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Commission urged to pay close attention to road budget during 2023

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HERMANN — With several line items already depleted or about to be out of budgeted funds, Gasconade County administrators are being urged to cast a sharp eye toward the county’s Road Department budget for 2023.

County Clerk Lesa Lietzow Thursday morning pointed out to the County Commission that the road agency has depleted its budgeted amounts for diesel and general supplies and is expected to be over its budgeted amount for chip-and-seal projects.

Overall, the overruns in the various line items aren’t a serious problem because the total budget of the Road Department easily can accommodate them. However, for accounting purposes, spending out of the various line items should be closer to the budgeted amounts.

“You’ve been hitting road-and-bridge pretty really hard,” Lietzow told the Commission, referring to expenditures this year on highway and bridge projects, as well as equipment purchases for the agency. She said the administrators should pay close attention to the agency’s spending plan when they consider a budget for the agency later this year.

Indeed, the County Clerk’s Office will begin gathering budget wishlists from the various county government departments in November with Lietzow’s staff crunching the numbers in November and December, comparing requested expenditures with projected revenues. As the county’s chief budget officer, Lietzow will present a proposed spending plan to the Commission, which in January will further distill the requests and make any changes to the final proposed budget. Approval of a new budget usually takes place in late January.

In other matters taken up at last Thursday’s session, the Commission, which saw Southern District Associate Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, R-Owensville, acting at presiding commissioner in the absence of Larry Miskel, R-Hermann, alongside Northern District Associate Commissioner Jim Holland, R-Hermann, heard that the process of collecting and distributing the new law enforcement sales tax was almost in place. The only missing piece as of last Thursday (Sept. 15) was the signed copy of the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the city of Hermann.

The Hermann Board of Aldermen was scheduled to give final approval to the agreement on Monday, Sept. 12, but the document had yet to be delivered to the County Clerk’s Office. All four other municipalities in the county receiving a share of the sales tax money have delivered the agreements to the courthouse.

Under the plan approved by Gasconade County voters in April, the half-cent sales tax for law enforcement will be split 75-25 between the county and the five cities in the county that have a certified law enforcement officer on duty. Those cities are Owensville, Hermann, Rosebud, Bland and Gasconade. The cities will receive a share of the 25 percent based on their populations.

The tax becomes effective Oct. 1 with the first reimbursement couple checks (in November and December) from the Missouri Department of Revenue expected to be small while retailers become familiar with including the law enforcement into their roster of local sales tax rates.

Based on initial estimates from county government officials pointing to other sales

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R-2 directors approve changes to ‘Safe Return’ COVID-19 plan

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Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education directors on Monday night approved changes to the Revised Safe Return to School and Continuity Plan.

“For two years, we have been looking at this,” said Superintendent Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy. “You will see the only changes this month are at the very last page where it talks about screening and antigen tools. We are no longer doing those, they are out of date.”

Furthermore, staff and students should follow the district’s policy for illness. If a student does become symptomatic during the school day, they should be isolated.

“The student will be isolated until arrangements can be made that a student be picked up by a parent or guardian to be tested if they are sick,” Hardy said. “Of course, you can’t require testing, but if a

parent wants to take them and then take a picture of that test, we don’t have to have that note.”

Hardy said those are the only changes, along with updating the date on the plan.

The board approved the changes to the plan on Sept. 19 during the board meeting with a 6-0 vote.

Additional changes were made to the SEEK Gifted program in the pass and fail and academics sections. The changes were approved with a 6-0 vote in the Gifted Handbook.

Hardy asked the board to approve updates to the superintendent, assistant superintendent and administrative secretary job descriptions.

“These have not been updated in a very long time,” Hardy said. “They have been updated to reflect the positions for director of payroll and personnel, secretary to the superintendent and the board of education, superintendent of schools and assistant

superintendent of schools.”

Director Debbie Landolt asked Hardy if they were big changes made to the job descriptions.

“Yes,” Hardy said.

Landolt said they couldn’t see what has changed.

“The superintendent and assistant superintendent — the big changes is there was no mention of curriculum, instruction, assessment on either one,” Hardy said. “For the superintendent position, it actually had the assistant superintendent dismissing employees so there were changes that reflected what that should look like.”

Landolt asked if there were any changes under the terms of employment. Hardy said no. The board approved the changes with a 6-0 vote.

A DECA conference Nov. 30 to Dec. 4 in New York City was also approved with

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Worth the wait

Jayden Holland plays the chimes on the new Buschmann Park playground on Saturday as Brody Ridenhour listens. The two were among the first area youngsters to enjoy the new equipment installed over the past three weeks. Steven Hair (below, far left) climbs on cables strung from an arch-shaped frame. Faith Walters (below, in yellow) and Lily McLaughlin take a spin on the merry-go-round. Delays in manufacturing of the equipment and a backlog on installation orders were cited for the months-long wait for the project to be finished. City Parks employees will seed and finish landscaping the area.

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Kramme sworn in Monday as new Owensville Ward 2 alderman

Matt Kramme was sworn in Monday as a Ward 2 Owensville alderman by City Clerk Peggy Farrell. Kramme replaces Rob Borgmann who resigned Sept. 6 since he has moved into Ward 1. Borgmann served 15 and a half years over seven terms. Kramme will fill the unexpired term until the April 2023 Municipal Election when the position will be on the ballot for a 2-year term. “He’s just a great young man,” said Mayor John Kamler on appointing Kramme to the board. “We’re getting younger blood on the board.” Approval came from all three remaining aldermen (from left) Cathy Lahmeyer, Denise Bohl and the board’s new president, Kevin McFadden. Kramme motioned for final approval of Ordinance No. 1400 allowing established businesses in the city to operate food trucks with certain restrictions and requirements after purchasing a \$15 annual license.



PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER

BOB MCKEE, pictured on Enke Road during December 2015 flooding, died Sept. 14 at the age of 81. He was an award-winning photojournalist, reporter, and managing editor for The Gasconade County Republican for more than 34 years. His “Going South” column pushed his local journalism career to 45 years.

Retired GCR photojournalist, editor McKee leaves lasting legacy in print

‘Going South’ columnist’s work spans 45 years in Owensville community

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Bob McKee, whose contribution to community journalism in the Owensville area spanned more than 45 years working for the Warden Publishing family, died peacefully Sept. 14 at his “west Bem” residence following a lengthy illness.

McKee worked as a staff photojournalist, reporter, editor, and later managing editor, from Oct. 4, 1972, through his retirement on Jan. 10, 2007. His weekly “Going South” column appeared for more than 16 years, ending with the Jan. 24, 2018, edition.

By his own account, his column which examined local issues and occasionally poked fun at the mishaps of friends and hunting acquaintances, ran for 852 weeks.

He was involved with producing photographs and news content for 1,778 issues over 34 years and three months as a member of the *The Republican’s* staff. He continued contributing his column for another 576 issues until his final piece, “A

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Gasconade pair killed when vehicle crashes into bluff at 100 & 19

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HERMANN — A Gasconade mother and her daughter were killed Wednesday morning when the vehicle they were in ran through the intersection at highways 100 and 19 and crashed into the rock bluff that faces the intersection.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that Cynthia R. Wolf, 61, was driving a 2005 Buick LeSabre when it ran through the intersection at about 11:28 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Her mother, 79-year-old Anita R. Wolf, was a passenger in the car. Both women were residents of the city of Gasconade and had just left the funeral of a family friend at Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home when the crash occurred.

The patrol report did not list a possible reason for the driver not stopping at the intersection. The patrol was assisted at the crash site by Gasconade County Sheriff’s Department and Hermann Police Department.

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Is capitalism wrong?

by DENNIS
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Young adults growing up in America repeatedly hear from politicians, educators and social media that capitalism is wrong. Capitalism receives blame for everything, including climate change, the destruction of ecosystems, putting down women, wealth inequality, and even natural disasters.

According to MSN.com, “Capitalism is making the world a less hospitable place to live” and has “a negative impact on your health.”

In the Spring of 2013, Stanford University cut its class, “Moral Foundations of Capitalism.” A survey of 31 public and private universities across the U.S., conducted by The College Fix — an online publication — “found that the subject of capitalism is often either maligned, ignored, or taught from a perspective other than objective economics.”

Many politicians also don’t understand capitalism. Consequentially they put it down every chance they get. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., believes that capitalism is an “ideology of capital. The most important thing is the concentration of capital and it means that we seek and prioritize profit, accumulation of money above all else and we seek it at any human and environmental cost.”

In my column last week, I quoted Yeonmi Park,

who escaped North Korea when she was 13. Her flight to freedom is harrowing. But just as important is the tale of Korea. That story is an excellent comparison of capitalism vs. socialism.

Obviously, I cannot cover the complete history of Korea in my short column. I will start with the end of World War II. Like Germany, the Allies divided Korea in two at the 38th Parallel, with the northern area controlled by the Soviets and the southern area guarded by the United States.

The Republic of Korea was formed in the south, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) in the north. Ironical that North Korea has the word “Democratic” in its name.

Since its creation, South Korea has been through six forms of government from democratic to an

autocratic military regime. Their current form of government is based on the free market and is modeled after the U.S. — a three-branch system.

South Korea is considered one of the “Four Asian Tigers” for its economic strength. The others are Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan.

According to Wikipedia, “between the early 1960s and 1990s, they underwent rapid industrialization and maintained exceptionally high growth rates of more than seven percent a year... large institutions have pushed to have them serve as role models for many developing countries.”

In 1993, a World Bank report, The East Asian Miracle, credited free-market capitalism with the economic boom of these four countries.

In 2020 the gross national income per capita for South Korea was a little over \$32,300. For their neighbors in the north, it was \$1,187.

North Korea’s economy, according to Heritage.org, is rated the 177th freest. South Korea’s rank by Heritage in their “2022 Index of Economic Freedom” is number 19, the United States is 25.

The Kim II-sung’s family has ruled the DPRK with an iron fist since 1948 with almost all property belonging to the state.

The Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights

published a report on the DPRK in 2014. As noted on Forbes.com, “The report presented findings of violations of the rights to freedom of thought, expression and religion; discrimination on the basis of State-assigned social class, gender and disability; violations of the freedom of movement and residence, including the freedom to leave one’s own country; violations of the right to food and related aspects of the right to life; arbitrary detention, torture, executions, enforced disappearance and political prison camps; and enforced disappearance of persons from other countries, including through abduction.”

The violations have not improved since 2014.

In Park’s opinion, “The entire country of North Korea is a concentration camp.”

Before WW II the people in North and South Korea shared the same culture and the same potential. Now one is an economic powerhouse the other one of the poorest nations on earth. One is capitalist, the other socialist/communist.

Andy Puzder, former CEO of Hardee’s said, “Capitalism leads to economic Democracy. Socialism leads to economic dictatorship of the elite — always and everywhere.”

Currently, the Democrat party is pulling America toward socialism and communism.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Extravagant spending (again) provides few benefits in climate change push

BY GARRETT HAWKINS

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A few months ago, I wrote about the ridiculous overreach of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which is rolling out a plan to force companies to collect and publish information about their “climate-related risks.” The new rule could force farmers and ranchers to keep track of every bit of carbon used to produce anything they grow or raise — an impossible task.

Since then, the Biden administration and its friends in Congress have ratcheted up their climate efforts even more. The Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”), pulled together at the last minute and passed by the narrowest of margins in a party-line vote by both the House and Senate, allocates \$369 billion to fighting global warming.

Bjorn Lomborg, president of the Copenhagen Consensus, plugged the IRA’s plan into the U.N.’s climate model. He found that the IRA will reduce global temperatures in the year 2100 by 0.0009 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s less than one one-thousandth of a degree in the next 78 years. He also calculated that the bill’s massive new programs will reduce ocean levels in the year 2100 by between 0.006 and 0.08 inches. So, the projected best-case

scenario is that it would reduce sea levels by less than one-tenth of an inch.

The IRA will make essentially zero difference to our climate while spending hundreds of billions of dollars. But one thing it is certain to do is to increase government control. Congressional Democrats added language to statutorily define carbon dioxide as an “air pollutant” under the Clean Air Act. This authorization could provide a legal basis for the EPA to expand control over carbon emissions.

The IRA also allocated millions of dollars to the EPA to investigate companies to ensure they are meeting emissions targets. The EPA will also work to “enhance standardization and transparency of corporate climate action commitments and plans.” Presumably, this means EPA will push companies to all get on board with a single nationwide framework. The Biden administration is serious about its “all of government” approach to global warming. America can’t afford to spend billions of dollars on programs that will make no difference. We also don’t need to give the government more power to tell us what to do on our own farms and ranches. U.S. agriculture already leads the world in developing environmentally friendly practices. Today, we take better care of each acre by requiring less fertilizer, water

and pest control to create even more food, fuel and fiber than ever before.

If it were not for those efforts, farmers would need almost 100 million more acres than they did in 1990 to harvest today’s corn, cotton, rice, soybeans, and wheat crops. Cattle and other grazing animals take up just a small percentage of total acreage, yet they produce copious amounts of milk and other proteins for consumption. Today, more than 140 million acres of U.S. farmland are used for conservation efforts and wildlife habitat. This is equal to the land area of California and New York combined.

Farmers and ranchers are part of the solution, not part of the problem. Policymakers need to encourage them to continue implementing common-sense conservation practices and taking better care of their land and resources each year. The last thing they need is another government program jamming a one-size-fits-all policy onto every farm and ranch.

(Garrett Hawkins is a farmer from Appleton City and serves as president of Missouri Farm Bureau, the state’s largest and most effective farm organization with a presence in every county throughout the state).

MU Extension offers mental health resources for farmers, ranchers

BY LINDA GEIST

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COLUMBIA — Take care of the farm and the farm will take care of you. That’s common advice handed down from one generation to the next.

But farmers often face stress that the farm can’t take care of, says Karen Funkenbusch, University of Missouri Extension health and safety specialist.

Farmers tend to put their families and farms before themselves, says Funkenbusch. But neither can function unless farmers take care of themselves physically and mentally.

For National Farm Safety Week, which continues through Sept. 24, Funkenbusch reminds farm and ranch families that MU Extension offers free resources to help them survive the stress of drought, uncertain economies, labor shortages, the pandemic and other issues beyond their control.

“We know this is a trying time for many,” Funkenbusch says. “Things don’t always go as planned during harvest, and farmers can find themselves worrying about a lot of things. Their mental health should not be one of them.”

Funkenbusch offers these “tune in, tune up and tune out” tips to help farmers during harvest:

- Tune in and tune out. Tune in to your body by paying attention to signs of stress. Tune out negative thoughts.
- Tune up by taking a break. Climb down from the tractor or combine and take a short break. Do something that you enjoy, even if it is only for a few minutes.
- Fine-tune daily habits. Eat correctly and get eight hours of sleep. Feed your body and soul so that you operate safely.

- Tune in to family and friends who express concern about you. If they are noticing changes in your daily habits and appearance, it is time to consider seeking help.

The MU Psychological Services Clinic offers up to five free teletherapy sessions for farmers and ranchers and members of their immediate families.

Learn more at muext.us/PSCFarmRanch, or contact the clinic at adpsc@missouri.edu or 573-882-4677. MU Extension and the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network provide this service through two USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grants.

Confidential AgriStress Helpline available

The Missouri Department of Agriculture’s new AgriStress Helpline also offers free, confidential help to farmers and their families. Producers can call or text 833-897-2474 to speak to a health care professional. The helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Learn more at agriculture.mo.gov/stress.php. NIFA awarded the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network grant to MDA to support distribution of mental health resources and training through MU Extension.

MU Extension, through a North Central Region Farm and Ranch Assistance Network federal grant, is part of Iowa Concern, which provides stress counselors, an attorney for legal education, information and referral services for farm families. The toll-free number is 800-447-1985.

The 24-hour National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free, confidential services. If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 or go to 988lifeline.org.

Find other resources in the MU Extension and Show-Me Farm Safety Mental Health Toolkit at muext.us/MHtoolkit.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Missouri recognizes Farm Safety and Health Week

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Agriculture is celebrating Farm Safety and Health Week now through Sept. 23, which has been recognized during the third week of September since being established by President Roosevelt in 1944.

This year’s theme, coined by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), is “Protecting Agriculture’s Future.”

Each day will have its own theme: Monday was Tractor Safety and Rural Roadway Safety; Tuesday was Overall Farmer Health; (today) Wednesday is Safety and Health for Youth in Agriculture; Thursday is Confined Spaces; and Friday is Safety and Health for Women in Agriculture.

Missouri serves as home to 95,000 farms and employs nearly 460,000 people in agriculture, forestry and related industries. Agriculture remains the state’s number one economic driver, supporting both rural and urban communities from farm to fork. In turn, farm safety and health is of utmost importance throughout the state.

“The safety of our farmers and ranchers remains a top priority for my team each

year,” Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said. “We live in a fast-paced world, and an equally-fast-paced industry. Reminding farmers to slow down, pay attention and take care of themselves is something I emphasize as the Director of Agriculture.”

In an effort to help protect agricultural health and safety professionals, health-care providers, extension agents, producers, farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, the AgriSafe Network are hosting daily webinars throughout the week. Topics include tractor and roadway safety, grain bin safety, wildfire and heat safety, workplace sexual harassment prevention, injury prevention, and mental health help for youth and adults.

Mental health is equally as important as physical health in the agriculture industry.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the AgriSafe Network, has launched the AgriStress Helpline for Missouri to provide Missouri farmers and ranchers a free and confidential mental health service. The Helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Producers can call or text (833) 897-2474 to speak to a healthcare professional (*see related story on the left*).

REPORT FROM THE MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

State Medicaid applications now processed within federal deadline

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MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

Missouri officials said Sept. 14 that Medicaid applications are now being processed within the federally-mandated timeline of 45 days, a step towards bringing the state into compliance with a mitigation plan to address a backlog of applications.

Robert Knodell, the acting director of the Department of Social Services, broke the news to lawmakers Wednesday during a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations.

“I’m pleased to tell you today that that backlog is no more and we are now processing current Medicaid applications within the federal requirement of 45 days,” Knodell told lawmakers, later adding: “Thankfully, now that backlog we are putting, as of this week, in the rearview mirror.”

In an interview following last Wednesday’s hearing, Knodell clarified that there are applications older than 45 days, but in those instances the department is still waiting on the applicant to provide additional information.

“Nobody has an untouched Medicaid

application older than 45 days, as of today,” Knodell said.

The state has a Sept. 30 deadline to wrangle its backlog of applications, after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) took the unusual step of requiring a mitigation plan to get the state’s processing time — which averaged 115 days in June — down to a maximum of 45 days.

A spokesperson for CMS did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

In an interview, Kim Evans, the director of the Family Support Division, credited increased flexibility through the mitigation plan, like using information previously verified in other benefit programs, with helping process Medicaid applications as well as the work of department staff.

“They’ve really dug in, and just really they’ve given us overtime,” Evans said. “They’ve just really worked very hard.”

Evans told reporters late last month that the average time it took to process a Medicaid application was between 85 to 90 days, compared to the average of

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Courthouse floor-repair project could mean finding temporary space for Recorder’s Office

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HERMANN — Repairing a portion of the floor in the Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deed’s Office appears to be a more extensive job than first thought, which means the Gasconade County Commission likely will be trying to shoehorn the office’s staff into tighter quarters at least for a short while.

Where that space will be has yet to be determined.

When work was being done the Assessor’s Office in recent years, that office’s staff was relocated to the Commission Chambers. Whether that would work for the Circuit Clerk’s Office is unclear; there could be more staffers and more equipment involved in the relocation.

How long the repairs to the floor under part of the Circuit Clerk’s Office will take is unclear. County Clerk Lesa Lietzow last week told the Commission that contractor Glen Englert feels a more-professional exam of the floor is needed.

“Glen feels it needs to be engineered and completely cut out,” the county clerk said.

Part of the floor is giving way, causing concern for the staffers of one of the busier county government offices. Any move would involve significant relocation of wiring for computers and telephones — some of which are tied to state government offices, which means state agency technicians would need to come to the courthouse to physically move the lines.

Presiding Commissioners Larry Miskel, R-Hermann, said the repair project and related move will be a substantial effort.

“It’s going to be expensive and the logistics...” he said. “The state’s got to come in and move their stuff,” he added, noting that the repair project likely won’t be a quick job. “This won’t happen in

two weeks,” he said.

The Commission is considering reaching out to consulting engineering firm Archer-Elgin for its input on the project.

Regarding that engineering firm, Miskel suggested the Commission take another look at the company’s proposal for a feasibility study for an elevator in the courthouse — possibly done in conjunction with the work that would be done to repair the floor of the Circuit Clerk & Recorder of Deeds Office. The proposal for the feasibility study was presented to the Commission in recent weeks, but was placed on hold while administrators researched other options.

Northern District Associate Commissioner Jim Holland, R-Hermann, said he has contacted two elevator companies in the St. Louis area who are willing to come to the courthouse to look at the structure and offer comments about the proposed installation of a lift. Holland said he would prefer to get a rough estimate of the work before committing to move forward with Archer-Elgin’s plan for a feasibility study.

In other matters at last week’s session Sept. 15, the Commission heard that the Road Department’s two new vehicles are ready. The initial plan was to pay for one new truck out of this year’s operating budget and the other out of the upcoming budget, but it appears both vehicles will be purchased with money in this year’s budget.

Some remedial work is needed on Valentine Ford Road where a contractor recently finished a bridge replacement project. A heavy rain in recent days revealed that the portion of the road at the bridge was too low, making it prone to being under water during periods of heavy rain.

Additional rock will be used to build up that portion of the road to bring it out of the flood plain.

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taxes, the law enforcement sales tax could generate as much as \$1 million a year.

Marie Newell, a recipient of a portion of the first round of allocations of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money outlined her proposed use of the funding. Newell said the money will be used to develop and offer training for entrepreneurs looking to begin online businesses.

“We’re looking to expand into a workforce training” program, she said, noting that she wants to start on a small scale, with only a few clients, and work into serving a wider audience.

“Eventually, the course will be open to anybody” online, she said. A condition of receiving the funds is that her clients must live in Gasconade County. Newell said her aim is to serve women business owners and other disadvantaged people looking to start their own businesses. She said she would be sending notices soon to potential clients.

Regarding the second round

of ARPA funding allocations, the Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet with staff of Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) early next month to consider the applications for a share of the second round of \$1.4 million received by Gasconade County. At last report, MRPC had received about 14 requests for funding.

Also, Holland offered a reminder that the area’s Solid Waste Management District has money available for programs aimed at increasing recycling. The money is available, through applications, for a variety of activities.

“It can be a school; it can be a church; it can be anything,” Holland said. “These are grants. You don’t have to pay it back.”

Miskel is scheduled to attend this week’s session, Lietzow said, but only for a brief period.

She said business will need to be conducted quickly because the presiding commissioner is scheduled to leave the courthouse by 9 a.m. — a half-hour after the start of the weekly session.

PSC approves increase to Ameren Missouri’s electric fuel adjustment charge as of Oct. 1

JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri’s Public Service Commission has approved a filing made by Union Electric Company (Ameren Missouri) to adjust the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on the bills of its electric customers.

Ameren Missouri made two filings with the Commission. In its first filing (Case No. ER- 2023-0031), Ameren Missouri proposed to adjust the FAC to reflect changes in its fuel and purchased power costs, net off-system sales revenues and associated transportation experienced during the four month period of February through May 2022. The second filing was Ameren Missouri’s FAC true-up (Case No.

EO-2023-0032).

For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month, the FAC will increase from a current FAC of approximately 41 cents a month to an FAC of approximately \$2.70 a month.

The change will take effect on Oct. 1.

The FAC tariff allows the company to pass increases or decreases in its net fuel and purchased power costs to customers outside of a general rate case.

The FAC allows the company to recover most — up to 95 percent — of its costs, but not all, to encourage conservation and prudence in fuel

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106 days in July. A federal report released last month showed that roughly four in every five Medicaid applications in Missouri took longer than 45 days to process at the beginning of this year — eight times the national average.

Since July 1, 2021, the state has received over 280,000 applications for Medicaid, Evans said, with around 12,000 applications still pending as of Wednesday. As of Sept. 9, 236,677 individuals have been enrolled into the expanded Medicaid group, according to the state’s caseload counter.

Rep. Sarah Unsicker, D-Shrewsbury, said she was glad to see the state had reduced its backlog, but stressed that the federal guidelines need to be a baseline.

“I hope they’ll continue to bring it down. In a lot of states it’s less than a week on average to process Medicaid applications,” Unsicker said, later adding: “They need to aim higher.”

Timothy McBride, a health policy analyst, professor at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis and former chair of the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee, said he recommends the state try to keep almost all the strategies in place that it’s implemented under the mitigation plan, especially with the open enrollment period beginning in November and the looming end of the federal public health emergency.

“It’s taken until now for them to catch up. We don’t want them to get through it now,” McBride said of the backlog. “And then have it start all over again.”

Staffing shortages have been a persistent issue that has contributed to the lengthy backlog of applications, and officials said those challenges still exist.

“We’re looking to fill positions, use creative strategies to recruit candidates, job fairs, workforce development pipelines, the usage of overtime when available within the confines of our system,” Knodell said. “So it remains a challenge.”

On average, Evans said around 30 to 33 employees are leaving each month.

As part of the state’s mitigation plan with CMS, Evans said that any applications received prior to Aug. 16 needed to be completed to be within the 45-day timeframe. Evans said the state has a few remaining pieces of pending information to complete before the state can submit to CMS that it is compliant.

“They want us to be under 45 days as of September 30. We will be,” Knodell said. “We’re happy to be there today. And we will be there on September 30 and moving forward.”

(This story was updated since it was initially published to include additional comments).

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a 6-0 vote for 10 qualifying students to attend, along with sponsors Clara Wehmeyer and Tyler Ahring.

The board also set the 2023 graduation date on a 6-0 vote. “So what you’ll see is our last day for students is Tuesday, May 23, and so Mr. (Kris) Altemeyer would like to set the graduation date for Friday, May 19,” Hardy said.

use by the company. Any charges resulting from the fuel adjustment clause must appear in a separate category on customers’ bills.

Fuel adjustment charges are intended to help companies deal with volatility in fuel pricing. The FAC tariff requires regular adjustments to reflect changes in prices the company has incurred for fuel and for wholesale power purchased to serve customers.

Ameren Missouri provides electric service to approximately 1.29 million electric customers in Missouri. All residential electric customers in the city of Owensville are supplied by Ameren Missouri.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS WARDEN

Police training day

Owensville Police patrolmen Patrick Dildine (far right) and Conner Pritchett (left) practice using lidar units to check the speed of motorists on Highway 28. The officers were training on both radar and lidar. Both are used to measure the speed of vehicle. Radar works by sending several “pings” toward a moving car. It then measures the return speed of the ping and calculates the speed. Lidar uses a laser aimed at the vehicle and takes multiple measurements. It uses the information to measure the car’s speed and can also tell police the distance from the vehicle. Radar can work while moving and is what used in most patrol cars. Lidar is a handheld “gun” and requires the user to be stationary. Paul Baldwin tests a unit (above) as the manufacturer’s representative looks on.



Bob McKee • From page 1

great ride but here’s the end of the road,” appeared in January 2018.

In all, McKee’s work appeared in 2,354 issues of this community’s newspaper. His stories included coverage of environmental threats from illegal scrapping operations, successful local efforts to halt expansion of a landfill north of Owensville, historic local and Missouri River flooding, a snowstorm which required assistance from the National Guard to clear roadways, and a tornado which heavily damaged the Landwehr subdivision south of town.

The title of his column came from his typical exit line for the day — “I’m going south.”

His wooded acreage in the Bem community provided him his hunting escape — turkey, deer and mushrooms.

His hunting trips locally and out west were frequent topics for his column — and not all were successful, he would often note. But, they made for fun stories. The successes, or lack of success and exploits among his hunting friends, was often a source of humor and good-natured ribbing in his column.

As a retired Owensville Volunteer Fire Department member, he often joked he was hesitant to burn a brush pile if he didn’t have enough beer on hand to supply thirsty firemen if he needed to call them to help extinguish it if — or when — it got away from him.

“It has been a fun and rewarding experience,” McKee wrote in his final piece. “I hope this column has entertained people, made some laugh and made some think, which is about all that a writer can ask.”

He successfully made the transition from darkroom photography to

“It has been a fun and rewarding experience. I hope this column has entertained people, made some laugh and made some think, which is about all that a writer can ask.” — from Bob McKee’s final “Going South.”

digital imaging before he retired. He shared his transition from typewriters to “primitive computers” in his final column.

“I was fortunate enough to be part of newspaper production from the times of painstakingly putting one together piece by piece to doing it all on a computer,” he wrote in 2018. “When I started at *The Republican* as a reporter and photojournalist in 1972, I was given a manual typewriter to write my stories from covering news events in Owensville and around Gasconade and Franklin counties. That evolved into a great advance, I thought, when they put an electric typewriter in front of me.”

McKee’s words and photographs left their impact in numerous award-winning entries for *The Republican* in Missouri Press Association competitions. The newspaper won Community Service Awards in 1974, 1976 and 1977, and 1994 and 1995.

In 1995, *The Republican* was the recipient of the Gold Cup award from the MPA for receiving the most award points for small weekly newspapers. It placed second in 1998.

The Republican was honored for Best Use of Local Photographs in 1989 and 1993. Best News Content was awarded to the paper in 1990 and 1991 and again in 2004. *The Republican* was recognized for General Excellence in 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999 and

2005.

When the newspaper didn’t win the award for General Excellence outright, there were often years where *The Republican* was recognized with a place award (third in 2003) or honorable mention (2004) in the category which judged the entire content of three issues throughout a given year.

McKee coined the term “Generally Excellent” in years where we settled for a place award instead of the first-place honor.

“We’re Generally Excellent, I guess,” he once said.

That term applies again this year as both *The Republican* and *The Maries County Advocate* received third-place awards for General Excellence in the 2022 MPA contest.

McKee was a mentor and the leader of this newspaper staff for more than 30 years.

In 2003, responding to a reader’s concerns over what they believed was “sensationalized” news coverage about suspects fleeing prosecution from methamphetamine-related drug crimes, McKee wrote the editorial “Not always a fun job.”

“Writing about crime and mayhem is not one of the more pleasant aspects of reporting the news in a small town,” he wrote. “Everyone knows everyone. Given chance, most journalists would rather write nothing but good news. Unfortunately, that is not how life goes. There is crime, there are tragic accidents. Writing about those incidents is not always easy, and never pleasant.”

McKee did it well, fairly, and was “Generally Excellent” over 2,354 consecutive weeks as a local newsmen. His obituary appears on page 8.

Immaculate Conception Parish Center

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Fall Festival

Chicken & Whole Hog Sausage Dinners

Saturday, Sept. 24

Dinner served 3:30PM–7:00PM (All-You-Care-To-Eat ~ Buffet Style)

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Day of Festival

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❖ **SILENT AUCTION** ❖
❖ **COUNTRY STORE** ❖
❖ **KIDS GAMES** ❖

FOR YOUR HEALTH

The many benefits of spending time in green spaces

As wonderful as summertime can be, there's also something really nice about the calendar — and the weather — turning toward fall. The light starts to soften a bit, and the crisp mornings and warm afternoons invite us to spend more time outside.

Maybe that's walking the kids home from school, cycling to the grocery store to grab a few items, or just enjoying a talk with a friend on a coffee shop patio.

Spending time at a park is another great fall activity, and one that can have a surprising number of benefits. Whether it's a ballfield down the street or a state or national park further away, research shows that spending time in open areas with grass, trees, and other plants can be good for both our mental and physical health.

"Some of the benefits that can come from exposure to greenspaces include improvements in sleep, blood pressure, cognitive function and physical activity,



by Dr. Graham Colditz
Siteman Cancer Center

as well as reduced risks of chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer," said Heather Eliassen, ScD, a professor of nutrition and epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She says other benefits include better mental health in both children and adults, improved infant birth weights and possibly even a lower risk of dying prematurely.

How do greenspaces provide such benefits? One key reason is that they encourage people to be physically active — to walk, skate, kick a ball around or play frisbee. We know that being more active has wide-ranging health benefits.

However, that's likely not the only reason parks and other greenspaces are good for us. They can also help decrease stress and anxiety, improve mindfulness, and provide an environment that may be cooler, quieter and have cleaner air than where we typically live. Greenspaces also offer opportunities for social interactions

and community engagement. Each of these can have its own health benefits, Eliassen added.

When planning a trip to a park, it's good to keep a few things in mind that can keep your visit as safe and enjoyable as possible:

- Bring enough water, and if it's going to be a longer visit, don't forget snacks.
- Wear sunscreen and sun-protective clothes, and seek out shade when you can.
- If you'll be walking, hiking or playing a sport, wear a good pair of shoes and keep your effort in line with your fitness.
- It's always safest to go with a friend or family member, rather than by yourself.

A quick search on the phone can often be the easiest way to find which city, state and even national parks are closest to us. While bigger trips to state and national parks can be wonderful, it's the parks closest to us that we'll visit the most and likely get the most benefit from.

"Learn about opportunities in your neighborhood and which greenspaces are easily accessible to you," Eliassen said. "If there are some that are a short or medium distance from home, try walking or biking to

the greenspace to get the benefits of exercise while getting to the greenspace. Or, find greenspace you could incorporate into your commute to and from school or work."

Spending time in greenspaces can have so many benefits that they're sometimes referred to as a "public health resource." That should give each of us a little extra incentive to regularly visit our neighborhood parks, or plan a special trip to a state or national park. That may even inspire some of us to become advocates for greenspaces, working to make them a part of our cities' plans so that even more people in our communities can have access to the broad benefits they have to offer.

For many reasons, try to get out and enjoy a walk in this park this fall.

It's your health. Take control.

Dr. Graham A. Colditz, associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, is an internationally recognized leader in cancer prevention and the creator of the free prevention tool YourDiseaseRisk.com.

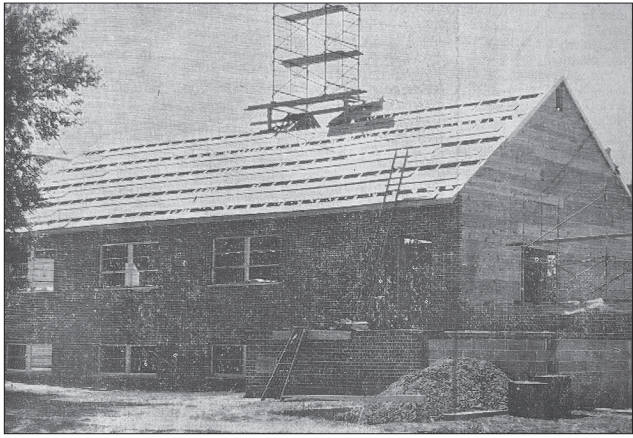
PAGES FROM OUR PAST

Hermann landmark destroyed by fire ~ 2002

60 years ago - Sept. 20, 1962

Work underway on education hall in Gerald

Construction on the First Baptist Church Memorial Education building is progressing, and dedication of the \$30,000 structure is expected to be about Christmas time. The new structure joins the present church.



Special ceremonies

Special ceremonies Sunday dedicated the Bay Community American Legion Home on Highway 50 near Bay. The Post Home was constructed in 1954. The ceremonies included burning of the mortgage. Post Commander Harvey Schneider welcomed guests and Ted Ruffner was master of ceremonies.

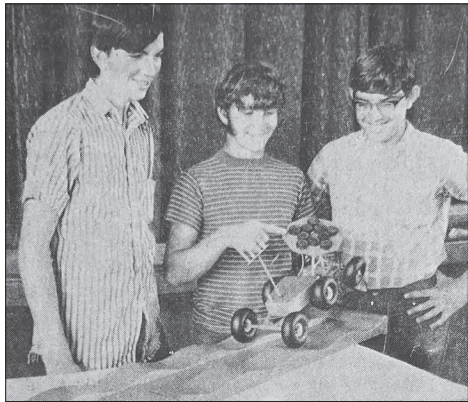
Locals in the news

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Knehans took their son, Gerard Jr., and John Kinder to Chicago, Ill. Saturday where the boys will attend Midwestern Broadcasting School.

50 years ago - Sept. 20, 1972

Moon rover

It runs on sunlight. Ricky Gray of Owensville High School, shows fellow students, Terry Martin and Billy Decker, a model of an unmanned moon rover. The model of a device called the Surveyor Lunar Roving Vehicle. This was one of nine demonstrations seen when General Motors' "Preview of Progress" visited OHS on Monday.



Locals in the news

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kellmann of Route 1, Thursday, Sept. 14. He weighed nine pounds, two ounces and was named Craig Louis. He joins a brother and a sister in the family.



40 years ago - Sept. 22, 1982

Attend tire dealers conference

Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn Jost (center) Mrs. and Mrs. Ronald Jost (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jost, representing Jost Tire Co. attended the 62 annual convention of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association Sept. 10-13 in Las Vegas..



30 years ago - Sept. 23, 1992

Fishing derby

Cub Scout Pack 22 held its annual Fishing Derby Sept. 13 at Tea Lakes. Winning scouts were (in front from left) Jeb Maciejewski, first place; Matt Kramme, second; and Josh Rogers, third in the most fish caught category. In back are Ben Richardson, first in casting; Allen Korff, largest fish; Johnathan Wehmeyer, second largest fish and Brandon Fisher, third largest fish..

20 years ago - Sept. 18, 2002

Hermann landmark destroyed by fire

Fire destroyed the Loure Market Sunday, Sept. 15. The Hermann-area grocery store has operated north of the Missouri River for nearly 40 years. Owners Bob and Carol Johnson were at home in their apartment above the grocery store when the fire started. They escaped with harm. (The store was rebuilt.)

10 years ago - Sept. 19, 2012

Emhart Glass, Owensville plant, celebrate 100th anniversary

Before gathering for a meal together on Friday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Emhart Glass, employees in Owensville heard words of praise on the quality of their work from Edward Munz, vice president of corporate development. He noted their work for its "high quality and durability."



Race to titles at Fulton

Miles McKinney (left, photo right) tries to stay ahead of a Wentzville runner in the middle school boys race Saturday morning in Callaway County.

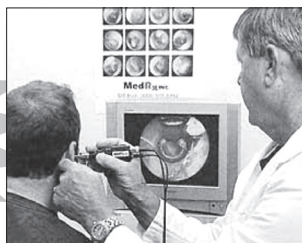
COLLEGE CLIPS

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN HONORS

Clara Wehmeyer of Rosebud graduated summer 2022 with a Master of Arts in Teaching from Missouri State University. The graduates will participate in the fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 16, at Great Southern Bank Arena. Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

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Engagement



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Garth - Ragan make wedding plans

Craig and Diane Garth, Owensville, wish to announce the engagement of their son, Ethan Garth, of Owensville, to Madison Ragan of Owensville, daughter of Shane Ragan of Vienna, and Rebecca Kleffner of Jefferson City.

The groom-to-be is a 2015 Owensville High School graduate and is employed at Capital Quarries.

The bride-to-be is a 2017 Vienna High School graduate and is employed at Mercy Medical Group.

The couple is planning a wedding in April.

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 21	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime
Wednesday, Sept. 21	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Missouri Ozarks Community Action
Wednesday, Sept. 21	12:30-4 p.m.	Missouri Ozarks Community Action
Thursday, Sept. 22	6-7 p.m.	Eating Healthy with a Mediterranean Diet
Wednesday, Sept. 28	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime

Lil' Owl's Storytime: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Missouri Ozarks Community Action (MOCA): Visit the mobile services van at the branch. MOCA staff will be able to answer questions and assist with service applications. Eating Healthy with a Mediterranean Diet: Present by MU Extension dietitian, Rachel Buenemann. Seeds of the Month Club for September: Scarlet Kale. Every first Tuesday — ask for details! Supplies for events (make-and-take kits) are available at the library. Library patrons are asked to practice frequent washing of their hands and social distancing. Reach the Owensville library at 437-2188.

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DISTRICT R-2 SCHOOL MENUS

Menu is subject to change without notice due to availability. Variety Milk choices – 1% White, Chocolate, Strawberry, Skim. Lactose Free is available on request. Extra Milk .50.*

OES/OMS/OHS School Lunches

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Cheeseburger, Fries, Green Beans, Peaches

Thursday, Sept. 22
Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick, Mixed Fruit

Friday, Sept. 23
NO SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 26
Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, Peas, Pears

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Soft Shell Taco, Taco Veggies, Corn, Refried Beans, Applesauce

Wednesday, Sept. 28
BBQ Rib on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches

Thursday, Sept. 29
Ravioli, Garlic Breadstick, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges

Friday, Sept. 30
Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Mixed Fruit

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SENIOR SERVICES

Owensville Senior Menu

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Soup at 10:30 a.m., meals served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call before 10:30 a.m. to place your curbside order

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Tuna Salad, Pickled Onion and Cucumber Salad, Sautéed Squash and Onions, Crackers, Fruited Jello Salad

Thursday, Sept. 22
Hot Dog with Bun, Baked Beans, French Fries, Ice Cream or Chef Salad

Friday, Sept. 23
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Dessert

Monday, Sept. 26
Chicken and Noodles, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit Salad, Cup Cakes

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Pudding

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Roast Beef Slider with Onions, Potato, Triple Bean Salad, Fruit

Thursday, Sept. 29
Honey Bourbon Meatballs, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Pineapple, Rice, Jello Dessert

Friday, Sept. 30
Roasted Turkey, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Fruit Salad, Dressing, Carrot Cake

* Milk is served daily.

GASCONADE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

8/16/2022 to 8/31/2022

Shane M. Brocato, parcels in Subdivision: 00221: Lot: 10, Block: 5; Subdivision: 00221: Lot: 11, Block: 5; to Strategic Streams LLC.

Darrin Danuser, Sonya Danuser, parcels in Section: 9, Township: 44, Range: 5.00–NE–NE; Section: 9, Township: 44, Range: 5.00–SE–NE; to Chet Labruyere.

Bradley Hart, parcels in Subdivision: 00087, Lot: 9; Subdivision: 00087, Lot: 11; to Bradley Hart, Jennifer L. Gourley.

Margaret Wright, parcel in Subdivision: 00018, Lot: 5; to Skyler Rucker, Kimberly Rucker.

Benjamin Horstmann, Heather Horstmann, parcel in Subdivision: 00259, Lot: 7; to Harold W. Reynolds Jr., Keri V. Reynolds.

Dustin L. Kahler, parcel in Subdivision: 00326, Lot: 23; to Jeffery S. Azevedo.

Scott A. Van Matre, Scott A. Vanmatre, Carey R. Van Matre, Carey R. Vanmatre, parcels in Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–NW–SE; Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–NE–SW; Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–SW–SE; Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–SE–SW; to Van Matre Family Trust, Vanmatre Family Trust.

Scott A. Van Matre, Scott A. Vanmatre, Carey R. Van Matre, Carey R. Vanmatre, parcels in Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–NW–SE; Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–SW–SE; Section: 18, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W–SE–SW; to Van Matre Family Trust, Vanmatre Family Trust.

VAB Investments LLC, parcels in Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 1, Block: 54; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 2, Block: 54; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 3, Block: 54; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 4, Block: 54; to Vincent L. Baumhoegger (Sole Member/Manager), BRPS Investments LLC.

Larry Chandler, Juanita Chandler (Deceased), parcel in Subdivision: 00076, Lot: 45; to Randy D. Holzschuh, Krystal M. Holzschuh.

Thomas J. Mayberry, Thomas Mayberry (AKA), Robbin J. Mayberry, Robbin Mayberry (AKA), parcels in Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 47, Block: 8; Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 48, Block: 8; Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 49, Block: 8; to Sherry Winford.

Bo Eppe, Amy Eppe, Bryce Eppe, Jamie Eppe, parcel in Subdivision: 00260, Lot: 7, Block: J;

to Steven Eppe, Catherine Eppe.

Steven Eppe, Catherine Eppe, parcel in Subdivision: 00260, Lot: 7, Block: J; to David Struttman, Barbara Struttman.

Pamela Kirby, parcels in Subdivision: 00039, Lot: 4, Block: 58; Subdivision: 00039, Lot: 3, Block: 58; to Moronia L. Roe Buckman, Moronia L. Buckman Roe.

Ricky H. Kleager, Brenda Kleager, Linda D. Richardson, Ross Richardson, parcels in Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–NE–SE–NW; Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–SE–SE–NW; Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–SE–NE; Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–SW–NE; Section: 21, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–NE–SE; to James C. Sappington, Bria J. Sappington.

Rick K. Uffmann, Susan Uffmann, Minnie Uffmann (Deceased), parcels in Section: 14, Township: 41N, Range: 6.00W–NW–NW; Section: 14, Township: 41N, Range: 6.00W–SE–NE–NW; to Jeremy S. Perkins, Leslie A. Perkins.

Paul Webb, Eileen Webb, Norman C. Weiskopf, Nancy A. Weiskopf, parcels in Section: 2, Township: 41, Range: 6.00–NW–SW; Section: 2, Township: 41, Range: 6.00–NE–SW; to Kenneth F. Bailey, Georgia A. Bailey.

Luecke Properties LLC, Jerry Luecke (Manager), Mitzi Luecke (Manager), parcels in Section: 17, Township: 41, Range: 6.00–SE–SW; Section: 20, Township: 41, Range: 6.00–NE–NW; to Rich W. Misner, Stacy L. Misner.

Alyssa M. Sachs, Benjamin C. Sachs, parcel in Subdivision: 00327, Lot: 75; to Rebekah Mayberry, Shawn Mayberry.

Blaine Eikermann, parcels in Subdivision: 00084, Lot: 63; Subdivision: 00084, Lot: 65; to Dakota Eikermann.

Lisa J. Morse, Kenny A. Morse, Beverly Reno, parcels in Section: 21, Township: 42N, Range: 4.00W–NE–SW; Section: 21, Township: 42N, Range: 4.00W–SE–NW; to Angela Gregory, Jacob Gregory (Undivided 1/2 Interest), Justin Gregory (Undivided 1/2 Interest).

SB Elm LLC, David Messner (Manager), Hermann Boutique Lodging LLC, parcels in Subdivision: 00326, Lot: 38; Subdivision: 00326, Lot: 40; to Jesse Brownberger, Taylor Brownberger.

Tim Schulte Holdings Co LLC, Timothy S. Schulte (Member), parcels in Section: 27, Township: 45, Range: 5.00–NE–NW; Section: 27, Township: 45, Range: 5.00–NW–NE; to MGP Holdings LLC.

James J. Moritz, Carolyn S. Moritz, parcel in Subdivision: MOR L; to Timothy W. Shanks, Karen W. Shanks.

James R. Schirmer, Irene V. Schirmer, parcels in Subdivision: 00265, Lot: 2, Block: 12; Subdivision: 00265, Lot: 3, Block: 12; to Irene V. Schirmer, James R. Schirmer.

Richard G. Thomas, JoAnn T. Thomas, parcel in Section: 5, Township: 41, Range: 4.00–NE; to Jo Ann T. Thomas (Trustee), Richard G. Thomas (Trustee), Thomas Richard & Jo Ann Living Trust, Thomas Jo Ann & Richard Living Trust.

Turnbo Auto Repair LLC, Tina Turnbough (Member), parcels in Subdivision: 00009, Lot: 7; Subdivision: 00009, Lot: 8; Subdivision: 00009, Block: 84; Subdivision: 00236, Lot: 2; Subdivision: 00236, Lot: 3; Subdivision: 00236, Block: 1; to MKW Auto Repair LLC.

Mathew C. Crider, Matthew C. Crider, Kayla D. Kuhne, parcels in Section: 5, Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W–SE–SE; Section: 5, Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W–NE–SE; Section: 4, Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W–SW–NW; to Matthew C. Crider, Kayla D. Kuhne.

Bobby W. Alexander, parcel in Subdivision: 00130, Lot: 3, Block: 3; to Ritual Place LLC.

Virginia Amsden, Virginia L. Eisenhauer (NKA), parcels in Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 7, Block: 49; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 8, Block: 49; to Lisa M. Peterson, Samantha Wilson.

Kirk L. Fritsch, Alice Fritsch, parcels in Subdivision: 00039, Lot: 7, Block: 8; Subdivision: 00039, Lot: 6, Block: 8; Kirk L. Fritsch (Trustee), Alice T. Fritsch (Trustee), Fritsch Alice T. & Kirk L. Revocable Living Trust, Fritsch Kirk L. & Alice R. Revocable Living Trust.

Kirk L. Fritsch, Alice Fritsch, parcels in Section: 27, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W–SE–NW; Section: 27, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W–SW–NW; Section: 27, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W–NW–SW; Section: 27, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W–NE–SW; to Kirk L. Fritsch (Trustee), Alice T. Fritsch (Trustee), Fritsch Kirk L. & Alice R. Revocable Living Trust, Fritsch Alice T. & Kirk L. Revocable Living Trust.

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Halloween Campout

The Owensville Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) has scheduled its second annual Halloween-themed Family Campout for October 1–2 at Memorial Park Campground, located at 510 Red Oak Road. Activities include site decorating and costume contest plus tick-or-treating for those wishing to participate. A hot dog dinner for Saturday and a light breakfast on Sunday is included. Glenda Vogt and her grandson Jett Hoffmann (above) won first place in the site decorating contest during the 2021 event. There is a \$25 fee per family/site. Campers can set-up anytime Saturday. Checkout time is noon Sunday. For additional \$15 those wishing may set-up camp on Friday. For more information about the special event or to learn how to register, visit www.cityofowensville.com/events, call 573-437-8231 or email parkrec@cityofowensville.com.

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Should you stick with index-based investments?

JASON R. CROWE, AAMS® FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Edward Jones



You may have heard that you can simplify your investment strategy just by owning index-based or passive investments. But is this a good idea? You'll want to consider the different aspects of this type of investment style.

To begin with, an index-based investment is a vehicle such as a mutual fund or an exchange-traded fund (ETF) that mimics the performance of a market benchmark, or index — the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500, and so on. (An ETF is similar to a mutual fund in that it holds a variety of investments but differs in that it is traded like a common stock.) You can also invest in index funds that track the bond market.

Index investing does offer some benefits. Most notably, it's a buy-and-hold strategy, which is typically more effective than a market-timing approach, in which individuals try to buy investments when their prices are down and sell them when the prices rise. Attempts to time the market this way are usually futile because nobody can really predict when high and low points will be reached. Plus, the very act of constantly buying and selling investments can generate commissions and fees, which can lower your overall rate of return. Thus, index investing generally involves lower fees and is considered more tax efficient than a more active investing style.

Also, when the financial markets are soaring, which happened for several years until this year's downturn, index-based investments can certainly look pretty good — after all, when the major indexes go up, index funds will do the same.

Conversely, during a correction, when the market drops at least

10% from recent highs, or during a bear market, when prices fall 20% or more, index-based investments will likely follow the same downward path.

And there are also other issues to consider with index-based investments. For one thing, if you're investing with the objective of matching an index, you may be overlooking the key factors that should be driving your investment decisions — your goals and your risk tolerance. An index is a completely impersonal benchmark measuring the performance of a specific set of investments — but it can't be a measuring stick of your own progress.

Furthermore, a single index, by definition, can't be as diversified as the type of portfolio you might need to achieve your objectives. For example, the S&P 500 may track a lot of companies, but they're predominantly large ones. And to achieve your objectives, you may need a portfolio consisting of large- and small-company stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can give you more opportunities for success and can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or prevent all losses.)

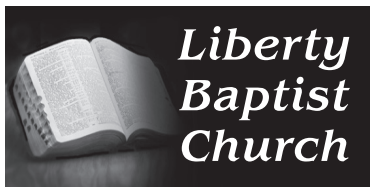
Ultimately, diversifying across different types of investments that align with your risk tolerance and goals — regardless of whether they track an index — is the most important consideration for your investment portfolio. Use this idea as your guiding principle as you journey through the investment world.

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Missouri auditor candidates spar over independence from partisan influence

BY RUDI KELLER
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

LAKE OZARK—The Republican trying to get the only statewide office currently held by Democrats pledged Friday he would show no partisan favoritism, while his opponents said only they could provide the independence needed in the office.

State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick, former state Rep. Alan Green and accountant John Hartwig Jr. met in their first and possibly only debate of the campaign at the annual Missouri Press Association convention.

Fitzpatrick, a Republican and former Missouri House Budget Committee chairman, said he will not back down when audit findings show problems in agencies led by his fellow Republicans.

“Anybody who’s covered state government during my time in office much at all knows I have no problem upsetting the apple cart,” Fitzpatrick said to the assembled publishers and editors.

Green, a Democrat who represented Florissant for seven years in the Missouri House, said electing Fitzpatrick would make him wonder “who is guarding the hen house? That is an office that should be independent and whoever is in that position is watching our dollars and make sure each and every dollar is spent in an appropriate way.”

Hartwig, a Libertarian who has not held public office, said his pledge to serve only one term

Democratic, Republican and Libertarian hopefuls debate before Missouri Press Association



PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER

STATE AUDITOR candidate Allen Green, a Democrat, shakes hands Friday with Republican Scott Fitzpatrick, as Libertarian John Hartwig, Jr., crosses the Lodge of Four Seasons stage to offer his hand. The three participated in a debate hosted by the Missouri Press Association during its 156th convention.

if elected will free him from any attempts to soften audit findings.

“I can impartially audit anyone whether it is a Republican or a Democrat,” Hartwig said.

The auditor is the only constitutional officer on this year’s ballot. The election is not held in the same year other officers are selected to reduce the influence of partisanship on the result. Over the past 50 years,

five of the eight auditors won their first election running on the major party ticket opposite of the party that held the governorship.

Nicole Galloway, the current auditor and a Democrat, decided not to seek a new term in June 2021 after losing the 2020 election for governor to Republican Gov. Mike Parson.

The constitutional qualifications

for being state auditor allow any person who is at least 30, a citizen of the U.S. for 15 years and a resident of Missouri for 10 years to hold the office. But because of the accounting duties of the office, many who run are certified public accountants.

Only Hartwig has that qualification this year. Green, who has also been a state agency director, running the Office of Equal Opportunity un-

der Gov. Jay Nixon, and worked in the Department of Social Services, said his experience understanding state budget issues makes him qualified to run the office.

Fitzpatrick said the CPA qualification is not necessary because the office has many accountants for the day-to-day auditing work.

“What the auditor’s office needs is a leader,” Fitzpatrick said. “I know my way around state government.”

Under questioning from a panel of journalists, Fitzpatrick, Green and Hartwig found agreement in a number of areas.

They all said they would retain the rating system for state and local agency audits adopted by the late Tom Schweich after he became auditor in 2010. Those ratings — Excellent, Good, Fair or Poor — are a “good system, a fair system,” Green said, with his opponents echoing those words.

They also said they would support legislation to give the auditor stronger powers to enforce the state Sunshine Law.

“I would love to see that happen, because so many times information is not getting out to the public because it is not being shared,” Green said.

None of the three said they have specific changes they would make in the office, saying they want to wait until they have been auditor and see how it currently operates.

Fitzpatrick noted that the office is authorized to have 160 employees

and currently has about 115 to 120. If the empty jobs are needed, he will push to recruit, he said. If not, he will ask lawmakers to reduce the number of employees allowed.

The candidates disagreed, however, on some policy questions, including whether they support Amendment 3, which would legalize recreational use and sale of marijuana in Missouri.

Green said he supports the measure and Hartwig declined to answer because the auditor’s job is not to make policy. Fitzpatrick said he opposes it, not because he is against legal marijuana but because it clutters up the Missouri Constitution.

“Issues related to marijuana belong in the statutes,” Fitzpatrick said. “And I don’t like a government-mandated monopoly,” referring to provisions that automatically grant licenses to grow and sell recreational marijuana to businesses serving the medical market.

The candidates were also asked about their future ambitions. Of the 10 auditors elected or appointed because of a vacancy since 1970, five have run for governor.

Green and Fitzpatrick didn’t address the question directly, saying that they would wait and make a decision when an opportunity came their way. Hartwig made it clear he only wants one term in office.

“That is the best way to address the problem of chronic politicians,” he said.

Schmitt no-shows Missouri Senate debate, Valentine slams farmland ownership by China

Libertarian Jonathan Dine and Constitution Party candidate Paul Venable joined Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine for Friday’s debate in Lake Ozark

BY JASON HANCOCK
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

LAKE OZARK— Attorney General Eric Schmitt, who last week accused Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine of dodging debates, refused to show up for the first debate of Missouri’s U.S. Senate campaign on Friday.

Organized by the Missouri Press Association as part of its 156th annual convention in Lake Ozark, Valentine, Libertarian Party candidate Jonathan Dine and Constitution Party candidate Paul Venable shared the stage with an empty lectern that was reserved for Schmitt. Mark Maassen, executive director of the Missouri Press Association, said this is only the second time since 1988 that a major-party candidate has refused to attend one of the organization’s debates.

The first slate of questions focused on the state of American democracy, which Valentine said was in “crisis.”

She decried the idea of the independent state legislature theory, which argues the federal government and state courts have no role in setting up rules for elections, saying “we need rules that are the same all over America regarding our ability to vote.”

Dine said during previous runs for office he was routinely left out of debates, leaving him to believe that America doesn’t have a true democracy but rather “a club where only two teams get to participate.”

Venable focused on former President Donald Trump’s lie of a stolen presidential election, saying he doesn’t believe Joe Biden was legitimately elected president in 2020.

“On January 6, there was an insurrection,” he said, “but he did not come from outside the Capitol.”

Asked about banning foreign ownership of farmland, both Dine and Venable say they would oppose the idea. Valentine highlighted Schmitt’s 2013 vote in the state Senate to allow Missouri farmland to be owned by a foreign entity.

Before that vote, foreign ownership of Missouri farmland was banned. Soon after the ban was lifted, a Chinese company purchased Smithfield Foods and its 40,000 acres of Missouri farmland.

China was a key flashpoint in the GOP U.S. Senate primary, with all six major candidates jockeying for position in a party that has adopted former President Donald Trump’s hard line against China as gospel.

Valentine echoed the criticism of Schmitt on Friday.



PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER

A PODIUM and microphone were staged for Missouri U.S. Senate candidate Eric Schmitt at the Lodge of Four Seasons where he had been invited to participate Friday in a debate hosted by the Missouri Press Association. He did not appear. Candidates participating include Libertarian Scott Dine (second from left), Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine (speaking) and Paul Venable, Constitution Party. Moderating was David Lieb of the Associated Press (far left).

“Eric Schmitt allowed thousands of acres of farmland to be sold to Communist China,” Valentine said. “And that’s just plain wrong.”

With Congress considering legislation legalizing same-sex marriage, the candidates were asked whether they would support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

“All people should have the right to live the authentic life they want to live,” Valentine said.

Dine agreed that LGBTQ Americans should be able to live freely without fear of persecution.

“If you’re in the public marketplace and you’re selling goods or services,” he said, “you have no right to discriminate against somebody based on their race, color,

gender or sexual orientation.”

Venable said Congress doesn’t have the constitutional authority to prohibit anti-LGBTQ discrimination. That, he said, is the job of states.

Asked about the proposed constitutional amendment legalizing recreational marijuana that will appear on the Missouri ballot in November, both Valentine and Venable said they would oppose the federal government legalizing marijuana.

Valentine said she supports the amendment legalizing marijuana in Missouri because it keeps cannabis out of the hands of anyone under 21.

“This is an important issue for me,” Valentine said. “I had a son who died of an opioid overdose.”

Dine said he was once sentenced

to three years in prison for possession of marijuana. Now, he said, he’s a licensed cannabis cultivator.

“I find it ironic that they had one sent me to jail for something and now they let me do it if I pay them their extortion,” he said, adding that he supports both the amendment in Missouri but also any moves towards legalization at the federal level.

Valentine said the greatest threat facing the country is climate change. “We all need to start getting off fossil fuels,” he said.

Venable said the biggest threat is Joe Biden’s administration. “Congress has the power to fix this,” he said. “And they had the power to do it on Jan. 6.”

The national debt is the nation’s biggest threat, Dine said. “The

problem is we’re running out of money,” he said.

In an emailed statement about Schmitt’s refusal to participate in Friday’s event, his spokesman said the attorney general only wants to participate in debates that are televised statewide during prime time. He said Schmitt has agreed to participate in a debate hosted by Nexstar, which operates stations in the state’s three largest media markets, Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield.

Valentine’s spokesman said after Friday’s event that she has agreed to a televised debate last month and “will continue to review any and all invitations we have.”

JONATHAN DINE shakes hands with Trudy Busch Valentine following their debate Friday at Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake Ozark, Mo.



AMOS BRIDGES, editor of the Springfield News-Leader, poses a debate question for U.S. Senate candidates Friday during the Missouri Press Association’s convention at Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake Ozark, Mo. Fellow newspaper editors Echo Menges (left), Edina Sentinell and Nicole Cooke (Sedalia Democrat and Warrensburg Star-Journal) were also on the panel. Three television outlets covered the debate.

News Briefs

NICHOLASA. MARTIN, 37, Hermann, was arrested at 12:05 a.m. Sept. 15 in Gasconade County by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on allegations of driving while intoxicated and failure to drive on the right half of the road. He was released, according to the MSHP arrest report.

HERMANN AREA District Hospital's Board of Directors are scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at the new clinic at 123 Bavarian Hills Plaza. The meeting is open to the public. A portion of the meeting is scheduled for closed session discussion on topics including personnel, litigation, real estate, collective bargaining or to negotiate a contract as allowed by state statute. A tour of the new clinic facility is also planned.

JACOB C. PAGE, 24, Owensville, was arrested at 4:23 p.m. Sept. 15 by the Missouri State Highway Patrol in Cole County on a misdemeanor Miller County warrant alleging failure to appear in court on a traffic offense. He was also cited for not wearing a seat belt and for not having proof of insurance. He was transported to the Cole County Jail on the bondable offense.

KENTON BOHL and Robert Huesgen, Jr., were reappointed Sept. 6 to the Owensville Board of Adjustment for five-year terms. Ward 1 Alderman Denis Bohl abstained from voting for her husband.

OWENSVILLE PARKS Commission members are scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Buschmann Park. Following the business meeting, Parks Commission members will dedicate the new playground equipment along West Madison Avenue. Refreshments are planned after the opening ceremony. The new play area is "95-percent complete," said Angela Lairmore at the city's Board of Aldermen meeting on Monday. Finish landscaping around the structure was being done by city Parks staff. "It's safe and in compliance," she added.



PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON

'There's NO Place Like Owensville' for OHS homecoming

Owensville High School seniors vying to be crowned Homecoming King and Queen (from left) include Bryce Payne, Drew Copeland, Mallory Eberlin, Derrick Marquez, Ella Gehlert and Charlie Whelan. A parade will take place throughout the Gasconade County R-2 campus starting at 10 a.m., Friday in the high school parking lot before passing the entrances to Owensville Elementary School and Owensville Middle School. A pep assembly will be held that afternoon at 2:45 at Dutchmen Field (weather permitting) and a dance will take place from 9-11 p.m., inside the OHS small gym. Coronation will take place at 6:15 p.m., prior to kickoff of the Gasconade County Bowl football game between the visiting Hermann Bearcats and Owensville Dutchmen. The candidates are pictured Monday on pajama dress-up theme day.

Krammes selected as county's State Fair Farm Family

Travis, Wyatt, and Westin Kramme, joined by Angela Kast, were among the families honored during the 64th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 15 at the Missouri State Fair.

The Kramme family was selected as the Gasconade County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension Council and the local Farm Bureau.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MISSOURI FARM BUREAU

Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state that are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The Kramme family operates a 140-acre commercial beef cattle operation, as well as raising some hogs. In addition Travis is also

involved with his father's farm and including other land, he has cattle on approximately 600 acres all together.

The annual event is sponsored by five partner agencies: the Missouri Farm Bureau; the Missouri Department of Agriculture; the Missouri State Fair Commissioners; the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; and MU

Extension.

The event showcases the impact that Missouri farm families have on the economy and heritage of the state, said Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. "These families are involved in agriculture activities in their communities and are active participants in local outreach and extension. As the premier showcase for Missouri agriculture, the Mis-

TRAVIS, WYATT, and Westin Kramme are pictured with Angela Kast, and state agriculture and fair officials at the presentation of the Missouri State Fair Farm Family award for Gasconade County.

souri State Fair is most certainly the appropriate place to celebrate these families."

Stephan inducted into 4-H Hall of Fame

SEDALIA—Swiss community resident Nancy Stephan was among 40 volunteers inducted Aug. 20 into the 2022 Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame at State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

Stephan has been involved as a leader in the Double S 4-H Club in Swiss for 25 years. She was a "4-H kid" growing up in Montgomery County where she was a member of the Big Spring Busy Beavers club with her mother as a leader.

"It was just a natural part of life," said Stephan of her 4-H experience growing up. "It's what you did."

The Missouri 4-H Foundation recognizes individuals who have created a legacy of service to 4-H by honoring them with membership in the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, said Rachel Augustine, director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

"The 4-H program would not be possible without our dedicated



NANCY STEPHAN of the Swiss community (front and center) was named to the 4-H Hall of Fame. Joining Stephan in the class of 2022 inductees were Fannie Lea of Crawford County and Sharon Strubberg of Franklin County (seated together in the second row, far right).

volunteers," Augustine said. "They are the backbone of 4-H, supporting and nurturing thousands of young people every year. We are proud to recognize these dedicated people who have helped shape 4-H history."

Inductees from 34 counties established a legacy totaling 1,042 years of service to 4-H. Friends and

family members attended the 16th annual event, which was sponsored by FCS Financial and the Missouri State Fair in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Joining Stephan in the 2022 class of inductees from the region are Fannie Lea, Crawford County, and Sharon Strubberg, Franklin County. "We are eternally grateful to the

more than 7,000 volunteers who provide mentorship and guidance to our youth, helping them become leaders and responsible adults," said Lupita Fabregas, director of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development.

"Now, more than ever, we must celebrate and thank them for the years of service they have dedicated

to educating young people," said Fabregas. "Year after year, our volunteers—like the ones we celebrate today—continue to demonstrate the true meaning of devotion, compassion and commitment, helping us build a better future for the next generation of Missourians."

Stephan has worked at University Extension now for two years.

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AREA OBITUARIES

**Raymond Gaddy
1937-2022**

Raymond E. Gaddy, 85, Largo, Fla, formerly of Owensville, passed away peacefully Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, surrounded by loving family at his residence.

He was born April 13, 1937, to Vivian Eugene and Dorothy Johnson Murdock in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Early in life, his mother married Charles “Roy” Gaddy. He chose to legally change his name to Raymond E. Gaddy to honor his close relationship with his step-dad Roy.

He was united in marriage to Delores Geer Gaddy in 1980.

Ray served in the U.S. Marines. He worked with step-dad Roy in his oil solvent business before going into the Marines. When he returned he worked in a tool mill, before returning to the oil solvent business. He had a successful farming operation, with his son’s help. He was also in sales and real estate. He also owned and operated a daycare with his wife call Grandma and Grandpa’s House in Dublin, Ohio.

Ray was preceded in death by parents Vivian and Dorothy; step-father Charles Roy Gaddy; brother-in-law Paul Pike; ex-wife Patricia R. Pike Gaddy; daughter Susan Renee Stearns; grandchildren Narelle Flagg and Alex Thomas; and five great-grandchildren.

He is survived by wife of 41 years, Delores; children Steven R. Gaddy and wife Kim of Owensville, Lisa M. Dudley Zimmerman and husband Robert, Gregory L. Stearns, Sheryl A. Fellers and husband Rick, Daniel W. Brehm, Linda A. Flagg, and Cynthia S. Sipp and husband Dennis; sister Patricia Murdock Pike; and 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and a Christmas great-granddaughter on the way.

A military service and small memorial will be held Monday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m. at Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Consider lawn needs in fall

COLUMBIA — For home lawns, Missouri weather is like Goldilocks’ porridge. For some types of grass it’s too hot and for others it’s too cold. In Missouri, the hard part is finding a grass for which the weather is “just right.”

There is no one-size-fits-all grass for Missouri lawns, say University of Missouri Extension horticulturists Robert Balek and Justin Keay. Missouri’s weather extremes are too hot for cool-season grasses and too cold for warm-season grasses.

Most lawn experts consider Missouri a transition state where cool-season grasses perform better in the northern part of the state and warm-season grasses perform better in the southern part of the state, with neither able to grow optimally in Missouri’s weather extremes.

The key to a quality lawn is to select species and varieties that grow well in your region, Balek and Keay say.

Some homeowners are starting to consider is buffalo grass, a native warm-season grass. It requires little water. Like other warm-season grasses, it goes dormant and brown in winter. By contrast, cool-season grasses go dormant in summer. However, buffalo grass does not produce dense stands like tall fescue. In general, buffalo grass lawns require homeowners to pay more attention to weed control, especially during the first and second years of establishment.

Turf-type tall fescue is a favorite for nonirrigated lawns in Missouri. Its deep root system works well in a variety of soil types, and it tolerates a wide range of soil pH. It also tolerates heat and drought better than other cool-season grasses. Many turf seed mixes contain both Kentucky bluegrass and turf-type tall fescue. Kentucky bluegrass spreads via rhizomes and can help fill in damaged areas of the lawn. Fescue doesn’t have rhizomes and won’t spread, so bare spots need to be overseeded in all-fescue lawns.

Consider whether to do a complete renovation or overseed areas with poor growth such as compacted footpaths. Seeding is the most economical choice. Plugs and sod are options for those who want quick results at a higher cost. Follow seeding guidelines. Too much seed can result in an overly dense stand with spindly grass that is more susceptible to disease.

Fall is the best time to do soil tests, which can help homeowners avoid wasting money on excess fertilizer. “Without a soil test, we’re just guessing,” Keay says. “Know before you throw.” Excess fertilizer can run off into water systems, so soil testing also helps to protect the environment.

September is the best time to seed and overseed cool-season grasses, says Keay. Allow enough time for seeds to germinate and grow three or more mature leaves—usually four to six weeks before the first killing frost.

Spreading a straw mulch layer when establishing or renovating a lawn is important to keep seed in place during heavy rains and to minimize losses to birds.

Seed warm-season grasses in late spring after soil temperatures reach 75–80 F.

Fall is also a good time to aerate compacted areas where grass does not grow well. Use a potato fork to manually open soils or rent a machine. If aerating in the fall, spread cool-season grass seed the same day for best establishment.

MU Extension has numerous publications to help with lawn care. Search for “lawn care” at extension.missouri.edu.

**Edna Hock
1939-2022**

Edna Faye Hock, 83, Bland, passed away Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, at Frene Valley Stonebridge in Owensville.

She was born May 9, 1939, to Logan and Edna (Morgan) Shoemaker in Crawford County.

She was united in marriage to Walter David Hock, May 31, 1969, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Owensville.

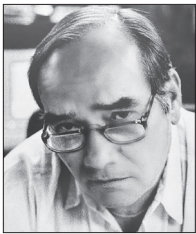
Edna enjoyed fishing, working on the farm, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bland.

She was preceded in death by parents Logan and Edna Shoemaker; husband Walter Hock; and brothers Ralph, Jim and Donald Shoemaker.

She is survived by daughter Sarah Schmidt and husband Steve; sons Richard Hock and wife Sheila and Michael Hock all of Linn; brothers Doyle Shoemaker and wife Darlene of St. Clair, Oran Shoemaker and Stanley Shoemaker and wife Kathy all of Owensville; grandchildren Lauren Hock, Evan Hock, Delaney Schmidt, John Walter Schmidt and Zach Schmidt and wife Reagen; and great-grandchildren Harlow and Paxton Schmidt.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Sept. 17, at Countryside Memorial Gardens, Owensville, with Pastor Doug Lane officiating.

Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

**Robert McKee
1940-2022**

Robert Ladell “Bob” McKee, 81, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, surrounded by the love of his family.

Bob was born Nov. 24, 1940, to Fred Lyman McKee and Vera (Mondy) McKee in Springfield.

Bob was a graduate of Central High School and Southwest Missouri State College (Missouri State University). In 1962, he married June (Parker) Lenger and they had two children, Teresa and Christopher. The family moved to Columbia, where Bob worked at MFA (Shelter Insurance Companies) as an underwriter. Bob went back to school at age 30 and graduated with a degree in photojournalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1972. He started work as a photographer and reporter for the Gasconade County Republican later that year. On Aug. 20, 1983, Bob married Caroline Jean (Jeanie) Schweer and they, along with daughters Cheryl and Christa, built a beautiful home and life together out on Bem Church Road.

Bob retired from the paper as an award-winning Managing Editor in 2007. He continued writing his beloved “Going South” column for several years after his retirement.

He was a member of the Masons, Owensville Lodge 624, where he served as Worshipful Master and for many years as treasurer. He was also a member of the Shriners, the Scottish Rite, and Widow’s Sons. Bob also belonged to the Owensville Gun Club and served for many years as a member of the Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping in Colorado, reading, traveling, and spending time with the grandkids on the four-wheeler.

He was preceded in death by parents Fred and Vera.

He is survived by loving wife Jeanie; children Teresa McKee (Edgar), Christopher McKee, Cheryl Stubblefield (Bryan), Christa Harmon (Jason); grandchildren William Stubblefield, Shayla Harmon (Kendall), Logine Pohlmann, Dylan Harmon, Parker McKee, Devyn Harmon, Connor McKee; great-grandson Reese Jacob; siblings Jack McKee (Katie), Don McKee (Karen), Rebecca McKee (Ben); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends.

At Bob’s request, there will be no visitation and no service. His children will host a Celebration of Life at a later time. Until then, feel free to toast Bob with a glass of fine single-malt scotch whisky (or your beverage of choice) and send him on his final journey.

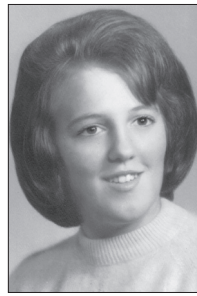
Memorials may be given to Shriners Hospital.

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**Cathy Picker
1950-2022**

Cathy Marie (Heady) Picker, 72, Belle, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at Gasconade Manor Nursing Home in Owensville, while surrounded by loved ones.

She was born Aug. 2, 1950, a daughter to the late Thomas Heady, Jr. (Tom, Jr.) and Faith (Skouby) Heady in Washington.

She was united in marriage to Robert (Bob) Picker, Sept. 22, 1967, at the First Baptist Church in Belle. Cathy was a proud mother of three boys Mike, Chad,

and James; mother-in-law to Kristin and Oukham; and grandmother of four Meghan, Emma, Matthew, and Meredith.

Cathy was a 1968 graduate of Maries County R2 Belle High School. After graduation, she attended Lincoln University where she obtained a B.S. in Education on July 27, 1975. Cathy became an elementary teacher at Maries County R2 Belle in 1980 and retired in 2006. Most of her time was spent as a 3rd grade teacher where she shaped hundreds of young minds and impacted their lives, including teaching second generations.

After retirement, Cathy volunteered at the Maries County Historical Society and conducted extensive genealogy research for a Heady family book project. She was an avid reader, enjoyed crossword puzzles, antiquing, traveling, and being a grandmother. She enjoyed watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs.

In 2011, she became a full-time caregiver for her first granddaughter, Meghan, daughter of Chad and Kristin. She continued to be a caregiver for her first grandson, Matthew (2013) and Meredith (2017). Also, she enjoyed receiving visits from James’ daughter, Emma (2012), and would travel to Olathe, Kan. to visit her frequently.

Cathy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and family-oriented individual. She loved her family very much and will be missed greatly by them and anyone who knew and loved her.

She was also preceded in death by grandparents Oscar Thomas Heady, Sr. and Ida Mae (Curtman) Heady, Chris Skouby and Norah (Brinkman) Skouby, and step grandfather Walter Brinkman.

She is survived by husband Bob; sons Mike, Chad and wife Kristin, James and wife Oukham; grandchildren Meghan, Emma, Matt, and Meredith; and brother Kevin Heady.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the First Christian Church, Belle, with Kevin Runge officiating. Interment was in the Pilot Knob Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Maries County R-2 Schools Community Care fund in Cathy’s name. The school will accept cash or a check written to “Maries County R-2 Schools” and have “lunch donation” written on the memo line. The funds are used to help feed local students.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann’s Chapel, Belle.

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OUTDOORS IN THE OZARKS

Spotted bass

A couple of weeks ago a friend and I found a stretch of the Sac River we wanted to fish and a strange thing happened... we caught five incredibly large spotted bass on topwater lures. Often called Kentucky bass, they seldom



by **LARRY DABLEMONT**

are larger than 2 and 1/2 pounds in average waters of the Ozarks, even at four or five years of age. One of those last week was the largest I have ever caught... right at eighteen inches, and close to four pounds, as fat as it was. The others were fifteen to seventeen inches, really large spotted bass. You can see several photos of those fish on the computer at www.larrydablemontoutdoors.blogspot.com.

If you know fish, you can glance at a spotted bass and recognize it immediately. If you aren't sure you can tell one by a raspy, rough patch on its tongue. Smallmouth and largemouth have smooth tongues. The spotted bass gets its name from rows of spots on the lower section of the belly.

I keep all spotted bass and eat them because they compete with the smallmouth, native to Ozark streams. They diminish the smallmouth by eating the exact same prey, and living in the exact same habitat. And they cross with the smallmouth, producing the resulting fish that some bass-fishermen call a 'mean-mouth', a genetically inferior fish according to some fisheries biologists. Who knows if that hybrid can reproduce? I don't know but if they can't, but if they do not, bass numbers would decline. At any rate, I think that perhaps in a few decades spotted bass will crowd out smallmouth and maybe largemouth too.

We have fished areas of the Sac River often, and caught hundreds of spotted bass and largemouth, but only one smallmouth was ever taken by a fisherman from my boat, and it was a four-pounder. Where he came from I will never be able to figure out.

In earlier times, before the Stockton Lake dam, smallmouth did thrive in the upper half of the Sac River and I know from reading old outdoor magazines that spotted bass were heavily stocked in the river in the 1930's, long before the lake was constructed. They were not a native fish in any Ozark river. But they are thick now, and found

in most Ozark reservoirs. The only place where they are known to be found as native fish is in a small pocket in east Arkansas along the Mississippi River

Reading fish scales under a microscope tells you the age of a fish and I think the bigger spotted bass I caught was likely eight to ten years old. The others were all surely over five years old. I hate it that they are so detrimental to smallmouth, and in years to come, some rivers and lakes that have smallmouth may see the two fish hybridize to a point where you no longer see smallmouth at all. I don't know, only time will tell. But I can say this, if the

spotted bass continues to be as aggressive and easy to catch, and can grow to the sizes we caught last week, few anglers will complain about them.

They are much better eating than the smallmouth and seldom have the yellow grubs constantly found in the meat of the smallmouth. So it is a not-so-unpleasant problem if they do crowd out the smallmouth. It is just that us Ozark fishermen who are older are entrenched in the belief that no fish can equal the brownies we chase and release. My advice has always been to keep all the spotted bass you catch and release the smallmouth. I will say this, the spotted bass, or Kentuckies if you want to call them that, put up a fight equal to the same sized brownies. And they love topwater lures.

If you have ever read my magazines, you will know I publish one on the Ozarks and one on the outdoors. I have done so for 20 years. Our fall magazine is an experiment I think all subscribers will like. We have combined the two, and what we send out in October will be a magazine of about 120 pages; the first half on the outdoors... hunting fishing, nature, etc, and the second half on the Ozarks people and history. The cost is eight dollars per magazine, due to the increases from printers, but then it is twice as large with as it always has been. If you want that fall magazine, you need to order before October because after October the postage is about two dollars higher. We need subscribers now to pay the cost of the printing, so if you want that new magazine send eight dollars to Lightnin' Ridge Magazine, Box 22, Bolivar, Mo. 65613. Or you can get the magazine via credit card just by calling our office, 417-777-5227. I will return your money if you aren't satisfied with the publication. See the magazines we have published over the years and all my books (12 total) on my website — www.larrydablemont.com.



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Hunter education class scheduled for Owensville

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is partnering with Owensville Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) to host a Hunter Education Skills Session on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park's No. 1 pavilion, 804 McCan Drive. Registration is required and space is limited. All participants must complete the Knowledge Portion of the course prior to coming to the Skills Session. In The Skills Session, participants will complete hands-on practice and the examination. For more information or to register, go online to <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/187082>. Owensville resident and MDC Education Section Chief Kyle Lairmore demonstrates a lever action gun with the whole group during the October 2021 Skills Session.

Share the road this harvest season

Watch out for slow-moving farm equipment

JEFFERSON CITY — This harvest season, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is reminding motorists to keep a watchful eye for slow-moving farm vehicles. Being patient, driving carefully and respecting boundaries are all equally important when driving around farm vehicles.

"It can be easy to forget that farmers are simply doing their jobs when moving equipment from field to field," said Robert Brinkmann, Chairman of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "It's important that we as drivers be patient and give them the space they need, so we can all reach our destinations safely."

Motorists that are unfamiliar with farming communities may not immediately recognize farm equipment on roadways or be aware of the special hazards they present. Lighting and reflector locations on tractors, combines and other farm equipment are different from other motor vehicles. Loads on farm vehicles may be wider than other vehicles, which present special hazards for other motorists when left, right, rear and front projections are not easily recognizable.

The most common collisions occur when the approaching motor-

ist hits a farm vehicle from behind (rear-end collision), or when a passing motorist hits a farm vehicle that is attempting to make a wide left turn (left sideswipe).

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety recommends these simple tips when driving around slow-moving farm machinery:

- Be mindful that it's harvest

season and keep an eye out for machinery.

- Be patient and remember that farmers are just doing their jobs.
- Always pass on the left and only when you have clear sight distance.
- Always wear your seat belt. It's your best defense in any traffic crash.

• Pay full attention to the road and put your cell phone down.

Missouri's strategic highway safety plan, Show-Me Zero, provides more information on how all Missourians can do their part to achieve zero traffic fatalities. The plan can be viewed at www.savemolives.com.

Review safety practices on the farm with children

BY **LINDA GEIST**

University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — Many consider the farm an ideal place to raise children. But with all its idyllic charm come dangers, says University of Missouri Extension health and safety specialist Karen Funkenbusch.

About three children die from an agriculture-related incident each day, according to the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety. National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 18–24, is a good time to review safety procedures when there are young people working on the farm or visiting.

Tractor rollovers and runovers are the leading cause of childhood deaths on the farm, according to the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network.

"Many traditions on family farms such as riding with grandpa on the tractor or lawn mower or playing hide-and-seek around grain bins can turn deadly in a flash," says Funkenbusch. "For safety's sake, avoid these practices."

Make children aware of the potential dangers and do not be afraid to correct unsafe behaviors, Funkenbusch says. The best safety lessons come from modeling safe practices.

Funkenbusch recommends a family meeting during National Farm Safety and Health Week to discuss farm safety for children:

- Practice a "no extra riders" policy on the farm. Don't take children on tractors, skid steers, mowers or ATVs. Don't give rides in buckets or on laps.
- Remove keys from farm equipment to discourage curious children from taking a joyride that will rob you of your pride and joy.
- Remind children to stay away from grain wagons, grain bins, silos and manure pits. Each of these present dangers to people of all ages.
- Lock and secure chemicals, pesticides and hazardous materials.
- Take a walking tour of the farm to check for items that could fall on children, such as stacks of tires, gates, building materials and seed sacks.
- Check for drowning hazards. Install fences around ponds and manure pits.
- Designate a safe, fenced-in area where children can play.
- Review emergency procedures such as who and how to call in the event of emergencies. Review where to go in the event of fires, storms and tornadoes, and designate a meeting place.
- Talk about appropriate personal protective equipment, proper attire and the importance of wearing sunscreen.

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety offers an online safety checklist at necasag.org/nationalfarmsafetyandhealthweek.



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Pullers put on show Saturday night

The Ozark Shrine Club, in association with the Gasconade County Fair held their 7th annual Truck and Tractor Pull on Saturday at Memorial Park. A good crowd of spectators enjoyed the Mid Missouri Truck & Tractor Pulling Association's show. Bryce Blankenship (above) takes his 1951 John Deere B down the track during the antique tractor pull. Riley Guerrero (photo bottom left) guides his International Harvester Farmall 300. Justin Smith of Belle took 2nd place in the 4500-5500 lb. classic class on his 1958 Farmall 460.

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TANNER MEYER (above, center) takes the hand-off from Owensville Dutchmen quarterback Blake Elliott during Owensville's 42-8 victory over St. James in their Four Rivers Conference (FRC) opener Friday night at Dutchmen Field. Other gridiron Dutchmen also pictured include Garrett Crosby, Trey Johnson, Jacoby Limberg, Landon Kramme and Hayden Shoemaker.

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Dutchmen turn St. James over in FRC opener

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Win the turnover battle and the game. Those were two of among several goals Friday night for Nathan Cabot's Owensville Dutchmen football team in their Four Rivers Conference (FRC) opener against St. James' Tigers at Dutchmen Field.

Trailing 8-7 in the early stages of the second quarter, OHS took the lead on a Blake Elliott to Garrett Crosby 45-yard touchdown pass with 4:27 left until half-

time.

After Charlie Whelan's extra point made it 14-8 Owensville at that point, the Dutchmen went on to rattle off 28 more unanswered points before going on to a 42-8 victory in front of their home fans.

"We bent but we didn't break," Cabot said. "Even though we were trailing in the second quarter, I knew our guys would come back and they did in a big way."

Two plays into Owensville's opening possession, a fumble recovered by Ryan Spurgeon gave St. James a short field at the Dutchmen 38-yard line.

Nine plays later, St. James failed to convert a fourth-and-11 turning the ball back over to the Dutchmen on downs.

Chewing up just over five minutes of clock, Owensville broke the scoreless tie converting three third downs along the way.

Elliott found Bryce Payne for a 19-yard pass play on third-and-four before Tanner Meyer broke loose for a 20-yard run on third-and-six at midfield moving the Dutchmen into St. James territory.

Facing third-and-10 from the St. James 30, Elliott found Crosby on a 30-yard touchdown pass with 3:25 for the opening quarter.

Charlie Whelan's extra point gave the host Dutchmen an early 7-0 lead late in the

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OMS Dutchgirl basketball sweeps Hermann in season opener

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Gasconade County middle school girls basketball bragging rights.

That's what was on the line Monday night in the season opener for Owensville's Middle School Dutchgirl basketball teams as they welcomed Hermann's Lady Bearcats to Owensville Elementary School.

Under normal circumstances, the seventh-grade game would be played first.

Due to low numbers on Hermann's roster, the eighth-grade contest was played first followed by a two-quarter seventh-grade game.

Opening the game on a 19-0 run, Ryan Flanagan's eighth-grade Dutchgirls went on to defeat the visiting Lady Bearcats 35-8.

In the opening six minutes, Kerrigan Griffin led Owensville with five first-quarter points followed closely with four markers from Lainey Moss.

Cameron Slinkard hit a 3-pointer to go along with two points each from Madison Slinkard and Rylee Dare.

With Owensville leading 19-0 on a pair of Madison Slinkard free throws at the 3:33 mark of the first half, Hermann turned to the free-throw line to get on the scoreboard.

Katie Krueger connected on one of two free throws to thwart the Dutchgirl bid for a first-half shutout.

Nearly a minute later, Hannah Epple shot her way into the scoring column hitting one of two free throws at the 2:34 mark of the second quarter.

Owensville went into halftime with a 21-2 lead.

Madison Slinkard (3) and Moss (2) accounted for OMS' second-quarter scoring.

Moss led the Dutchgirls with six first-half points followed by five each from Madison Slinkard and Griffin.

Opening the second half, Owensville



CAMBELL SCHULTE (above, left) drives the baseline while Hermann's Hallie Kallmeyer reaches around to strip the basketball from Schulte during a two-quarter seventh-grade girls basketball game Monday night at Owensville Elementary School (OES). Schulte drove the lane for the game-winning basket with :17 left giving seventh-grade Dutchgirl head basketball coach Breanna Diestelkamp a win in her coaching debut by a score of 11-10.

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'WILL'FUL THINKING



by **WILL JOHNSON**

Trophy

If you're looking for anyone in Gasconade County Friday night, they will more than likely be at Dutchmen Field witnessing Owensville's Dutchmen and Hermann's Bearcats battling for the Gasconade County Bowl trophy.

Owensville currently leads the all-time series 29-21-1.

They will also be looking to knock Hermann from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Hermann is 4-0 with wins over Montgomery County, South Callaway, Cuba and St. James.

Bearcat quarterback Trent Lampkin leads Hermann with 242 yards passing and five touchdowns while Connor Coffey leads the Bearcat rushing attack with 480 yards rushing and seven scores.

Jackson Chasteen leads the Hermann defense with 22 total tackles while Brady Grosse has a team-high four sacks.

Answering the Bearcats will be Blake Elliott at quarterback, Tanner Meyer as the lead running back and Garrett Crosby as OHS' leading receiver.

Sophomore Jaden Gerlemann leads the Dutchmen with 46 total tackles.

OHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

Varsity Dutchmen Football
9/23 OHS vs. Hermann 7 p.m.
(2022 Fall Homecoming)

9/JV Dutchmen Football
9/26 OHS at Hermann 5:30 p.m.

Dutchgirl Volleyball
9/22 OHS at Union 5 p.m.
9/24 OHS 9/JV at Union Tourn.
9/26-29 OHS at Hermann Invitational Volleyball Tournament
(See page for details)
9/28 OHS 9th Tri-Match vs. Hermann/Pacific 5 p.m.

Dutchgirl Softball
9/22 OHS at St. Clair 4:30 p.m.
9/24 AA Tournament at Russellville and Eugene
(See bracket on page 15)
9/26 OHS vs. Fatima 4:30 p.m.
(2022 Purple Out Night)
9/27 OHS vs. Pacific 4:30 p.m.

OHS/OMS Cross Country
9/22 OMS at Belle 4:15 p.m.
9/24 OHS at Rim Rock Festival in Lawrence, Kansas
9/28 OMS at St. James 4 p.m.

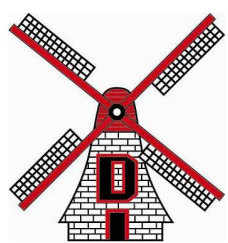
OMS Dutchgirl Basketball
9/26-29 OMS 7th at Hermann Tourn. (See bracket on page 12)
9/26-29 OMS 8th at Washington Tourn. (See bracket on page 12)

OYFA Football
9/24 5th vs Sullivan 10 a.m.
9/24 6th vs Sullivan 11:30 a.m.
9/24 7th vs Sullivan 1 p.m.
9/24 8th vs Sullivan 2:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all volleyball matches will have the Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams all participating.

All softball games will be varsity then JV unless otherwise noted.

Cross country meets will involve OHS and OMS teams unless otherwise noted



**Tom Todd Tournament
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Wed, Sept. 28 5:00 p.m. at WMS		St. James Tues., Sept. 27 5 p.m. at WMS Play in Winner	Wed, Sept. 28 6:15 p.m. at WMS	
Consolation Thurs. Sept. 30 5:00 p.m. at WMS		Union Tues., Sept. 27 6:15 p.m. at WMS Hermann	Championship Thurs. Sept. 30 7:30 p.m. at WHS	
Tues. Sept. 27 7:30 p.m. at WMS		Sullivan Mon., Sept. 27 6:15 p.m. at WMS New Haven	Wed. Sept. 28 7:30 p.m. at WHS	
Play in Pacific Mon., Sept. 26 5 p.m. at WMS St. Clair		Owensville Mon., Sept. 26 7:30 p.m. at WMS Washington	Third Place Thurs. Sept. 30 6:15 p.m. at WHS	



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outscored Hermann 8-0 to take a 29-2 lead into the fourth quarter.

Moss, Griffin and the Slinkard sisters (Cameron and Madison) each scored two points for Owensville in the third quarter.

Playing the fourth quarter to a 6-6 tie, OMS won the eighth-grade portion of Monday's middle-school girls basketball doubleheader.

Moss led the Dutchgirls and all scorers with a game-high 10 points. She also led Owensville with five steals.

Madison Slinkard just missed joining Moss in double digits finishing with nine points. She finished with three blocked shots, four rebounds and three steals.

Griffin finished with seven points while Cameron Slinkard added five points.

Cameron Ryerson and Dare rounded out the Dutchgirl scoring with two points each.

Dare also had a team-high two

assists. Ryerson also pulled down four rebounds to lead the Dutchgirls along with Madison Slinkard.

Epplé led Hermann with three points, four rebounds and two steals.

Marley Busch and Paige Fennessey each added two points to go along with Krueger's aforementioned second-quarter free throw.

Libbie Issak and Hallie Kallmeyer each pulled down four rebounds to lead the Lady Bearcats on the glass.

Delilah Nobel and Busch each led Hermann on defense with three steals.

Next on the court was a two-quarter seventh-grade girls basketball game between Owensville and Hermann that marked the head-coaching debut of former Dutchgirl and University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL) basketball player Breanna Diestelkamp.

Opening the game on a 7-0 run, Diestelkamp's Dutchgirls led Her-

mann 7-2 after one quarter.

Answering with a 7-0 run of their own in the second quarter, Hermann took a 9-7 lead before a 4-1 Owensville run gave Diestelkamp's squad an 11-10 victory.

Scoreless until the 3:10 mark of the first quarter, Cambell Schulte broke the scoreless tie with a bucket for a 2-0 Dutchgirl lead.

Three more Schulte points and a Piper Koelling basket gave Owensville a 7-0 lead with 2:08 for the opening quarter.

Busch got Hermann on the board with :11 for the first period leaving the Lady Bearcats trailing 7-2 after six minutes of basketball.

Quarter number two saw Hermann's offense come to life.

Epplé sparked a 7-0 Hermann run with a free throw with 4:05 remaining.

Back-to-back buckets from Krueger tied the game at 7-7 with 3:03 left before an Epplé basket

gave the Lady Bearcats a 9-7 lead with 2:30 remaining.

Koelling knotted the game back up at 9-9 for Owensville with a bucket at the 2:10 mark.

Epplé hit another free throw with 50.9 remaining putting Hermann back on top before Cambell Schulte hit the game-winning shot.

Schulte finished with seven points, three rebounds and three steals while Koelling added four points and two blocked shots.

Delyla Crowe and Ella Barker each also pulled down two rebounds for Owensville.

Epplé and Krueger led Hermann with four points apiece to go along with two markers from Busch.

Krueger also pulled down a game-high six rebounds while Alivia Witthaus and Epplé each grabbed five boards.

Reagan Kahler, Nobel and Busch each recorded two steals on defense for the Lady Bearcats.



RYLEE DARE (above, center) looks to pass the basketball with numerous sets of eyeballs watching her and the basketball. **BREANNA DIESTELKAMP** (left, center) draws up a play for her seventh-grade Owensville Dutchgirl basketball team during a timeout in the final minute of Owensville's 11-10 victory over Hermann. **PHOTOS BY WILL JOHNSON**

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PURPLE OUT Night for Owensville Dutchgirl softball will be held on Monday, Sept. 26 when Fatima's Lady Comets pay a visit to OHS Field for a 4:30 p.m., first pitch in varsity action with the junior varsity game to follow.

OHS DUTCHGIRL softball looked to go to 2-2 in Four Rivers Conference (FRC) games last night (Tuesday) at OHS Field facing St. James' Lady Tigers. A recap of this contest will be in next week's *Republican*.

OWENSVILLE YOUTH football will host a quadrupleheader Saturday morning at Dutchmen Field starting at 10 a.m., with the fifth-grade Dutchmen facing Sullivan's Eagles followed by the sixth, seventh and eighth-grade Dutchmen against Sullivan at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

GASCONADE COUNTY bragging rights on the volleyball court were on the line last night (Tuesday) when Hermann's Lady Bearcats paid a visit to Owensville High School to take on the host Dutchgirls. More on these matches will be in next week's *Republican*.

OMS DUTCHMEN eighth-grade basketball coach Taylor Loughridge had her resignation accepted by a 6-0 vote during Monday night's meeting of the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education. A search for a replacement is ongoing.

KRIS BOLLMANN was approved by a 6-0 vote during Monday's Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education meeting to become an assistant coach for OHS Dutchmen baseball under head coach Steven Kemp.

GOOD LUCK Dutchmen and Dutchgirl student athletes throughout the fall.

Four Rivers Conference Football Standings

	W	L
Union	4	0
Hermann	4	0
Owensville	3	1
Sullivan	2	2
St. Clair	2	2
St. James	1	3
Pacific	0	4

Results Fri. Sept. 16

*Owensville 42, St. James 8
*Union 52, Pacific 14
*St. Clair 27, Sullivan 14
Hermann 62, Cuba 22
North Kansas City 23, Belton 3
West Plains 28, Rolla 7
Duchesne 41, Borgia 33
Fort Zumwalt North 35, Washington 32

Games Fri. Sept. 23 (7 p.m.)

*Hermann at Owensville
*Pacific at Sullivan
*Union at St. Clair
St. James at Cuba
William Chrisman at Belton
Rolla at Hillcrest
St. Dominic at Borgia
Liberty (Wentzville) at Washington

* Denotes Four Rivers Conference games

MSHSAA Class 3, District 4 Football Standings

	W	L
Sullivan (41.67)	2	2
Owensville (41.08)	3	1
St. Clair (35.58)	1	3
Westminster (31.42)	2	2
St. James (23)	1	3
Principia (14.56)	0	3
Salem (12.45)	0	4

Results Fri. Sept. 16

Owensville 42, St. James 8
St. Clair 27, Sullivan 14
Thayer 28, Salem 6
Lutheran North 73, Westminster 0

Results Sat. Sept. 17

Father Tolton 49, Principia 7

Games Fri. Sept. 23 (7 p.m.)

Hermann at Owensville
Principia at Kelly
Ava at Salem
Union at St. Clair
St. James at Cuba
Pacific at Sullivan

Games Sat. Sept. 24 (noon)

Priory at Westminster



ALEXIS DECKER'S Owensville freshmen Dutchgirl volleyball team competed over the weekend in tournament action at Pacific bringing home third-place hardware. Team members (above, in front, from left) pictured with the plaque include Payton Myers, Alivia Riddle and Clara Julius; and in back, Abby Morgan, Ella Adkison-Farmer, Rachel Koepke, Addison Scheer, Brooke Jahnsen and Decker.

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JV volleyball Dutchgirls thwart Fatima's bid for tripleheader sweep

BY WILL JOHNSON
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WESTPHALIA — Three quality wins on the road.

That was the goal for Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball last Thursday night on the road in Westphalia against a traditionally strong Fatima Lady Comet volleyball program.

After Alexis Decker's Dutchgirl freshmen dropped their match in two sets by scores of 25-20 and 25-14, it was time for Misti Rutledge's junior varsity (JV) Dutchgirls to see what they could do against the host Lady Comets.

Picking up their freshmen team-

mates, Owensville swept the JV match in two sets, 25-19 and 25-21.

Jamie Ridenhour's varsity Dutchgirl volleyball team looked to break the tie with a win in their match against Fatima.

Dropping the first two sets, Owensville won the third set 25-22 to extend the match to a fourth set.

Nearly pushing the match to a fifth-and-deciding set, Ridenhour's Dutchgirls came up short dropping game four and the match to Fatima 25-13, 25-7, 22-25 and 25-19.

After a pair of Four Rivers Conference (FRC) showdowns with Hermann last night (Tuesday) and Union (Thursday), Owensville will spend the majority of next week in

northern Gasconade County at the Hermann Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Placed in Pool 'A', Owensville will compete against Pacific's Lady Indians, New Haven's Lady Shamrocks and St. Francis Borgia's Lady Knights.

Pool matches on Monday, Sept. 26 will see Owensville take on Borgia at 5 p.m., Pacific at 6 p.m., and New Haven at 8 p.m.

Teams in Pool 'B' which will see their matches played on Tuesday, Sept. 27 include the host Hermann Lady Bearcats, Lutheran North Lady Crusaders, Washington Lady Blue Jays and Gateway Legacy out of the St. Louis area.

Missourian Area Week Four Football Rankings

No.	School	Record	Points
1.	Union (11)	4-0	110
2.	Hermann	4-0	98
3.	Owensville	3-1	75
4.	Washington	1-3	73
5.	St. Clair	2-2	70
6.	Borgia	2-2	61
7.	Sullivan	2-2	52
8.	St. James	1-3	31
9.	Pacific	0-4	24
10.	Cuba	0-4	11

First-place votes in Parentheses



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Dutchgirls @
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ATHLETE
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MOLLY WNUK is one of six seniors on the Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball team this fall. OHS will be competing next week at the Hermann Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

DUTCHMEN
FOOTBALL

★ August 26	Cuba	October 14	Sullivan
★ September 2	Eldon	October 21	St. Clair
★ September 9	Warrenton	October 28	Districts
★ September 16	St. James		
★ September 23 (homecoming)	Hermann	★ Home Games	
★ September 30	Pacific	All games start at 7:00 p.m.	
★ October 7 (senior night)	Union		



OHS
Cross
Country

Sept. 2	Var./J.V./MS	New Haven	8:30 AM
Sept. 10	Var./J.V.	Father Tolton Invitational	TBA
Sept. 10	MS	Linn	9:00 AM
Sept. 17	Var./J.V.	MSSU Stampede	TBA
Sept. 22	MS	Belle	4:00 PM
Sept. 24	Var./J.V.	Rim Rock Festival	8:00 AM
Sept. 28	MS	St. James Invitational	4:00 PM
Oct. 4	Var./J.V./MS	Hermann Invitational	4:00 PM
★ Oct. 11	Var./J.V./MS	Owensville Invitational	4:00 PM
Oct. 18	Var./J.V./MS	Conference	
		@ Washington (Big Driver)	2:30 PM
Oct. 29	Varsity	Districts	TBA
Nov. 5	Varsity	State at Gans Creek	TBA

★ Home Meet

DUTCHGIRL SOFTBALL



Sept. 1	Var./J.V.	Linn	5:00 PM	★ Sept. 26	Var./J.V.	Fatima	4:30 PM
Sept. 6	Var./J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM	★ Sept. 27	Var./J.V.	Pacific	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 8	Var./J.V.	Union	4:30 PM	★ Sept. 29	Var./J.V.	Jefferson City	4:30 PM
Sept. 10	Varsity	LSC/Notre Dame (STL)		Oct. 3	Var./J.V.	Cuba	4:30 PM
		@ Lutheran (St. Charles) ..	10:00 AM	Oct. 4	Var./J.V.	South Callaway	4:30 PM
Sept. 12	Varsity	Belle	4:30 PM	Oct. 6	Var./J.V.	Montgomery County ..	5:00 PM
Sept. 13	Var./J.V.	Sullivan	4:30 PM	Oct. 11-14	Varsity	Districts	TBA
★ Sept. 17	Varsity	Owensville Tourm	9:00 AM				
★ Sept. 20	Var./J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM				
Sept. 22	Var./J.V.	St. Clair	4:30 PM				
Sept. 24	Varsity	AA Tournament					
		at Russellville	TBA				

★ Home Games

Dutchgirl Volleyball



★ Aug. 31	Var./J.V./9	Washington	5:00 PM	Oct. 1	Varsity	Rolla Tournament	TBA
Sept. 1	Var./J.V./9	Capital City	5:00 PM	Oct. 3	Var./J.V.	Steelville	5:00 PM
★ Sept. 6	Var./J.V./9	Belle	5:00 PM	Var./J.V./9	Sullivan	5:00 PM	
Sept. 8	Var./J.V./9	Rolla	5:00 PM	★ Oct. 6	Var./J.V./9	New Haven	5:00 PM
Sept. 10	Varsity	Fulton Tournament	TBA	Oct. 10	Var./J.V./9	Blair Oaks	5:00 PM
Sept. 15	Var./J.V./9	Fatima	5:00 PM	Oct. 11	Var./J.V./9	St. James	5:00 PM
Sept. 17	9/J.V.	Pacific Tournament	TBA	★ Oct. 13	Var./J.V./9	St. Clair	5:00 PM
★ Sept. 20	Var./J.V./9	Hermann	5:30 PM	Oct. 17	Var./J.V.	Cuba	5:00 PM
Sept. 22	Var./J.V./9	Union	5:00 PM	Oct. 18	Var./J.V./9	Pacific (senior night) ..	5:00 PM
Sept. 24	9/J.V.	Union Tournament	TBA	Oct. 20-24	Varsity	Districts	TBA
Sept. 26-29	Varsity	Hermann Tournament	TBA				
★ Sept. 28	9th grade	Round Robin					
		/Hermann/Pacific	5:00 PM				

★ Home Games

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first quarter.

“Ever since I was playing fifth-grade football, I’ve always dreamed of finding the end zone in high school football,” Crosby said. “It felt great to see that dream come true tonight.”

Eight ticks into the second quarter, Spurgeon found the end zone from 15 yards away getting St. James on the board.

Cody Wilfong ran for the two-point conversion leaving OHS trailing 8-7 late in the second quarter.

Trading punts over the next four minutes, Owensville got the ball back with 7:25 until halftime looking to add to their lead.

Eight plays and 75 yards later, Elliott hooked up with Crosby again on a 45-yard TD strike.

Crosby finished with four catches for 106 yards receiving and a pair of touchdowns.

Whelan’s kick at the 4:27 mark of the quarter gave the Dutchmen a 14-8 lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the night.

Throwing for two scores already, Elliott used his legs to score OHS’ third touchdown of the first half on an 11-yard TD run.

Whelan’s third extra point made it 21-8 Owensville going into halftime after a Trey Johnson sack of St. James quarterback Cooper Harlan ended the first half.

After a scoreless third quarter highlighted by a Tanner Meyer interception, Owensville added to their lead two plays into the fourth quarter thanks to the defense.

On fourth-and-nine for St. James at the Owensville 31-yard line, Harlan tried to pass for a first down only to have Meyer intercept it and return 85 yards for a touchdown with 11:36 remaining.

Elliott found Bryce Payne for the two-point conversion making it 29-8 Owensville early in the fourth quarter.

Four minutes later, Meyer found the end zone again on a 58-yard TD run with 7:18 remaining.

Whelan’s kick made it 36-8. Meyer was not done visiting the end zone.

Two plays into St. James’ next drive, Meyer picked off his third pass of the game and returned 25 yards for a touchdown with 6:06 left. Whelan’s blocked extra point gave Owensville their final margin of victory.

Adding to his two pick sixes, Meyer rushed for a team-high 116 yards on 12 carries and a score.

“Owensville made it difficult for our offense and you have to tip your hat to them,” St. James head coach Josh Rodriguez said.

Sophomore Jaden Gerlemann led the Dutchmen defense for the third week in a row with 14 total tackles while Hunter Boyer also reached double digits with 10 total tackles.

Crosby added five total tackles and three tackles-for-loss to his two touchdown receptions.

Hayden Shoemaker, Gerlemann, Johnson and Crosby all sacked Harlan.

Gabe Soest and Brayden McDaniel also recovered fumbles.



BYCE PAYNE (top, right) looks to create space between himself and St. James’ Ryan Spurgeon during Owensville’s 42-8 victory Friday night in Four Rivers Conference (FRC) football action at Dutchmen Field. **TANNER MEYER** (above) leaps behind Carter Wilfong (44) for one of his three interceptions of which two were returned for touchdowns.

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Consolation Sat., Sept. 24 5 p.m., at Eugene	Father Tolton Sat., Sept. 24 8:30 a.m. at Eugene Eugene	Championship Sat., Sept. 24 7 p.m., at Vienna
Sat., Sept. 24 1:40 p.m., at Eugene	Russellville Sat., Sept. 24 8:30 a.m. at RHS Waynesville	Sat., Sept. 24 noon at RHS
Seventh Place Sat., Sept. 24 3:15 p.m., at Eugene	New Bloomfield Sat., Sept. 24 10:15 a.m. at RHS Linn	Third Place Sat., Sept. 24 3:15 p.m., at RHS

Softball Dutchgirls fall short in tournament action

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Four days removed from a 16-0 road loss at Sullivan, Hannah Koppelman’s Owensville Dutchgirl softball team looked to get back on the winning track during their home tournament Saturday at OHS Field.

Welcoming Pacific, Russellville and Vienna to Gasconade County, Owensville scored in all three games but came out on the short end.

Opening the tournament with a 5-2 loss to Pacific, Emma Daniels led the Dutchgirl offense with two hits and a run batted in.

Bailee Dare and Ali Daniels each had a hit and a run scored against Pacific.

Cailin Floyd took the loss allowing five runs on three hits with four walks and three strikeouts.

Falling behind 9-0 after two innings against Russellville, OHS could only muster two runs in the bottom of the fourth before falling 13-2 to the Lady Indians.

April Jahnsen had a hit and a run scored while Caidence Goodman added a walk and a RBI.

Floyd scored the other run for Owensville against Russellville.

Trimming a 6-0 deficit to 6-4 in the top of the third inning against Vienna, the Dutchgirls allowed three more runs before falling 9-5 to the Lady Eagles ending their tournament day short of a win.

Kate Blankenship finished with a hit, a walk and a run batted in.

Limberg places second in Joplin

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A week removed competing in Columbia in the Father Tolton Invitational at the Gans Creek Cross Country Course, Matt Candri’s Dutchmen and Dutchgirl harriers made the long trek into southwest Missouri to run in the Missouri Southern Stampede on the Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) campus in Joplin.

Breaking 20 minutes for the first time this season, sophomore Ilene Limberg placed second in the varsity girls gold division in a time of 19:44.65.

Hannah Gehlert was next to cross the finish line in orange and black with a 49th-place time of 22:45.45. She was closely by Abbie Gibson in a 55th-place time of 22:59.83.

Senior Saylor Richardson finished near the halfway point with a 76th-place time of 23:54.52.

Lauren Kandlbinder was OHS’ fifth runner across the finish line in a 91st-place time of 24:41.44.

Jenna Breedlove (117th) and Peyton Weinland (118th) rounded out the contingency of varsity Dutchgirls who placed seventh out of 21 teams with 220 points.

Ten places shy of a medal, Felix Guerrero led the varsity Dutchmen with a 35th-place time of 18:05.12.

Gabe Soest posted a 62nd-place time of 18:42.41 followed by Lucas Morgan with a 77th-place time of 19:21.44.

Kyle Bollman (123rd, 20:29.89), Ethan Harris (128th, 20:35.78) and Noah Holtmeyer (145th, 21:09.37) rounded out the contingency of varsity Dutchmen harriers who placed 16th out of 24 scoring teams with 358 points.

JV results from Joplin will be in next week’s *Republican*.

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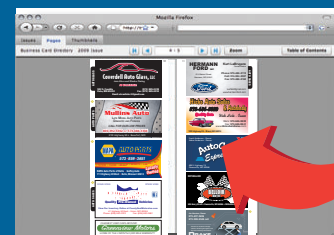
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While their varsity counterparts are off to a 3-1 start, Owensville's junior varsity football Dutchmen are still searching for their first notch in the win column following a 20-15 loss Monday night on the road in St. James. Adam Wilson (above, second from left) and Jansen Loeb (above, fourth from left) team up to bring down a Warrenton Warrior ball carrier during home JV football action at Dutchmen Field from Monday, Sept. 12. Connor Wellman (left, far right) runs to the right side of the field thanks to the blocking of linemen Cole Gibson (far left) and Zaiden Gates (center). OHS JV Dutchmen will return to action Monday night in Hermann against the Bearcats with a 5:30 p.m., kickoff.

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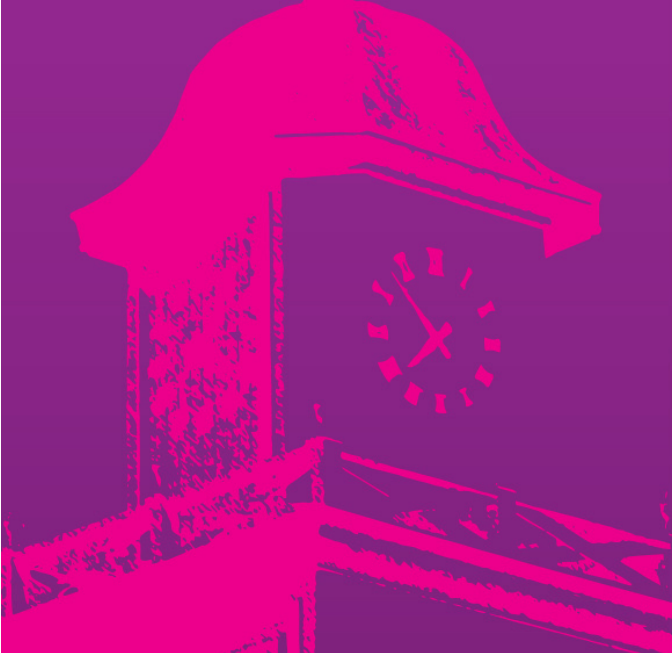
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Grants may help revitalize community

BY LINDA TREST
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City engineer Terris Cates of Integrity Engineering gave a brief report to the aldermen at their meeting Sept. 8, but it contained a lot of information.

Cates reported he has submitted the documents for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. The city hopes to use these funds for major water and sewer repairs

and improvements.

An application for a grant to fund a splash pad at Legion Park is also being completed by Cates' office. It is due Oct. 19.

Work on the water engineering report is underway, according to Cates, but is not yet completed.

Late last month the board asked Cates to look at an economic development grant that could be used for some property in the industrial park. He said he has not had time yet to work on that.

In the past, Gerald's leaders showed little interest in aggressively pursuing federal grants. The attitude has changed in time to take advantage of billions of dollars available to help small towns across the country improve infrastructure and tackle other problems.

More than \$360 billion will be distributed in ARPA funds. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act designates \$1.2 trillion for long-term revitalization of the U.S.'s aging infrastructure.



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Breakfast with Buddies

This week students at Gerald Elementary School were allowed to bring up to two guests with them to enjoy breakfast with them at school. Monday, Addison Fritzemeyer (above) invited her grandparents Ed and Jan Fritzemeyer to join her for biscuits and gravy, fruit salad, juice and milk. The Scholastic Book Fair was being held at the same time in the school's library. Breakfast attendees were encouraged to accompany their child to the library for some after-breakfast shopping.



Beautiful weather helps make a success of Fall Fest

Hundreds of people were drawn to Main Street Saturday afternoon to participate in the Fall Festival sponsored by the Gerald Lions Club. Vendors lined the street from the highway to Fourth Street. Vintage vehicles were parked on the next block south. While most people walked the circuit, others found a skateboard (above) a faster way to traverse the stretch of booths. Farmboy Gardens had fresh produce for sale, but their display on the life and habits of honeybees (below) caught one family's attention. The food vendors, including the Lions Club and the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Department, had brisk sales all day, even selling out of some items. The Gerald Library had a book and bake sale and the Gerald Chamber of Commerce sold raffle tickets while handing out informational items for member businesses. Both groups were pleased with the results of the day. The Lions announced they were planning a similar indoor/outdoor spring event for March and next year's Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Set. 30.

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They are back again

Friday, Sept. 16, Citizens Bank of Gerald welcomed back two former employees with an open house. Kyla Walters and Glenda Vogt (above, from left) both say they are happy to return to a place that holds many happy memories for them. Vogt is now the branch manager of the bank. She left in March 2017 to take on the role of grandma, waiting until her grandson's second day of kindergarten to return (she had to be there for the first day.) She also spent time caring for other family members. Walters left in September 2011 and has spent those years as the manager of the Owensville water park, working as a substitute teacher and had the privilege of helping care for Truett Palmer during his short life. The two are having a good time reconnecting with former co-workers and clients.

News Briefs

THE GERALD HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet today, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. at The Bistro at the Mill. Anyone is welcome to attend.

THE GERALD CHAMBER of Commerce meets next Wednesday, Sept. 28, at noon at the Depot in Legion Park. Members may bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy during the meeting.

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