and have to keep the fence rows clean. His father didn't allow weeds to grow up on any of his fence rows and Carl doesn't either.

There is one structure on his property that he didn't do much to. It's the old barn with a rock bottom and wooden top. This barn was the July featured barn on Maries County Collector Jayne Williams 2022 Historic Maries County Barns Calendar. Williams recognized the uniqueness of the little stone barn that has been well taken care of by the Sandbothes. She had a vision of the flag flying on the old stones.

Carl is not sure when the barn was built, sometime in the 1930s or 1940s. He was told by a neighbor a man with the last name of Miller owned the property, and that Miller bought 600 acres of land there, paying \$1 an acre for it, which was a bit of money in Miller's day. Miller logged it and had a sawmill. That's how he made money to pay for the farm.

Miller is the person who built the barn as a milk house. It's an interesting structure. The stones are four-inch thick field stones, picked up on the home place. Something very unique about the barn is corn cobs were used as spacers between the rocks and the individual pieces of corn on the cob have left their imprint in the mortar. The floor and inside walls are made of concrete.

The detail work inside on the old barn doors and wooden work is well engineered and is original. Carl said the barn is the same as when Miller built it. All Carl did to it was put plywood over the loft flooring to keep down the dust.

He uses the barn for storage, and it also is a house for their cat. An old ladder leaning up against the barn is how the cat gets up to a nice spot he made for it on the outside of the barn. There's a hole for the cat to get in the barn, and a higher shelf where the cat hangs out as it keeps an eye on the place.

Carl said if the barn hadn't been made out of native rock, he probably would have torn it down. He knew the rocks had come off of the farm. He's done it himself by dragging cow piles, which flips out the rocks near the surface. After it rains, he goes back and picks them up. He uses them within the landscaped areas of his yard and they look really good. He said that very day he'd picked up rocks. "In Maries County



there are always rocks," he said.

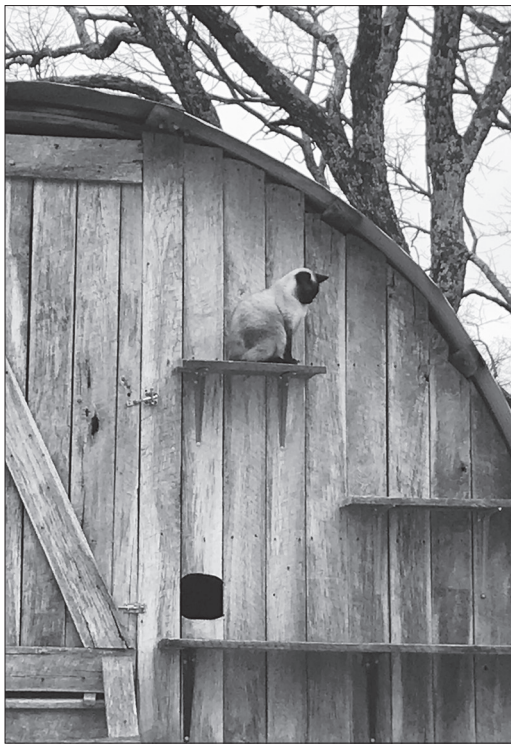
Carl is a son of Charles and Norma Sandbothe whose farm was located west of Vienna, out Ballpark Road. His dad was a farmer and a builder. Carl graduated from Vienna High School in 1974 and went into the military. He was with the Missouri National Guard for 30 years and worked for MoDOT for 34 and a half years. He and Phyllis Holterman Sandbothe were married in 1982.

They now are both retired, but they like to keep busy, and they like for their home and its grounds to look nice and to be clean. At one time Carl had a landscaping business named Sandbothe Lawn Care. He enjoys keeping the yard looking good.

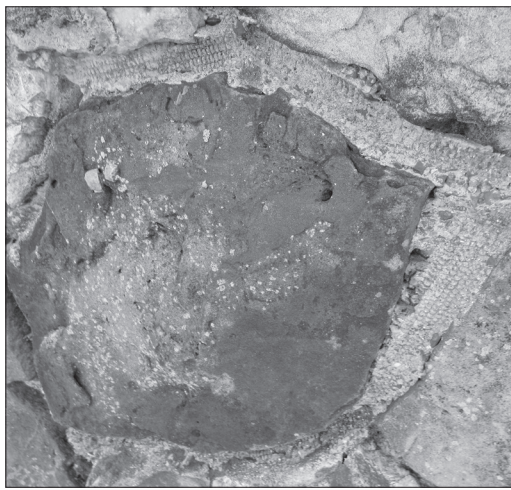
After he retired in 2009, he was going to tear down the old farm house on his property because he thought it had termites. As he began to work on it he realized it did not have termites and that changed what he did. He fixed it up instead, putting in new plumbing and electricity and updating the place. It's really nice and comfortable inside. It's where he and Phyllis lived for several months while their new brick home was being built.

Inside the renovated old farm house, among the many interesting decorative items, are many deer sheds hanging on the walls. Carl said they all came from the farm fields. He goes looking for them, saying if he didn't the tractor tires will find them. The old house also is a place where he likes to hang out and he hosts friends there during deer season.

He's glad they decided to renovate the old farm house, and they've added some other metal buildings, which he built himself. The old barn adds an interesting conversation piece to their property. Carl said when people come to their place, many remark about the barn. There was a lady from St. Louis who saw it on Collector Jayne Williams' calendar and asked Carl to send photos of it to her, which he did. A lot of people say it's a neat old barn. Carl said he wishes it was a lot bigger because all it will hold is the lawn mower and the cat.



CARL SANDBOTHE made this platform for the cat. The cat uses the old, wooden ladder to make its way to the upper platform, which it favors. Mr. Miller, who is presumed to have built this old barn in the 1930s or 1940s, used corn cobs as spacers between the native stones he put on the exterior. The corn kernels are forever etched into the mortar.



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could be a question. Among the action taken at that meeting was the approval of the courthouse trash provider. The decision will be Judge Berger's and the Calzone versus Maries County Commission lawsuit is on his August Maries County Circuit Court docket.

Tax Rate Hearing

Also at last Thursday's meeting, the commissioners held the annual tax rate hearing to establish the county and road districts' tax levy for 2022.

For general revenue, the tax rate is 0.3663. It will be levied on assessments making up the county's \$164,540,409 assessed valuation, which is owned by individuals and businesses in the county.

The tax rate for Road One is 0.2726. It will be levied on the road district's assessed valuation of \$76,228,944. The tax rate for Road Two is 0.2422 and will be assessed on the road district's valuation of \$66,635,646.

Second choice

Stratman attended meetings at MRPC recently. At the transportation advisory committee (TAC) meeting, he was pleased to report the old WPA bridge over Fly Creek on MCR 213 that Ballpark Road runs into, was the second choice of the TAC for bridge replacement recommendation to MoDOT using the BRO program. Stratman said he sold the bridge pretty well, telling the group of county leaders present at the MRPC meeting that the bridge probably has the heaviest traffic volume than any other county road bridge in Maries County. It also has a 15 ton weight limit. There are many farms off of MCR 213 and if the farmers are driving anything heavy, they have to take a long detour around the old bridge.

Stratman said the group chose a Washington County bridge as the number one spot, but he was quite pleased that Maries County took the

second spot. It will be put in with the rest of the selections in the MoDOT Central District, which has many counties in it. With luck maybe the old Maries County bridge will be selected to be replaced using the BRO program, which uses federal money.

On the subject of bridges, Stratman said at the meeting they were told the Highway 89 bridge over the Gasconade River will be open to one lane and a full opening is anticipated at the end of August.

Also at that meeting, Stratman said the group was told there is \$422,000 remaining in the Transportation Alternative Program. This money can be used to fund non-road and bridge transportation projects such as off-road trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

He wondered if the county's cities has some sidewalk projects the cities can apply for. This year all those who applied received funding and the \$422,000 remains.

The presiding commissioner also spoke of the Meramec Regional Community Foundation (MRCF). It is a charitable partner of MRPC. It's mission is to enhance the quality of life in the eight-county Meramec region through resource development, community grant making, collaboration and public leadership. Community leaders from each county serve on a board with members from other counties. This year, the MRCF board reviewed a total of 22 grant applications, requesting a total of \$10,905 and representing projects in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties. Currently MRCF has 59 funds totaling over \$3.9 million. The grants support community projects that provide benefits to those in need. Debbie Henderson of Vienna represents Maries County and the MRCF board. Maries County at-large

members include Bonnie Prigge and Steve Vogt.

Stratman also wants people to know MRPC had a lead paint program to assist households that have a child/children under age seven or a pregnant person and paint done prior to 1978. The house will be inspected and remediated. Stratman said it provides funds to repaint the home.

Notice

One of the assessor's employees gave notice on Aug. 15. She is accepting a job opportunity at Quaker Window Products, which pays more than the county job.

Hauling

Eastern District Commissioner Doug Drewel said Twehous hauled the Road Two grader to Fabick CAT in Columbia for repairs. Stratman wondered if there is someone locally who could haul it, as he was told Twehous will charge \$1,800 to get it to Columbia. Drewel said it was not his decision. Fabick CAT made the decision to hire Twehous to do it. Maries County doesn't have the type of trailer needed to do the job.

785 acres

At the recent MRPC meeting, the members were given information about a cooperative program titled the Missouri Certified Sites Program. There are certified sites located throughout the state. Each has been pre-qualified through a standard process to meet the requirements of industry.

Stratman said MRPC has just begun this cooperative process with the owners of a 785 acre property. It is located in Phelps County between Rolla and St. James on the south side of the south outer road along I-44. There is a railroad through it. It does not have good access and lacks water and electricity, he said.

He said the Hypoint Industrial Park in Rolla is full.

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

Thursday, the 8th day of September, 2022,

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the Maries County Courthouse, 211 4th Street, in the City of Vienna in the County of St. Maries, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate described in said Deed of Trust and situated in the County of Maries, State of Missouri, to-wit:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, and of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, all in Township 41, Range 7, Maries County, Missouri, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20, which point is due South of a point 1,295 feet West of the Northeast corner of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence North 60 feet to the North side of a county road and the place of beginning of the tract herein conveyed; thence North 175 feet; thence West 110 feet; thence South 175 feet to said road; thence East along said road 110 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing 1/3 acre, more or less, and intending to convey a tract 175 feet North and South by 110 feet East and West out of the Southeast corner of the tract acquired by J.E. Gehlert and wife from Ernest W. Mahaney and wife by deed recorded in Book 85, Page 107.

Address: 21012 Maries Road 309
Locator Number: 60-01-4.0-20-002-01-0014.00

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

PATRICK J. BOYLE
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
August 18, 2022

Start: 08/17/2022
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1 Administrator's Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
Estate No: 21MS-PR00020
IN THE ESTATE OF Randall Young
NOTICE

To all persons interested in the Estate of **RANDALL YOUNG, Deceased:**

Notice is hereby given that a Final Settlement Statement, Statement of Account, and Proposed Order of Distribution will be filed with the Probate Court of Maries County on or before September 9, 2022.

All interested parties are further notified that objections or exceptions to the Final Settlement Statement, Statement of Account and Proposed Order of Distribution must be filed in writing within twenty days of the filing of the above mentioned document at the Office of The Circuit Clerk.

The Personal Representative does further give notice that she will ask the Court for review of the Proposed Order of Distribution on October 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for the specific purpose of allowing the Personal Representative to retitile certain bank shares.

The attorney for the estate is :
ROSS BUSH, BAR #61908
P.O. Box 284
Vienna, MO 65582
573-422-3133

The Personal Representative for the Estate is:

JANICE MORGAN
13005 Highway Y
Vienna, MO 65582.

If no timely objections are filed, upon completion of the applicable waiting period for distribution, will distribute this Estate, and if no proceeding is initiated with six months of the filing of the Statement of Account, she shall be discharged without further order of the Court.

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1 Administrator's Notices

IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 22MS-PR00033
In the Estate of NATHAN A HONSE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **NATHAN A HONSE, Decedent:**

On August 17, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of **NATHAN A HONSE**, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Maries County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

CURTIS DEAN HONSE,
1211 Highway 63 South,
Vienna, MO 65582.

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

THOMAS BRADFORD SNIDER,
227 Madison Street,
Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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

Date of the decedent's death: June 14, 2022

Date of first publication: August 24, 2022

/s/ Angela Stricklan, Circuit Clerk
Published in the Maries County Advocate on: August 24, August 31, September 7, and September 14, 2022.

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1 Administrator's Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Case Number: 22MS-CC00070
In Re the matter of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Maries, Missouri, Maries County, Missouri, Petitioner,
vs.

Any unknown claimants and any successors, assigns or other entities claiming an Interest in the Industrial development Authority of the County of Maries, Missouri, Respondents.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against You in the circuit court for the county of Maries, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to terminate the above named entity and authorize the distribution of its assets and such other Relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

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

CRUMP LAW OFFICE,
P.O. Box 397,
Vienna, MO 65582.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five days after the 10th day of August, 2022, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 4th day of August, 2022.

Mark Buschmann,
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Maries County, Missouri
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IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Case Number: 22MS-PR00036
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of NADINE MARGARET MANOR, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
(Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **NADINE MARGARET MANOR, Decedent:**

On March 3, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of **NADINE MARGARET MANOR**, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Maries County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

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

ANN CAUDILL,
P.O. Box 683,
St James, MO 65559

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

DAVID OSBORNE,
1100 North Elm Street,
P.O. Box 248,
Rolla, MO 65402-0248,
573-364-4097.

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

Date of the decedent's death: December 19, 2020.

Date of first publication: 24-AUG-2022.

/s/ Angela Stricklan, Circuit Clerk
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	CURRENT TAX YEAR-2022	PRIOR TAX YEAR-2021
2022 ADJUSTED ASSESSED VALUATION		
General Revenue:		
Real Estate	3,077,610	3,076,330
Personal Property	868,262	868,262
Total	3,945,872	3,944,592
General Revenue Tax Rate	\$ 0.9124	\$ 0.9104
Park and Recreation:		
Real Estate	3,077,610	3,076,330
Personal Property	868,262	868,262
Totals	3,945,872	3,944,592
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Vienna fall baseball Eagles host Eugene, Stoutland in jamboree

Using the fall to prepare for their spring season, Cory Nicholson's Vienna Eagles hosting Stoutland's Tigers and Eugene's Eagles Friday afternoon in a three-team preseason baseball jamboree at Vienna City Park. Vienna defeated Stoutland 4-2 in the first scrimmage before Vienna dropped a 2-0 decision against Eugene. Ethan Rex (above) took one for the team by getting hit just above his ankle during the Stoutland scrimmage. Duncan Wilkinson (top left) kicks up some dirt with his back foot while delivering a pitch towards home plate. Gavin Schwartz (top right) watches a cloud of white dust emerge from the ground after a ball bounced off the dirt and towards the backstop. Zach Via (above right) watches a ground ball into his glove on the left side of the infield Nicholson's Eagles will open their fall season on Monday, Aug. 29 hosting Tuscumbia's Lions with a 5 p.m., first pitch.

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